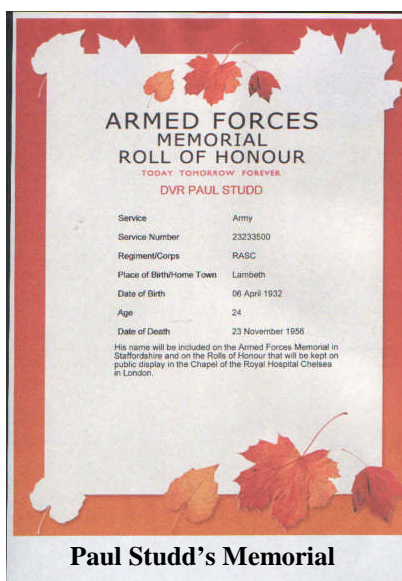


# Paul Studd RIP

A contribution by Norman Taylor:

Located in the heart of the country, the National Memorial Arboretum comprises of 150 acres of trees and memorials devoted to the concept of Remembrance. Set within the National Forest of Staffordshire, near Lichfield, it was established in 1997, on former gravel and sand pits. It already contains 130 memorials of national significance.

The Arboretum is the home of the new Armed Forces Memorial that was opened in October 2007 by Her Majesty the Queen. It is a striking and emotive memorial and it is quickly assuming national significance. It gives recognition and thanks for those who have died while on duty, or as a result of terrorist action since the Second World War and acknowledges the enduring sacrifice of those who mourn their loss.

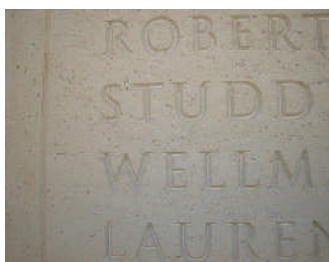
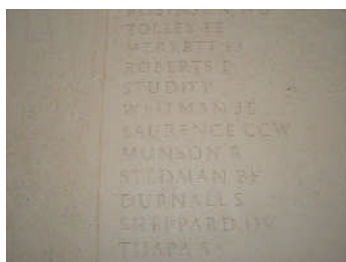


Paul Studd's Memorial

Paul Studd was a St. Joseph's/Blaisdon Old Boy. He was born in Lambeth in 1931, and entered St. Joseph's in 1937/38 and went



"The past is the key to the future"



Paul Stud's name carved in stone at the Arboretum



The Chapel at the Arboretum

on to Blaisdon in 1948. At Blaisdon Paul was sent to work on the farm, and after he had completed his training he joined the farm staff as a stockman.

Paul was an all-round sportsman and he was a prominent member of the Oratory Club. This was organised and run by Father Bill Boyd. The club was Father Boyd's idea and was open to Blaisdon Old Boys living in the district and local boys in Blaisdon village. It was by all accounts a formidable football team.

Paul left Blaisdon and joined the army and he was posted to Malaya during the Communist Insurgency. It was a dangerous posting as the army was confronted with an enemy that was skilled in jungle warfare.

The troops on active service had to remain in the jungle for weeks on end and they had to be supplied by air. Supply drops over areas in which terrorists operate would be dangerous and would be likely to come under fire.

Paul was killed in 1956 when his plane crashed and Paul is buried in British Military Cemetery in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

On Sunday 17th February I visited the National Memorial Arboretum with the objective of finding Paul's name on the wall that records all the names of the men and women who have given their lives in the service of their country. It was an emotional and humbling experience to stand with other visitors and read the names of the hundreds of men and women who have given their lives. Paul's name is inscribed high on the wall that bears the names of all those who lost their lives in the service of their country in 1956.

Norman Taylor - March 2008



ARMED FORCES  
MEMORIAL  
ROLL OF HONOUR

TODAY TOMORROW FOREVER

DVR PAUL STUDD

Service	Army
Service Number	23233500
Regiment/Corps	RASC
Place of Birth/Home Town	Lambeth
Date of Birth	06 April 1932
Age	24
Date of Death	23 November 1956

His name will be included on the Armed Forces Memorial in Staffordshire and on the Rolls of Honour that will be kept on public display in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea in London.