

# Pilot Officer Hugh Adams (1918-1940)



In January 1938, Hugh Charles Adams, of Lower Tandridge Lane, Oxted, joined the RAF Voluntary Reserve. Called up in September 1939, he completed his training and joined 501 Squadron as a Sergeant-Pilot.

In early May 1940 he was flown to France with other squadron personnel in a Bombay transport, which crashed when it landed at Bethenville. Adams was among those injured, and was repatriated to England, rejoining 501 on the 17th of July.

On the 6th of September 1940, he was shot down and killed in action over Ashford. His commission was gazetted that same day. Pilot Officer Adams was 22 years old. He is buried in St Peter's Churchyard, Tandridge.



On the 15th September 2025, the 85th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Oxted & District Branch Chairman Rob Cogan said, "it was my honour to lay a wreath on the grave of Pilot Officer Hugh Adams, in St Peter's Church Tandridge - one of Oxted's own who gave the ultimate sacrifice on 6th September 1940.

A two-minute silence was held, with some of our Branch Members, Veterans and our Standard Bearer helping to pay our respects. To 'The Few' - We Will Remember Them.

