

## **FLYING OFFICER KENNETH LIONEL TRENT DFC (1935-38)**

The following information is taken from the 1968 Register :-

He was born on 19 November 1922.

During WW2 he served in the Royal Air Force Voluntary Reserve, 625 Squadron. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on 19 December 1944 "In October 1944, this Officer was pilot and captain of an aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. Early on the outward flight the rear gunner was involved in an accident and had to be taken to a rest position. A little later, the port outer engine became defective and propeller had to be feathered. In spite of these unsettling incidents, Flying Officer Trent went on to the target, which he attacked with precision. Whilst over the sea at low altitude on the return flight, a member of the crew observed a flashing light and Flying Officer Trent concluded that a dingy was adrift. He therefore flew over a merchantman in the vicinity and requested his wireless operator to transmit details of the position. Afterwards, three motor boats were approached and an effort was made to lead them to the scene. Despite the loss of power from one of the engines, Flying Officer Trent remained over the area for nearly half an hour doing everything possible to assist in the search. As a result, several members of aircraft crew adrift in a dingy were rescued. This officer displayed skill and determination throughout a notable sortie, whilst his devoted efforts to help comrades in distress set a very fine example."