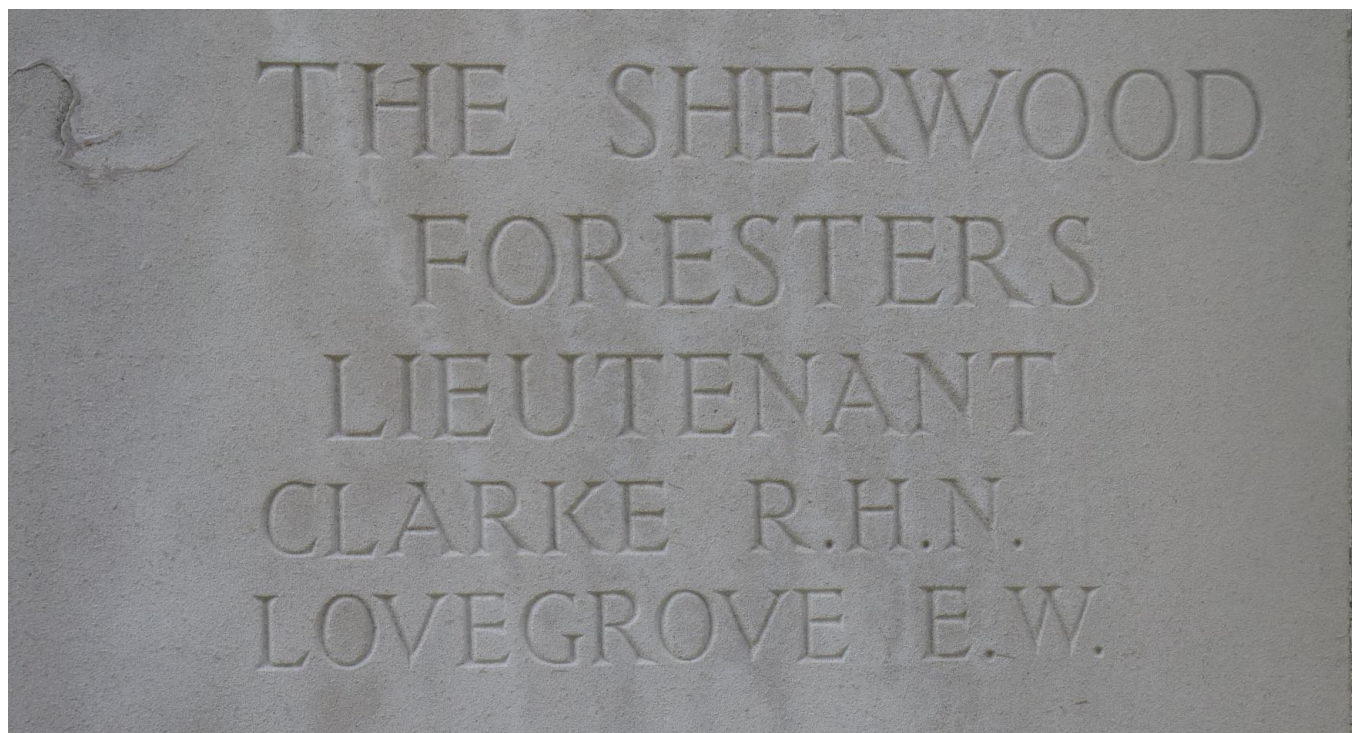


EDWIN WILLIAM LOVEGROVE (MASTER)

Date of Birth	1908
School Information	N/A
Career Information	He was a former master at the College
Date Of Death	1 June 1940
Cause of Death	Died of wounds
Location	Dunkirk, France
Cemetery	Dunkirk Memorial, France – Column 94
Rank	Lieutenant
Branch of Service	9th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)

This photo shows his name on the Dunkirk Memorial immediately below **Ronald Clarke (16-21)**.



Whilst at university, Edwin, an outside half and centre, played rugby primarily for the Oxford Greyhounds and Cheltenham but also made seven appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1929 and 1930. Sadly Edwin was deprived of a rugby 'Blue' whilst at Oxford University as he sustained a broken leg in the week before the match against Cambridge. After graduation Edwin moved to Nottingham to take a post as a member of staff at Nottingham High School. During this period he played rugby for Nottingham Rugby Football Club (33 games between 1932 and 1937) and cricket for Notts and Arnold Amateur Cricket Club.

Early in 1933 Edwin married Helen Mavrogordato at Kensington, London and the couple lived in Nottingham until about 1937 when Edwin became a Master at Framlingham College (founded 1864) in Suffolk where he also acted as a Lieutenant in the Framlingham College Officer Training Corps (OTC). Whilst at Framlingham College he played cricket for Suffolk. The couple lived in Pembroke Road in Framlingham but by 29 September when the 1939 Register was compiled Helen's parents, Eustratius Emanuel and Elsie Josephine Mavrogordato, had temporarily moved in with her whilst Edwin was away on military duty.



In 1939 with the outbreak of the Second World War, Edwin was immediately commissioned as a Lieutenant into the 9th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) and began wartime training and preparation for deployment into a theatre of war. Reminiscent of 1914, the British Government, as part of a pre-agreed defensive strategy for France, formed the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) on 2 September 1940 which was deployed to France beginning on 4 September. Amongst the BEF battalions was the 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters (1st Infantry Division) but, because of the deteriorating military situation, this unit was joined in April 1940 by the 1st/5th, 2nd/5th and 9th Battalions whose training and preparation for war readiness were curtailed; the 9th Battalion contained Lieutenant Edwin Lovegrove. However the BEF was forced back to Dunkirk and at one point the 2nd Battalion (3 Infantry Brigade, 1st Infantry Division) and the 2nd/5th and 9th Battalions (139 Infantry Brigade, 46th Infantry Division) were in the line defending the outer perimeter of Dunkirk; the 1st/5th Battalion had been transferred further west and was evacuated from Cherbourg. During this period Edwin was Mentioned in Despatches (MiD). The subsequent evacuation of the BEF from the beaches of northern France (codenamed Operation Dynamo) took place between 26 May and 4 June 1940.

Edwin was killed in action on 1 June 1940 aged 32 years defending the beaches at Dunkirk. His body was never recovered and identified and he is commemorated on Column 94 on the Dunkirk Memorial which honours 4504 British casualties. He is also commemorated on the Notts and Arnold Amateur CC 1939-45 Roll of Honour, the Framlingham War Memorial and the Framlingham College War Memorial where he is commemorated as the only Master to have died during the war. His wife, Helen, died at Waveney, Suffolk in 1995, having never re-married, aged 88 years.