



## GLYNDWR YOUNG BA (Bristol). MC



Mr Glyndwr Young was a master at High Wycombe RGS 1948-52 teaching French and German. Glyn died peacefully with friends at his bedside on 7th March 2013, aged 92. A Memorial Gathering in Glyndwr's honour was held at Bay House School on the 13th April 2013.

Glyndwr is remembered by former RGS pupils as a very pleasant and kindly teacher, who passed on his enthusiasm for Rugby Football on the playing field. He also served in the RGS Combined Cadet Force as Captain, Royal Signals, also taking cadets to summer camps in Colchester. The Camps are remembered by Old Boys as most enjoyable, where not only was the serious business of parades and drills performed, but additionally, activities were much enlivened by out-of-hours revelry.

Glyndwr Young left the RGS in 1952 and subsequently taught at Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, Wiltshire (1952-1959) and was Head at Hardley County Secondary Modern School, Hampshire (1959 - 1969). He moved from Hardley in 1969 to Gosport Grammar School and presided over the 1972 amalgamation with Privett Secondary Modern to become Bay House Comprehensive.

During WW2 he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Signals (Service Number 281371), see Supplement to the London Gazette 21st September 1943.

While as acting Captain, in the 62nd Indian Infantry Brigade- Section Royal Signals, he was awarded the Military Cross in recognition of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy in Burma during the period 16th May to 15th August 1945.

His citation reads:-

*"For consistent courage & devotion to duty throughout the period under review, 16 May-15 August 45.*

*During operations against the Japanese in stubborn fighting through mountainous dense jungle, the maintenance of communications has been very difficult and hazardous. By his example of personal courage, coolness, & complete indifference to personal danger, Capt YOUNG was responsible for the maintenance of communications within the Brigade throughout. He continually led his men and often himself repaired telephone lines under intense MMG fire and in the face of the enemy sniper opposition.*

*Throughout he spared no effort and set a magnificent example of devotion to duty & courage by day and night which was an inspiration to the men under his command."*

(See National Archives: Public Records Office WO 373/43 & Supplement to the London Gazette 6th June 1946. The original citation can be viewed by entering the following link into a web browser address box (not a search box such as Google) <http://cl.ly/NnMB>)

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