

War Service

Roy joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in January 1937 and by June 1942, when he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, he was a Flight Sergeant in 23 Squadron, had completed over 40 intruder sorties, mainly in Havoc aircraft, and been involved in the destruction of four enemy aircraft with two probables, and three others badly damaged. The intruder role, conducted in Blenheim, Boston and later Mosquito aircraft was to harass the Germans over Northern France, Belgium and Holland with low level sorties usually at night and using their Havoc radar to locate enemy aircraft which they could then attack and destroy with their machine guns. In late 1942 the squadron was moved to Malta, then under siege by the Germans and Italians. On 28 Apr 1943 Roy, by then a Warrant Officer and veteran of over 50 missions, and New Zealander Flying Officer William Henry Hopkins went missing off Malta. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Malta Memorial in Valletta, Malta.

Photo**Connection to Waldringfield**

Roy was born on 23 Apr 1921 to William Joseph and Annie Maude Sherrington (nee Bloomfield) of River View Cottages, Waldringfield. The family had moved to Chelmsford by 1924.

Life after the War NA. Photo of Malta Memorial, Valletta, Southern Harbour, Malta.

