EDGAR, Albert Edmund **Royal Air Force**

Photo

Photo taken during early service in 1920s.



War Service

Having previously served in the regular RAF 1921-1927, much of it at RAF Hinaidi in Iraq, Ted was recalled from the RAF Reserve on 25 Aug 1939, enlisting at Northgate Street, Bury St Edmunds where he and his family lived at the time. Based on his previous service, it is most likely that Flt Sgt Edgar served in a clerical role, although, rather unusually for a clerk, he was Mentioned in Despatches on 11 Jun 1942, so it is possible that some of his activities were more at the sharp end. We only know that he served at Marham, Henlow and Honington in 1939 after which at some point, most likely in 1941, he was posted to Martlesham in the rank of Flight Sergeant prior to his promotion to Temporary Warrant Officer in 1942. He also appears to have served at Ipswich aerodrome for a while as Roger Price recalls his son Noel and him being allowed to visit and look over the aircraft based there, probably towards the end of the war. He was also awarded the War Medal 1939-45 and 1939-45 Star.

Connection to Waldringfield

Although born (on 26 Jun 1902) and brought up in Stowmarket, where he was a solicitor's clerk 1918-20, and then spending his early married life with Polly in Bury St Edmunds, they came to live at Deben Vale in 1941 and Polly was still living there in 1987, 3 years after Ted's death in 1984. They are both buried at All Saints Church. Their children Dawn and Michael are still living in the village in 2020.

Life after the War

After the war Ted worked for the Tax Office and he and Polly lived at Deben Vale from 1941 until his death aged 82 on 8 Oct 1984.