

# DISPERSALS

## INTERIM NOTES

### LAST POST

#### GEORGE GOULD • OBSERVER • 98 SQUADRON



Dr. George Gould, beloved husband of the late Marion Gould, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 2, 2015 at the age of 93 years.

From an agricultural background, George became a herdsman on a dairy farm. In December 1941, George enlisted with the RCAF in London, Ontario. He served as an Observer in 98 Squadron, 2nd Tactical Air Force, RAF and completed a tour operations with crewmates L.E. Pears (Pilot), K.W. 'Ken' Harrison (WAG) and P.J. Carrier (AG); their first op was 13 April 44, a raid on a gun site at Dieppe; their final was 14 Aug 44 against a strongpoint SE of Caen.

Following his discharge from RCAF he attended the Ontario Veterinary College, graduating as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1950. He founded the Pavey Street Veterinary practice for small and large animals in Woodstock, Ontario. In 1960 he joined the Federal Government, Health of Animals Branch, servicing Woodstock, Athabasca, and Waterloo. In 1975 he relocated to Calgary where he became Alberta Regional Veterinarian. George directed the testing for the eradication of Tuberculosis and Brucellosis for the National Herd, and worked as Acting Veterinary Director for Canada.

George was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion #264, Medium Bomber Association, and the Southern Alberta Aircrew Association. An avid crib player, George enjoyed a good laugh.

Predeceased by his wife Marion on January 3, 2015, he will be missed by his five children, James (Wendy) of Chandler, Arizona, Robert of Calgary, Barbara McKellar (Kenneth) of Ingersoll, Ontario, Susan Casey of Calgary, and Paul (Erica) of Nelson, BC; his siblings, Joseph of Kamloops, BC and Mildred Luckham of Ingersoll, Ontario; his 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held at McInnis & Holloway in Calgary on Monday, July 6, 2015. A second funeral service was held at Old St. Paul's Church Woodstock Ontario on Wednesday July 8. Interment followed at Oxford Centre Pioneer Cemetery.

In living memory of Dr. George Gould, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park, Calgary.

## LESLIE V. DAVIES DFM • WAG, P • 88, 21, 107 SQUADRONS

S/L Leslie Victor Davies DFM passed away peacefully 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1919, he was brought up in Pentrecourt Wales.

He joined the RAF at the outbreak of War and trained as a Wop/Ag; he was posted as a Sergeant to 88 Sqn flying Battles; during the evacuation of Dunkirk he was awarded the DFM. His citation reads:

*“During May 1940, this airman has been flying as a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner in Battle aircraft. He has always displayed the greatest skill and courage and his devotion to duty, directing his pilot against strong opposition has been responsible for the safe return of the aircraft to its base on numerous occasions. Recommended for the non-immediate award of the DFM” (7<sup>th</sup> June 1940) (London Gazette 5/11/1940)*



*88 Squadron Battles based at Mourmelon-le-Grand, France fly with Curtiss Hawks of the French Air Force in 1939/40. IWM photo C-651*

He applied to train as a pilot and was commissioned, ending the war as a Mosquito pilot in night fighters; his last action was shooting V bombs.

After the war he served with the War Graves Commission and then RAF Intelligence. This involved work dealing with flights behind the Iron Curtain.

On retirement he applied and was accepted as a Queens Messenger and travelled the world 1<sup>st</sup> class.

Following this service Les retired back to Wales where he became very active with the Royal British Legion eventually becoming Chairman of the County Branch.

Serving the local Community as a Burgess of Laugharne he worked tirelessly eventually becoming an Alderman.

Les was also Church Warden at St Martin's Church where he served, as always, with dedication ensuring every event ran smoothly especially the annual Remembrance Service. He was a truly inspiring figure