



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow.

We pray that your country's gratitude for a life so nobly given in its service may bring you some measure of consolation.

George R.I.



STATE COLOURS OF HIS MAJESTY'S Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards

THIS IS TO INFORM THE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THAT HE IS SERVING HIS KING AND COUNTRY AS A SOLDIER IN THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS.

HEADQUARTERS, COLDSTREAM GUARDS, BIRDCAGE WALK, LONDON, S.W.1.

Ronald Gifford

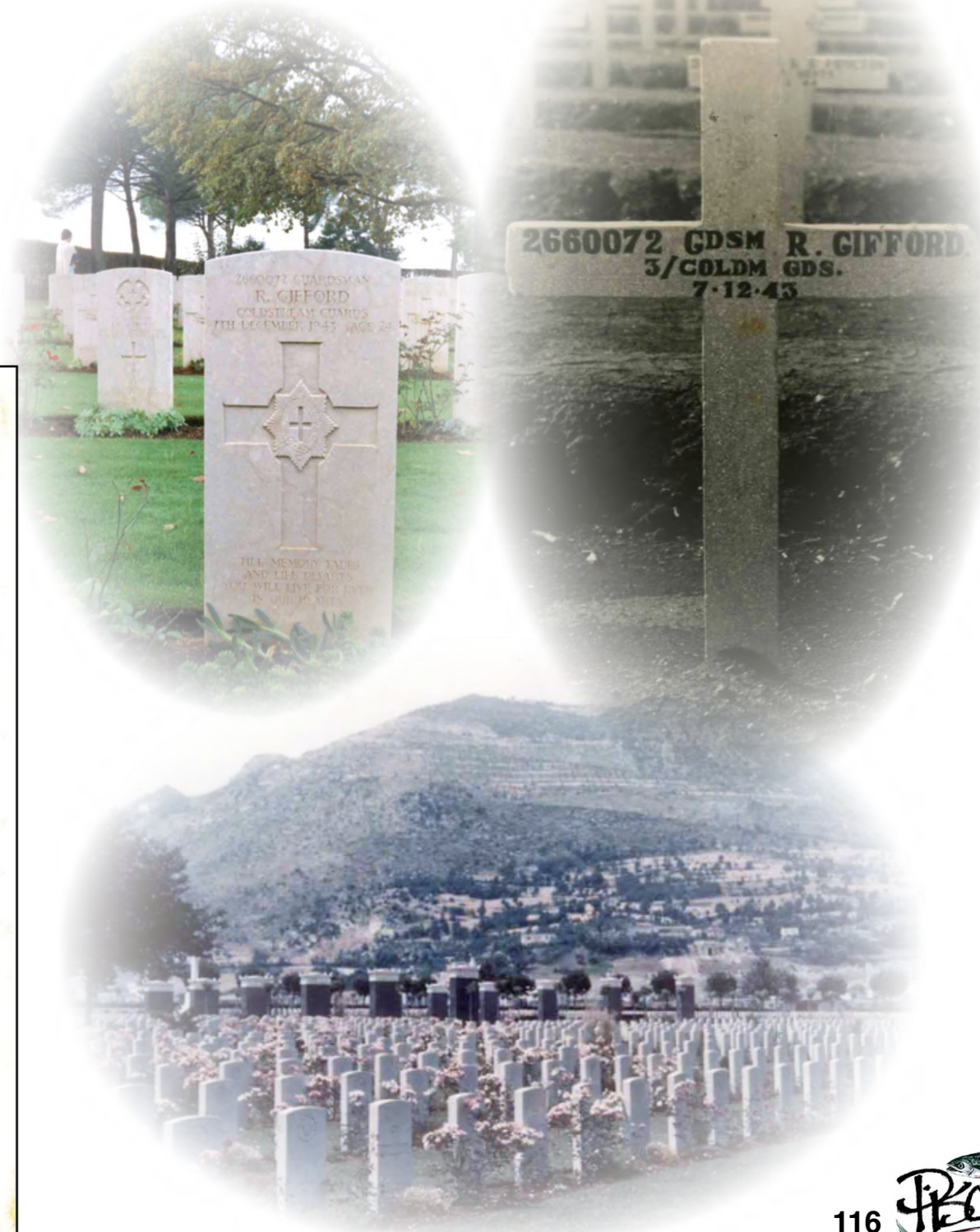
1919-1943



Ronald Gifford was the second son of Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Gifford of Westcott Guest House, Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac. His early life was spent at Pendoggett and he went to school at St Kew, but later the family moved to Port Isaac. On leaving school, he went to work with his father at Treharrock farm and so, in 1939, at the beginning of the Second World War, as an agricultural worker, he was in a reserved occupation and therefore was not "called up". However, in due course, all his friends joined the forces and so he decided to enlist.

Ronald joined the Cold Stream Guards. He fought in the North African Campaign and then on to the invasion of Sicily and from there to Italy where, sadly, he was killed in action in the Allied push to Monte Casino. His grave is in the Monte Casino war cemetery.

GIFFORD, Gdsmn. RONALD, 2660072. 3rd Bn. Coldstream Guards. 7th December, 1943. Age 24. Son of Ernest Alfred and Florence Elizabeth Gifford, of Port Isaac, Cornwall. VII. D. 7.



Effects Form 243 F.W.G. Sir/Madam, I am directed to inform you that the sum of £53.16.8 is due from Army Funds to the estate of the late no. 2660072... Balance of pay and allowances... Post War Credit... A draft in your favour for £16.18.4 is enclosed, together with a draft for £16.18.4 in favour of Mrs F. E. Gifford.

THE WAR DEAD OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE. The Register of the names of those who fell in the 1939-1945 War and are buried in Cemeteries in Italy. CASSINO WAR CEMETERY Part II (Ead-Kyd). LONDON: COMPILED AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION 1954.

Postcard addressed to Mrs. H. Donithorne, Castle Rock Hotel, Port Isaac, Cornwall, England. Handwritten message: Dear Mother - I have plenty of time and nothing much to do, so I thought I would drop you some few lines...



MONTE CASSINO. JOIN US ON A MOVING DAY OUT TO THE HILL TOP ABBEY OF MONTE CASSINO, THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE ORDER OF THE BENEDECTINE MONKS AND THE BURIAL PLACE OF ST. BENEDICT HIMSELF. THIS ABBEY HAS MUCH RELIGIOUS IMPORTANCE DESTROYED SEVERAL TIMES IN ITS TURBULENT HISTORY, THE ABBEY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REBUILT TO ITS FORMER SPLENDOUR...