



Thame Remembers

Warrant Officer Joseph Arthur Castle BEM



Joseph Arthur Castle was the third eldest of five children born to Arthur John and Constance Emily (nee Filleul) Castle. He was born in Thame on 13th December 1923, being baptised at St Mary's Church on 25th January 1924. His father was a printer and the proprietor of the local Thame Gazette newspaper. He attended Lord Williams's Grammar School between 1934 and 1940.

Enlisting with the Royal Engineers, probably during World War 2, he was a Staff Sergeant in 1950 with the 36 Army Engineer Regiment, and was awarded the British Empire Medal in the 1951 New Year's Honours list for exemplary work in constructing emergency camps during the Dock Strike and a bridge over the Thames for the Festival of Britain.

In 1957, during the Cyprus emergency, Joseph, by now a Warrant Officer, 1st class, was in Bahrain, where he died, possibly of a heart attack, on the 9th September. He was buried in the Old Christian Cemetery in Manama, Bahrain and he left over £2000 in his will.

He is commemorated on a plaque on the wall in St Mary's church, Thame. In 2009 his name was placed on a memorial in Kyrenia, Cyprus by the Cyprus Memorial Trust.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his grave on
20th December 2015
by
Anne and Adrian Dite
Thame Residents**

