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THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ISHAM ANCESTRY ASSOCIATION

SIR IAN VERE GYLES ISHAM, BART.

13TH. BARONET – 1923-2009

HIS WORLD WAR II RECORD

1940 - 1948

**ENLISTED IN LONDON YEOMENRY REGIMENT - TANK CORPS.
TRAINED AT BOVINGDON CAMP AMONG OTHER PLACES;
HOSPITALISED WITH LUNG INFECTION FOR SOME TIME;
LANDED AT NORMANDY BEACHES ON D-DAY+4 WITH TANKS;
INVOLVED WITH ADVANCE TO TAKE CAEN ON D-DAY+6;
TANKS BECAME JAMMED IN A SINGLE FILE IN NARROW LANES;
ATTACKED BY ROMMEL'S PANZERS WHILE STATIONARY;
HIS TANK RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT FROM BEHIND HEDGES;
IAN WAS STANDING WITH THE TOP OPEN OBSERVING
WHEN HE WAS BLOWN RIGHT OUT OF THE BURNING TANK
BEING FLUNG INTO THE NEARBY HEDGROW
WITH INJURIES AND BADLY BURNED LEGS.
HE LAY FOR A WHILE AVOIDING NOTICE BY GERMAN TROOPS
THEN CRAWLED BACK TO THE MEDICAL AID STATION;
AFTER INITIAL TREATMENT HE WAS FLOWN BACK
TO A BURNS UNIT IN SOUTH WALES WHERE HE ENDURED
SKIN BEING REMOVED FROM HIS BACK TO BE GRAFTED ON
TO HIS LEGS WITH ONLY M&B AND ASPIRIN FOR PAIN RELIEF.
MOTHER AND I VISITED HIM ON HIS 21st. AFTER TREATMENT
BUT, AT 14, I WAS REGARDED AS BEING TOO YOUNG
TO BE ALLOWED TO ENTER A BURNS UNIT HOSPITAL WARD.
IT TOOK SOME TIME FOR IAN'S WOUNDS TO HEAL
WHEN HE WAS POSTED TO THE B.A.O.R. IN GERMANY
AS HE WAS ABLE TO SPEAK MODERATELY WELL IN GERMAN.
IN 1948 IAN WAS DE-MOBBED
HAVING RISEN TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN.**

**THIS IS THE ACCOUNT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE FROM REMAKS MADE BY
OUR FATHER, VERE, "TIGER", AS IAN NEVER MENTIONED THE SUBJECT AT ALL, EVER.
- AS RELATED BY HIS BROTHER SIR NORMAN -**