Norman Cuthbert Saward

The eldest of the three children of Rev William Thomas and Violet Georgina Saward, Norman Cuthbert Saward was born 14th July 1898 in London and baptised in St. Lawrence, Kent on 4th August 1898.

An article in the Nottingham Post dated 27th September 1917 states that



Officers and Cadets of the OTC Nottingham



The British Orchestra Schweidnitz POW Camp

Lieut Norman Cuthbert Saward was reported missing. 'The young officer was educated at Nottingham High School and trained for his commission under Capt. Trotman with the University College O.T.C. Gazetted to the R.F.A. he subsequently transferred to the R.F.C. and had been fighting in France for the last 5 months'.

In 1918 Reverend W.T. Saward made a request for an enquiry into the welfare of his son following an attempt to escape from Schweidnitz POW camp in Eastern Germany. He was subsequently repatriated on 6th January 1919.

In 1924 he flew one of two aeroplanes purchased by the Afghan government to Kabul and was accorded an audience

with his Majesty the Amir where he was decorated with the Order of Izzatt first class. It was reported that although only 24 years old he had had remarkable experiences in connection with flying with the RAF in particular during the war and had been on the Indian North-West frontier for sometime.

In June 1928 he sailed from Bombay to Plymouth aboard the Macedonia. He continued service through the 2nd World War and was mentioned in the Gazette several times. He married Valeria and their son George Alexandra Douglas was christened at St Edmunds's Church on 25th September 1935.

Norman Cuthbert Saward died in December 1970 in Maidstone in Kent.