

Research undertaken on behalf of David Hatherell

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Scot. Gen. Index of Births for Scotland (1921-1929) for the birth of Matthew White. There were three entries for 1921, the following:

On 29 August 1920, at 27 Dundas St. N. MATTHEW WHITE was born. Son of John White. Parents married 1915. Mary Eliza Glass. Informant: John White, Father. Ref: 100/1164

Scot. Gen. Index of Marriages for Scotland (1912-1929) for the marriage of Matthew White. Enter the following:

On 12 November 1921, at Dundas Church, Scot. Agr. Co. Agr. after publication of Banns according to the Form of the Church of Scotland, MATTHEW WHITE aged 21 years, Bachelor, Flying Officer, Royal Air Force of Canada, London was engaged to Mar. Matthew, Son of John White, School Teacher and Isobel White a.s. (Ref: 100/1164)

MARY VICTORIA DUNBAR aged 21 years, Spinster, 37 Dundas Road, Agr. Daughter of James Dunbar, Farmer, Dundas and Isabella Dunbar a.s. (Ref: 100/1164)

Mat. James Dunbar, Dundas, Dundas. Ref: 100/1164

Scot. Gen. Index of Births for Scotland (1921-1929) for the birth of Matthew White and Mary Victoria Dunbar. I found no entry of this. The general index is free in the indexes after 1929 so it should be fairly easy to find the date of birth of a couple. They were only married for three months when he died. Being such the terrible war-time people must have suffered during war time.

Scot. Gen. Index of Deaths for Scotland (1921-1929) for the death of Matthew White. Ref: 100/1164. MATTHEW WHITE - 11: 22925, 23: 500, Age 21 years, Country of Birth - Scotland, Died 21: 2, 1922, 100/1164

Scot. Gen. Index to Confirmation and Inventories (1921-1929) for a will left by Matthew White. There is a mention of this. I have that confirmation and would be able to help with the will. I have also where they were lodged at time of death. The Public Record Office at London, Scot. should be able to help you with this query.

One-half hour search
June 1993
Charlotte L. Gray

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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 13 July.

We know more about the tale of Mac WHITE now. And as you said it was a sad tale. Poor Mary... Is she ever alive ?

About your family history of DE PAU, I checked again my "Minitel". There are five towns or villages called "LISLE" in FRANCE. And an other one called "LISLET".

1	LISLE	Loir et Cher
2	LISLE	Dordogne
3	LISLE sur TARN	TARN
4	LISLE en BARROIS	Meuse
5	LISLE en RIGAUT	Meuse

LISLET

AISNE

But I found no trace of a family DE PAU in those places. If you think that the place of origin of your family is given as the west southern part of FRANCE, the three first names could be good and more precisely the n°2 and n°3. But "it"s a long way" from LISLE to MELBOURNE...

If you can send me more about Pierre DE PAU, I think that it is possible for me to write to the town-clerck of every town I found by "Minitel". But I need the date of the birthday of your parent for beginning my researches.

I wait for your next letter.

Best wishes to you, Sue and the boys.

My greetings to your father.



Bien amicalement,

Michel,

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Searched General Index of Births for Scotland (1921-1920) for the birth of Matthew White. There were three entries for 1920. Noted the following:

On 29 August 1920, at 27 Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, Dist. Old Kilpatrick, Co. Dumbarton, **MATTHEW WHITE** was born. Son of John White, School Teacher and Isabella White m.s MacPherson. Parents married 1915, Mary 26th Glasgow.

Informant: John White, Father.

Ref: 501/1184

Searched General Index of Marriages for Scotland (1942-1936) for the marriage of Matthew White. Noted the following:

On 12 November 1941, at Trinity Church, Dist. Ayr, Co. Ayr, after publication of Banns according to the Forms of the Church of Scotland, **MATTHEW WHITE** aged 21 years. Bachelor. Flying Officer, Royal Air Force of Caerlon, Lenzie (now engaged in War Service). Son of John White, School Teacher and Isobel White m.s McPherson. (sic)

[married]

MARY VICTORIA DUNBAR aged 22 years. Spinster. Art Student of 37 Carrick Road, Ayr. Daughter of James Dunbar, Medical Practitioner and Isabella Strachan Dunbar m.s Mellis (dec)

Witnesses: James Dunbar, Knockronald, Carrick.

Ishbel White, Caerlon, Lenzie

Min: James R. Forgan, Trinity Church.

Ref: 578/1/381

Searched General Index of Births for Scotland (1942) for the birth of a child to Matthew White and Mary Victoria Dunbar. I found no trace of this. The mother's maiden surname is given in the indexes after 1929 so it should be fairly easy to locate the births of children to a couple. They were only married for three months before he died - brings home the terrible sadness people must have suffered during wartime.

Searched General Index of Deaths for Scotland (1942) for the death of Matthew White. Noted:

MATTHEW WHITE F/Lt. 42928, 217 Sqn. Age 21 years. Country of Birth - Scotland. Died 21.2.42, Presumed. Lost at sea. Air Operations.

Ref: 157/AF/202

Searched Index to Confirmation and Inventories (1942) for a will left by Matthew White. There was not mention of this. I know that servicemen and women had to make wills during wartime but I am not sure where they were lodged at time of death. The Public Record Office at Richmond, Kew, should be able to help you with this query.

One-a-half hour search

June 1993

Charlotte L. Cowe.

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Cher Michel.

I have just received from the
EWGE two photos of MTC WHITE'S
grave.

I think it is easiest if I send you,
here, the negatives so you can
make your own prints.

Perhaps you can return the negatives
in due course.

All best regards. Baby William
awaits his call-up papers so he
can go and fly in a F-14 TOMCAT in
the Middle East.

Dave



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cher Michel,

Thank you for your new year greeting card, best wishes for 1992!

Following M. Cadic's recent order, the book THE MIGHTY EIGHTH has been re-issued. Also, a quite new, companion, book THE MIGHTY EIGHTH IN COLOUR has been issued. It is a truly excellent book so I have sent it unannounced.

The costs are: Mighty Eighth	£24.95
" In Colour	19.95
Postage	7.75
	<hr/> £52.65

So that your £86.41 credit rests at £33.76.

I hope your B-17 research progresses. From a new book (The Eighth Air Force Remembered) I see that there is a "friend" of Thurleigh airfield, where the 306th were based. Maybe he has contacts to 306 veterans

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Best wishes

Dave.



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cher michel

Thank you for your 4 November letter and your 2000F remittance, this came to us, after bank charges, as £192.25, so that your £70.05 credit (ref 92884) is brought forward here, making a grand total of £262.30 credit.

Today, we have mailed to M.Cadic one parcel that contains.

LANCASTER AT WAR	£13.95
" V2	10.95
" V3	10.95
" V4	13.95
DETAIL&SCALE B-17	7.95
" Pt2	7.95
" Pt3	7.95
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COMBAT PROFILE MUSTANG	7.00
617 SQUADRON	6.99
PILOTS MANUAL B-25	7.00
" P-38	5.00
" P-40	2.00
" B-24	8.00
Postage	22.70
	<u>£175.89</u>

So that your credit rests at £86.41

I have written separately to M. Cadic to tell him what is on the way, but as I do not know the financial arrangements between you, then my etiquette demands that I have not listed the prices in my letter to him. Leaving the two of you to sort that out.

The only book we could not do was THE MIGHTY EIGHTH, which is now out of print.

We thank you and Mde Mazeas for the gift of the winter suit for Tom. It fits very well and is in regular use. You are wise parents and grandparents to have also put in the lollypops for William. Excellent psychology!

Sue will write a thank you letter soon, as I must also write, as I have just received the service record of Basil Hammersley, from his sister.

Thank you for the Minitel trace of De Pau in Normandy! I shall remember your offer if I do eventually find the origin of the De Paus.

Best wishes

Dave



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