

Cronology of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	
June 9, 1911	Raymond John Fisher Born	
May 14, 1914	Evelyn Constance Hallwood Born (Now Fisher)	
July 31, 1927	John Passes Senior Certificate A @ Ipswich School, Eng, Hist, Elementary Maths, Physics & Chemistry.	
February 6, 1929	John indentured to Alliance Assurance Co. Res. 286 Norwich Rd, Ipsw.	
July 14, 1932	John becomes an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Insurers(ACII).	
March 30, 1935	John And Eves Wedding	
June 10, 1936	John becomes Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Insurance (FCII)	
September 26, 1936	Graham Fisher Born	
October 31, 1940	Albert Henry Hallwood Died October 1940.	
August 9, 1941	Colin Fisher Born	x
February 28, 1943	John with 72 Squadron at Sank-el-Rheniss??	
March 12, 1943	John is a 3rd Lieutenant based at Uxbridge.	
November 26, 1950	Admitted as a Freemason. St Giles Lodge, Norwich.	
March 30, 1951	Col Arrived in S A Age 9	x
November 5, 1953	Eve represents Western Province at Golf.	
January 1, 1967	Protea Shares Listed @ R180 (Exact Date ?)	
January 1, 1969	Protea Shares Boom @ R1650 (Exact Date ?)	
May 17, 1969	John Selected for SA Seniors Golf Championship in Durban and gets his colours. He plays at Gleneagles in June and is chosen to represent SA at the International Championships at St Andrews in late 1969.	
April 1, 1973	John Fisher Retires as Man Dir but remains Deputy Chairman	
January 1, 1989	John & Eve Sell 3 fountains buy Moon River	
May 1, 1991	Rockery Nook Sold by Eve & John	x
December 15, 1999	John Fisher has stroke and loses speech	
September 17, 2001	Evelyn Constance Hallwood (Passed Away unexpectedly)	x
March 7, 2002	John Fisher Died	x
June 4, 2002	Moon River Transferred to Van Niekerk's for R 1,500,000.00	

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TELEPHONE:
LONDON WALL 2345.



ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMPANY, AND
THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE MENTIONED.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-
"SOCIETATE. STOCK, LONDON."

Alliance Assurance Company, Limited,
Bartholomew Lane, London, E.C.2.

6th July, 1945.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

The War in Europe having now come to an end, and the possibility of the defeat of Japan being within measurable distance, you will no doubt be turning over in your mind your return to civil employment and what will happen to you and what your salary will be. I am writing therefore to tell you that we look forward to your early return and to welcoming you back to the Company's service.

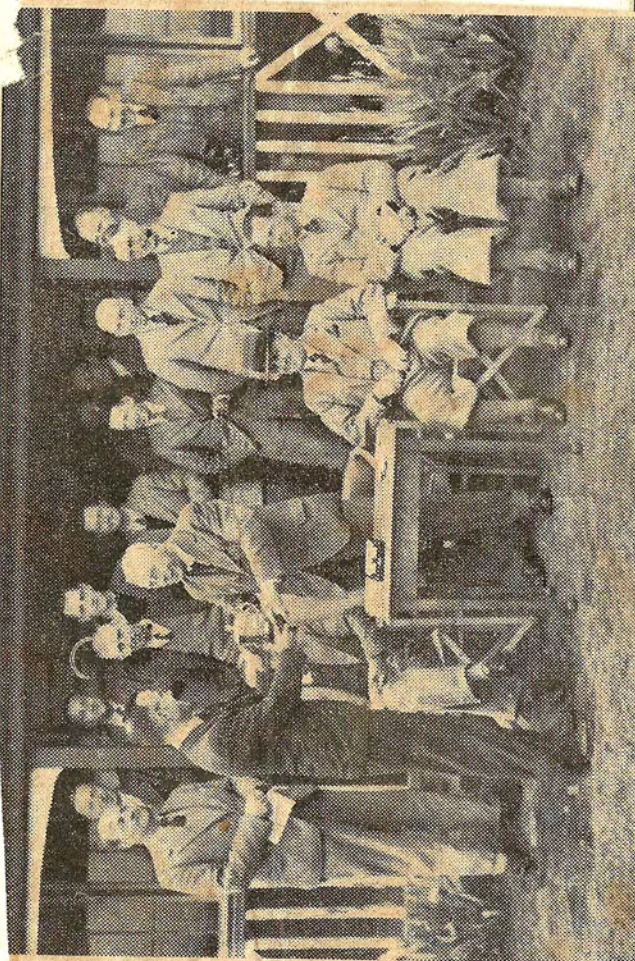
The Company expects that you will return as soon as you are released from the Forces under the Demobilisation Scheme and have had your leave. The reconstruction of the Company's business will involve difficulties which will be infinitely increased if the return of our permanent Officials is delayed.

Some of our Officials in the services have asked whether there is any objection to them volunteering for further service after the due date of their category in the Demobilisation Scheme. I think I should emphasise that we expect you to return as soon as you can be legitimately released and I am sure that this will be generally appreciated and understood.

You will be entitled to certain leave, on full pay and allowances on your demobilisation, but should you wish to curtail your leave and to rejoin the Company's service before it expires, your full salary will be paid to you from the date of rejoining, irrespective of the Service pay to which you are entitled.

The salary you will be entitled to on your rejoining the Company's service, in accordance with the Demobilisation Scheme, will be computed on the basis of your salary when you joined up

P.T.O.



THE NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT of the King's Lynn Golf Club at Leziate, Mr. H. G. Winearls, is here seen presenting the President's Cup to Mr. R. J. Fisher on Sunday evening.

in H.M. Forces, to which will be added the scale increases that you would have received had you remained in the Company's service, and, in addition, you will receive, for the time being, any Grant-in-Aid that may be in force on your return. At the present time this is at the annual rate of :-

£30 for a single man.

£50 for a married man.

£20 each for first and second child, and

£10 for each child thereafter.

Officials returning to the Company's service will take up their duties with the Head Office Department or Branch at which they were formerly employed.

The Chartered Insurance Institute hopes to start courses to enable those who had started their studies for the C.I.I. Diplomas to continue them, and also to institute courses for those who have not previously entered for the examinations. It is more than likely that time off during office hours will be allowed for these courses.

I hope that the above remarks may be of assistance to you in clarifying your position on demobilisation, and I send you the good wishes of all your colleagues who are looking forward to the time when you will be back with us again.

Yours truly,

R. J. Fisher

General Manager.

F/Lt. R.J. Fisher,
20, Summerhill Road,
OXFORD.

GQ 623988

1. **Always carry your Identity Card.** You must produce it on demand by a Police Officer in uniform or men in uniform on duty.

2. You are responsible for this Card, and must not part with it to any other person. You must report at once to the local National Registration Office if it is lost, destroyed, damaged or defaced.
3. If you find a lost Identity Card or have in your possession a Card not belonging to yourself or anyone in your charge you must hand it in at once at a Police Station or National Registration Office.
4. Any breach of these requirements is an offence punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both.

FOR AUTHORISED ENDORSEMENTS ONLY



51-1970

IDENTITY CARD FOR R.A.F. AND W.A.A.F. PERSONNEL (All Ranks)

This is to certify that No. 125378

3/4/2006 FISHER R. J.
(Rank and full name)

whose description is contained herein is serving in
the Royal Air Force and is stationed
Women's Auxiliary Air Force
at

Changes of rank or station are to be certified below

[illegible]

Description

Height 5' 7" Build SLIGHT

Colour of eyes BROWN Colour of hair BROWN

Date of birth 9. 6. 11.



No. 1012836

Signature of holder 

Signature of Issuing Officer *[Signature]*

Rank..... Station.....



NUMBER

SURNAME

YDXA. 22913.88.

FISHER.

CHRISTIAN NAMES (First only in full)

EVELYN C.

Re-issued



CLASS CODE

A.

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS

20. Summerhill Rd.

Oxford.

HOLDER'S SIGNATURE

Evelyn C. Fisher.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS. No entry except by National Registration Officer, to whom removal must be notified.

REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)

Mill House Horshead.
Norwich - TRV-

REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)

Playford Cottage
Playford, Rushmere St. Andrew
TXD.

REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)

BRIMBELOW COTTAGE.
MEADOW DRIVE, HOVEYTON, NORWICH.

REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)

THE 'UPLANDS'
UPTON ROAD, NORWICH

REMOVED TO (Full Postal Address)



FOR OFFICIAL ENTRY ONLY (apart from Holder's Signature). ANY OTHER ENTRY OR ANY ALTERATION, MARKING OR ERASURE, IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH.

CONDITIONS OF ISSUE

FORM 1250

1. This document relates only to the identity of the person described. It is not available as a Passport, Pass or Permit, except as specially provided for.

2. This identity card must be carried at all times, except when on flying operations. It is to be presented for inspection on the demand of a member of His Majesty's Forces or an official on duty at Protected Places and Areas or by a Policeman.

3. On change of rank or station the authorised holder should arrange for his identity card to be amended by his C.O. or an officer to whom the duties have been delegated.

4. The authorised holder should make a separate note of the number of this card. He should take every precaution against loss or theft and should preserve it from damage.

5. The loss or finding of this identity card should be reported at once to a R.A.F. Station Commander or to the nearest Police Station.

6. Impersonation of the authorised holder of an identity card, or its alteration, destruction or transfer to another person are penal offences.

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ROYAL AIR FORCE

IDENTITY CARD FOR
W.A.A. PERSONNEL

No 1012

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**FISHER
Raymond John**

Passed away peacefully on 7 March 2002 in his 91st year. Fondly remembered by his sons Graham and Colin and their families. Private cremation.



Constantiaberg
Funeral Home

A.Lindhorst
Ph 712 9300

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**FORTUNE
Dorothea Norma**

FISHER

Eve passed away peacefully at home on 17 September in her 88th year. Lovingly remembered by her husband John, son's Graham and Colin and their families. Service at Christ Church, Constantia on Friday 21 September, at 11:00am. Cremation private.



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TIMES
Tues 12/3

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PARTICULARS FROM THE POPULATION REGISTER I.R.O.:

DEATH/STERFTE

IDNO.:
IDNR.: 110609 5022 08 7

SURNAME:
VAN : FISHER

FIRST NAMES:
VOORNAME : RAYMOND JOHN

DATE OF BIRTH:
GEBOORTEDATUM: 1911-06-09

SEX :
GESLAG: MALE

MARITAL STATUS:
HUWELIKSTATUS : WIDOWER

DATE OF DEATH :
DATUM VAN AFSTERWE: 2002-03-07

PLACE OF DEATH :
PLEK VAN AFSTERWE: KIRSTENHOF, CAPE

CAUSE OF DEATH :
OORSAAK VAN DOOD: STROKE

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL
Alan Max Lindhorst
COMMISSIONER OF OATHS for RSA
PO Box 15222, VLAEBERG 8018
9/1/8/2 Wynberg (A15) 14/11/2000
Manager - Constantiaberg Funeral Home

Alan Lindhorst

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ROUGH NOTES ON A CONVERSATION WITH JOHN FISHER

In 1999, during a conversation with John at Moon River, he told me something about his memories of both World Wars. I took some notes at the time. I am sure you have heard all this before and a lot more, but there may be a couple of snippets that you may have forgotten.

World War I

Although only six years old at the time, he retained a vivid memory of a German Zeppelin drifting slowly down in flames, half way between Theberton and Langston, even though it fell many miles from Ipswich where he lived. His father had woken him up to see it. Subsequently, he was taken to see the wreckage of the front end that had fallen into a ploughed field. 12 German airmen had died, the rest of the crew being taken prisoner.

Apparently, the Zeppelin had been shot down by Britain's first night-fighter plane; it had to stay in the air until dawn before being able to land. Much of the Zeppelin's aluminium structure had melted, but this did not stop entrepreneurial locals from using it to make ashtrays and other ornaments, not only for themselves but also for sale as souvenirs.

World War II

Before the war, while working for Alliance Insurance in Oxford, he joined the Civil Air Guard, undertaking a course at Witney. When war broke out in 1939, as part of "Dad's Army" he patrolled the Thames in a boat, from Folly Bridge in Oxford to Abingdon, at night (6.30 pm - 6.00 am). The aim was to capture German parachutists. He recalled that the five-man patrol had only one revolver between them, and the bullets they had did not properly fit the revolver.

When his job was declassified as a "reserved occupation", he applied to join the RAF. Although told initially there were no vacancies for someone his age (he was too old at 29), he persevered, eventually completing 3 months of basic airforce training in Blackpool, followed by 12 months in Calne (Wiltshire) as an instructor at its wireless operator/air gunner school. While based at Northolt, he successfully applied to attend a course at Hertford College, Oxford that would commission him as a "Code and Cypher" officer.

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Subsequently, he became the Adjutant of 152 Fighter Squadron, based at Stamford (between Leicester and Cambridge). Most evenings were spent riotously at the "Hole in the Wall" pub, the young officers obliged to drink at the bar without trousers. He implied that the young women in the pub were also quite mischievous.

During the war, he stressed that one never knew where one was going. When ordered to board a Greek ship in Liverpool, the ship sailed almost to New York, before re-crossing the Atlantic, passing through Gibraltar and docking in Algiers. Having been issued with "tropical kit", justified later as a well-conceived War Office strategy to deceive the enemy, he was amazed to end up in North Africa, and with kit unsuitable for desert conditions.

While camping near the beach after disembarkation, his tent was shredded by shrapnel during a bombing raid. Initially based with 152 Squadron at the Maison Blanche airfield, about 7 miles from Algiers, he was transferred to 43 Fighter Squadron, a mobile unit that operated from different airfields. The squadron became part of the "Desert Airforce", supporting the 8th Army.

* 1942

Between February-June 1943, he worked closely with Air Vice-Marshall Elmhurst, who promoted him from Pilot Officer to Acting Flight Lieutenant. Elmhurst, after the war, wrote a glowing testimonial (I saw it), referring to John's "force of personality and organising ability", as well as "bringing order out of chaos".

In North Africa and in Malta, still with 43 Squadron, he was heavily involved in creating new airfields. On Gozo, an island close to Malta, he became the RAF Liaison Officer to a large US engineering unit that built airfields (in 10 days), where for the first time in years he ate well: huge waffles with bacon and maple syrup, and chicken for lunch "if you please". As the US doctors observed, "nobody gets sick on our rations".

Returning to the UK, in late 1944 (I don't know how close it was to D-Day) he was transferred to France, disembarking at Ramatuelle (near St Tropez) by landing craft without enemy opposition.

(In the early 1970s, he was able to return to Ramatuelle during a trip to France with Eve and Mum. According to Mum, John disappeared for several hours to try to reunite with some old acquaintances, returning entirely successful, but somewhat the worse for wear, being obliged to accept their hospitality and innumerable toasts on behalf of the Allied forces.)

Another snippet. Apparently, the Americans had access to crates of whisky. One evening in the Mess, he witnessed a US officer downing an entire bottle in one go. Not surprisingly, the man collapsed and died. Perhaps this explains why John always measured out his tots so precisely.

Unfortunately, we were unable to continue our conversation. Nor was I able to talk to Eve about her memories, as I had intended.

I shall always remember the enormous support the entire Fisher family gave Mum and myself, when aged 16-22 in the 1960s, not least John and Eve, who acted as surrogate parents to me. My enduring thanks to you all!

With best wishes,

Nigel (DESEBROCK)

22 July 2004