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## LT. A. N. O. P. HILL-LOWE

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Due to the generosity of **Caroline Taylor #638** on the web family tree, the Trust has been able to acquire a fine oil on canvas portrait of **Lt. Arthur Norman Ommanney Peter Hill-Lowe 1920-1943 #14050**. Dated 1949 the artist, who used the monogram GR or CR is, as yet, unidentified. The Trust is most grateful to Caroline.

Lt. Hill-Lowe was born in Tenbury, Worcestershire in 1920 and enlisted in the Royal Armoured Corps on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1939. He was appointed to an Emergency Commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. in the 4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Royal Dragoon Guards on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1940 and was posted to the 57<sup>th</sup> Training Regiment on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1842. He embarked for the Middle East to join 3<sup>rd</sup> Hussars later that month and arrived in Egypt on 21<sup>st</sup> September. He was killed in a train crash near Aleppo, Syria on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1943.

He came from a distinguished military family. His father was **Captain Arthur Noel Vernon Hill-Lowe (1892-1964) #14048**, North Irish Horse and Shropshire Yeomanry, who was the son of **Commander Arthur Hill Ommanney Peter Hill-Lowe RN 1849-1910 #14046** who was in turn the son of **Admiral Arthur Lowe (1814-1882) #1016**. Admiral Lowe's father-in-law was **Sir John Acworth Ommanney (1773-1855)**.

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February the Aleppo to Pererat train had a head-on collision 80 km out. 27 soldiers including 3 officers were killed. The following Sunday saw a big military funeral, each coffin on a 15cwt truck travelling through the town. Beside the graves a firing party of 21 men fired a volley and the 'Last Post' was played in what was a very moving ceremony. He is buried in the British War Cemetery in Aleppo, Syria in plot 2 at C3 which is cared for by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



*Lt. Arthur Norman Ommanney Peter Hill-Lowe (1920-1943)*