

Charterhouse to Auction a Hugely Important Dambuster Medal Group

Sherborne auctioneers Charterhouse have been instructed to sell the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) and Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM) pair awarded to Flight Lieutenant Richard Dacre Trevor-Roper in their two day collectors' auction on **Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March.**

"These are the most outstanding Second World War RAF medals I have had the pleasure to handle." Commented Richard Bromell. "Trevor-Roper was Gunnery Leader in 617 Squadron, more commonly known as The Dambusters, flying as Rear Gunner in Guy Gibson's lead Lancaster ED932 AJ-G and was awarded the DFC for his part in the Mohne Dam attack on 16-17th May 1943."



Trevor- Ropers Medals and Trevor Roper with Barnes Wallis

This is the first time the medals have been on the market as Charterhouse has been instructed to sell them by order of the family. For many decades, the medals, two of his RAF side caps, assorted letters, photographs and even a Dam Busters script with accompanying World Premiere film programme have been kept hidden away in a box file.



His recommendation for the DFC states “This officer flew as Rear Gunner in the leading Lancaster which attacked the Mohne Dam. During the run in, his aircraft was subjected to stiff opposition from flack defences situated along the top of the dam. By using his rear guns with great skill, even though bullets were passing through the rear structure of the aircraft just behind him, he succeeded not only in deterring the aim of the defences but later in drawing the fire away from other aircraft which were actually making their bombing runs. As Gunnery Leader, Flight Lieutenant Trevor-Roper has set a magnificent example which is an inspiration to all the other gunners in the squadron.”

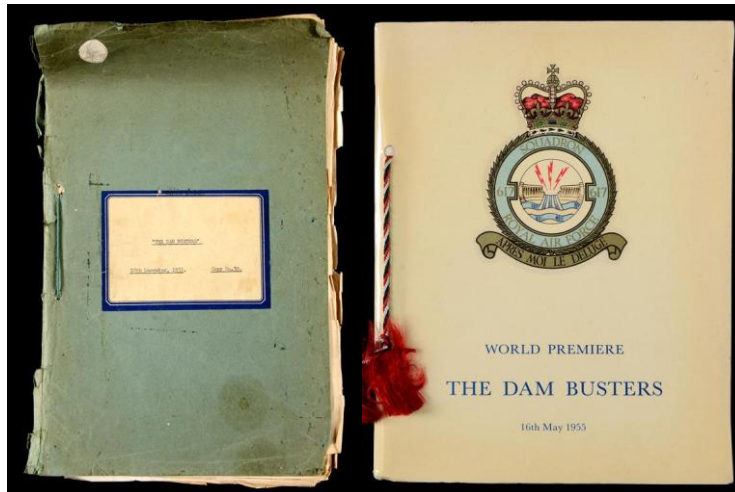


FI Lt Richard DarceTrevor-Roper and Condolence letter

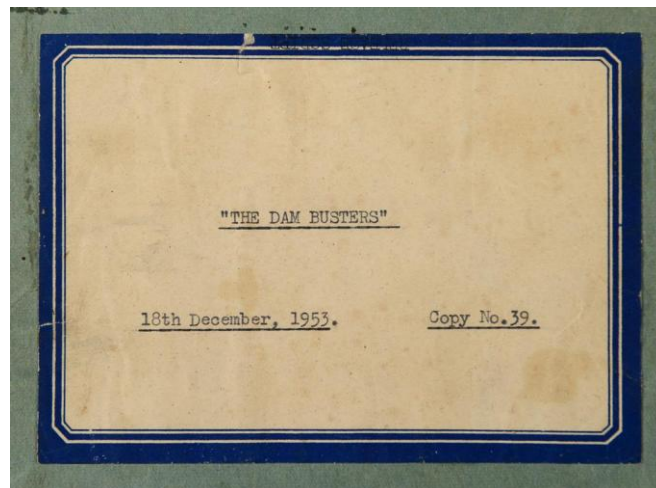
Richard Trevor-Roper was killed in action a year later when his Lancaster was shot down over Nuremberg on 30/31st March 1944 aged just 28. This was the costliest RAF Bomber Command mission of the war where 94 bombers were shot down and 71 damaged out of 795 aircraft.



Father and Son Medals



Dam Busters Script and a Film Premiere Programme



Dam Busters Script Title

“It is a fascinating archive of items belonging to Richard Trevor-Roper. My favourite item has to be the photograph of him standing next to Barnes Wallis, taken on the day of his DFC investiture.” commented Richard Bromell. “Also included in the lot are the evocative WWI medals awarded to his father, Major Charles Cadwaladr Trevor-Roper, who served with The Hampshire Regiment. Just like his son, he was killed in action.”

For further information regarding this auction, or to enter items into this important collectors’ sale, contact **Richard Bromell** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3BS **01935 812277**
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