

Guy Patrick Spence Reid, 90617
Second Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, 22 Field Regiment

Guy's parents were Noel Spence Reid, DSO, MC and Cara Louisa, née Kestin.

Noel's birth was registered at the Orotava Consulate, Tenerife, (born 19 December 1892) along with the birth of his brothers Walter Lewis Reid (born 23 August 1894), Guy Patrick Spence Reid (born 18 May 1897), and his sister Dorothy May Lisette Reid (born 8 August 1912).

Noel does not appear on any census returns in this country, but in 1911 his brothers Walter and Guy were boarding at the Borlase School, Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Guy served with the Seaforth Highlanders and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He was posted to 20 Squadron in 1916. During that year he was credited with five aerial victories and was awarded the Military Cross. Captain Guy P S Reid died in 1917, aged 20, and is buried in Newport Cemetery, Lincolnshire.

The remaining three siblings appeared on many passenger lists, returning to their home in Tenerife. Noel's profession was given on the lists as a tea and coffee planter, farming smallholder, or businessman and merchant. During WWII Noel was a battalion commander and he married Annette Young, who was born in Umtali, Rhodesia and was the first lady officer in the Rhodesian army. She was 29 years younger than Noel. Annette claimed to have been a descendant of Alexander Selkirk, on whom Daniel Defoe based his Robinson Crusoe. She was awarded an MBE for her services to the community. Noel and Annette had three children and the family lived in Tenerife, in a house named El Santísimo. Noel and Walter were both made Honorary British Vice-Consuls at Orotava, Tenerife.



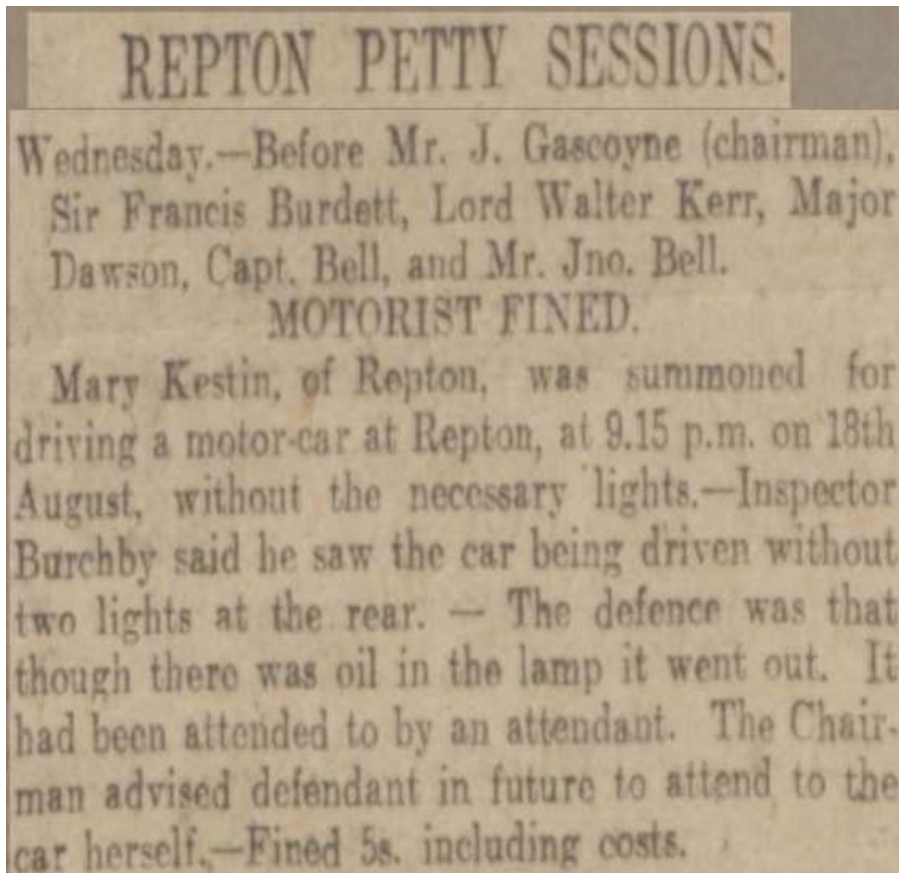
What was known as Casa Reid in the 1960s. Noel and Walter (known as Rio) shared an office on the first floor.

Cara Kestin was born in 1889 in Islington. Her father was a bank's accountant. She had two older sisters, Mary and Ethel. Their mother died when Cara was just a few months old. Cara, Ethel and their grandmother travelled together to Tenerife in 1910, 1912 and 1913.

Noel married Cara in 1914 in London. Guy was born in Repton and baptised at St Wystan's Church on 17 May 1919. The entry in the baptism register states that he was the son of Noel Spence and Cara Louisa Reid of High Street, Repton. Noel was recorded as a captain in Her Majesty's Army. Guy was named after his uncle, the WWI flying ace. Their other son, Thomas Noel Spence Reid, was born in Tenerife two years later.

Cara's sisters lived together in a house in The Square, 93 High Street, Repton. Ethel and her grandmother often visited Tenerife, the last time being in 1934.

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Mary was appointed to the Repton Joint Hospital Board, was an independent councillor on the Repton Rural Council and became a Derbyshire magistrate in 1944. She was also Chairman of the Managers at the village school. The sisters are buried together.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY C. KESTIN
DIED FEBRUARY 6TH 1962
AGED 76 YEARS
IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE
(cross)

ALSO IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER SISTER
ETHEL AMY KESTIN
DIED JAN 13TH 1974 AGED 86 YEARS.
(kerb)

St Wystan's Churchyard

In 1938 Guy (aged 19) sailed on the Nestor from Liverpool to Capetown, South Africa. He gave his future country of residence as South Africa. The outbreak of war changed his plans and at the time of death Guy's place of residence was recorded as London SW.

Guy was involved in the France and Belgium Campaigns 1939-40. He died 31 May 1940, aged 21. He is buried in grave 67, row C, Oostduinkerke Communal Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

The Belgium surrender took place on the 28 May and the evacuation from Dunkirk began shortly afterwards. There are 149 identified WWII casualties buried at the cemetery, of which 140 died over just a few days around the end of May, 1940.

In 1963 Colonel Thomas Noel Spence Reid (Guy's brother) was Honoured for his services to the Rhodesia and Nyasaland Army. He was a general when he retired from the Zambian army in 1970.

Their father Noel died 14 September 1995, aged 102. He is buried in Cementerio Inglés, Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife. Annette died in November 2011.