

## **Ernest Kaye 1922-2012**

### **Biographical note from Peter J Bird "LEO The First Business Computer" Hasler Publishing Company, 1994**

"**Kaye, Ernest Joseph**, BSc (Eng) ACGI. Born in London on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1922 of Simon and Dinah Kaye (nee Hoffman). He was educated at Kilburn Grammar School and Imperial College, London, where he studied engineering between 1940 and 1942. He joined General Electric Research Laboratories in 1942, working in the communications section, on underwater homing torpedoes and later on pulse modulation and electro-mechanical relay systems. He remained there until 1949. He married Marianne Zeisl on 19<sup>th</sup> may 1947 and had three children.

He joined J. Lyons & Co. Ltd in 1949 as assistant to Dr John Pinkerton and was jointly responsible for much of the early circuit design of the LEO computer. With Ernest Lenaerts and John Pinkerton he published a series of articles in *Electronic Engineering* during 1954 that won them the Radio Industry Council's award for the best technical writing of the year. Ernest Kaye stayed with Leo Computers limited through many mergers and finally left to join Control Data, first as Marketing Manager and then United Kingdom Service Manager for the Control Data Corporation. In 1968 he retired from computer activities to run Lewis & Kaye (Hire) Limited, a company specializing in hiring and renting silver, glass and china for film and television production" He died on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012.