Herbert Heaton



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Rank: - Leading Aircraftsman

Number: - 159142

Regiment: - Royal Air Force, No 13 Maintenance Unit

Died: - 26th September 1940

Cemetery: - Henlow (St. Mary's) Churchyard, Bedfordshire.

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Herbert was born in Liversedge on 28 August 1901, the son of Thomas Albert and Lillian Heaton (nee Knowles, m. 1892, registered Dewsbury). Lilian Elsie was born in 1893, Florence 1896, Lucy 1897 and Herbert 1901. Before the Second

World War he lived at Chapel Lane, Heckmondwike and worked at Messrs. Wilson Knowles, Engineers, Heckmondwike, a firm founded by his grandfather.

Herbert was a Reservist and was called up at the outbreak of war. Herbert obtained special leave to marry Phyllis Mary Stocks on 24 Sep 1940 at Cross Bank Methodist Church, Batley. She left Batley to reside near where he was serving.

At the time of his death, he was stationed at No 13 Maintenance Unit, Henlow, Bedfordshire, one of several north London targets subjected to air attack on the night of 26 September 1940 during the Battle of Britain. Herbert died from injuries sustained in the air raid.

He is remembered with Honour at the Royal Air Force Association, Batley, Heckmondwike and Batley War Memorials.



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