Brian Pearson Lunn





Rank: - Sergeant (Bomb Aimer / Gunner)

Number: - 999230

Regiment: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 12 Squadron (Code letters PR)

Died: - 14 September 1942 aged 24

Cemetery: - Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, panel 88

Batley News, 14 Feb 1942 (photo)

Brian Pearson was born on 16 December 1917 the son of Ernest and Abigail Lunn nee Sheard who had married on 24 July 1907 at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Crossland Moor. Bessie was born in 1908 followed by Kathleen Mary 1909, Kenneth Arthur 1913, Geoffrey Lawrence 1915 and Brian Pearson. In 1911 the family lived at Lockwood where Ernest was an elementary school teacher. By 1939 he had retired and the family was living at 22, Fenton Square, Huddersfield.

Brian worked at Messrs A.E. Washington, gent's outfitters, Huddersfield before he joined the RAF in March 1941.

In November 1941 he married Miss Harriett (Molly) Phillips who lived at 86, Lady Ann Road, Soothill, Batley. It was reported in the Batley News in February 1942 that he was injured after bombing Germany and was in hospital with a broken collar bone but was progressing fairly well. This had been his 21st raid on enemy territory He had two previous narrow escapes, one in a plane which flew 600 miles on one engine. After his 30thtrip, after which he was entitled to a rest, if he wished, his wife received a telegram to say he was missing.



INJURED IN 21ST RAID AGAINST NAZIS.

Soothill Airman's Third Escape.

Injured after bombing Germany, Sergt. Brian Pearson Lunn (24), whose wife lives in Lady Ann Road, Soothill, is in hospital with a broken collar bone and is progressing fairly well.

Sergt. Lunn is a wireless operator and air gunner and this was his 21st raid on enemy territory. He has had two narrow escapes, one in a 'plane which flew 600 miles on one engine.

Sergt. B. P. Lunn.

Sergt. Lunn joined the R. A. F. 18 months ago and was married last November. He was previously with Messrs. A. E. Washington, gent.'s outfitters, Huddersfield. His wife is employed at the Farm Stores, Commercial Street, Batley.

Batley News, 14 Feb 1942 (photo)

Brian was bomb aimer and front gunner in Wellington Z1728, PH-U, one of a force of 46 aircraft which took part in a raid on Bremen. His aircraft took off from Binbrook at 0022 hours and failed to return. The attacking force lost 21 aircraft (4.7%) of which 15 were Wellingtons. With him were F/S A E Harrison, F/S W F Higson, F/S E H Riding and P/O E F Thomas. (Thanks to Bill Berry)

Harriett later lived in Blackpool, Lancashire.

Brian was awarded Air Crew Europe Star; 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Hanging Heaton War Memorial (St Paul's); Royal Air Forces Association Club, Batley and Batley War Memorial



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