Arthur Parkinson





Rank: - Aircraftsman 1st Class

Number: - 1549143

Service: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve No. 12 Air Gunnery School Bomber Command.

Died: - 23 September 1943

Memorial: - Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial Panel 171.

Arthur was born on 8 February 1921 in Birstall the son of Herbert and Clara Parkinson nee Burnett who had married 15 February 1920 at St. Saviours Church, Brownhill. Harry was born in 1922 followed by Clifford in 1924. The family lived at 7, Leyland Road, Birstall.

Arthur worked as a piecener at Messrs. George Hirst and Sons, Britannia Mills, Birstall. In early 1940 he married Bessie Hirst and they had two sons, Brian and Keith.

Arthur joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve; Harry joined the Royal Air Force and Clifford the Green Howards.

Arthur failed to return when he was flying off Northern Ireland on 23 September 1943.

He was awarded the Air Crew Europe star; 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal

Arthur is remembered with Honour at Royal Air Forces Association Club, Batley and Batley and Birstall War Memorials.



BIRSTALL MAN NOW REPORTED KILLED

A.C.1 Arthur Parkinson (22), whom we reported last week to be missing, is now stated to have been killed while flying off Northern Ireland.

A.C.1 Parkinson was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parkinson, 7, Leyland Road, Birstall, and was formerly employed at Messrs. George Hirst and Son's Britannia Mills, Birstall. He leaves a widow and two children.

Arthur Parkinson.

Two brothers are in the Forces—Harry in the R.A.F., and Clifford in the Green Howards.

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