

Alan B. BLACKMAN

Born: 1922

Parents: Son of Alfred and Margaret Blackman of Arundel Sussex

School Years: 1933-1938 House "Story" (Vice Capt)
Oxford School Certificate July 1937
Exemption from Matriculation- University of London

Civilian Occupation Clerk in Solicitors Office in Arundel

'The Martlet' 'Roll of Service' A.c. R.A.F. December 1940

Armed Forces Record

Service Rank: Sergeant

Service Number: 917077

Service Record: No.19 O.T.U.

Service Base: RAF Kinloss
Air Gunner

Date of Death: 24 March 1942



Armstrong Whitely bomber aircraft

Extract -'Bomber Command Losses – Volume 7 – Operational Training Units 1940-1947'
W.R. Chorley reads

24th March 1942

OTU (Operational Training Unit) – Whitley V Z6933 – Training

"T/o Kinloss for a combined night dual and wireless procedures exercises. Subsequently, the wreckage was discovered at Finally Hill, Angus. All were taken for burial in Montrose (Sleepyhillock) Cemetery. P/O Wheatley DFM, the instructor, had served with 77 Squadron and details of his award had been published in the London Gazette on 24th October 1941.

P/O Flint, a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) graduate of London University, was a qualified observer and air gunner, a quite unusual combination of trades”.

Note: ‘Subsequently’ has to be taken in context as it was further reported that the ‘wreckage remained undiscovered for two months’.

The crew included *Old Boy* Alan B. BLACKMAN and they were all buried at Sleepyhillock Cemetery, Montrose, Angus. He was 20.

Commemorated

Chichester High School for Boys

Chichester War Memorial

Arundel War Memorial