

Harold Tattersfield



Rank: - Sergeant (Pilot)

Number: - 1377918

Regiment: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Died: - 17 October 1941

Cemetery: - Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, panel 53

Batley News, 1 Nov 1941 (photo)

Harold was born in 1910 the son of Charles Pickering Tattersfield and Ethel Tattersfield (nee Chadwick, m. 3 Sep 1902, Leeds, Emmanuel). Joseph Alfred was born in 1903 followed by Dorothy 1904, George Chadwick 1906, Harold in early 1910, Charles Percival 1912 and Barbara 1915. The family lived at 44, Deighton Lane, Batley.

Harold was a keen sportsman, a member of Batley Rugby Union, and a champion of the Badminton Club. He was also a member of Batley Liberal Club and Staincliffe Wesleyan Chapel. After leaving Batley Grammar School he was employed in Leeds by R B Brown & Sons, clothiers, and later moved to London where in 1937 he married Miss Greta Langham.

He volunteered in 1940 and gained his wings in August 1941 and was attached to Bomber Command. Harold was posted missing on Friday evening 17 October, after operations. At this time, he was serving at Number 15 Operational Unit, Harwell.

His parents had moved to live at 40, Trafalgar Street, Batley where his father died on 15 July 1940.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley Grammar School; Royal Air Forces Association Club, Batley and Batley War Memorial.



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