

Charles Edward PETITT

754782, Sergeant (Pilot), Royal Air Force
died Saturday 12th October 1940, aged 24.

Memorial Book text:

*Home address was 37 Moores Hill,
Olney.*

*1939 – 754782 Sgt. Charles Edward
Pettit [sp?], B Flight, 2 Squadron,
Block B9, Flat 67, No.3 ITW., RAF.,
Marine Court, St Leonards-on-Sea.*

*1940 – Killed on active service, 2nd
October, 1940 and interred in the
Cemetery in Olney.*

*Bearer party was provided by D
Company, Home Guard, Olney.
Extract from HQ log dated 18
October, 1940. “Bearer party of 6 and
section leader provided for funeral of
Pilot Officer Pettit [sp?] at Olney
Parish Church at 12.30 (L White, A
Bull, A Colson, W G Fowler, F T
Morley, J W Peters, and H C Sargent.)*



CWWG information:

Son of Frederick Clement Pettitt and Francis
Annie Pettitt, of Olney.

Died Saturday 12th October 1940, aged 24.
Buried in Olney Cemetery (Grave 104).

Additional information:

Charles Pettitt was training with 7 OTU (Operational Training Unit) when he died. This unit was formed at RAF Hawarden in NE Wales on 15 June 1940 to train single seat fighter pilots, initially to use both Spitfires and Hurricanes. By August it was purely training Spitfire pilots using Miles Masters and Spitfires, with Fairey Battles for target towing duties

On Saturday 12th October 1940 he was piloting Spitfire P9327 (Mk.IA) when, for some unknown reason, it dived into the ground near Abergele, Denbighshire.

His death was registered at Aled Register Office, which covered this area of rural North Wales.

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— William H.	66	Cockermouth	10 b	1310
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— John R.	40	Epping	4 a	679
Pethick, Mary E.	75	Plympton	5 b	617
Petit, Henri L.E.	72	Islington	1 b	413
Pettitt, Charles E.	24	Aled	11 b	962
— Eliza	82	Norwich	4 b	358
Petley, Amy F.	70	Bromley	2 a	1791
Peto, Albert	63	Bromley	2 a	1791



headstone in Olney Cemetery