

Appendix A: OTHERS WW2

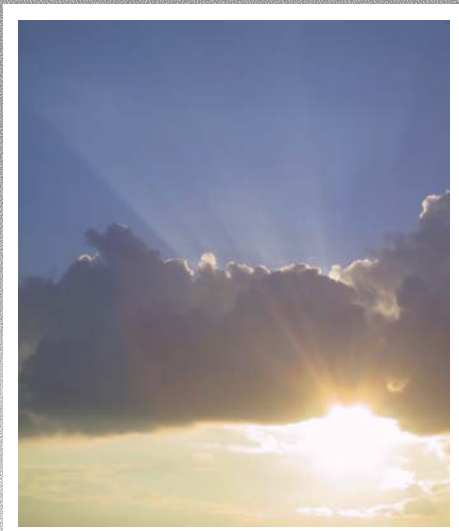
Buried in SS. Peter and Paul Churchyard, Olney, but not on the memorial or mentioned in Alec's record:

Alfred James MASKELL

1895834, Lance Serjeant, 4 Bomb Disposal Coy, Royal Engineers died Wednesday 20th September 1944, aged 34.

CWWG information:

Son of Walter James Maskell and Lilly Ann Maskell; husband of Doris Florence Maskell, of Southend-on-Sea, Essex.



Aircraft Crashes Near Olney 1939-45

Throughout the duration of the Second World War there was intense air activity all over our region. Airfields in this part of England were largely involved in training airmen, at both elementary and advanced levels, but Olney's location also put it under the flight-path of many operational aircraft – British, American and German.

Inevitably there were a number of crashes, some resulting in fatalities, and I feel strongly that these airmen too should be remembered for their contribution to the effort, even if for some it had yet to be fully realised.

Those named here were all killed within 2 miles of Olney:

Allan Thompson HINTON

J/23231 Pilot Officer, Pilot, Royal Canadian Air Force, aged 21.

Killed Friday 4th June 1943 when Miles Master (Mk II) W9038 of 7 (P)AFU based at RAF Sibson near Peterborough struck the roof of Olney Park Farm while low flying and crashed.

Extract from 'Lines in Pleasant Places - Memoirs of Gordon Osborn, FLS - Master Butcher in the Town of Olney' Page 117 : *"During the war we had many aircraft crashes to deal with, usually putting out the fire. One crash at Olney Park involved an Australian [sic] pilot who was fond of a young lady staying at the farm. He was training to fly and as he flew low over the farmhouse his wing clipped one of the chimneys, causing the aircraft to cartwheel across the cornfields. We were called to put out the blazing remains of the plane but there was no sign of the pilot. After a long search we found his body in the next field where he had been catapulted."*

The crash occurred at around 1800hrs (6pm). Allan Hinton was a US national who enlisted with the RCAF - the son of Allan Thompson Hinton, and of Martena Hinton, of East Orange, New Jersey, USA. He is buried in the RAF regional burial plot at Kempston Cemetery, near Bedford.



Miles Master Mk.II

Peter HENDERSON

154768 Pilot Officer, Pilot, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, aged 20.

Killed Wednesday 26th April 1944 when de Havilland Tiger Moth T6579 of 6 EFTS based at RAF Denton (near Brayfield-on-the-Green) crashed into trees near Olney at 0955 hrs (9.55 am). He was a PRC Officer attached to the school for refresher flying. The son of Albert C. Henderson and Elizabeth Henderson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, he was a King's Scout and his name is recorded on Panel 4 at Newcastle-on-Tyne (West Road) Crematorium.



de Havilland Tiger Moth

Crash of an 18 Operational Training Unit Wellington in October 1944

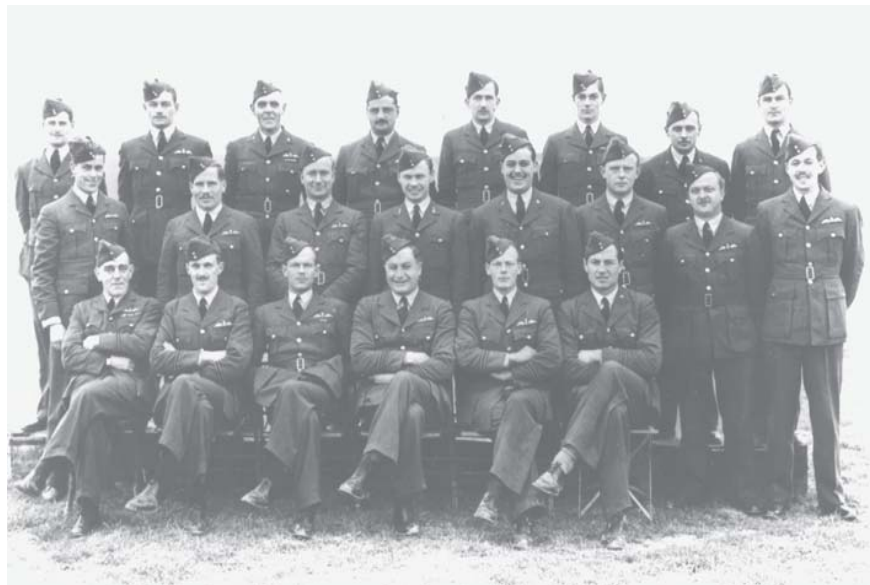
At 2245hrs (10.45pm) on Monday 16th October 1944 Vickers Wellington LN536 (Mk X) of 12 OTU crashed near Warrington, Bucks, killing the crew of six. It had been in the air for 3hrs 30 minutes and would have been heading back to its base at Chipping Warden, Northamptonshire when it is thought fire took hold. Despite wartime censorship a reference was made to the incident in 20th October issue of the Beds Times and Standard: *"Aeroplane Crashes in Flames / Villagers Search for the Crew / When an aeroplane crashed in flames about half a mile from Lavendon on Monday night, scores of villagers searched the neighbourhood in the hope of finding members of the crew, who, it was thought, might have jumped to safety. The 'plane had exploded above the village a few minutes earlier.*

The NFS arrived from Olney, but for some time could not get near the wreckage because of exploding ammunition. Later parachutes were discovered near the 'plane and it was assumed that all the crew had lost their lives."

The Wellington's pilot was a particularly experienced aviator, having joined the RAF pre-war he had survived the Battle for France, flying Fairey Battles, with 103 Squadron. On 27th September 1939 his gunner was credited as being the first Squadron member to shoot down a German aircraft during WW2. After the unit was effectively wiped out, with the loss of all its aircraft, he led a party back across the English Channel some time after the main evacuation from Dunkerque. Moving to Training Command he rose to the rank of Wing Commander before volunteering to return to Operational flying. In order to do this he took a step down in rank and re-trained for the new types of heavy bombers that were by this time in service. It is believed he was on his last training flight when the accident occurred and this was the day after his thirtieth birthday.

Arthur Lushington VIPAN

39191 Squadron Leader (Pilot), Royal Air Force, age 30.
Buried at Cambridge City Cemetery.



103 Sqdn Officers in France; 1940 [A Vipan : middle row, third from right]

His crew were:

Daniel John FALCONER

77912 Flight Lieutenant (Navigator), Royal Air Force, aged 30.
Son of Charles William Falconer, and of Jessie Falconer (nee Blackley), of Liberton, Edinburgh. B.Com., A.M.Inst.
Buried at Edinburgh (Liberton) Cemetery

William Harold CHAPPELL

1602941, Sergeant (Air Bomber), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Age 22.
Son of Harold and Edith Kate Chappell, of Staple Hill.
Buried at Mangotsfield (Downend) Cemetery, Gloucestershire.

Victor Stephen WRIGHT

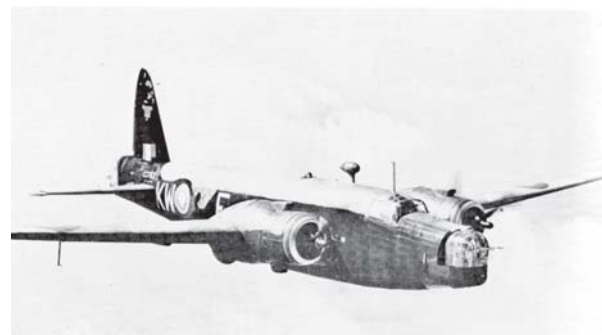
1892957 Sergeant (Wireless Operator), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, aged 19. Son of Sydney Gladstone Wright and Ethel Emma Wright, of Sutton-at-Hone. Buried at Sutton-at-Hone Burial Ground, Kent.

Peter Neville HEWITT

1812711 Sergeant (Air Gunner), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, aged 20.
Son of Ernest E. Hinds Hewitt and Dorothy Cecil Hewitt, of Woolwich.
Buried at Woolwich (Eltham) Cemetery, London.

Harold Desmond HUDSON

1813316 Sergeant (Air Gunner), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, aged 20.
Son of Samuel and Ada Hudson, of Stockingford, Nuneaton and buried at Nuneaton (Oaston Road) Cemetery, Warwickshire.



Vickers Wellington