Arthur Charles BARCOCK

7630961, Private, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, died Monday 7th October 1940, aged 24.

Memorial Book text:

Employed by A Gudgin & Son Ltd., at Olney Mill, Church St.

1940 – reported killed in the London blitz.

Buried in Olney Cemetery, aged 24.

Photo supplied by Mr Brian Barcock, son, who regrettably never knew his Father. Arthur Barcock was married to the late Moira Bull.



CWWG information:

Son of Arthur George and Annie Barcock; husband of Myra Barcock, of Olney.

His name also appears on the Cranfield War Memorial

Additional Information:

Arthur Barcock died on the first day of The London Blitz (7th September 1940 – 10th May 1941).

In daylight, at about five o'clock in the afternoon, the first of 300 German bombers began dropping incendiary bombs on the East End of London. The docks areas of West Ham and Bermondsey, and adjoining Poplar, Shoreditch, Whitechapel and Stepney were particularly hard hit. As darkness fell the light of the fires guided other bombers to their target and bombs fell constantly throughout the night until about 4.30 the next morning. In this first raid 430 people were killed with 16,000 seriously injured. The blitz on London and the South continued for 76 consecutive nights (with the exception of 2nd November), and by New Years Day 1941 13,339 people had been killed as a result.



CWWG headstone in Olney Cemetery