

Cpl. Albert Richardson Bradshaw 16373 RAF

Albert was born on 11 December 1885 in Derby, Derbyshire, the son of Albert and Charlotte Jane Bradshaw (née Kelly). However, in official documents he had claimed to be 2 years younger.

Before the outbreak of World War 1, Albert was employed as a GPO Exchange Inspector. Albert enlisted in the RFC in December 1915, and he embarked for France in May 1916, working as a telecommunications operative with 13 Kite Balloon Company. Albert was later attached to 8 Balloon Company and was officially transferred into the RAF on 1 April 1918.

In April 1920 Albert left the RAF but remained in the Reserve, working as a Post Office Engineer and later an Antiques Dealer. In March 1939, Albert volunteered for the Overseas Service Reserve, was re-mustered as an Aircraft Hand (Telecomms) but was deemed fit for Home Service only.

In June 1939 Albert was called up for Service and, despite being allocated for Home Service only, Albert went to France with 18 Squadron and was based in Méharicourt, France.

On 1 May 1940 Albert was taken ill, dying on 10 May 1940 of Heart Failure.

Albert is buried in Le Quesnel Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

Albert is commemorated on Wall Panel 134.