

FS William Fisher 508027 RAF

William was born on 14 September 1908 in Calton, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, the son of Frederick and Matilda Fisher. William was a member of RAF Wattisham Ground Crew.

Before William joined the RAF in January 1928 as an Aircraft Hand, he was employed as a Carpenter by a local land owner.

Still at the height of the Battle of Britain, throughout the 29 October 1940, the Luftwaffe continued attacks on airfields across East Anglia, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire. RAF Wattisham was one of many targets.

A lone Dornier 17 of 6./KG.2 attacked RAF Wattisham and, in addition to damaging some aircraft, it also dropped a number of the new SD-2 anti-personnel "butterfly bombs". The airfield was declared unusable for operations, and needed to be cleared as soon as possible. William was one of those tasked with helping to dispose of those that had failed to explode. Whilst in the course of this task, William and one other Ground Crew was killed when one exploded.

Also killed : Sgt George Thomas Birkhead

William is buried in Epsom Cemetery, Surrey

William is commemorated on Wall Panel 164