

AC1 Frederick Samuel Randolph Fletcher 48924 RAF

Frederick was born on 3 January 1898 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, the son of Cobden Bright Fletcher and May Fletcher nee Leacey. In February 1925 he married Doris Elizabeth Cole in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. They had 2 sons.

Frederick was an apprentice engineer when he joined the RFC in October 1916, serving for the remainder of World War 1. After the war, Frederick returned to Cheltenham to work in the family Glass and China Business, and was elected as a Town Councillor.

During the Munich Crisis of 1938 Frederick realised that, despite his age, men of his experience would be needed if the country was to go to war and he registered for reserve call-up. At the outbreak of war he was called up and at the time of death was a member of 107 Sqn ground crew, working as an armourer.



On 9 July 1940, Frederick, together with two other servicemen, was travelling back to RAF Wattisham following a few days leave at home in Cheltenham. At 22:45, the car in which he was travelling crashed into an unlit barricade near Bury St Edmunds. Thrown from the vehicle, Frederick was seriously injured and was taken to RAF Hospital Ely, Cambridgeshire. Sadly, Frederick died on 19 July 1940 from acute meningitis due to a compound depressed fracture of the skull and bronchial pneumonia.

Frederick is buried in Cheltenham Cemetery, Prestbury, Gloucestershire

Frederick is commemorated on Wall Panel 164

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