PO Arthur Eric Lockwood 108167 RAFVR

Arthur was born on 29 August 1919 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, the son of Ralph Edwin Lockwood and Blanche Naomi Lockwood nee Lovell.

Before war was declared, Arthur was an exhibitioner at Christ College, Cambridge University. On completion of his studies he joined the RAFVR as a pilot and was commissioned in October 1941.

On 1 April 1942, 12 aircraft from 107 Sqn were detailed to attack an armed Merchantman at Boulogne Docks. At 12:09 Arthur and his crew departed RAF Great Massingham, Norfolk in Boston III AL264. Weather over the target area was poor and the bombs, dropped from 14,000 feet at 13:15, appeared to hit the town, East of the Docks. Very heavy flak was reported in the target area and the last 3 aircraft, including Arthurs, were badly hit.

On final approach to the airbase, the flak damaged port engine failed. The airplane entered an uncontrolled descent and at 14:14 crashed near the airfield killing Arthur and injuring the air gunner. The Observer had bailed out earlier and was unhurt.

Arthur is buried in St Andrew's Churchyard, Little Massingham, Norfolk, Surrey

Arthur is commemorated on Wall Panel 200