Sgt Alfred Ellis Mawdsley 580968 RAF

Alfred was born in 1919 in Seacombe, Cheshire, the son of James Ernest Mawdsley and Matilda Rood Mawdsley nee Williams.

In March 1940, Alfred was an Observer on 101 Sqn at RAF West Raynham, Norfolk.

On 7 March 1940, Alfred, operating as the Observer, and the crew departed RAF West Raynham, Norfolk in Blenheim IV N6165 (SR-S) tasked with a training flight over Wainfleet Sands on the Lincolnshire Coast. The flight was part of a programme of air firing, local altitude and photography, and wireless transmitter range tests on low power.

Whilst low flying South West of Diss, Norfolk near the village of Botesdale, the aircraft struck a line of high tension cables, taking down two telegraph poles and a high chimney. At 14:45 the aircraft crashed into a garden behind the White Horse Public House in Rickinghall Superior, Suffolk, killing Alfred and the Pilot.

Also killed : FO Standish Cecil Mottram (Pilot)

Alfred is buried in Wallasey (Rake Lake) Cemetery, Cheshire

Alfred is commemorated on Wall Panel 206