

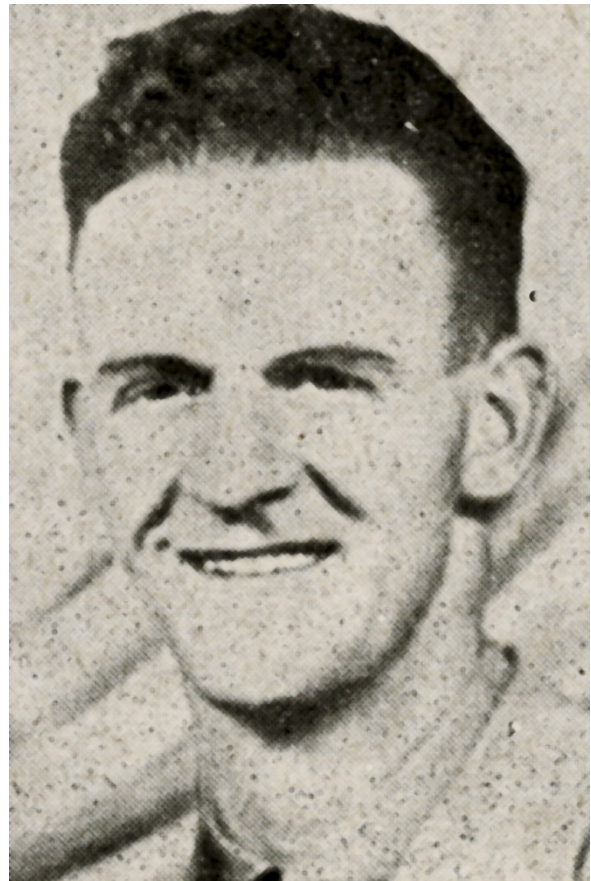
FS Arthur Henry John Morgan 416013 RNZAF

Arthur was born on 29 March 1915 in Christchurch, New Zealand, the son of Charles Arthur Morgan and Anna Mary Morgan nee Forrester. In 1940 he married Marion Fairholm Scott in New Zealand.

Educated at Forbury School, Dunedin and Dunedin Technical College, Arthur was employed as a factory foreman by the Wholesale Milk Supply Co., Dunedin when, in April 1941 he volunteered for aircrew duties with the RNZAF.

Called up in June 1941, following basic training in New Zealand, in November 1941 Arthur was sent to Canada to train under the Empire Air Training Scheme. In October 1942 Arthur was awarded his WOp/AG badge and embarked for the UK.

Following advanced training at 11 OTU RAF Westcott, Buckinghamshire and 1657 HCU RAF Stradishall, Suffolk, in August 1943 Arthur was posted to 218 Sqn at RAF Downham Market, Norfolk.



On 22/23 September 1943, Bomber Command was tasked with an op against Hanover, the first major raid to the city for 2 years and the first of a series of four raids on this target. Hanover was an important railway junction at the intersection of two major east-west and north-south routes and was the fifth most active industrial centre in the Third Reich. A combined force of 711 aircraft were allocated to the task, including fifteen 218 Sqn crews. Three squadron crews failed to return.

At 18:50 on the 22 September Arthur, operating as the Wireless Operator, and the crew departed RAF Downham Market in Stirling III EJ105 (HA-N).

In the target area, Arthur's aircraft was damaged by flak which killed the Rear Gunner, and part of his turret fell from the aircraft taking him with it. The Rear Gunner was found near Benstorf, south of Hanover, with parts of the gun turret nearby. The Mid Upper Gunner and Flight Engineer baled out and were taken as POW.

The remaining four crew nursed the aircraft homewards. On reaching the East Anglian coast of England, and with one engine on fire, the Stirling crashed in the early hours of 23 September at Hall Farm, Barrow, 5 miles WSW of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, killing the four remaining crew members. This was Arthur's 5th op.

Also killed: FO Wilfrid Selwyn Pryce-Williams (AB); PO Rodney Ernest Duffy RAAF (Pilot); FS Thomas Douglas Ellis RAAF (Nav); FS Roy Lawrence Gehrig RAAF (AG)

Arthur is buried in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire

Arthur is commemorated on Wall Panel 214

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