AC1 Irvin Shaw 987871 RAFVR

Irvin was born on 29 April 1920 in Linthwaite, Yorkshire, the son of Hubert Shaw and Elsie Shaw nee Westerby.

Educated at Golcar National School and Royds Hall Grammar, before joining the RAF in 1940, he was apprenticed to a Milnsbridge firm of Printers.

Irvin was a member of 161 Sqn ground crew based at RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire.

Shortly after midnight on 7 June 1942, Irvin was killed on the Great North Road at Girtford Bridge, Sandy, Bedfordshire. A witness at the inquest reported that at about 00:10 when they had passed the "Dick Turpin" Public House, they had seen an airman cycling towards Sandy without a light. They overtook the airman near to the bridge when two heavy lorries approached them, one overtaking the other. Soon afterwards they heard a loud bang and returned to find the airman lying in the road.

According to the medical evidence, death was due to a perforated wound to, and fracture of, the skull. The injuries were consistent with Irvin having been struck by a hard, moving object. Despite extensive searches, the driver of the vehicle was never traced.

Irvin is buried in St John Churchyard, Golcar, Yorkshire

Irvin is commemorated on Wall Panel 240