Sgt Arthur James Underwood 626850 RAF

Arthur was born in 1921 in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, the son of Charles Henry Underwood and Jessie Underwood nee Peet.

Arthur joined the RAF in 1937 straight from school and trained as a WOp/AG. He had seen service flying over Norway, Germany and the occupied countries.

On the morning of 10 August 1940, 11 Blenheims from 110 Sqn departed RAF Wattisham to attack enemy aerodromes. Targets included Schipol, Yepenburg, Waalhaven, Haamstede, Caen, Cherbourg, Guernsey, Dinard, and Brest. Arthur's target was St. Inglevert, Pas de Calais, where, after the German occupation in June 1940, the Luftwaffe had taken over the airfield and stationed Messerschmitt Bf 109 fighter planes on the base. Arthur, operating as the WOp/AG, and the crew departed RAF Wattisham at 06:05 in Blenheim IV R3775 (VE) and was the only aircraft not to return. The circumstances of the loss are unknown.

Also killed: PO Arthur Raymond Storrow MiD (Pilot); Sgt Louis Charles Cooke (Observer)

Arthur and his crew are buried in a collective grave in Pihen-les-Guines Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Arthur is commemorated on Wall Panel 257