

SHAW, P/O Arthur "Artie" (54437), RAF [mid-upper gunner]

Born between 22 April 1919 - 21 April 1920 (age 24 at death).

Sergeant (enlistment number 670909, also 650909)

Assigned to 428 Ghost Squadron (R.C.A.F.) on ?

Commissioned as Pilot Officer (enlistment number 54437, also 54473) between 30 March 1944 & 13 April 1944.

Flights with C. G. Ford (28 operational missions):

22 August 1943, Halifax V NA-G, Operations - Leverkusen [N.C.O.] (4:45 night)

23 August 1943, Halifax V NA-G, Operations - Berline [D.N.C.O.] (1:55 night)

24 August 1943, Halifax NA-O, fighter affiliation (0:50 day)

27 August 1943, Halifax V NA-G, Operations - Nuremberg (8:45 night)

30 August 1943, Halifax V NA-G, Operations - Muenden-Gladback (6:45 night)

02 September 1943, Halifax V NA-G, Gardening (3:40 night)

05 September 1943, Halifax V NA-G, Operations - Mannerheim (8:15 night)

06 September 1943, Halifax V NA-G, Operations - Munich (1:30 day, 9:25 night)

22 September 1943, Halifax II NA-F, bombing (2:00 day)

22 September 1943, Halifax II NA-F, Operations - Hannover (7:00 night)

23 September 1943, Halifax II NA-F, Operations - Mannheim (8:00 night)

27 September 1943, Halifax II NA-F, Operations - Hannover (6:10 night), to Molsworth

28 September 1943, Halifax II NA-F, Molsworth to base (1:20 day)

03 October 1943, Halifax II NA-F, air to air (2:15 day)

03 October 1943, Halifax II NA-F, Operations - Kassel (7:70 night)

07 October 1943, Halifax II NA-I, fighter affiliation (0:50 day)

22 October 1943, Halifax II NA-D, fighter affiliation (1:00 day)

09 November 1943, Halifax NA-D, local flying air test (0:50 day)

10 November 1943, Halifax NA-D, local flying air test (0:55 day)

11 November 1943, Halifax V NA-G, Operations - Cannes marshalling yards (10:25 night)

16 November 1943, Halifax NA-I, special cross-country (8:00 day)

21 November 1943, Halifax NA-H, special cross-country (3:00 day)

22 November 1943, Halifax NA-A, air test (1:40 day)

24 November 1943, Halifax NA-A, special cross-country (2:45 day)

26 November 1943, Halifax NA-A, Operations - Stuttgart (8:20 night), landed East Moor

01 December 1943, Halifax, base to East Moor (0:30 day)

02 December 1943, Halifax NA-A, East Moor to base (0:30 day)

16 December 1943, Halifax II NA-E, radar cross-country (2:20 day)

19 December 1943, Halifax II NA-H, radar air-to-sea (1:50 day)

20 December 1943, Halifax II NA-A, air test (0:30 day)

20 December 1943, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Frankfurt (7:40 night)

29 December 1943, Halifax NA-A, Operations - Berlin (8:10 night)

03 January 1944, Halifax II NA-A, air test (1:00 day), S/L Reilander passenger

04 January 1944, Halifax II NA-A, air test (0:35 day)

07 January 1944, Halifax V NA-C, air to air (1:20 day)

09 January 1944, Halifax II NA-A, air test (1:35 day)

21 January 1944, Halifax NA-H, Operations - Magdeburg [turn back] (3:55 night)

28 January 1944, Halifax NA-A, Operations - Berlin [2 fighter attacks] (8:50 night)

02 February 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Kiel, mining (6:45 night)

07 February 1944, Halifax II NA-C, air test / fighter affiliation (1:10 day)

07 February 1944, Halifax II NA-C, air test (1:00 day)

21 February 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - La Rochelle, mining (7:00 night)

25 February 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Copenhagen, mining (7:10 night)  
07 March 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Le Mans (6:10 night)  
11 March 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Lorient, gardening (7:40 night)  
13 March 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations Le Mans, marshalling yards (6:20 night)  
18 March 1944, Halifax NA-H, Operations - Heligoland, gardening (5:15 night)  
21 March 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Kiel, recalled (3:00 night)  
22 March 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Kiel, gardening (7:40 night)  
23 March 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Laon, railway yards (6:45 night)  
26 March 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Coutrai, marshalling yards (5:20 night)  
29 March 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Paris, marshalling yards (6:40 night)  
30 March 1944, Halifax NA-H, Operations - Heligoland, gardening (5:15 night)  
13 April 1944, Halifax NA-J, Operations - Le Havre, mining (4:25 night)  
17 April 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Kiel, mining (6:00 night)  
18 April 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations - Copenhagen, mining (6:50 night)  
20 April 1944, Halifax II NA-A, Operations Lens, cracked (6:00 night)

20-4-44: Four crews are detailed for mining at Cherbourg and Le Havre, and twelve for bombing operations on Lens. All aircraft reached the targets but two crashed on return to England with disastrous results.

...F/L Ford (J.21372 R.C.A.F.) aircraft was hit by enemy cannon shells over France and caught fire in the fuselage and port wing. F/O Ardis (J.26495 R.C.A.F.) mid-upper gunner, P/O Shaw (54437) rear gunner and Sgt. Carrigan (1807113) Flight Engineer left their positions to fight the fire. F/L Ford gave orders to abandon aircraft but as these three were not on the inter-communication, only the navigator F/O N. R. McGregor (J.14675 R.C.A.F.), Air Bomber F/L A. H. Murphy (J.25069 R.C.A.F.), and W.O.P. F/S Jones (1089363) abandoned and are missing. F/L Ford then brought the aircraft back to England and crash landed. P/O Shaw suffered a fractured skull and died in a few hours and the rest are in hospital...

28-4-44: A stand-down today, much needed and much appreciated as the boys have been working very steadily. One radar cross-country was flown. P/O Shaw was buried at his home at Sowerby Bridge, Yorks, today. Headquarters, 51 Group supplied a representative.

A crash-landing was made at 0120h (21Apr44) at RAF Attlebridge, Norfolk  
P/O Shaw died from his injuries

He is buried in Southowram (St. Anne-in-the-Grove) Churchyard at Brighouse, Yorkshire  
Sec. 1884. Row G. Grave 43

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