

Dennis Kenneth Ashton

Sergeant Pilot Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve.261 Squadron

Service Number 741212

Died on 26 November 1940 age 25

Remembered in the Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1703810/ashton,-dennis-kenneth/>

Born c1915. Son of Leonard and Margaret Helen Ashton

Dennis was born in Shanghai, he came to England when quite young and was educated in Birkenhead. He was employed in the Health Department of Birkenhead Council and then moved to work for Nottinghamshire County Council. He joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve c1936 and was called up on the outbreak of war.

Dennis married Ethel (Peggy) Blackwell, on December 23rd 1939, at All Hallows Church Gedling. (recorded in the Parish Magazine for Jan 1940)

Ethel and her mother also Ethel ran the Royal Oak pub on Burton Road (now the 'Inn for a Penny')



Dennis had joined the RAFVR in 1937 subsequently being assigned to 261 Squadron. In August 1940 this squadron was assigned to the defence of Malta At this point they were flying the Gloster Sea Gladiator Mk.I

A daughter was born on November 12th 1940

Ashton. Nov 12th 1940. Royal Oak. To Peggy (nee Blackwell) wife of Sergt. Pilot Dennis Ashton, the gift of a daughter, (Both well).

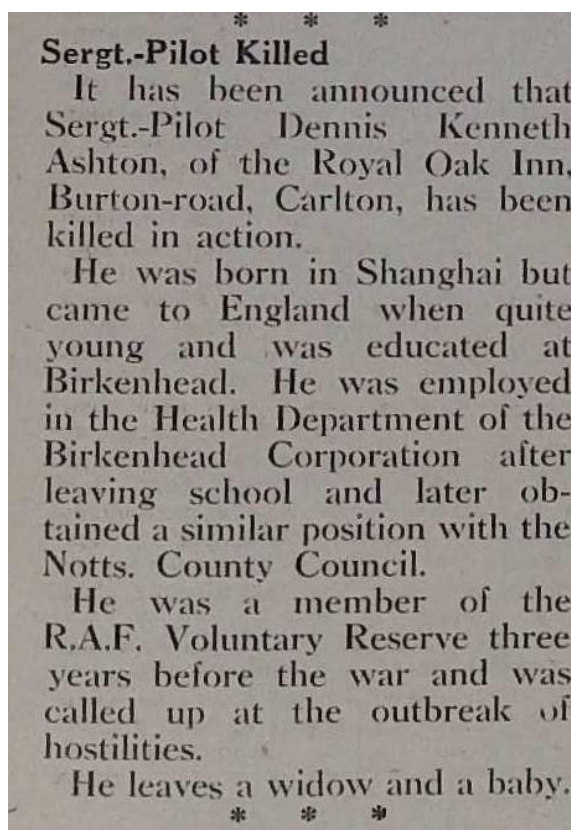
Nottingham Evening Post 12 November 1940.

Dennis was killed 2 weeks later, on November 26th 1940.

His death was reported in All Hallows Parish Magazine (January 1941)

Death of Sgt Pilot D K Ashton married in Gedling church just a year ago, prior to his going on service overseas.

South Notts Echo 7 Dec 1940



He is commemorated in the Malta Kalkara (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery

Pictures and information about the cemetery can be found on

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery>

There is also a photograph of Dennis Ashtons grave on this website

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15218608/dennis-kenneth-ashton#view-photo=126663012>

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In Memorium.

ASHTON. Proud and loving memories of my dear husband and daddy of Rosemary, Sergt Pilot Dennis K Ashton, Killed in action, Malta November 26th 1940. Dearest memories, silently treasured, Wife and Rosemary.