

## **Anthony Hill**

Flight Sergeant 38 Sqdn Royal Air Force.

Service number 590559

Died 21 February 1940

Commemorated on the RAF Runnymede Memorial.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/1800097/hill,-anthony/>

Unfortunately with so little information I have been unable to discover any background for Anthony Hill.

Using the website <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk> I find that he enlisted in the RAF as an 'Apprentice Clerk', joining after October 1925 and was appointed a Class F Reservist.

In 1939 he was assigned to RAF 38 Squadron.

From May 1937 to November 1940, 38 Squadron was based at RAF Marham in Norfolk. The squadron flew Vickers Wellington Bombers.

*The squadron had a quiet start to the war flying a few sweeps over the North Sea, but not getting involved in the early daylight raids over the German coast. ([www.historyofwar.org](http://www.historyofwar.org)) This changed in May 1940 with the German invasion of the Low Countries.*

On his last mission Anthony Hill flew in a Wellington 1A, No. N2951 HD- from RAF Marham, Norfolk. The crew took off at 23.25 hours to search for enemy shipping in the Heligoland area. The last wireless contact was received at 03.06 hours and the plane was then presumed lost at sea.

Anthony Hill died on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1940. He is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2139034/runnymede-memorial>