## TRENTHAM WAR MEMORIAL 1939-1945



Name HUGH SHARPLEY

DOB 28/4/1910
Place of birth North Shields

Lived at The Toft, Hanchurch

Occupation Engineering assistant

Family His father Edward Burgess [b1876] was Town

Clerk of Stoke on Trent. He married Annie Beatrice

Stephenson (b 28/9/1877) in 1905.

Hugh had three siblings - [twins] Roger and Joyce

(b1907) and sister Norah [b1912]

Marital Status Single

Qualifications He was awarded Aero Certificate 15031 at North Staffordshire Aero Club on

6th June 1937

Age enlisted Aged 28, he joined the Royal Air Force Voluntary Reserve in January 1939

Date enlisted He was called up on 1st September 1939

Place enlisted He completed his training and was serving with 234 Squadron at RAF St. Eval in

Cornwall in early July 1940

Service Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 234 Squadron

Reg number Service Number 742808

Rank Sergeant-Pilot

**Date of death** Died 16/11/1940

Age at death 30

information

Place of death He was killed on 16th November 1940, still with 234 Squadron, when he

crashed into the sea off Porth, Newquay in Spitfire X4072 after taking off on an

interception.

Cause of death Not fully known. He may have lost consciousness or may have been shot

down.

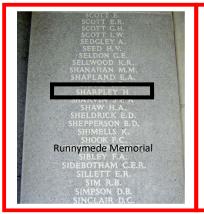
Grave or Commemorated at Runnymede Memorial panel 19. The memorial

Memorial commemorates those airmen and women who died in western Europe and

have no known grave.

Other Probate to Annie Beatrice Sharpley [mother] and Joyce Massey [sister and wife

of Oswald Norman Massey £779 6s 9d.







SHARPLEY Hugh

The Toft, Hanchurch, Stoke-on-Trent

28th.April 1910



15031

at North Shields

Engineering Assistant

ate taken on Miles Hawk, Cirrus IIIa 85 h.p. North Staffs Aero Club.