

In Memory of
Air Mechanic 3rd Class
Robert Turnock

163334, Royal Air Force who died on 30 June 1918

Remembered with Honour
Turin Town Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Air Mechanic 3rd Class Robert Turnock

Royal Air Force

Died: 30 June 1918

How Died: Died

Country of burial: Italy

Cemetery or Memorial: Turin Town Centre Cemetery

Town Memorial: Altrincham

Extra Information:

Born during the December quarter 1895 in the Newcastle under Lyne R.D. - ref: 6b/82, the son of Hugh & Selina Turnock (nee Shufflebotham).

1901 Census - 139 Church Street, Butt Lane, Talke, Staffordshire. Son - aged: 5 - born: Talke, Audley. Head of household - Hugh Turnock - Married - aged: 46 - occ: Coal Miner - born: Talke, Audley. Also Selina Turnock - Wife - aged: 42 - born: Talke, Audley. Plus 6 elder siblings.

His mother died in 1904, aged: 45.

1911 Census - 139 Church Street, Butt Lane, Talke, Staffordshire. Son - aged: 15 - occ: Apprentice Fitter at Fournrey ??? Works - born: Butt Lane, Talke. Head of household - Hugh Turnock - Widower - aged: 51 - occ: Collier - born: Butt Lane, Talke. Plus 4 elder siblings.

There is an MIC for a Robert Turnock. Could this be Robert before entering the RAF? This one was a Private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers - No. 29953. Awarded only the BWM & the VM.

Attended the Young Men's Bible Class at Broadheath Congregational Church. Interested in the bowling club and the Young Mens Institute.

Enlisted in May 1917. 3rd Class Air Mechanic.

The disastrous defeat of the Italian Army by Austro-Hungarian and German forces in the Battle of Caporetto led to the transfer of 3 RFC Sopwith Camel fighter squadrons (Nos. 28, 45 and 66), two two-seater squadrons (Nos. 34

and 42, with RE8s) and No. 4 Balloon Wing to the Italian Front in November 1917. No. 139 Squadron (Bristol Fighters) were added in July 1918.

Death reported in the 12/07/1918 edition of the Altrincham Guardian. Died of double Pneumonia whilst at a rest camp abroad, whilst on his way to the front.

A Section of No. 29 Stationary Hospital was at Turin in 1918.

There is no obvious link the Altrincham area. Perhaps he had come to work in one of the engineering works on the Broadheath Industrial Estate???

Memorials found on:

Altrincham & District Roll of Honour

Broadheath Congregational Church



Turin Town Cemetery British Military Section, Piedmont, Italy

(Robert's grave is the third from left, back row)