

In Memory of
Flight Sub-Lieutenant
Harold Ferguson Airey

Royal Naval Air Service who died on 23 November 1917

Son of Francis Skinner Airey and Elizabeth Airey.

Remembered with Honour
St. Anne's-On-Sea Churchyard



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Flight Sub-Lieutenant Harold Ferguson Airey

Royal Naval Air Service

Died: 23 November 1917 Age: 19

How Died: Killed in Action

Country of burial: U.K.

Cemetery or Memorial: St. Anne's on Sea Churchyard

Town Memorial: Hale

Extra Information:

Born on the 28th August 1898 in the Blackburn R.D. - ref: 8e/406, the eldest son of Francis Skinner & Elizabeth Airey (nee Ferguson).

1901 Census - 16 Amherst Street, Withington, Manchester. Son - aged: 2 - born: Blackburn, Lancashire. Head of household - Francis S. Airey - Married - aged: 32 - occ: Valuer in Mills Works - born: Blackburn. Also Elizabeth Airey - Wife - aged: 27 - born: Blackburn.

1911 Census - "Newlyns", York Road, St. Annes on Sea, Lancashire. Son - aged: 12 - Scholar - born: Blackburn. Head of household - Francis S. Airey - Married - aged: 42 - occ: Auctioneer, Valuer and Fire Assessor in Mills Works (Employer) - born: Blackburn. Also Elizabeth Airey - Wife - aged: 38 - born: Blackburn. Plus 3 younger brothers.

Attended King Edward's School, St. Annes on Sea and the Hale Congregational Church.

Employed in his father's firm who was the principal of Messrs. F.S. Airey, Entwistle & Co, Mill Valuers and Auctioneers, Norfolk St, Manchester.

His Royal Aero Club index card and photograph are in the care of the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon, London. His index card No. 4173 states that he obtained his RAeC Certificate flying a Maurice Farman Biplane at the Royal Naval Air Station, Redcar on the 5th January 1917. It also confirms his address as:- "Redlands", Hale Road, Hale.

Appointed to the rank of Flight Sub-Lieutenant Naval Wing, RNAS on the 25th March 1917.

He had been at the front, where he shot down one enemy aircraft. He transferred to Dover to test new flying machines. On the 23rd November 1917 he was having a final trial flight at Dover, Kent, when he nosed dived and failed to recover.

Buried at St. Anne's Parish Churchyard, St. Anne's on Sea, Lancashire on Monday 26th November 1917. The RAeC photo is on his file.

Death reported in the 30/11/1917 edition of the Altrincham Guardian. Letters of Administration given to his father on the 20th April 1918. Estate valued at - £112. 10. 1d.

The 10/07/1917 edition of the local newspaper reported that a Sgt. Major James Henry Airey, the younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Airey, 49 Church St, Altrincham, had been awarded the D.C.M. A relative perhaps - but not his brother.

Memorials found on:

Altrincham United Reformed Church, Hale

Altrincham & District Roll of Honour

4173	
AIREY, Harold Ferguson	
Redlands, Hale Road, Hale, Cheshire.	
<i>Born</i> 22nd Aug. 1898	<i>at</i> Blackburn
<i>Nationality</i> British	
<i>Rank, Regiment, Profession</i> Flight Officer, R.N.	
<i>Certificate taken on</i> Maurice Farman Biplane	
<i>At</i> Royal Naval Air Station, Redcar	
<i>Date</i> 5th January 1917	



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