



Flight Lt Bertram (Bert) Townsin

29th Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Died 23 February 1944 (age 29)





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Born on 1 March 1914, Bertram Cecil Townsin was the eldest child of Arthur Binley and Edith Julia Townsin (nee Licquorish) of



Blind Lane, Cottingham. He is pictured here (on the left) with his parents, brother Reg and sisters Dolly, Phyllis and Audrey.

In 1939, he was working as a sales assistant at a gentleman's outfitters and was living at St Peters Road in Leicester.

Bert died somewhere over the English Channel on 23 February 1944, just 8 days before his thirtieth birthday. He was the navigator of a de Havilland Mosquito aircraft piloted by Wing Commander Robert Ewart Xavier Mack DFC on an interception mission. The flight did not return.

Bert is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial at Englefield Green, near Egham, Surrey. He is also commemorated on the gravestone of his grandparents Charles and Ellen Licquorish, in Cottingham Churchyard, and on a plaque at Kettering Grammar School, where he was a pupil.



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In Memory of
Flight Lieutenant
Bertram Cecil Townsin

118784, 29 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who died on 23 February 1944

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Runnymede Memorial



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