

SYDNEY HARRY SHAW – NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE

Enlisted: National Fire Service
Born: 16th August 1892, Desford
Died: 9th April 1941, Aged 47
Memorials: London Road Cemetery, Coventry
Mass Grave for the Coventry Blitz
Burbage War Memorial
St Catherine's Church Memorial



Sydney Harry Shaw was born on 16th August 1892, the 4th of 7 children of George and Annie Shaw of Desford. By 1911, Harry is employed as a Pony Driver at Desford Colliery.

On 27th December 1913, Harry marries Elizabeth Barrett of Burbage and by the time of the 1939 census, Harry is employed as a Hosiery Maker and is living at 21 Flamville Road with his wife and 9 of their 12 children.

At the time of his death, Sydney was employed as a Fireman at a factory in Ansty, near Coventry, which assembled mosquito aircraft for the war effort, this is now Rolls Royce.

These factories produced aircraft under the governments "shadow scheme" using technology transfer and the manufacturing facilities of the motor industry to produce aircraft for the war effort.

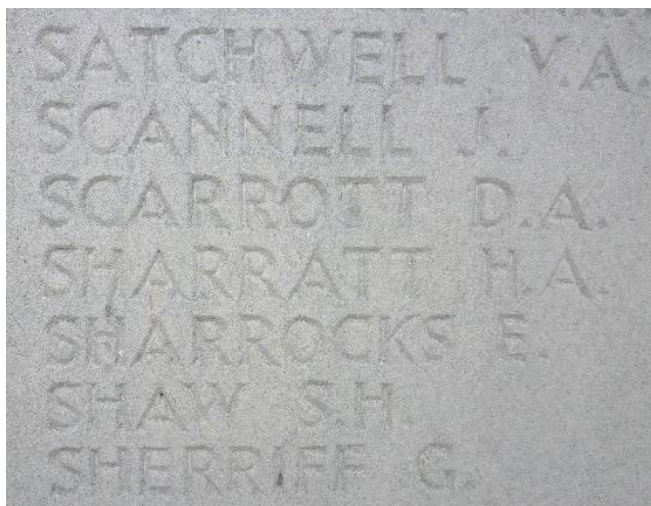
Having survived World War 1 with a shrapnel injury to his ankle, during World War 2 Sydney was injured whilst working at Ansty and was taken to hospital at Walsgrave and was killed during the Coventry Blitz when the Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital was bombed on 9th April 1941.



The Civilian Monument at London Road, Cemetery



Mass Grave in London Road Cemetery



Mass Grave at London Road Cemetery, Coventry

Sydney is laid to rest in a mass grave at London Road Cemetery, Coventry of 808 people who were killed in the bombings during November 1940 and April 1941

SHAW, SYDNEY HARRY, age 47. Husband of Elizabeth Shaw, of 21 Flamville Road, Burbage, Leicestershire. 9 April 1941, at Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital.

Civilian War Dead



St. George's Chapel In Westminster Abbey

Location: England, London

Of the many civilians of the Commonwealth whose deaths were due to enemy action in the 1939-1945 War, the names of more than 67,000 are commemorated in the Civilian War Dead Roll of Honour, located near St. George's Chapel in Westminster Abbey, London.

Civilian War Dead



De Havilland Mosquito Assembly – Coventry