



Pt. Herbert Ross Hawkin (Ross)

10556578 Royal Ordnance Corps

Born 1921

Died 13th July, 1942

Ross was born in St. Tudy and lived with his family in a house which has now been knocked down at the top of Wadebridge Road.

He was the eldest son of Herbert and Clara Kellow. His father, Herbie, was a shoemaker, leather worker, barber and general jack of all trades. He had one younger brother, Roger.

Ross joined the Royal Ordnance Corps at the beginning of the War, which served in numerous roles during WW2, such as bomb disposal. It was also responsible for much of the repair of Army equipment and vehicles until that task was made the responsibility of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1942.

A supply depot was established at the Gothers clay-dries site at St. Austell, for the servicing of other military sites in the area. These soldiers formed a good relationship with the village people and participated in local concerts and football matches. The clay dries at the Anchor China Clay Works near Fraddon were commandeered and used as a bomb store for the airfields at St. Eval and St. Mawgan.

Unfortunately, Ross had an accident where he fell off the back of a lorry and damaged his lower back and spine, this resulted in him getting TB, and he was sent to the Sanitorium at Tehidy Chest Hospital, Redruth where he died.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, a piece of ground was laid aside in the south-western corner of Illogan Churchyard for service burials and this later became the war graves plot. The plot now contains 52 Second World War burials, one of which is Ross where he is remembered.

HALAMA, Flt. Sgt. STANISLAV, 788017. R.A.F. (V.R.). 12th April, 1942. Of Czechoslovakia. Row 1. Grave 16.

HARDMAN, Flt. Lieut. JOHN CHEVALIER, 78206. R.A.F. (V.R.). 6th December, 1942. Row 1. Grave 22.

HAWKEN, Pte. HERBERT ROSS, 10556578. R.A.O.C. 13th July, 1942. Age 21. Son of Richard Herbert and Clara Hawken, of St. Tudy. Row 1. Grave 19.

HILL, Pte. DAVID HENRY, 6212505. The Middlesex Regt. and No. 12 Commando. 4th December, 1942. Age 25. Son of William George and Winifred Hill, of Milborne St. Andrews, Dorsetshire. Row 2. Grave 5.

KELLY, Sgt. (Pilot) ALAN CAMERON, 40771. R.N.Z.A.F. 247 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 23rd April, 1941. Age 23. Son of George Arthur and Mary Muriel Kelly, of Gore, Southland, New Zealand. Row 1. Grave 2.

KREDBA, Flt. Lieut. MIROSLAV, 81895. R.A.F. (V.R.). 14th February, 1942. Of Czechoslovakia. Row 1. Grave 12.

LOGAN, Pilot Offr. (Pilot) JAMES ALLAN, J/5996. R.C.A.F. 236 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 2nd June, 1942. Age 20. Son of Robert and Catherine Allan Logan, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. Row 1. Grave 18.

LONG, Wt. Offr. II. (Air Obs.) ROBERT MICHAEL, R/106952. R.C.A.F. 280 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 29th March, 1943. Age 31. Son of Joe Claude Arnold and Violet Grey Long, of Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada. Row 2. Grave 14.

MCDONALD, Flt. Sgt. DONALD LEO, 405598. R.A.A.F. 15th March, 1943. Age 24. Son of Arthur James Andrew and Irene Vera Elfrieda McDonald, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; husband of Sybil Gertrude McDonald, of Podmore, Worcestershire, England. Row 2. Grave 10.

McNICOL, Flt. Lieut. (Nav.) ALLAN MCDIARMID, 121044. R.A.F. (V.R.). 248 Sqdn. 9th June, 1944. Age 25. Son of Duncan McNicol, and Georgina G. McNicol, of Glasgow. Row 2. Grave 25.

MAJOR, Flying Offr. FOLLETT KEITH, 403222. ILLOGAN R.A.A.F. 15th March, 1943. Age 23. Son of (ST. ILLOGAN) Follett Newton Major and Mabel Major, of Haberfield, New South Wales, Australia. CHURCH-YARD Row 2. Grave 12. U.K. 5881

MATHIESON, Flt. Sgt. (Pilot) IAN EDGECOMBE, 413447. R.N.Z.A.F. 130 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 25th November, 1943. Age 23. Son of Augustus Nicholas and Ivy Jane Mathieson, of Wanstead, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. Row 2. Grave 23.

MOKANYK, Sgt. (Pilot) ALEXANDER ELLIOTT, R/71124. R.C.A.F. 130 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 11th October, 1941. Row 1. Grave 8.

NOLAN, Flt. Sgt. MERVYN FRANCIS, 414505. R.A.A.F. 13th September, 1943. Age 24. Son of George Saunders Nolan and Hannah Nolan, of Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia. Row 2. Grave 20.

NORMAN, Sgt. WILLIAM DAVID, 404315. R.A.A.F. 24th March, 1942. Age 25. Son of William David and Alice Mabel Norman, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Row 1. Grave 14.

PARKER, Wt. Offr. ALFRED MORGAN, 362121, B.E.M. R.A.F. 9th April, 1942. Age 37. Son of Alfred James Parker and Kathleen Rose Parker; husband of Edna Irene Parker, of Kempston, Bedford. Row 1. Grave 15.

PETTIGREW, Sgt. WILLIAM, 405602. R.A.A.F. 15th March, 1943. Age 31. Son of Matthew and Annie Pettigrew, of Windsor, Queensland, Australia. Row 2. Grave 7.

POVEY, Wt. Offr. II (W.Op./Air Gnr.) EDWIN PEARCE, R/89688. R.C.A.F. 280 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 29th March, 1943. Row 2. Grave 13.

POWELL, Sgt. (Pilot) REGINALD ARNOLD, 412733. R.N.Z.A.F. 179 (R.A.F.) Sqdn. 15th March, 1943. Age 28. Son of John Reginald Powell and of Eileen Powell (née Street), of Taumarunui, Auckland, New Zealand. Row 2. Grave 11.

RITCHIE, Sgt. (Pilot) DOUGLAS THOMAS, 1551719. R.A.F. (V.R.). 143 Sqdn. 7th October, 1943. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Mary S. S. Ritchie, of Edinburgh. Row 2. Grave 21.



MR. H. HAWKEN'S SHOE STORE
AND COBBLER'S SHOP.



The house where Ross lived with his family (now Caroline Lyle's bungalow)

