

Aircraftman 1st Class GEORGE WARMAN GREGSON

1505361, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on 28 November 1942

Remembered with honour at TEWKESBURY (ST. MARY) ABBEY CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

The Tewkesbury Register reported his death on 5 December 1942:



MR GREGSON G.W.: KILLED ON SERVICE

*On Monday morning the sad news reached Mr and Mrs. Harold Gregson of Blenheim Villas, that their only son Aircraftman Warman Gregson was killed on Saturday night at the station in this country where he was serving with the R.A.F.*

*He was educated at the Grammar School. Upon leaving school he was articled to a Gloucester firm of architects, and upon the completion of these articles was in the Surveyor's Department of Tewkesbury Town Council, under Mr Walter Ridler, for about three years. He was then appointed to a post on the engineering staff of the Hereford Corporation, which he held until he joined the R.A.F in July 1941. He was a single man.*

Unfortunately, there is no clue to the cause of his death with the CWGC using the word "died" but the Register claiming that he was killed.

His family was well known in Tewkesbury and had lived at Blenheim House, Back of Mount Pleasant for two generations. The serviceman's grandfather was John Gregson, a carpenter born in Bolton, and his father, Harold, had served in the R.A.F. at the end of World War I; he may well have been a beadle for the Council when the War Memorial was unveiled in 1922. He died at Lyndhurst, Barton Road in 1946.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> We learned later that his father tragically committed suicide.