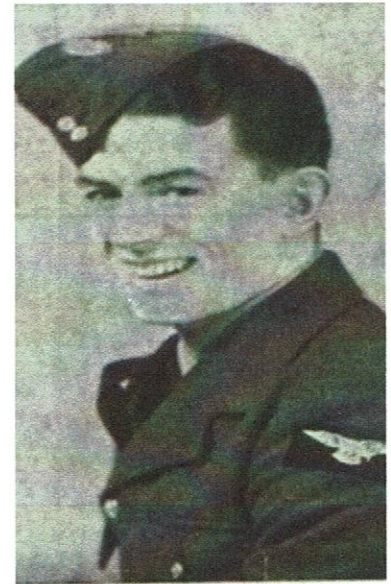# Reginald's Story

Reginald Brown born 1918 died 9 Dec 1940

Reginald enlisted in WW2 in the airforce. He was killed when the plane he was in, crashed into a quarry on return from a night bombing raid in Wales.

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Wellington T2520 of 115 Squadron coded `KO-A` Apple Took off from RAF Marham in Norfolk at 17.15 hrs on 8th December 1940 for a night bombing raid to Bordeux evans, having completed their mission the crew were returning to Marham in poor weather, however despite this other aircraft managed to make base and none were lost on operations, T2520 though somehow managed to drift way off track and crossing the Bristol Channel in the early hours of the ninth and were headed straight for the Black Mountains above Tredegar, Glamorgan where

Sergeant-Gunner R. Brown, of Te Awamutu, reported killed in action.

at 03.12 hrs it collided with the mountain of Cefn-Yr-Ystrad (2,000ft) above the old quarry workings and immediately broke up and burst into flames killing all on board. The Wellington continued to burn through the small hours and workers arriving at the quarry around 6 am saw the flames on the mountain and rushed to the scene, alas on arrival though they soon realised nothing could be done for the six unfortunate souls, and all they could do was help bring the bodies down to the quarry and wait for the authorities to arrive. Three of the crew, Tindall, Brown and Howard were buried in Llantwit Major Cemetery, while others were buried in their hometowns.

http://ww2talk.com/forums/topic/18267-in-memoriam-those-air-force-pilotscrews-who-died-on-this-day-in-ww2/page-3

Sergeant Brown was the son of Charles and Isabel Emily Brown.
As a child he lived in the Papatoetoe Orphan Home. He attended Papatoetoe Primary and Otahuhu Technical High School. On leaving school, he farmed on the Hauraki Plains and worked for Te Awamutu Dairy Company.
The Otahuhu College Archives note Sergeant Brown was attached to Bomber Squadron
Ref: http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph/search/?n=Reginald+Brown