

In Memory of  
Air Mechanic 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, Charles H B Asher



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

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CODNOR AIR MAN SAD DEATH**

The sad official news has been received by Mr and Mrs C. Asher, Tanner Lane Codnor, of the death of their eldest son 3rd/AM Chas Asher RAF aged 25 at the 8th Canadian hospital France, following upon a short and sudden attack of pneumonia the first intimation was received by telegram stating that Asher was seriously ill.

This followed by another wire a few days afterwards communicating the news of his death. By a strange coincidence this Airman's death took place on October 29 exactly a year after his younger brother Albert of the R.A.F. was seriously wounded on the western front.

Enlisting on the 22nd February of this year, A M Asher was drafted to France on Easter Sunday after only five weeks training, and had served there continuously up to the time of his death. Previous to joining the Air Force deceased was in the employ of Messrs Ogles Ripley and afterwards as a Driver on the Notts and Derbyshire Tramcars.

His parents with whom much sympathy is felt, have received the following letter from one of their son's chums:

Dear Mr Mrs Asher,

I am writing on behalf of my mates to express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with you in your loss, we have been together some months and we all got on well together. The work has been out in the open, the weather being damp and cold. Charlie complained about a cold and was sent to the hospital at Charmes, three of our party called to see him on Sunday and late on Tuesday evening we heard that he had passed away.

The hospital was a good one and we can assure you that he received the best treatment. We attended the funeral, which took place on Thursday afternoon and made a nice wreath from wild flowers. A cross will be put over his grave where he is buried in a little cemetery with the pilots and other members of the R.A.F.

Again expressing our sympathy

Yours sincerely

E. Spencer 2nd/AM