

AC1 Stanley Taylor.552191 49 Squadron.

Stanley was born and brought up in Willingham St Grimsby with three brothers and four sisters.

He joined the RAF in 1939. On 23rd November 1939 he was part of a Hampden Bomber crew undertaking a Zero visibility (ZZ) training exercise flying from Scampton to Waddington. The visibility was poor and on approach, the height was misjudged and the plane skidded across the runway and crashed into a hanger, All on board were killed including 3 men from 50 Squadron working in the hanger at the time. He is buried alongside two of his colleagues who also died in the crash T A Keating and W G Kelly.

I do not have a picture of Stan in uniform but I have a photo of him off duty on the beach at Cleethorpes with some of his RAF colleagues. Stanley is on the left.

M Willerton (Nephew)

