

1667482 AC/2 KENNETH WILLIAM HOWSE

355 Squadron, RAF

Died of wounds 8 April 1944

Kenneth Howse was the son of William and Amy Howse and husband of Adelene. In civilian life he was a carpenter who lived at 66 Wood Street, Wallingford. It is known that he had a son, Terence, who moved to Melbourne, Australia.

Royal Air Force records show that he died, aged 23, in No. 39 Indian General Hospital, Midnapore, on 8 April as a result of injuries received when stationed at Salboni. The Operations Record Book of 355 Squadron shows that on the night of 7 April, a Liberator aircraft (BZ852) caught fire on the ground while refuelling prior to operations, resulting in fatal injuries to AC Howse and complete wreckage of the aircraft (NA Ref. Air 27/1752/98).

Kenneth Howse was buried in Ranchi War Cemetery, India (plot 9, row F, grave 3).