

Albert James Hawkins

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MISSING

Sergt. Albert James Hawkins, R. A. F., elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. J. Hawkins, of 11 Castle-road, Newport. Hawkins, who is 25, was a navigator in a bomber attached to the Royal Canadian Air Force. He, with the rest of the crew, are missing as a result of air operations. In writing to Mrs. Hawkins, the wing commander in charge of the squadron states: "The loss of your son and other members of the crew is greatly felt by everyone in the squadron. He was very popular with the boys, especially in the sergeants' mess, where he was looked upon as a good fellow, and his loss is regretted by all. Your son had 12 operational trips to his credit, and a total of 69 hours over enemy territory, and was fast becoming an ace air bomber." Sergt. Hawkins joined the R. A. F. in March, 1940. In civil life he was rating and valuation officer for Epsom Council, and was formerly employed in the rating department of the Newport Corporation. He is an old Secondary School boy, and recently became engaged to Miss Elsie Worsley, of Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire. His younger brother, Mr. W. G. Hawkins, is serving with the Royal Artillery in North Africa.

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