




## Service Record

631548	A/C Clarence Frederick Slater	Royal Air Force 98 Squadron	
Roll of Honour	<p><b>Died June 17<sup>th</sup> 1940</b>, Bay of Biscay. Lost in sinking of SS Lancastria, age 19. Commemorated on Runnymede Memorial Panel 26.</p> <p>The Lancastria and other ships had been dispatched to evacuate civilians and service personnel from South West France (Operation Aerial) as the Germans occupied the country. It was bombed off St Nazaire with over 6,000 embassy staff, refugees, soldiers and RAF personnel on board. A 'D' notice prevented the reporting of the disaster (Churchill said that there had been 'enough bad news'. France capitulated to Hitler that day too. He later said that he 'forgot to rescind' the 'D' notice.</p> <p>See <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RMS_Lancastria">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RMS_Lancastria</a> <a href="http://www.lancastria.org.uk/general-information/">http://www.lancastria.org.uk/general-information/</a></p>		

98 Squadron	In 1940 98 Squadron flew Fairey Battle fighter/bomber aircraft. Clarence may well have been a member of the ground crew.	
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### Family history etc

	<b>Clarence Frederick Slater</b>		
1920	Born in Bingham		
1939 Register	Church Lane, Bingham: Frederick Slater, b. 23 Apr 1895, married Annie Slater, b. 11 Oct 1905, married Donald Slater b. 11 Jan 1926 <i>Two closed records</i> Elsie May Slater (later Phyllis, Clarkson) 18 Jan 1922	Horseman on Farm (Heavy work) Unpaid domestic duties At school <i>Probably Doreen and John</i> Hospital Nurse	
Family	In March qtr 1920 Father Frederick married mother Sarah A Lawton (b. Orston 1898) in Bingham reg district (7b 892) Children: <b>Clarence, b. September 1920</b> Donald, b. March qtr 1926		
1926	Sarah died in December 1926 in Bingham (7b 534)		
1927	Father Frederick married Annie Green (b. Cropwell Butler in 1905) in Bingham Children Doreen, b. 1929 Bingham John b.1936 Bingham	The 1911 census shows Annie was living in Needham Street with parents John and Mary Green.	
1930/31 Electoral Roll	Frederick and Annie living in Market Street		
Father's family 1911 census	Father Frederick, b. 1895 Bingham, living in Plumtree with: Grandfather: Fred, b Granby 27 Sep 1864 Grandmother: Jane (née Barns) b. 1868	Farm Labourer Waggoner on Farm	Father served with Sherwood Foresters in Middle East and Western front and was wounded. WW1 Roll of Honour

	Cropwell Bishop Siblings: John, b.1887 Cropwell Bishop Donald Emily	Carter on Railway Labourer on Farm	(1921 Electoral Roll) shows family in Union Street, Bingham.
Mother's family 1911 census	Mother Sarah Ann Lawson b. 1899 living at Shepherds Houses, Cotgrave with Grandfather: James Lawton, Married, b. 1872 Orston Grandmother: Alice M Lawton, Married b. 1873, Stanton, Suffolk Siblings: Elizabeth Lawton b. 1898, Orston Lucy Lawton, b. 1900, Orston Henry James Lawton b. 1904 Orston Alice Maude Lawton, b. 1906 Flawborough George Lawton, b.1908 Cotgrave	At school  Cowman on Farm  At school At school	
1967 1991	Frederick died in Nottingham. Annie died ( <i>family tree</i> )		