

Harry Winterburn

I would love to tell you about my dad

Harry Winterburn, born 1919 Preston England.

Dad started worked with English electric 1938 on Blenheim bombers, then to Lancaster later in wartime. Dad later move to airfield maintenance on Lancasters, damage in combat. This includes the famous Dambuster Squadron. After the war, 3 years with the British army in Palestine. Return to English Electric 1949, worked on the Canberra bomber...1954, dad had a choice of 3 companies in 3 countries... mum didn't want to move to Australia, too far, so it was Avro in Toronto in 1954...dad came first, mum followed 6 months later in April....

Dad work at the Experimental dept at Avro (that's what I believe what it was called) his job was to prep CF100 for test flight...dad told me a story of being written up by a test pilot... his last name started with a W....Dad needed to get into the cockpit of the CF100, but instead of using a ladder he would grab the pitot mass, then haul himself up... that got him written up.

Dad would only talk about 2 aircraft in his life...Lancaster and Arrow...

My brother was born in March 1959, a month after my dad lost his Avro job...myself 1963... dad was out of work for almost a year and was just about to return to England (mum and my brother had returned) when deHavilland offered my dad a job: 1960 to 1978 when dad retired.... 1992 dad passed away. He loved the Arrow and was so proud of it. No pics of Avro, but I did find a latter of reference from avro, dated April 1959... have to look for it.

Only pic I have of mum and dad on the phone... 1946 England ... 8 years before his Avro days. Took my son and wife to visit the Arrow replica a year ago... I always call it dad's plane.



... I used to work at Pearson int fueling aircraft for 17 years and had my pilots license... I can swear the north end off yyz is haunted by that aircraft to this day...

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