

Each year we commemorate an Old Boy who died in active service, in order to put a more human face on the names read out in the Roll of Honour and inscribed on the Shrine or one of the memorial plaques.

Today we remember

                    was born on 11 November 1918 in Akaroa, the only son of Alexander and Mary Fraser, who also had two daughters – Thelma and Marie. The significance of his birthday, the day that World War One ended, is reflected in the choice of middle name that his parents gave him – Armistice.

At some stage, the family moved to Christchurch and, on 1 February 1926, Allan Armistice Fraser is recorded as a 'first day' pupil at the brand new West Spreydon School in Lyttelton Street.

From 1932 until 1936, Allan attended Christchurch Boys' High School and appears to have been a good all-rounder, doing well in his studies, appearing often in junior cricket statistics for his batting and bowling

His Commanding Officer wrote, in a letter to Allan's parents:

"During his stay here your son had become one of the most popular members of the mess, being at all times of a friendly and cheerful disposition. He was a really fine pilot and an excellent captain of aircraft, keen and willing, and constantly displaying skill, courage and efficiency of a high order."

On 14 June 1942, Allan was promoted to the rank of Flying Officer. By this time he had already flown 32 bombing missions, most of these over Germany. O

Allen Armistice Fraser left behind his parents, who had lost their only son, and a young wife. He was just 23 years old.

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