## Aircraftman 3045499 Cyril Laking Age 18 RAF Regiment



Cyril Laking (14/11/1927 to 3/7/2014) the son of Thomas, a Coal Hewer, and Kathleen Lois Laking of Winney Lane, Harthill. and was the youngest of the four brothers, Ernest, Horace and John.

Cyril enlisted in the Royal Air Force on the 1st of December 1945, hoping to become a pilot. Unfortunately, the RAF did not need any more pilots and he was posted to the RAF Regiment instead where he became an Aircraftman (AC1). Cyril was trained on the 3-inch mortar and joined the mortar platoon, he was posted to Palestine on the 24th of August 1946 where he served until he was discharged on the 12th of January 1948.



RAF 3-inch Mortar platoon, Cyril 1st left sitting on the grass with arms and legs crossed.