Norman Bedford





Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 11055321

Regiment: - Royal Artillery 171 Bty., 6. A.A. “Z” Regt.

Died: - Died of Wounds 15 May 1942 Age 33 years.

Cemetery: - Woodkirk (St. Mary) Churchyard, Sec. C. Row 24. Grave 24.

Batley News, 23 May 1942 (photo)

Norman was born on 10 Nov 1908, son of Ethel Bedford of Soothill Lane, Batley. In 1911 he was living with his grandparents and aunts and uncles at 167, Soothill Lane, Batley. Before 1939 he was living with his widowed aunt Violet Marshall nee Bedford and Francis Lewis at 327, Soothill Lane, Batley and was employed as a rag warehouseman.

After leaving school he worked at Woodkirk Brickworks followed by Messrs. J.H. Hirst and Co. Alexandra Mills, Batley and Messrs John Blackburn's, Old Mill, Batley.

Norman joined the forces in about 1941 and was part of the home defences based in London and was wounded. He died of these wounds on Friday 15 May 1942. The funeral took place the following Wednesday at Woodkirk Churchyard and Rev. C. Stephenson conducted the service.

REST IN PEACE

Norman is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial Addenda 1999. He was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal

DEATH IN HOSPITAL OF SOOTHILL GUNNER.

Funeral at Woodkirk.

Interment took place at Woodkirk Churchyard on Wednesday of Gunner Norman Bedford, R.A. (33), who died the previous Friday in hospital. Gunner Bedford resided with his aunt, Mrs. Violet Mortimer, at 327, Soothill Lane, Batley. A native of Soothill he joined the Army about a year ago. He was employed at Messrs. John Blackburn's Old Mill, Batley, and before that at Messrs. G. H. Hirst and Co., Alexandra Mills, and at Woodkirk Brick-works.



The Late Gunner Norman Bedford.

Rev. C. Stephenson conducted interment, and mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. Bedford, Mrs. V. Mortimer, Mrs. F. Lewis, Mr. C. Lister, Mr. F. Bedford, Mr. O. Jennings, Mesdames F. Bedford, G. Fox, F. Skerry, J. Jennings, F. Speight, E. Marshall, A. Rhodes and J. W .Bowen, Mr. L. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Harland. Mr. George Convy reprezented the workpeople of Messrs. John Blackburn's Old Mill.

Flowers were from: Violet and Francis; Arthur, Annie, Joseph and Lily; Delia and family; Lewis Lister; Mr. and Mrs. H. Field; Gertie, Florry and Amy; neighbours and friends at Soothill Lane; employees of John Blackburn, Old Mill, Batley.

Invitation.

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