Kitty Blamires



Service: - Women's Land Army

Died: - 28th August 1944 aged 24 years

Cemetery: - Birstall (St. Peter) Churchyard Extension

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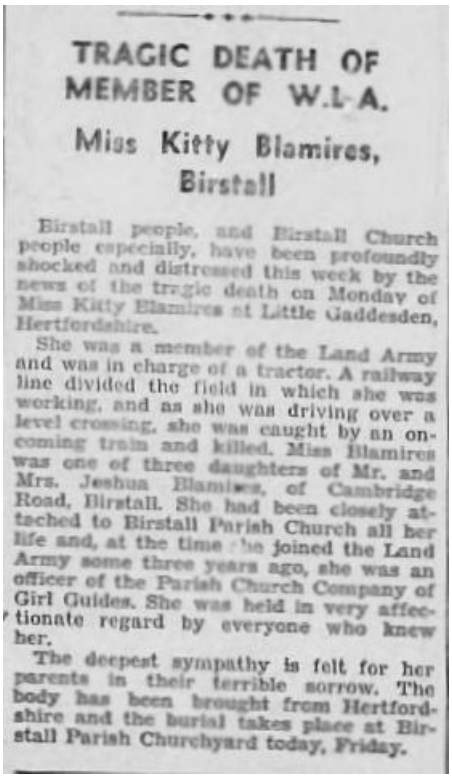
Kitty was born in Birstall on 2 October 1919 the daughter of Joshua and Sarah Jane Blamires nee Crowther, who had married at St. Peter's Church, Birstall on 12 January 1909. Nora was born in 1910 followed by Shirley 1912, Kitty and Joan 1922. The family lived at 34, Cambridge Road, Birstall.

Kitty had been closely attached to Birstall Parish Church all her life and at the time she joined the Land Army in 1941 was an officer of the Parish Church

Company of Girl Guides. She was held in very affectionate regard by everyone who knew her. In 1939 she had been a tailoress machinist.

Kitty joined the Land Army in 1941. She was in charge of a tractor, a railway lined divided the field in which she was working and as she was driving across a level crossing, she was caught by an oncoming train at Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire on Monday, 28 August 1944. Kitty was buried at St. Peter's Churchyard, Birstall on Friday 1 September 1944.

She is remembered with Honour at Batley and Birstall War Memorials.



TRAGIC DEATH OF MEMBER OF W.L.A.

Miss Kitty Blamires, Birstall

Birstall people, and Birstall Church people especially, have been profoundly shocked and distressed this week by the news of the tragic death on Monday of Miss Kitty Blamires at Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire.

She was a member of the Land Army and was in charge of a tractor. A railway line divided the field in which she was working, and as she was driving over a level crossing, she was caught by an oncoming train and killed. Miss Blamires was one of three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Blamires, of Cambridge Road, Birstall. She had been closely attached to Birstall Parish Church all her life and, at the time she joined the Land Army some three years ago, she was an officer of the Parish Church Company of Girl Guides. She was held in very affectionate regard by everyone who knew her.

The deepest sympathy is felt for her parents in their terrible sorrow. The body has been brought from Hertfordshire and the burial takes place at Birstall Parish Churchyard today, Friday.



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