Joe Bradley





Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 4623107

Regiment: - Royal Artillery, 3/2 Maritime Regt. No. 3 Battery

Died: - Killed in Action at Sea 21/11/1942 Age: 22 years

Memorial: - Portsmouth Naval Memorial Panel 72, Column 2.

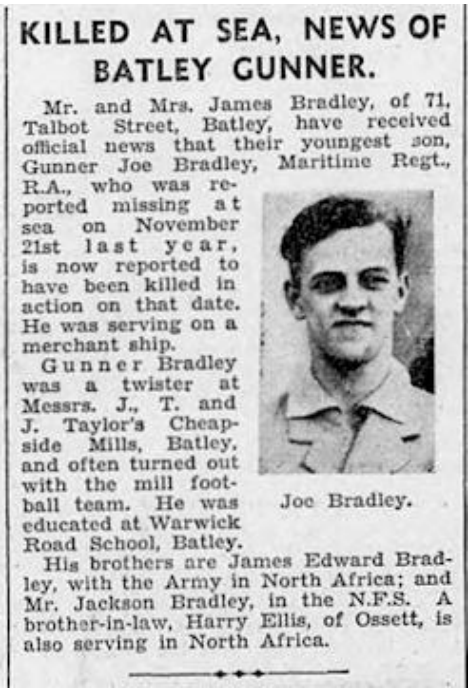
Batley News, 10 July 1943 (photo)

Joe was born in Batley on 10 April 1920 the youngest son of James and Ruth Bradley nee Jackson who had married on 31 March 1906 at St. Thomas's Church, Batley. James Edward was born in 1912 and served with the Army in North Africa, Jackson 1910 in the N.F.S. and his brother-in-law Harry Ellis, husband of Ruth H born 1915, served in North Africa.

Joe was educated at Warwick Road School and later worked as a twister at Messrs. J.T. & J. Taylor's Cheapside Mills, Batley and often turned out with the mill football team. The family lived 68, Broomhill Terrace in 1939 later moving to live at 71, Talbot Street, Batley.

Joe was serving on a merchant ship when he was reported missing in November 1942 but it was not until the following July that his parents received official news of his death.

Joe was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal



KILLED AT SEA, NEWS OF BATLEY GUNNER.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley, of 71, Talbot Street, Batley, have received official news that their youngest son, Gunner Joe Bradley, Maritime Regt., R.A., who was reported missing at sea on November 21st last year, is now reported to have been killed in action on that date. He was serving on a merchant ship.

Gunner Bradley was a twister at Messrs. J., T. and J. Taylor's Cheapside Mills, Batley, and often turned out with the mill football team. He was educated at Warwick Road School, Batley.

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His brothers are James Edward Bradley, with the Army in North Africa; and Mr. Jackson Bradley, in the N.F.S. A brother-in-law, Harry Ellis, of Ossett, is also serving in North Africa.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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