William Bromley





Rank: - Private

Number: - 3074587

Regiment: - Pioneer Corps

Died: - Died as a result of accident 27 October 1941 Age: 35 years

Cemetery: - Batley Cemetery L112.

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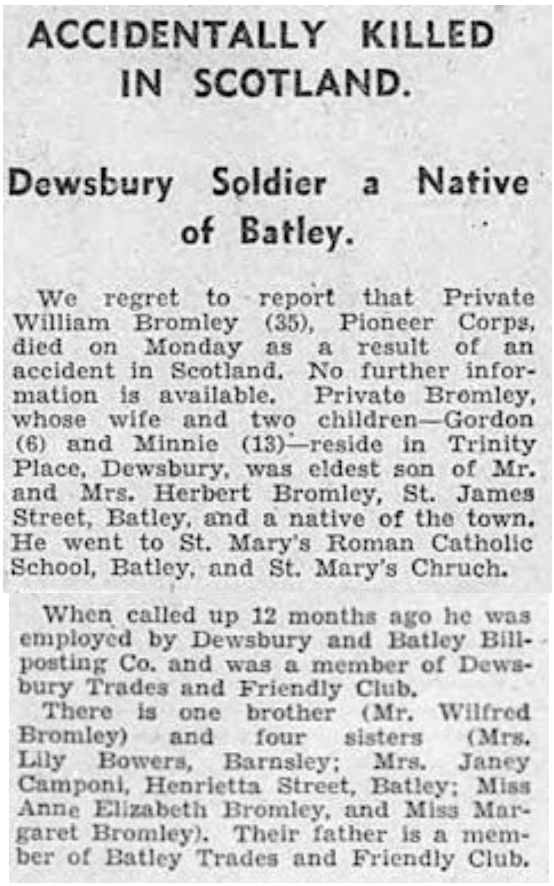
William was born on 14 June 1906 the son of Herbert and Jane Elizabeth Bromley nee Wilson who had married on 23 February 1901 at Batley. Mary Lily was born in 1901 followed by Jane 1904, William, Annie Elizabeth 1908, John 1910-1917, Margaret 1919 and Wilfred 1922. In 1911 the family was living at 11, Hilberoyd Road, Batley.

William was educated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic School and St. Mary's Church. When he was called up in 1940, he was employed by Dewsbury and Batley Bill-posting Co. and was a member of Dewsbury Trades and Friendly Club.

He married Clarinda Thompson on 14 Aug 1927 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall. Minnie was born in 1928 and Gordon 1935. They resided in Trinity Place, Dewsbury. His parents and family lived at St. James Street, Batley.



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William was called up around October 1940 was in Scotland on manoeuvres when he was accidently killed. He was interred at Batley Cemetery on 1 November 1941. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and was borne by NCO's and men of the Pioneer Corps.

William was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial



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COFFIN DRAPED WITH UNION JACK AT BATLEY.

Private William Bromley Killed on Manœuvres.

The remains of Private William Bromley (35), Pioneer Corps, of Trinity Place, Dewsbury, whose accidental death on manœuvres in Scotland we recorded in our last issue, were brought to Batley Cemetery for interment last Saturday.

Private Bromley was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bromley, St. James Street, Batley, and a native of the town. He attended St. Mary's Roman Catholic School, Batley, and St. Mary's Church, and was employed by Batley and Dewsbury Billposting Company before being called up 12 months ago. He leaves a widow and two children—Gordon (6) and Minnie (13).

The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, was borne by N.C.O.s and men of the Pioneer Corps.

Mourners were his wife; Master G. Bromley and Miss M. Bromley (son and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. H. Bromley (parents), Mr. W. Bromley (brother), Miss A. Bromley, Miss M. Bromley, Mrs. L. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Camponi (sisters and brother-in-law), Miss D. Wilson, Mrs. T. Wilson, Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. H. Bromley and Mrs. E. Kitson (aunts), Mr. J. Kitson (uncle), Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. C. Gledhill, Mrs. T. Lovell, Mrs. P. Gorman, Mr. T. Freeman (cousins), Mrs. F. Wilson, Mrs. L. Thompson and many friends and neighbours from Batley and Dewsbury.

Dewsbury Trades and Friendly Club was represented by Mr. S. Taylor, Mr. T. A. Day and Mr. T. D. Armstrong.

Flowers were from his sorrowing wife and children, Minnie and Gordon; Mam, Dad, Auntie and Wilfred; sister Janey, Tony, Bernard and Geoffrey; auntie and uncle and cousins; mother, Lily and Frank; Granville Hotel; Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn and friends at the Railway Hotel; Mrs. C. Thompson and family; cousin Emma; Lily, Bert and aunt Doris; uncle Bernard, aunt Mary Ann and Gladys; I. B. Ingham; Batley and Dewsbury Billposting Co.; Lewis and Nellie; Sergeants of 241 Company; Comrades of 241 Company; Officers of 241 Company; uncle Tom, aunt Ada, Thomas and Mark; Mr. and Mrs. Kershaw; friends at 15, Grange Road, Staincliffe—Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and Robby;; Dewsbury Trades

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