Eric Lawrence Brown





Rank: - Private

Number: - 15339

Regiment: - Lincolnshire Regiment 2nd Bn

Died: - killed in Action 8 July 1944 aged 19

Cemetery: - Ranville War Cemetery, Calvados, France 11.B.17

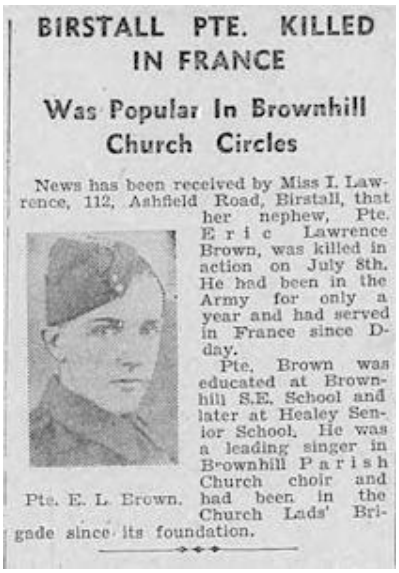
Batley News, 12Aug 1944 (photo)

Eric Lawrence was born in Headington, Oxfordshire, in 1925, the son of Ernest and Grace Evelyn Brown nee Lawrence who had married on 24 February 1925 at St. Saviour's Church, Brownhill, Batley.

His mother was born in East Bergholt, Suffolk but was living in Birstall in 1911 with her parents and siblings Eric Hubert 1897 and Ivy Millicent Lawrence born

1899. Grace Evelyn was living in Bewdley, Kidderminster in 1829 and it is where she died in 1930, although she is buried at St. Peter's Churchyard, Birstall.

Eric was educated at Brownhill C of E school and later Healey Senior School. He was a leading singer in Brownhill Parish Church choir and had been in the Church Lads' Brigade since its foundation. Eric enlisted in 1943 and went to France on D- Day 1944. He was killed in action, in France, on 8 July 1944.



BIRSTALL PTE. KILLED IN FRANCE

Was Popular In Brownhill Church Circles

News has been received by Miss I. Lawrence, 112, Ashfield Road, Birstall, that her nephew, Pte. Eric Lawrence Brown, was killed in action on July 8th. He had been in the Army for only a year and had served in France since D-day.

Pte. Brown was educated at Brownhill S.E. School and later at Healey Senior School. He was a leading singer in Brownhill Parish Church choir and had been in the Church Lads' Brigade since its foundation.

Pte. E. L. Brown.

In his Will it states he lived at 112, Ashfield Road, Birstall, which is the same address as his Auntie Ida, and his effects were left to Ernest Brown, caretaker.

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

He is remembered with Honour at The British Normandy Memorial, column 143; and Batley and Birstall War Memorials.



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