William Chatwood





Rank: - Private

Number: - 5891167

Regiment: - Lincolnshire Regiment 2nd Bn.

Died: - Killed in Action 3 March 1945 age 22 years.

Cemetery: - Mook War Cemetery, Limburg (Netherlands), Netherlands 1.C.5.

William was born in 1923 the son of Frank and Hannah Chatwood nee Wilshire who had married on 13 October 1918 at Wesleyan Centenary Chapel, Dewsbury. Mary A was born in 1918 but sadly died in 1919, Eileen 1920 and William, William married Lily Parker in 1941 and a daughter was born in March 1944.

The 2nd Battalion, was with the 9th Infantry Brigade attached to the 3rd Infantry division and remained with the same brigade and division throughout the war. After returning from Dunkirk in 1940 they spent the next four years training in various parts of the United Kingdom before taking part in the D-Day landings in June 1944. The Battalion was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Welby-Everard throughout the Normandy Campaign, taking part in Operation Charnwood, Operation Goodwood near Caen in July 1944, and throughout the rest of the Northwest Europe Campaign until Victory in Europe Day in May 1945.

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

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