Albert Crossley





Rank: - Sapper

Number: - 1944580

Regiment: - Royal Engineers 256 Field Coy.

Died: - Killed in Action, Italy 29/06/1944 Age: 28 years

Cemetery: - Orvieto War Cemetery, Italy 1.G.11

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Albert was born in Batley on 26 May 1916 the son of Arthur Nowell and Edith Crossley nee Law who had married at Batley Parish Church on 25 December 1900. Ada Nowell was born in 1901 followed by Annie 1903, Florence Nowell 1905, Lilian 1907, Edith 1912, Marion 1920. In 1911 the family lived at Tillotson Street, Batley and in 1939 they lived at 11, Cemetery Road, Batley.

Albert attended Batley Parish School and Hanover Street Congregational Church and was a keen footballer. He was a brick layer by trade.



BATLEY SAPPER KILLED IN ITALY

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crossley, 11, Cemetery Road, Batley, have received news that their only son, Sapper Albert Crossley, R.E., was killed in Italy on June 29th.

Sapper Crossley who was 28, joined up in 1940 and served in North Africa and the invasions of Sicily and Italy. The day before his death his wife received a letter from him to say he had been in Rome.

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His wife and five-years-old son, Stephen, live at 198, Norristhorpe Lane, Liversedge.

In 1938 he married Mona Barraclough and Stephen was born later that year. They lived at 198, Norristhorpe Lane, Liversedge.

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

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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