Clifford Crowther





Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 1532086

Regiment: - Royal Artillery 27 Bty. 86 (Honourable Artillery Coy.) H.A.A. Regt.

Died: - Died of illness 4 February 1942

Cemetery: - Birstall (St.Peter) Churchyard Extension Grave 505

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Clifford was born on 1 November 1917 the son of Joshua and Florence Crowther nee Nelmes who had married at St. Peter's Church, Birstall on 25 March 1911. Ronald L was born later that year. The family lived at 21, Church Street, Birstall.

Clifford attended Birstall National School and formerly worked at Messrs. Thomas Burnley and Sons' warehouse. He was engaged to Miss Eileen Benn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Benn of Highfield Drive, Birstall.

On Wednesday 4 February 1942 his parents received a telegram to say Clifford was seriously ill in hospital in a South Middlesex fever hospital. Later in the day came news that he had died. He had been home on leave the previous weekend on 8 hours leave and told his family he was "in the pink". His funeral took place at St. Peter's Churchyard on 9 February 1942.



BIRSTALL GUNNER DIES IN A FEVER HOSPITAL.

A " Burnley " Warehouseman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Crowther, 21, Church Street, Birstall, received news by telegram on Wednesday that their youngest son, Gunner Clifford Crowther, aged 24, was seriously ill in a South Middlesex fever hospital.

Later in the day came news that he was dead.

He was home last week-end on 48 hours' leave and told his family he was " in the pink."

Gunner Crowther was an "old boy" of Birstall National School and formerly worked in Messrs. Thomas Burnley and Sons' warehouse.

His fiancée is Miss Eileen Benn, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Benn, of Highfield Drive, Birstall.

For photograph see back page.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial



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