James Daley





Rank: - Sergeant (Wireless Operator /Air Gunner)

Number: - 1021805

Regiment: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 42 Squadron (Code letters AW)

Attached to Coastal Command

Died: - May 1942 aged 21

Commemorated: - Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, Panel 81

Batley News, 9 May 1942 (photo)

James was born in late 1920 the eldest son of Thomas and Florence May Daley nee Inman who had married in 1920.Terence was born in 1923, Thomas A 1925, Teresa 1928, Frederick 1930, Joan 1934, and Mary 1936. The family lived in 1939

at 29, Oak Hill Road, Wilton Estate, Carlinghow, Batley. James attended St. Mary's School, Batley.

James worked at Messrs Taylor Yielding and Co's, Prospect Mills, Birstall before he volunteered in November 1940 when he joined the 42 Squadron. From June 1940 the squadron flew Beauforts, first from Wick then from Leuchars, on anti-shipping and mine laying operations along the coasts of northern Europe. James was at home on leave the Friday before he was reported missing.

James was awarded the Air Crew Europe Star; 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Royal Air Forces Association Club, Batley and Batley War Memorial.



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