Douglas Emmerson





Rank: - Corporal

Number: - 642141

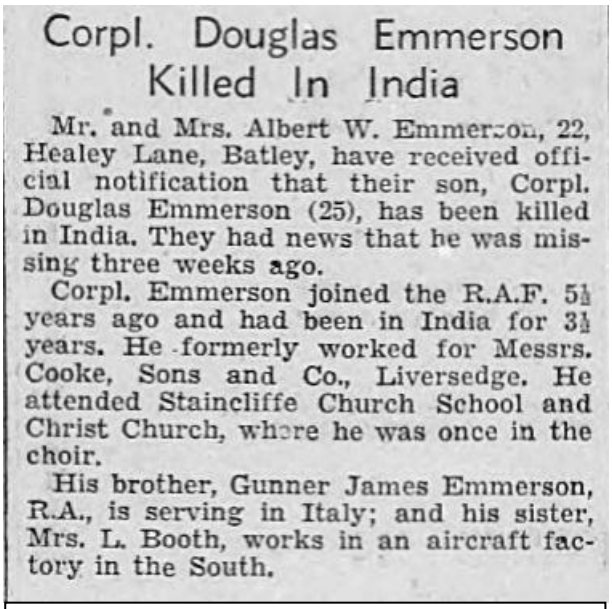
Service: - Royal Air Force, No. 22 Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit, India

Died: - Died in an aircraft crash in Poona, India 19 July 1944 Age: 25 years

Cemetery: - Kirkee War Cemetery, India 1. B. 4.

Douglas was born in 1919 the son of Albert Edmond and Lily Emmerson nee Colbeck who had married in 1909. Amy Colbeck was born in 1909 followed by Doris 1911, Annie 1913, James 1916 and Douglas. The family lived at 22, Healey Lane, Batley.

Douglas attended Staincliffe Church School and Christ Church where he was at one time in the choir. He worked for Messrs. Cooke, Sons and Co., Liversedge before joining the R.A.F. in early 1939. He went to India in early 1941 and served in the No. 22 Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit, India.



Corpl. Douglas Emmerson Killed In India

Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Emmerson, 22, Healey Lane, Batley, have received official notification that their son, Corpl. Douglas Emmerson (25), has been killed in India. They had news that he was missing three weeks ago.

Corpl. Emmerson joined the R.A.F. 5½ years ago and had been in India for 3½ years. He formerly worked for Messrs. Cooke, Sons and Co., Liversedge. He attended Staincliffe Church School and Christ Church, where he was once in the choir.

His brother, Gunner James Emmerson, R.A., is serving in Italy; and his sister, Mrs. L. Booth, works in an aircraft factory in the South.

Batley News, 19 Aug 1944

Douglas Emmerson died when an aircraft being ferried from Poona to Karachi was caught in a monsoon storm and crashed in woodland. It was three weeks before the wreckage was found. The circumstances, described to the family, by a friend of Douglas who took part in the search for the aircraft.

Douglas is remembered with honour at the Royal Air Forces Association Club, Batley and Batley War Memorial addenda. He was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.



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