Joseph Farrington



Rank: - Able Seaman

Number: - D/JX650399

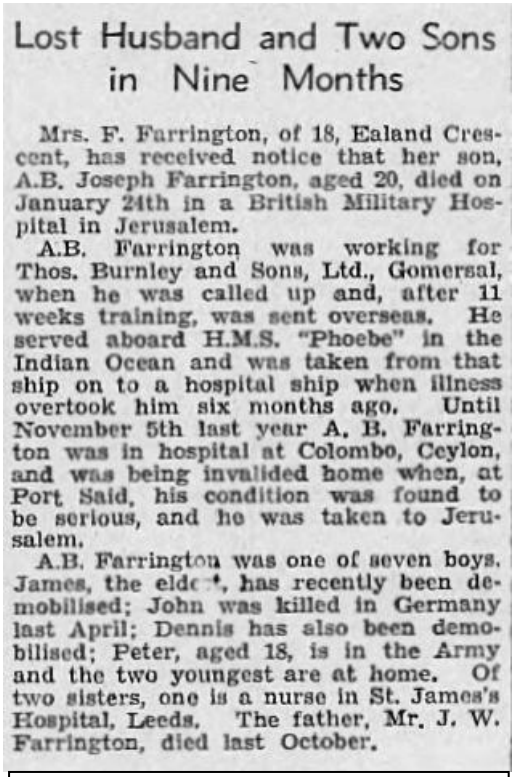
Service: - Royal Navy H.M.S. St. Angelo. and H.M.S. Phoebe

Died: - Military Tuberculosis, 16th British Military Hospital, Palestine 20/01/1946 Age: 20 years.

Cemetery: - Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza) 7.D. 17.

Joseph was born on 8 Sep 1925 in Batley the son of James William and Mary Ellen Farrington (nee Melia, m. 1909, registered Dewsbury). James William came from Thurning, Northamptonshire and Mary Ellen from Pudsey. James William was born in 1910 followed by Edith M. 1912, John, Denis 1918, Margaret 1923, Joseph 1925, Peter 1927, Clement 1929 and Terrence 1930. At the beginning of their married life the couple lived at Batley Carr but moved to live at 18, Ealand Crescent, Batley.

Joseph worked at Thomas Burnley and Sons Ltd. Gomersal when he was called up and after 11 weeks training went overseas. He served aboard the H.M.S. “Phoebe” in the Indian Ocean and was taken from that ship to a hospital when he became ill in July 1945. Until November 5th 1945 he was in hospital in Colombo, Ceylon when he was being invalided home when, at Port Said his condition was found to be, and he was taken to Jerusalem.



Lost Husband and Two Sons in Nine Months

Mrs. F. Farrington, of 18, Ealand Crescent, has received notice that her son, A.B. Joseph Farrington, aged 20, died on January 24th in a British Military Hospital in Jerusalem.

A.B. Farrington was working for Thos. Burnley and Sons, Ltd., Gomersal, when he was called up and, after 11 weeks training, was sent overseas. He served aboard H.M.S. "Phoebe" in the Indian Ocean and was taken from that ship on to a hospital ship when illness overtook him six months ago. Until November 5th last year A. B. Farrington was in hospital at Colombo, Ceylon, and was being invalided home when, at Port Said, his condition was found to be serious, and he was taken to Jerusalem.

A.B. Farrington was one of seven boys. James, the eldest, has recently been demobilised; John was killed in Germany last April; Dennis has also been demobilised; Peter, aged 18, is in the Army and the two youngest are at home. Of two sisters, one is a nurse in St. James's Hospital, Leeds. The father, Mr. J. W. Farrington, died last October.

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James and Dennis had been recently demobbed, John had been in Germany in April 1945, Peter was in the Army and one of his sisters was a nurse at St. James’s Hospital, Leeds and his father James William had died in October 1945. He died from miliary tuberculosis at the 16th British Military Hospital, Palestine.

Joseph 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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