James Henry Fenton





Rank: - Gunner

Number: - 1819447

Regiment: - Royal Artillery 146 Bty., 17 Lt. A.A. Regt.

Died: - Died of Wounds, North Africa 23 November 1942 Age: 39 years

Cemetery: - Bone War Cemetery, Annaba, Algeria 111.A.8

Batley News, 5 Dec 1942 (photo)

James Henry (Harry) was born on 9 Mar 1903 in Adwalton the son of Walter and Annie Eliza Fenton nee Walker who had married on 26 August 1902 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall. Elizabeth Hannah was born in 1903 followed by Laura 1906, Clifford 1908.Walter 1910 Lily 1912 and Olive 1913.

He married Chlorida Bolton on 12 January 1924 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall**.** Maggie (Madge) was born later that year. The family lived at 4, Partington Square, Birstall and James worked as a French Drawer in a textile mill before he joined the Forces.

On the 2 December 1942 his wife put a Christmas wish in the Batley News not having heard the news that he had died of wounds on 23 November in Algeria.



FENTON. — Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to my dear husband, Dvr. J. H. Fenton, serving overseas.

Tho' the seas between us lie,
Our love for you will never die;
Where ever you are, what ever you do,
We want you to know we're thinking of you.

—From loving wife Ida and daughter Madge, 4, Partington Square, Birstall.

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS

James Henry was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at Batley and Birstall War Memorials



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