# William Alexander Fiddes 1923 – 1943



William was the youngest of six children of William Alexander James Fiddes and Mary Elizabeth (nee Clough). They had married in 1907 in Worsbrough near Barnsley where William was employed as a miner. He came from the Isle of White – Mary came from Chandler's Hill in Birstall.
William and Mary emigrated to Canada where they had been posted as Salvation Army Officers. Whilst there they had two daughters: Elizabeth Ann (1914-1982) and Kathleen Victoria (1917). The family returned to England in November 1920 and William was born in Birstall in 1923. He married Mary Houzam in the Summer of 1942.



**Inscription**
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**
**GEORGE ALEXANDER**
**son of WILLIAM AND MARY E FIDDES**
**DIED 7TH JULY 1937 aged 9 years**
**also of**
**WILLIAM ALEXANDER FIDDES**
**DEC 22ND FEB 1941 aged 56 years**
**also of**
**WILLIAM ALEXANDER son of the above**
**KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE**
**1ST DEC 1943 aged 20 years**

**<u>Birstall and Batley News</u> – – 4th December 1943: -**

***"Pte William Alexander Fiddes (20), son of Mrs E. Fiddes, Middlegate, Birstall, has been reported killed while on service. Pte Fiddes, who is married, was born in Birstall, attended Birstall National School, and before he joined the forces about three years ago, was employed by Messrs. Thomas Burnley and Sons, Gomersal."***

William was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.
He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial and Birstall War Memorial.




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