Stanley Levy Foxton



Rank: - Private

Number: - 4861477

Regiment: - Leicestershire Regiment 2nd Battalion

Died: - Died of Wounds, Middle East 1 December 1941

Cemetery: - Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya 8.F.9

Stanley Levi was born in 1919 the son of Stanley and Doris Foxton nee Naylor who had married on 5 August 1916 at All Saints Church, Pontefract. Edgar was born in 1922 and Dennis in 1925. The family lived at 17, Wakefield Road, Drighlington.

In 1940 Stanley married Birstall girl Ellen Elizabeth Steele. Valerie was born in late 1940 followed by Dennis in 1941.

We cannot confirm when Stanley joined the Forces although the 2nd Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment moved, in September 1940, to the Western Desert.

In December 1940 it took part in the “push” of Wavell’s 30,000.

On 10 December 1940 it was engaged at Sidi Barrani and shortly after again at Bardia, advancing through Buq Buq and Solhuh.

April 1941: It helped start the German advance at Mersa Matruh.

20 May 1941: It took part in the Battle of Crete which lasted for 10 days. It was then evacuated from Egypt.

June 1941: Battalion was part of the 6th Division. It was involved in action against the Vichy French on the Damascus front.

September 1941: The Battalion with the same Division were sent to relieve the Australians at Torbruk.

December 1941: Left the Western Desert.

We have not been able to confirm when Stanley was injured but he did die of his wounds on the 1 December 1941 and was buried at Tobruk War Cemetery before his battalion left the Western Desert.

Stanley was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at Batley and Birstall War Memorials.



.

Researched by members of
Batley History Group