George Herbert Haslem





Rank: - Bombardier

Number: - 947602

Regiment: - Royal Artillery 129 Field Regt

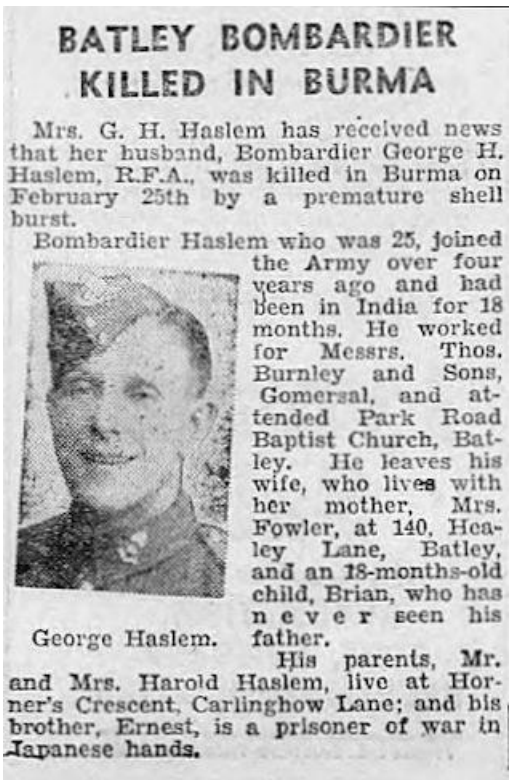
Died: - Accidentally Killed by premature shell burst in India 25/02/1944 Age: 25 years.

Cemetery: - Imphal War Cemetery, India 9. F. 13.

George Herbert was born on 9 Oct 1918, registered Halifax the son of Harold and Beatrice Maud Haslem (nee Larkins, m. 1918, registered Pontefract) Ernest was born in 1920 followed by, Doreen 1925, Dorothy M 1929, in the Dewsbury District. When the register was taken in 1939 the family was living at 15,

Mortimer Street, Healey, Batley and George was employed as a dyer's labourer. Later that year he married Muriel Fowler and Brian was born in 1942.

George Herbert had attended Park Road Baptist Church and worked for Messrs. Thomas Burnley and Sons before he enlisted in early 1940. He had been in India for 18 months. His parents lived at Horner's Crescent, Carlinghow and his wife had gone to live with her mother at 140, Healey Lane, Batley. She received news that her husband had been killed in Burma on February 25 by a premature bomb burst.



BATLEY BOMBARDIER KILLED IN BURMA

Mrs. G. H. Haslem has received news that her husband, Bombardier George H. Haslem, R.F.A., was killed in Burma on February 25th by a premature shell burst.

Bombardier Haslem who was 25, joined the Army over four years ago and had been in India for 18 months. He worked for Messrs. Thos. Burnley and Sons, Gomersal, and attended Park Road Baptist Church, Batley. He leaves his wife, who lives with her mother, Mrs. Fowler, at 140, Healey Lane, Batley, and an 18-months-old child, Brian, who has never seen his father.

George Haslem.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haslem, live at Horner's Crescent, Carlinghow Lane; and his brother, Ernest, is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands.

Batley News, 18 Mar 1944 (photo)

THERE'S SOME CORNER OF A FOREIGN FIELD THAT IS FOR EVER ENGLAND

George 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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