Leslie Hirst







Rank: - Sergeant

Number: - 1890731

Regiment: - 58 Field Company Royal Engineers

Died: - 29th August 1945 aged 26 years

Memorial: - Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar Face 3

Batley Grammar School Rollof Honour

Leslie was born on the 16th September 1919 the son of Nelson and Amy Beatrice Hirst (nee Hepworth) who had married at Holy Trinity Church, Batley Carr on the 17th May 1910. In 1910 Nelson had a shop at 60B, Wellington Street, Batley.

His siblings were Irene born 21st July 1910, Charles Stanley was born on 29th January 1912, Cyril French born on 2/10/1914, Dorothy Mary, 7th December 1916-1928, Nelson Hepworth 27/8/1920, Kathleen 26/9/1926. His father died in January 1945.

Leslie attended Batley Grammar School and later worked as a clerk for the London North Eastern Railway company. He attended St. Andrew's Church. In 1939 the family lived at 205, Taylor Street, Batley

Leslie had been in the Army since about 1939 going abroad around 1943 to serve in the East Africa and Ceylon. In September 1945 information was received from the Royal Engineers' Record Office that he was missing, believed accidently drowned, in India on August 29th 1945.

He is remembered with Honour at Batley Grammar School, St. Andrew's Church and Batley War Memorial



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