William Hobart



Rank: - Sapper

Number: - 2126717

Regiment: - Royal Engineers 23 Bomb Disposal Coy.

Died: - Presumed Killed in Action North West Europe 14/07/1944 Age: 31 years.

Cemetery: - Bayeux War Memorial Calvados, France. Panel 12 Column 1.

William was born in 1912 the son of Keighley and Martha Hannah Hobart nee Garside who had married on 10 June 1907 at St John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor. Keighley was described as a book-keeper when they married.

The couple lived in a five roomed home at 44, Halifax Road, Batley when the census was taken in 1911 and Keighley was described as a cashier. Keighley died in April 1932.

William attended Batley Grammar School, his uncle John William Hobart and aunt Sarah Elizabeth, who lived next door, were both school teachers.

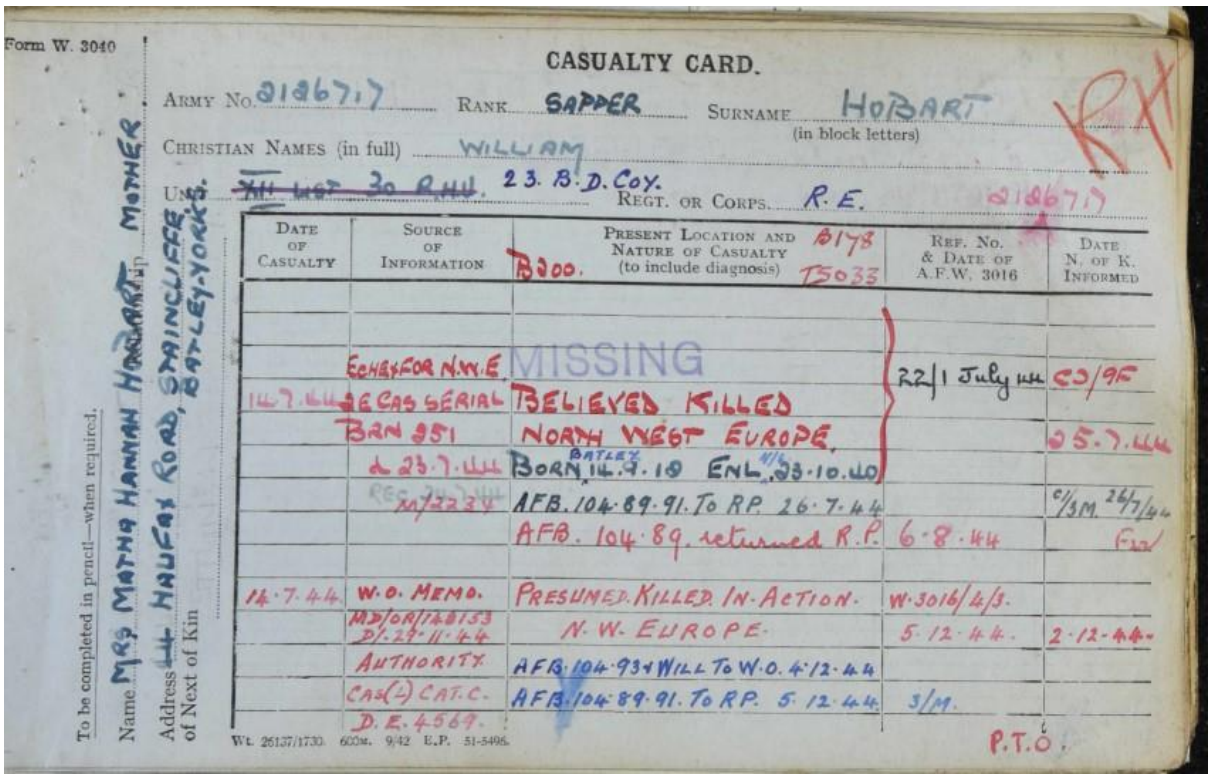
William of 44, Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Batley left £13,017 to his widowed mother.

The Allied offensive in north-western Europe began with the Normandy landings on 6 June 1944. The Bayeux Memorial stands opposite the cemetery and bears the names of more than 1,800 men of the Commonwealth land forces who died in the early stages of the campaign and have no known grave. They died during the landings in Normandy, during the intense fighting in Normandy itself and during the advance to the River Seine in August. There was little actual fighting in Bayeux although it was the first French town of importance to be liberated

William is remembered with Honour at The British Normandy Memorial, column 171; Batley Grammar School and Batley War Memorial.

He was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.

Researched by members of
Batley History Group



Form W. 3040

CASUALTY CARD.

Army No. 2126717 Rank SAPPER Surname HOBART (in block letters)

Christian Names (in full) WILLIAM

Unit ~~XII List 30 RHU~~ 23. B.D. Coy. Regt. or Corps. R.E. 2126717

Date of Casualty	Source of Information	Present Location and Nature of Casualty (to include diagnosis)	Ref. No. & Date of A.F.W. 3016	Date N. of K. Informed
		B200. B178 T5033		
		MISSING		
	Echex for N.W.E.		22/1 July 44	CJ/9F
14.7.44	2E Cas Serial	Believed Killed		
	Brn 251	North West Europe.		25.7.44
	d 23.7.44	Born Batley 14.9.18 Enl. 4/6 23.10.40		
	Rec 24.7.44 M/2234	AFB. 104.89.91. To RP. 26.7.44		C/3M. 26/7/44
		AFB. 104.89. returned R.P.	6.8.44	Fr
14.7.44	W.O. Memo.	Presumed Killed In Action.	W.3016/4/3.	
	MD/OR/148153 D/.29.11.44	N.W. Europe.	5.12.44.	2.12.44.
	Authority	AFB. 104.93 + Will To W.O. 4.12.44		
	Cas(L) Cat. C.	AFB. 104.89.91. To RP. 5.12.44.	3/M.	
	D.E. 4569.			

P.T.O.

Wt. 26137/1730. 600m. 9/42 E.P. 51-5496.

To be completed in pencil—when required.

Name Mrs Matha Hannah Hobart Mother

Address 44 Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Batley, Yorks.

of Next of Kin