John Hydes





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Leading Aircraftman 1140540 Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve died 12 September 1944 Bhowanipore Cemetery, Calcutta. Plot O Row G Grave 7

John aka Jack, was born in Batley on the 19 Sep 1912 the youngest son of the late Fred and Margaret Hydes (nee Wharram, m. 1894, registered Driffield). He was brought up at 85, Bradford Road West, Carlinghow, and became a postman in Batley. In 1937 he married Veronica Smith. Patricia was born in 1939 followed by Maureen in 1944. He was a member of St. Mary s Roman Catholic Church and the Parks Bowling Association. He joined the forces in early 1941 and served for

12 months in India. It is believed he served at Headquarters South East Asia Command.

On the 3 September he wrote home a letter full of hope for an early victory and his return home to see for the first time his youngest child. He died in Calcutta General Hospital of malaria on 12 September 1944.

Jack was awarded the 1939-45 Star and 1939-45 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at the Royal Air Force Association, Batley and Batley War Memorial.



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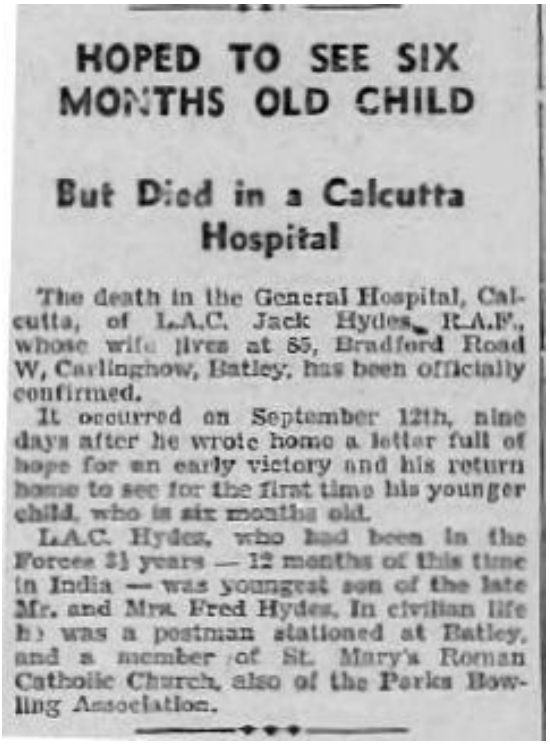

HOPED TO SEE SIX MONTHS OLD CHILD

But Died in a Calcutta Hospital

The death in the General Hospital, Calcutta, of L.A.C. Jack Hydes, R.A.F., whose wife lives at 85, Bradford Road W, Carlinghow, Batley, has been officially confirmed.

It occurred on September 12th, nine days after he wrote home a letter full of hope for an early victory and his return home to see for the first time his younger child, who is six months old.

L.A.C. Hydes, who had been in the Forces 3½ years — 12 months of this time in India — was youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hydes. In civilian life he was a postman stationed at Batley, and a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, also of the Parks Bowling Association.