Alfred Ineson





Rank: - Trooper

Number: - 4618548

Regiment: - Royal Armoured Corps, Staffordshire Yeomanry

Died: - Killed in Action 4 July 1944 age 25.

Cemetery: - Ranville War Cemetery, Calvados, France 111.F.1.

Alfred was born in Batley in 1918 the son of Sam and Emily Ineson nee Palmer who had married in 1916. Arthur was born in 1916, Alfred and Herbert 1926. In 1939 the family lived at Highcliffe Road, Mount Pleasant, Batley. Alfred attended Purlwell Council School and Batley Grammar School.

In 1941 he married Minnie Calvert and Richard was born in early 1943.They lived at 12, Highcliffe Road, Batley.

Alfred joined the Forces in January 1940 and went to Normandy on D-Day.

The Staffordshire Yeomanry was probably the only conventional tank unit (i.e., equipped with neither DD nor flail) to land on D-Day, 6 June 1944, on Sword Beach. The Shermans of the Staffordshire Yeomanry landed on the morning of D-Day to support 185th Brigade, the spearhead of 3rd Division's attack inland. They destroyed nine of the enemy's tanks.

The regiment continued to fight in the Battle of Normandy as part of the 27th Armoured Brigade until July 1944, when the brigade was disbanded after suffering heavy losses. Ranville was the first village in France to be liberated when the bridge over the Caen Canal was captured intact in the early hours of 6 June by troops of the 6th Airborne Division.



TROOPER ALFRED INESON KILLED IN NORMANDY

News has been received by Mrs. Minnie Ineson, 12, Highcliffe Road, Mount Pleasant, Batley, that her husband, Trooper Alfred Ineson, was killed in the North-West European Theatre of War on July 4th. Trooper Ineson went to Normandy on ." D-Day." He joined the Forces in January, 1940. He leaves a little boy, Richard, aged 17 months.

Alfred Ineson.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ineson, Highcliffe Road, Mount Pleasant, he was educated at Purlwell Council School and Batley Grammar School.

He has two brothers serving and one in the pit. Norman is in East Africa; Arthur was in the Middle East three years, and Herbert started work in a coal mine last Monday.

Batley News, 29 Jul 1944 (photo)

A LOVING SMILE A HAPPY FACE A BROKEN LINK WE CAN NEVER REPLACE

Alfred is remembered with Honour at The British Normandy Memorial, column 132; Batley Grammar School and Batley War Memorial.



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