Jack Lockwood





Rank: - Private

Number: - 14719323

Regiment: - Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders 5th Bn

Died: - Killed in Action 23/10/1944 Age: 18 years

Cemetery: - Uden War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands 1. B. 6.

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Jack (Jackie) was born on 21 Jan 1926 in Batley the sixth son of Crossland and Elizabeth Lockwood nee Firth who had married on 15 September 1906 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall. Elizabeth was born in the United States. Arthur was born in 1907-1944 followed by Percy 1908, Frank 1911 who died aged 4 months, Janet Elizabeth 1912, Joseph James 1914, Evelyn 1919, Arthur 1920, Maud Sylvia 1923, Kenneth 1924, Jack 1926-1944, Norman 1928. In 1939 the family lived at 24,

Beck Lane, Carlinghow, Batley. After leaving school he was employed by Messrs. Chas. Robinson and Co. Ltd.

Jack was called up in February 1944 shortly after his 18th birthday.

The battalion took part in the Normandy landings in June 1944 and then fought at the Battle of Caen in July, the Battle of the Falaise Gap in August moving into Belgium and Holland. His parents received a letter dated 23 September to say he was in hospital in France with dysentery, since then they received another to say he was in Holland fighting with his regiment.



PTE. JACK LOCKWOOD KILLED

Second War Loss of Local Family

Pte Jack ("Jackie") Lockwood, aged 18, sixth son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lockwood, of 24, Beck Lane, Carlinghow, is officially reported to have been killed in North-West Europe on October 23rd. He was called up in February, a few weeks after his birthday.

In a letter written on September 23rd he stated he was in hospital in France suffering from dysentry. Since then his parents received a letter saying he was fighting in Holland with his regiment, the Cameron Highlanders.

A brother, Sergt. A. Lockwood, was killed in France a few months ago, and another brother is in the Middle East.

A brother and a brother-in-law are in hospital in India.

Pte. Lockwood was formerly employed by Messrs. Chas. Robinson and Co., Ltd.

A memorial service is to be held at St. John's Church on Sunday fortnight.

His parents received official news he had been killed in Holland on 23 October 1944. His brother, Arthur, had been killed in June 1944 another brother and brother-in-law were in hospital in India and another brother was in the Middle East.

A remembrance service for him was held at St. John's Church on 5 November 1944.

A SMILING FACE, A HEART OF GOLD, THE DEAREST SON THIS WORLD COULD HOLD

Jack 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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