Michael Maloney





Rank: - Sergeant

Number: - 13010521

Regiment: - Pioneer Corps 327 Coy

Died: - Drowned whilst serving in Belgium 18/10/1944 Age: 49 years

Cemetery: - Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Limburg, Belgium I. B. 5.

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Michael was born in Batley on 15 January 1895, the son of John and Catherine Maloney nee Pendergast who had married in 1875. Mary Elizabeth was born in 1876 followed by John 1877, Thomas 1880, Annie 1883, James 1885 died aged 10 months, William Edward c.1890, Michael, Catherine1898.

John died in September 1899. Michael and his family in 1911 lived at 24, Villiers Street, Batley and he fought in the Great War. According to this census there had been a total of ten children. Catherine died in June 1929.

In 1921 Michael married Ellen Waters, Maurice was born in 1923 and the couple had six more children. Maurice also went to France on D-Day. Before the war they both worked at Messrs. A.N. Cooke & Co. Ltd., Bradford Road, Dewsbury.

Michael had served for five years in the First World War and nearly five years in the Second World War. He was in the evacuation of Dunkirk and was stationed in London during all the heavy bombings. He went to France on D-Day and fought through France into Belgium.



DROWNED SERGT. LEAVES WIFE, 7 CHILDREN

Eldest Has Been in Navy .Three Years

Mrs. C. Maloney, of George Terrace, Field Lane, Batley, has received official information that her husband, Sergt. Michael Maloney, was accidentally drowned while serving in Belgium.

Sergt. Maloney served five years in the Great War, and nearly five years in this war. He was in the evacuation of Dunkirk, and went to France on D-Day. He was stationed in London throughout the heavy bombings. His wife was formerly Miss Ellen Waters, and there are seven children aged 7 to 21.

He formerly worked for Messrs. A. N. Cooke and Co, Ltd., Bradford Road, Dewsbury.

The eldest son, Maurice, who is serving in the Royal Navy, also went to France on D—Day. He has been in the Navy three years. He used to work for Messrs. A. N. Cooke and Co. Ltd.

In October 1944 his wife who lived at 5, George Terrace, Field Lane, Batley received notification that her husband had drowned whist serving in Belgium. No further details were given.

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

Michael is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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