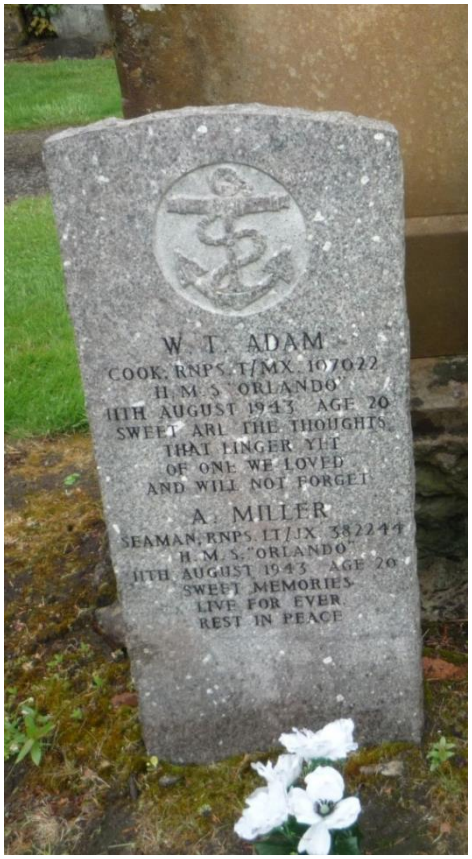
Arthur Miller





Rank: - Seaman

Number: - LT/JX 382244

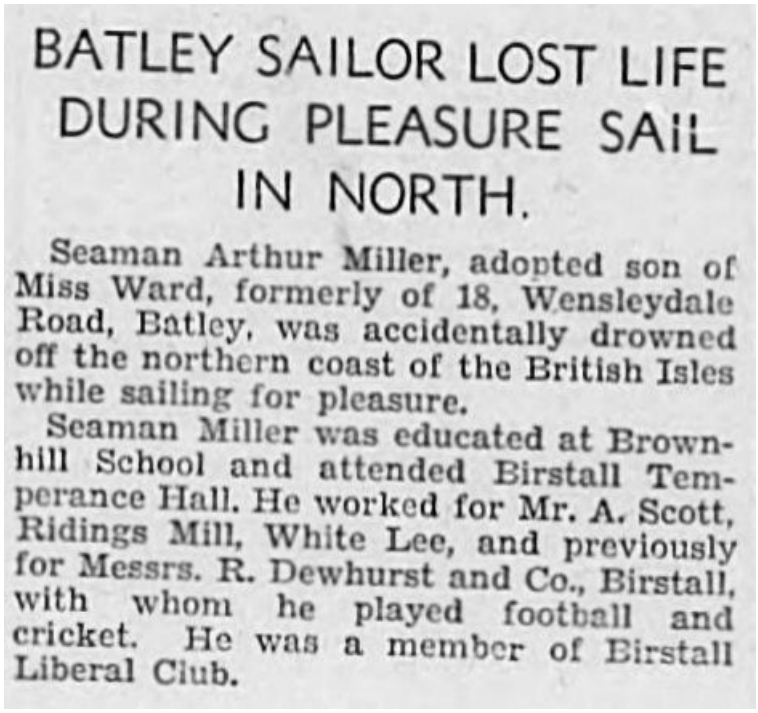
Service: - Royal Naval Patrol Service, Harbour Defence Patrol Craft HMT Melora at Greenock.

Died: - Accidental drowning at Holy Loch, Argyllshire. 11/08/1943 Age: 20 years.

Cemetery: - Greenock Cemetery, Renfrewshire F Grave C.

Arthur was born in Batley on 25 Jul 1923 the son of Frances Miller nee Ward and was the adopted son of Miss Ida Ward, formerly of 18, Wensleydale Road, Batley. Arthur attended Brownhill School and Birstall Temperance Hall.

After leaving school, he worked for Messrs. R. Dewhurst, Birstall with whom he played football and cricket and later Mr. A. Scott, Ridings Mill, White Lee. He was a member of Birstall Liberal Club.



BATLEY SAILOR LOST LIFE DURING PLEASURE SAIL IN NORTH.

Seaman Arthur Miller, adopted son of Miss Ward, formerly of 18, Wensleydale Road, Batley, was accidentally drowned off the northern coast of the British Isles while sailing for pleasure.

Seaman Miller was educated at Brownhill School and attended Birstall Temperance Hall. He worked for Mr. A. Scott, Ridings Mill, White Lee, and previously for Messrs. R. Dewhurst and Co., Birstall, with whom he played football and cricket. He was a member of Birstall Liberal Club.

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Arthur was drowned at Holy Loch, Scotland, whilst sailing for pleasure, according to newspaper reports. Official reports state it was a boat accident. He was killed and shares a grave with Cook William Thomson Adam who came from Kinross and Engineman David Skinner from Ballingtore Fearn, Ross-shire.

Arthur is remembered with Honour at Batley and Birstall War Memorials and was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.



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