Martin Miskell



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Martin was born in Tichbourne Street, Bunkers Lane, Batley in 1918 the son of Thomas Miskell and Elizabeth Miskell (nee Frayne, m. 1913, registered Dewsbury). Thomas was born in 1921. His father was the Batley Corporation water Inspector but sadly pre-deceased him and the family later moved to live at 8, Fair View Road, Carlinghow, Batley.

Martin married Doris Whiteley, in 1937, (registered Dewsbury) and a son was born in 1938. The family moved to Bradford in 1939. Martin was registered for service in July 1939 and joined the Highland Light Infantry and went for training in England. He came home for leave at Christmas 1939 and was taken ill at home on



STAINCLIFFE SOLDIER DIES ON LEAVE.

Military Escort at Private Miskell's Funeral.

Home on Christmas leave, Private Martin Miskell, 21 years old married son of Mrs. Elizabeth Miskell, Fair View Road, Carlinghow, Batley, was taken ill at his home in Bradford on Boxing Day and was removed to St. Luke's Hospital, where he died last Saturday.

Private Miskell, who registered last July, was serving with the Highland Light Infantry "somewhere in England." Born in Tichborn Street, Bunkers Lane, Staincliffe, he recently removed to Bradford. His father, the late Mr. Thomas Miskell was Batley Corporation water inspector. He leaves a young widow and a 12 months old baby.

Draped with the Union Jack and bearing his cap and bayonet, the coffin, mounted on a gun carriage, was carried to Sholebrook Cemetery, Bradford, for interment on Wednesday. Military escort was provided.

Father Kelly officiated. Family mourners were Mrs. Doris Miskell (widow), Mrs. E. Miskell (mother), Mr. Thomas Miskell (brother), Mrs. S. A. Frain, Miss B. Miskell, Miss Mary Miskell, Mr. M. Miskell and Mrs. Lang.

Boxing Day, being transferred to St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford where he died on 30 December 1939.

Draped with the Union Jack and bearing his cap and bayonet, the coffin, mounted on a gun carriage, was carried to Scholemoor Cemetery, Bradford on Wednesday 3 January 1940. Military escort was provided. Father Kelly officiated.

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



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