Donald Newell



Photo courtesy of Bill Berry

Rank: - Leading Aircraftsman

Number: - 1002286

Service: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 2 Aircraft Delivery Unit, Middle East.

Died: - Died 21 March 1943 aged 22

Cemetery: - Buried at Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel.

Meanwood born Joseph Alfred Newell married Elizabeth Walmsley at St. Mary's Church, Gomersal on 6 April 1901. Walter was born in Gomersal in 1901

followed by George Alfred 1903, Amy 1905 and Gladys in Heckmondwike in 1910. In 1911 the family was living at 86, Upper Road, Batley Carr. Hilda was born in 1914 followed by Jack 1917 and Donald in 1920. The family was still living at Upper Road in 1939 although Joseph Alfred had died in 1923.

At the end of the war the family was at 35, East Street, Batley.

Bill Berry “All that is known about Donald is that at the time of his death he was serving with No.2 ADU at Gabel Hamzi, Palestine.”

Donald was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at Holy Trinity, Batley Carr, Lychgate Memorial; Royal Air Forces Association Club, Batley and Batley War Memorial.



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