Arthur Noble





Rank: - Private

Number: - 4542311

Regiment: - West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) 2nd Bn.

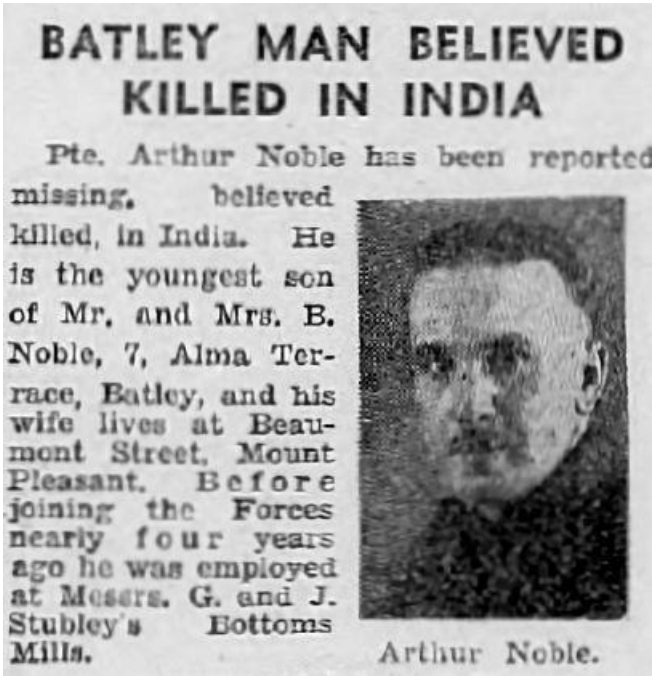
Died: - Died of Wounds 16 January 1944 Age: 28 years

Cemetery: - Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar 4. D. 20.

Batley News, 19 Feb 1944 (photo)

Arthur was born on the 6th January 1916 in Batley the youngest son of Benjamin and Jane Harriet Noble nee Boothroyd who had married on 21 September 1895 at All Saints, Church, Batley. Harriett Ann was born in 1896 and survived 4 months, Elizabeth Ann 1897 died May1898 aged 14 months, Alice 1900 survived for 20 months, Friend 1902, Maggie 1904 died 1921, Annie 1908 died 1912, Frances 1909, Florence 1911 and Arthur 1916. The family lived at Alma Terrace, Purlwell Lane, Batley.

In 1942 Arthur married Marian Nettleton who lived at Beaumont Street, Mount Pleasant. Before he joined the Forces in 1940, he was employed by Messrs. G& J. Stubleys, Bottoms Mill, Batley.



BATLEY MAN BELIEVED KILLED IN INDIA

Pte. Arthur Noble has been reported missing, believed killed, in India. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Noble, 7, Alma Terrace, Batley, and his wife lives at Beaumont Street, Mount Pleasant. Before joining the Forces nearly four years ago he was employed at Messrs. G. and J. Stubley's Bottoms Mills.

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The 2nd Battalion served with the 9th Indian Infantry Brigade in Myanmar (Burma) throughout the war.

The Burma campaign was a series of battles fought in the British colony of Burma. It was part of the South-East Asian theatre of World War 2 and primarily involved forces of the Allies; the British Empire and the Republic of China, with support from the United States. They faced the invading forces of Imperial Japan. Myanmar and India were until 1947 part of British India. Arthur died on 16 January 1944. Taukkyan War Cemetery is the largest of three war cemeteries in Burma and was begun in 1951 for the reception of battlefield cemeteries at Akyab, Mandalay, Meiktila and Sahmaw which was difficult to access and maintain.

TO LIVE IN HEARTS, WE LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT TO DIE

Arthur was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal.

Arthur is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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