Alfred Pollard





Rank: - Corporal

Number: - T/268777

Regiment: - Royal Army Service Corps

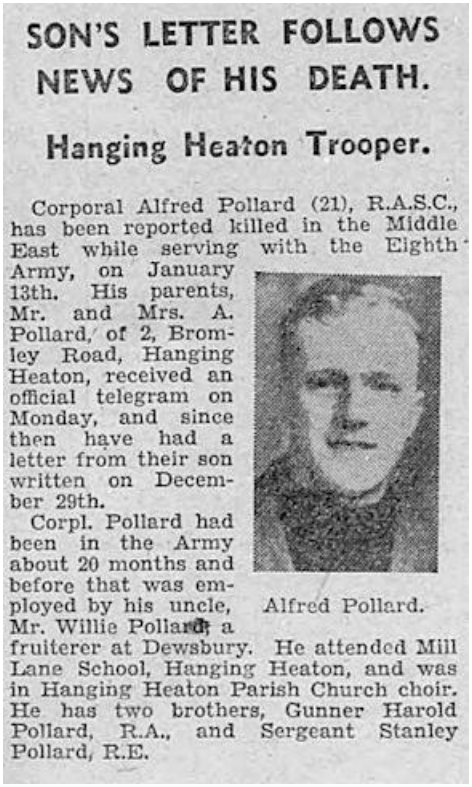
Died: - Killed in Action, Libya 13/01/1943 Age: 21 years

Cemetery: - Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya 10. C. 17.

Batley News, 30 Jan 1943 (photo)

Alfred was born on 30 July 1921, in Batley the son of Alfred and Margaret Pollard nee Luty who had married on 23 May 1904 at St. Paul's Church, Hanging Heaton. Gladys was born in December 1904 followed by Hubert 1906, Amy 1907, Ida 1912, Eva 1914, Harold 1915 and Alfred. The family lived at 2, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley. Alfred attended Mill Lane School, Hanging Heaton and

was in Hanging Heaton Parish Church choir. Before joining the Army, he was employed by his uncle Mr. Willie Pollard, a fruiterer of Dewsbury.



SON'S LETTER FOLLOWS NEWS OF HIS DEATH.

Hanging Heaton Trooper.

Corporal Alfred Pollard (21), R.A.S.C., has been reported killed in the Middle East while serving with the Eighth Army, on January 13th. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pollard, of 2, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, received an official telegram on Monday, and since then have had a letter from their son written on December 29th.

Alfred Pollard.

Corpl. Pollard had been in the Army about 20 months and before that was employed by his uncle, Mr. Willie Pollard, a fruiterer at Dewsbury. He attended Mill Lane School, Hanging Heaton, and was in Hanging Heaton Parish Church choir. He has two brothers, Gunner Harold Pollard, R.A., and Sergeant Stanley Pollard, R.E.

Alfred joined the Forces in May 1941

The Eighth Army first went into action as an Army as part of Operation Crusader, the Allied operation to relieve the besieged city of Tobruk on 17 November 1941, when it crossed the Egyptian frontier into Libya to attack Erwin Rommel's Panzer Army Africa. At the beginning of November 1942, the Eighth Army defeated Rommel in the decisive Second Battle of El Alamein, pursuing the defeated Axis Army across Libya and reaching the Mareth defensive Line on the Tunisian border in February 1943, where it came under the control of 18th Army Group.

His parents received an official telegram saying that Alfred had been killed on 13 January whilst serving with the Eighth Army in Libya. They later received a letter dated 29 December 1942.

ALWAYS WITHIN OUR HEARTS, BELOVED AND NOT FORGOTTEN. MAM, DAD AND FAMILY

Alfred is remembered with Honour at Hanging Heaton War Memorial (St Paul's) and Batley War Memorial.



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