Kenneth Pollard





Rank: - Leading Aircraftsman

Number: - 1485639

Regiment: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Died: - in hospital in Lucknow, Delhi, India 12 June 1944

Cemetery: - Delhi War Cemetery, India Plot 6 Row D Grave 13.

Batley News, 17 Jun 1944; 24 Jun 1944 (photo); 12 May 1945

Kenneth was born on 28 Sept 1922 the youngest of six serving brothers of Joe and Edith Pollard nee Houlbrook who had married on 8 Jan 1911 at Christ Church, Staincliffe. James (Jim) Houlbrook and who later served as Sgt Major, India Command, was born in 1910. Annie was born in 1911 followed by Fred 1912 who joined the RAF in 1940, took place in D Day Landings and was

wounded in May 1945, Walter Houlbrook Pollard (born 1915 killed. 11/11/1944), Joe 1916 ex POW, William P (Bill) 1918 BLA, Herbert April 1921-March 1922, Betty 1927, and Douglas 1929.

Kenneth was a member of Carlinghow Working Mens Club and an employee of Messrs H. Hill, Oil extractors, Dewsbury before he joined up. He was stationed at R.A.F. Bombay and was ill in hospital for 10 weeks before he died on 12 June 1944.His parents who lived at Copley Street, Batley received a telegram which was from the Air Ministry and signed by the Under Secretary of State expresses “profound sympathy” on behalf of the Air Council.

Kenneth was awarded the 1939 Star and the 1939-45 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at Royal Air Force Association Club, Batley; Carlinghow Working Mens Club (now hanging in St John’s Church, Carlinghow) and Batley War Memorial (Addenda).



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