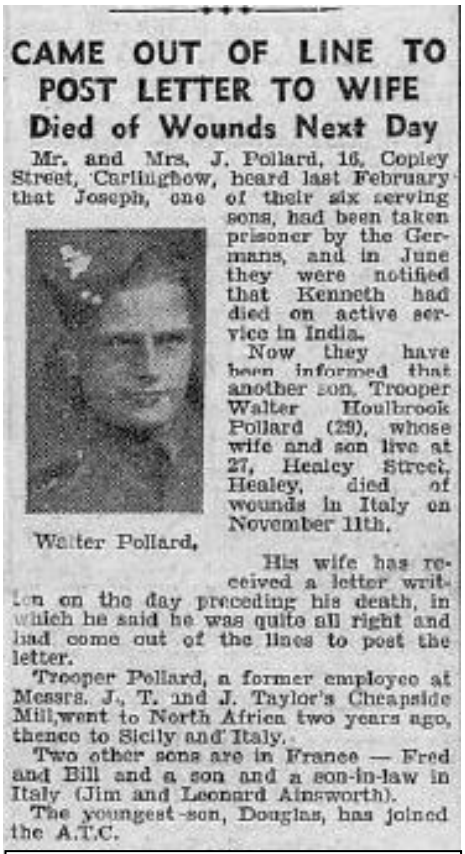
# Walter Houlbrook Pollard





Walter was born in 1915 the son of Joe and Edith Pollard nee Houlbrook who had married on 8 January 1911 at Christ Church, Staincliffe. Edith came from Barnsley and had a son James Houlbrook born 1910. The family went to live at 32, Queen Street, Batley. Annie E was born in 1911 followed by Fred 1912, Walter in 1915, Joe 1916, William 1918, Herbert 1921, Kenneth 1922-1945, Betty 1927 and Douglas 1929. Before 1939 the family had moved to live at 16, Copley Street, Carlinghow, Batley.

In 1937, Walter married Monica Ellis and a son was born later that year. The family lived at 27, Healey Street, Batley. Walter worked at Messrs J.T. & J. Taylor's, Cheapside Mils, Batley.



**CAME OUT OF LINE TO POST LETTER TO WIFE**

**Died of Wounds Next Day**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pollard, 16, Copley Street, Carlinghow, heard last February that Joseph, one of their six serving sons, had been taken prisoner by the Germans, and in June they were notified that Kenneth had died on active service in India.

Now they have been informed that another son, Trooper Walter Houlbrook Pollard (29), whose wife and son live at 27, Healey Street, Healey, died of wounds in Italy on November 11th.

Walter Pollard.

His wife has received a letter written on the day preceding his death, in which he said he was quite all right and had come out of the lines to post the letter.

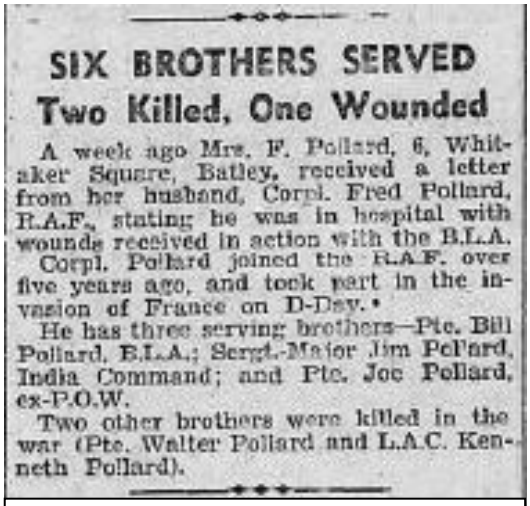
Trooper Pollard, a former employee at Messrs. J., T. and J. Taylor's Cheapside Mill, went to North Africa two years ago, thence to Sicily and Italy.

Two other sons are in France — Fred and Bill and a son and a son-in-law in Italy (Jim and Leonard Ainsworth).

The youngest son, Douglas, has joined the A.T.C.

Batley News, 2 Dec 1944

He went to North Africa in 1942 and then to Sicily and Italy where he died of wounds on 11 November 1944 and was buried at Cesena War Cemetery, Italy. His wife had received a letter from him and posted on the day before he died which said he was quite all right and had come out of lines to post the letter. Five of his brothers all saw active service, his brother, Joseph, was a prisoner in Germany in February 1944, Fred was taken to hospital after receiving wounds in action, Kenneth died in Lucknow, India after being ill in hospital for 10 weeks. Fred and William also saw service in Italy.



**SIX BROTHERS SERVED**

**Two Killed, One Wounded**

A week ago Mrs. F. Pollard, 6, Whitaker Square, Batley, received a letter from her husband, Corpl. Fred Pollard, R.A.F., stating he was in hospital with wounds received in action with the B.L.A.

Corpl. Pollard joined the R.A.F. over five years ago, and took part in the invasion of France on D-Day.

He has three serving brothers—Pte. Bill Pollard, B.L.A.; Sergt.-Major Jim Pollard, India Command; and Pte. Joe Pollard, ex-P.O.W.

Two other brothers were killed in the war (Pte. Walter Pollard and L.A.C. Kenneth Pollard).

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Walter is remembered with Honour on Batley War Memorial Addenda 2021 and was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal.

His brother, Kenneth, was added to Batley War Memorial on the addenda of 1999.




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