Frederick Walker





Rank: - Ordinary Telegraphist

Number: - P/JX 401412

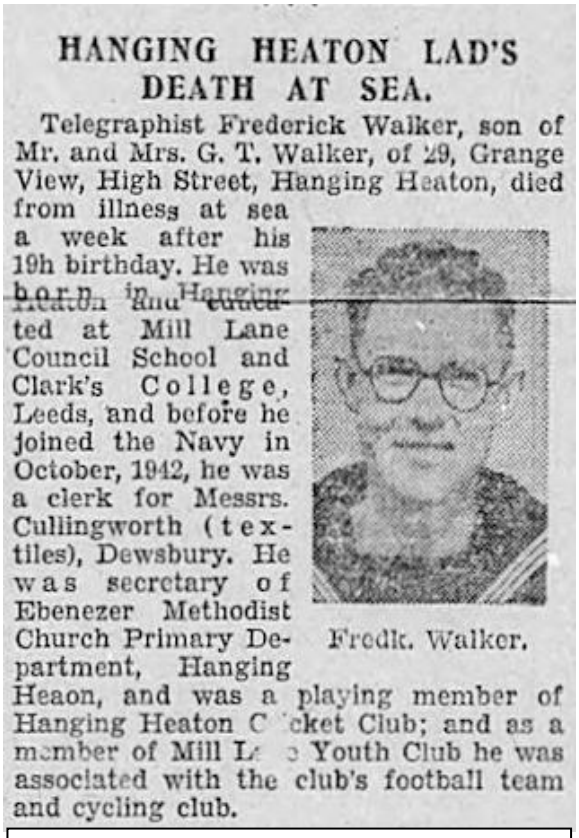
Service: - Royal Navy, H.M.T. Highland Chieftain

Died: - Died of illness at sea 16/08/1943 Age: 19 years

Memorial: - Portsmouth Naval Memorial Panel 77, Column 1.

Frederick was born in Batley on 9 August 1924 the son of George Thurmand and Nellie Walker (nee Lodge, m. 1923, registered Dewsbury) Laura was born in 1927 and the family lived at 29, High Street, Hanging Heaton,

Frederick attended Mill Lane Council School and Clarks College, Leeds, and before he joined the Navy in October 1942, he was a clerk for Messrs. Cullingworth (textiles), Dewsbury. He was secretary of Ebenezer Methodist Church Primary Department, Hanging Heaton and was a playing member of Hanging Heaton Cricket Club and as a member of Mill Lane Youth Club he was associated with the clubs' football team and cycling club.



HANGING HEATON LAD'S DEATH AT SEA.

Telegraphist Frederick Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Walker, of 29, Grange View, High Street, Hanging Heaton, died from illness at sea a week after his 19h birthday. He was born in Hanging Heaton and educated at Mill Lane Council School and Clark's College, Leeds, and before he joined the Navy in October, 1942, he was a clerk for Messrs. Cullingworth (textiles), Dewsbury. He was secretary of Ebenezer Methodist Church Primary Department, Hanging Heaon, and was a playing member of Hanging Heaton C cket Club; and as a member of Mill L Youth Club he was associated with the club's football team and cycling club.

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Batley News, 28 Aug 1943

Frederick joined the Royal Navy. His parents received notification that he had died from illness, on board the HMT Highland Chieftain, at sea, a week after his 19th birthday. His records show he died of pulmonary embolism, peritonitis and acute appendicitis.

Frederick is remembered with Honour at Hanging Heaton War Memorial (St Paul's); Ebenezer Methodist Church, Hanging Heaton and Batley War Memorial. He was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.



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