

## James Benton



**Rank:** - Private

**Number:** - 4746273

**Regiment:** - York and Lancaster Regt. 2nd Bn.

**Died:** - Died of Peritonitis 10 September 1941 age 26.

**Cemetery:** - Damascus Commonwealth War Cemetery, Syria M.22.

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James was born in c.1914 the son of Arthur and Mary Ellen Benton nee Knight who had married earlier in 1914. Kathleen was born in 1919 Marjorie 1921, Nora 1923, Bernard 1927 and Betty 1930. His mother died in early 1937 and his father married Florence Barrowclough in 1939. The family lived in Howden Clough Road, Batley.

### **HOWDEN CLOUGH SOLDIER DIES IN SYRIA.**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Benton, 97, Atkinson's Buildings, Howden Clough Road, have received news that their son, Private James Benton (27), Yorks. and Lancs., died of peritonitis in a Syrian casualty clearing station on September 10th.

Before joining the Army six years ago he was employed in the finishing department of Messrs. Wm. Baines, Britannia Mills, Morley. He had seen service in India, Palestine and Crete.

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James was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial.



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