

Jack Ramsden



Rank: - Sub-Lieutenant (A)

Number: -

Service: - Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve H.M.S. Implacable, Naval Air Signals, Fleet Air Arm.

Died: - Fighter Pilot Missing (believed killed) whilst serving as a fighter pilot 16 April 1945 Age: 22 years.

Memorial: - Lee-on-Solent Memorial, Hampshire Bay 6, Panel 4.

Jack was born on 30 November 1922 the son of John and Gertrude Hasleham Ramsden nee Thorpe who had married in 1919. Hazel was born in 1931 and Frank Richard in 1936. When the register was taken in September 1939 the family was living at 60 Bromley Street, and Jack gave his occupation as an unemployed printers clerical assistant. John died on 31 May 1938 and he had been a printer and Jack was employed by him at Batley Carr after leaving Batley Grammar School. Jack had been a member of the school Air Training Corps Squadron. His mother moved to live at Clutton Street, Soothill. Jack joined the Forces when he was 18 and was commissioned in February 1943 after training in England and Canada. Towards Christmas 1944 he served in Norwegian waters.

In 1943 Jack married Mary Winifred Price in the Chester area. Christine was born in 1945 but Jack never saw his daughter.

HMS *Implacable* was the name ship of her class of two aircraft carriers built for the Royal Navy during World War 2. Upon completion in 1944, she was initially assigned to the Home Fleet and attacked targets in Norway for the rest of the year. She was subsequently assigned to the British Pacific Fleet (BPF) where she attacked the Japanese naval base at Truk and targets in the Japanese Home Islands in 1945.

Jack was posted missing, presumed killed.

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

**FIGHTER PILOT'S FATE
IN FAR EAST**

Mrs. J. Ramsden, Clutton Street, Sooty Hill Lane, Batley, has received news that her eldest son, Sub-Lieutenant Jack Ramsden, R. N. V. R. Naval Air Signals, Fleet Air Arm, who is aged 22, is reported missing (believed killed) while serving in the Far East as a fighter pilot.

He joined the Forces at the age of 18, and was commissioned in February, 1943, after training in England and Canada. Towards last Christmas he served in Norwegian waters.

He used to be employed by his father, the late Mr. John Ramsden, Batley Carr. He had attended Batley Grammar School, and was a member of the School A. T. C. Squadron. He is married, and has a daughter whom he has never seen.

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