

George William Reynard



Rank: - Lance Corporal

Number: - 2717332

Regiment: - Irish Guards 3rd Bn.

Died: - Killed in Action 11 August 1944 aged 30 years.

Cemetery: - St Charles de Percy War Cemetery, Calvados, France III. D. 10.

George William was born in 1914 the son of Harold and Edith nee Dunnett who had married at St. Andrews Church, Purlwell, on 3 August 1912. Jack was born in 1916.

George attended Batley Parish School and was a weft carrier at Messrs. G. & J. Stubleys, Bottoms Mills, where his father and grandfather were also employed. His mother died in March 1941. In 1934 he married Alice Allsopp who came from Fairburn. George William and George William was one of the first to join up in 1939.

The Guards Armoured Division was an armoured division of the British Army during the Second World War. The division was created in the United Kingdom on 17 June 1941

during World War 2 from elements of the Guards units, the Grenadier Guards, Coldstream Guards, Scots Guards, Irish Guards, Welsh Guards, and the Household Cavalry.

The division remained in the United Kingdom, training, until 13 June 1944, when it landed several armoured command vehicles at Arromanche. It lagered its advanced tactical headquarters in communication with GHQ awaiting the bulk of the armour in Normandy, France, during Operation Overload as part of V111 Corps. Its first major engagement was Operation Goodwood, the attack by three armoured divisions towards Bourguebus Ridge in an attempt to break out of the Normandy beachhead. That was followed by Operation Bluecoat, the advance east of Caen as the Falaise pocket formed.

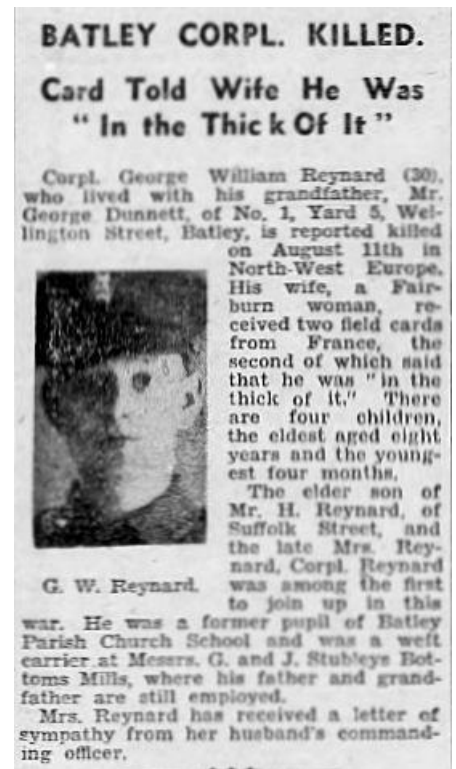
George William was killed in Action on 11 August 1944 and was buried at St Charles de Percy War Cemetery which is the southernmost of the Normandy cemeteries. The majority of this buried died in late July and early August in the major thrust made from Caumont l'Evente towards Vire to drive a wedge between the German 7th Army and Panzer Group West.

IN OUR HEARTS IS A MEMORY. WE SMILE WITH THE WORLD BUT NEVER FORGET. WIFE & CHILDREN

George William is remembered with Honour at The British Normandy Memorial, column 283 and Batley War Memorial.



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