

Robert William Rosser



**SWEET IS HIS MEMORY DEAR IN HIS NAME DEEP IN OUR HEARTS HE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN.
R.I.P.**

Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment) 10th Battalion

Robert William was born on 22 July 1922 in West Hartlepool, Co. Durham, the son of Benjamin and Lily Rosser (nee Johnson, m. 1918, registered South Shields). Doris was born in 1920 followed by Robert William and Lily 1926.

In 1939 Robert was living with his family in West Hartlepool and was employed as a saw mill labourer, but shortly after the register was taken the family moved to live in Batley at 15, Gladwin Street, Dark Lane. When he moved to Batley he worked as a night weaver at Messrs. John Tattersfield and Son, Moor End Mills, Dewsbury and attended St. Mary's Church, Batley.

The 10th Battalion were in training at Sudbury, Suffolk in June 1942, and they served in North Africa, Middle East, Sicily, and Italy with the 168th London Infantry Brigade. The 10th Battalion was reduced to 40 men defending the Anzio beachhead. In the battle around Carroceto and Aprilia in early February 1944 the 10th Royal Berkshires had been one of a group that included the 1st Battalion Reece Regiment. The 1st London Irish, the 6th Gordons and the 1st Loyals in direct combat with the German Combat Group Graser.

Robert had enlisted in 1942 and saw service in all the above conflicts.

He was killed at the Anzio Beach. After the war his family returned to West Hartlepool where his name appears on the memorial.

**BATLEY NIGHT WEAVER
MISSING IN ITALY**

Lance-Corpl. Robert William Rosser (20), only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Rosser, 15, Godwin Street, Dark Lane, Batley, was reported missing on February 26th in the Central Mediterranean area.

His family came from West Hartlepool, where he was a steel worker, in 1940, and until he joined the Forces two years ago he worked as a night weaver for Messrs. John Tattersfield and Son, Moor End Mills, Dewsbury, and attended St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

R. W. Rosser.

He has seen service in Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Africa, Sicily and Italy.



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