

Harry Sykes



Rank: - Corporal

Number: - T/141511

Regiment: - Royal Army Service Corps

Died: - 17/12/1942 Age: 23 years

Cemetery: - Caserta War Cemetery, Italy, III.D.3.

Harry was born in Batley on the 10 August 1919 the son of Frederick William and Katharine Martha Sykes nee Townend who had married in 1904, registered Dewsbury. Marjorie was born in 1906 followed by George Frederick 1910-1936 and Kathleen 1920. The family lived at 60 Lady Anne Road, Batley. In 1939 his father was employed as a stone mason and Harry was a solicitor's clerk. His mother died in May 1941.

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The Royal Army Service Corps (RASC) was the unit responsible for keeping the British Army supplied with provisions. It is not known when Harry joined the

Forces but he was in North Africa with the Western Front in 1942 and was at first posted as “missing, believed wounded and prisoner of war” and this was later confirmed that he had been captured on 5 August. He was taken to Italy where he died on 17 December 1942. There was a POW Hospital at Caserta before the Allied invasion in 1943.

BELOVED SON OF F.W. & THE LATE K.M. SYKES OF BATLEY, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND.
“REST IN PEACE”

Harold is remembered with honour at Batley War Memorial. He was awarded the 1939-45 Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.

Please note that his name on the War Memorial is ‘Frederick H Sykes’, probably Frederick being his fathers name.



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