

Jack Turton



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Rank: - Squadron Leader (Pilot)

Number: - 124816

Regiment: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve No. 290 Maintenance Unit,
Malaya

Died: - 4 March 1946

Cemetery: - Kuala Lumpur (Cheras Road) Civil Cemetery, Malaysia Grave 869

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Jack was born in 1922, the son of George Thomas (Tom) and Edith Turton nee Stubbs who married in 1921. Sarah J (Sally) was born in 1924 followed by Mary in 1926. His father had fought in WW1. In 1939 the family lived at 37, Knowles Road, Batley. His father gave his occupation as a master builder.

Jack attended Purlwell Methodist Church and Batley Grammar School where he was a member of the School Squadron A.T.C. He was employed as a laboratory assistant at Batley Corporation Gas works before he joined the R.A.F.V.R .in around 1941. After his training in the USA and a period of service in this country he became a member of a fighter squadron in Burma. Jack came home on leave in early 1946 from Singapore and shortly after his return there was announcement of his promotion. Sadly, shortly after this came the news of his death. His parents received a wire in which he was reported to have lost his life as the result of an aircraft accident on March 4th in SE Asia. At the time of his death, he was stationed at No. 290 Maintenance Unit, Malaya.



Squadron Leader Jack Turton

He was awarded the 1939-45 Star; Air Crew Star; Pacific Star and the 1939-1945 War Medal.

Jack is remembered with Honour at Batley Grammar School, Royal Air Force Association, Batley and Batley War Memorial.



TURTON Jack of 87 Knowles-road Batley Yorkshire died 4 March 1946 in Malaya Administration Wakefield 26 July to George Thomas Turton builder. Effects £218 4s, 11d.

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