

## Jack Walker



Photo courtesy of Bill Berry

**Rank:** - Sergeant (Wireless Operator)

**Number:** - 1059468

**Regiment:** - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 9 Squadron (Code letters WS)

**Died:** - 10 April 1942 aged 30

**Cemetery:** - Rheinberg War Cemetery, Plot 6, Row C, Grave 15

Batley News, 1 Aug 1942 (photo)

Jack was born in Batley on 13 November 1911 the son of Percy and Emma Jane Walker nee Farrar, who had married on 25 December 1909 at All Saints Church, Batley. Bessie was born in 1910 followed by Jack 1911, Nellie 1913, George 1917 and Tom 1919. The family lived at Cobden Street, Batley.

Jack attended Park Road School and Batley Grammar School. He married Lydia Padgett on 1 September 193 at Hanover Street, Independent Chapel, Batley. They had five children the youngest being only 3 weeks old when he lost his life but he had been able to see her two weeks earlier.

He was employed at Messrs J.R. Burrows, Carlinghow Mills, Batley before joining the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Jack took off with the crew of a Vickers Wellington 111/X3702/WS from Honington on a night raid of Essen. There was cloud cover despite a clear forecast, consequently accuracy was poor. The first 8,000lb bomb of the war was dropped in this raid. The International Red Cross reported him killed after visiting enemy territory.

He was awarded the Air Crew Europe Star; 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal. Jack is remembered with Honour at Batley Grammar School; Royal Air Forces Association Club, Batley.



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