

Percy Wray



Rank: - AC2 (Wireless Operator / Air Gunner)

Number: - 1071648

Regiment: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No.2 Signals School, Yatesbury.

Died: - 1st February 1942 aged 19

Cemetery: Batley Cemetery Section V Grave 229

Batley News, 21 Feb 1942 (photo)

Percy was born in 1922 in Lincolnshire the son of John William and Mary Wray (nee Calter) of 10 Albion Street, Batley.

John William came from Dewsbury and Mary from Goole they married in 1907 and in 1911 they were living at Eastoft, Lincolnshire with their two children Mark b.1908 and Joseph 1911. Mary was born in 1913 followed by John William 1916, Madge 1918 and Percy in 1922.

The family came to Batley in around 1927 and were connected with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Percy went as a scholarship winner to Dewsbury

Technical College and began his working career with Mr. J. W. Thornton, joiner, Dewsbury and was later employed at Messrs G.H. Hirst and Co. Alexandra Mills, Messrs G&J Stubbley's Hick Lane Mills, Messrs Hall and Tankard's, Brookroyd Mills and the CWS, Livingstone Mills. Percy was a member of the Trades and Friendly Club and was known in the district as a keen swimmer.

Percy volunteered for the RAF in August 1940. At the time of his death, he was in training at No2 Signals School, R.A.F. Yatesbury.

Percy is remembered with Honour at Royal Air Forces Association Club, Batley and Batley War Memorial.



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