

War Memorial – The Green, Castle Bromwich

World War II 1939-1945

Sapper Alfred Charles Milner (1917-1944) 14577299 54th Field Company, Royal Engineers died aged 26



Alfred was born on 28th October 1917 to parents Charles Horace and Ethel Maud Milner (née Perry) of Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. In 1939 he is registered as living at 53 St Joseph's Road, Ward End, Birmingham with his parents, grandmother Sarah and younger sister Doris. Aged 22, his occupation is recorded as a solderer of electric heaters. He married Martha Betty Collins of Castle Bromwich in October 1943.

Newly-wed, in late 1943 Alfred and the 54th Field Company sailed from Liverpool via Suez onto Bombay, then to Doolally for training in the Indian jungle. In early February 1944 preparation began for the 2nd Chindit Expedition to cut the Japanese forces supply lines. For the operation, the Company were flown by Dakota aircraft miles behind enemy lines into the Burmese jungle to fight the Japanese.

Alfred died serving with his regiment on 6th August 1944 aged 26 and is buried at Taukkyan War Cemetery, Htauk Kyant, Yangon Region, Burma (Myanmar), his cross is inscribed *"Lovingly remembered by wife Betty, mom, dad and families 'Thy Will Be Done'"*, he is also commemorated at the war memorial at The Green, Castle Bromwich.



Dakotas in Burma

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