

War Memorial – The Green, Castle Bromwich

World War II 1939-1945

Private John Elliott Snowball (1919-1942) 7626505 Royal Army Ordnance Corps died aged 22



John was born on 25th December 1919 in Hedley Hope, Durham the youngest of six children to parents George Valentine and Sarah Ellen Snowball (née Hall). Joseph b.1908, George b.1910, Robert b.1912, Christina b.1916 and Frances b.1918.

In 1939 John is registered as living with his parents and two elder sisters Christina and Frances at 7 Hazelhurst Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. His occupation is recorded as motor tyre fitter.

John joined the RAOC who were responsible for the many hundreds of thousands of items needed by an army. It also dealt with the supply and maintenance of weaponry, munitions and other military equipment.

John was killed in action on 4th July 1942 aged 22 at Port Said and is buried at Port Said War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt, the cross is inscribed "*Thy will be done*". He is also commemorated at the war memorial at The Green, Castle Bromwich.

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