

Bernard Michael Woollen

Private

5th Bn., East Yorkshire Regiment

Service Number 14660397,

Died on 02 October 1944 Age 19

Remembered Groesbeek Memorial

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2659785/woollen,-bernard-michael/>

Bernard Michael Woollen was the son of Bernard and Julia Annie (nee Godward) Woollen. He birth was registered in Ecclesall Bierlow (part of Sheffield) R D in the June quarter of 1925.

Bernard and Julia Annie Godward had been married in Nottingham the previous year, (1924) registered in the June quarter.

The family moved fairly often. On the 1925 Electoral Register Bernard and Julia Annie Woollen are listed at 27, Byfield Street Nottingham. On the 1928 -1930 E R they are on Whittingham Road Mapperley, and in 1931 on Darley Avenue, Carlton.

A daughter Mary A. Woollen was born some years later in 1934 registered in the Basford R D

On the 1939 Register the family are listed at 40, Besecar Avenue, Gedling

Bernard Woollen born 17/02/1892 occupation 'builder, iron and steel dresser'

Julia Annie Woollen born 08/04/1890 occupation 'building contractor.

Plus 2 closed records which were probably Bernard Michael and Mary A.

Bernard Michael is likely to have been conscripted when he reached his 18th birthday in 1943. He joined the 5th Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment. On 6 June 1944: The Battalion took part in Operation Overlord.- D day- It took all their objectives despite suffering many casualties.

The Battalion was involved in action all the way through the Normandy Campaign, then on into Belgium, Holland and lastly into Bremen, Germany.

Bernard Michael Woollen was killed on 2nd October 1944. He was posted as missing presumed killed in action and is listed on the memorial in the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery - The village of Groesbeek is in the east of the Netherlands and approx 10kms south east of the city of Nijmegen.

Details about the cemetery and a photograph of the memorial can be found on

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/1972403/groesbeek-canadian-war-cemetery-and-memorial>

His father died the following year on 22nd June 1945.

On the first anniversary of Bernard Michael's death a notice appeared in the Nottingham Evening Post of October 2nd 1945

IN MEMORIUM

WOOLLEN, Bernard Michael who passed away one year today. Memories are treasures no one can steal, death leaves a heartache no one can heal. - Loving mother, Mary. RIP