

Private Robert Ernest Donnison No.5 Commando



Bob and his wife Alice 1945.

Death.—It was with great regret that Ruskington people heard on Tuesday last week the sad news of the death of Mr. Robert Ernest Donnison, aged 38, of 7, Hillside Estate, in Lincoln County Hospital following an accident at work as a painter for the British Crop Driers. The deep sympathy of everyone is felt for his wife, who is left with three children, Jeanette, aged 13; Roy, aged 12, and Leon, aged 8. Mr. Donnison had resided at Ruskington about 12 years and had been employed by the British Crop Driers for over four years. He had become very popular with his workmates and with all who knew him. During the whole of the war he was with 5th Commando and took part in all the major engagements undertaken. The funeral was on Friday, the service being conducted by the Rev. G. Peake, Vicar of Rowston. Fellow members of the British Legion, Messrs. W. Muxlow, J. Newton, H. Taylor and C. Wright were the bearers and Mr. A. W. Holbrook, Chairman of the British Legion presided at the organ. The Hymns chosen were the 23rd Psalm to "Crimond", and "On the Resurrection Morn". The mourners were Mrs. Donnison (widow), Mr. L. Donnison (brother), Mr. and Mrs. C. Benson (uncle and aunt), Lincoln, Mrs. Osgerby, Mrs. Nesbit (sister in law), and Mr. Boydell (brother in law) Lincoln, Mrs. Lawson (aunt), Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Copeland, Cranwell; Mr. J. Copeland, F. Lt. R. Sharpe. The firm of British Crop Driers were represented by Mr. Davies (Managing Director) and Mr. England (Manager), there were present many of his fellow employees and twenty members of the Ruskington and District British Legion, and very many friends and neighbours to pay their last tribute. Wreaths from the British Legion, fellow workmates, Manager and Directors, and Hillside Estate were in the many beautiful floral tributes.

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