

# **Gunner Wilfred James Hanson**

## **Royal Artillery**

Service Number: Not known

Date Died: 7 July 1980

Age: 74

How Died: Throat Cancer

Country of burial: Birmingham Crematorium

Cemetery or Memorial: None

Town Memorial: None

### **Extra Information**

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Wilfred James Hanson was born on 31 March 1906 in Birmingham, the 6<sup>th</sup> and final child of Agnes and John Hanson. However, he was never called Wilfred. Someone saw his smiling face and called him 'Sunny Jim'. After this no-one but me called him anything different. Although he was my Great Uncle from the time I could speak he was my beloved Nuncky.

He left school at 14 and was immediately put to work in a silver plating factory. A silver plater was what he remained for the rest of his working life.

In 1932 he married and his only son was born in 1935.

During the war he was conscripted into the Royal Artillery. During training he achieved a much sort after gunnery medal.

He was posted to the Orkney Islands and spent the rest of the war guarding the islands from enemy attack by air or sea.

He did very well when going on home leave because the local farmers sent him back with eggs, bacon, butter, cheese –everything that was rationed.

He remained very fond of the Orcadians who always called him Chim.

(Information provided by: Jennifer Stainton)

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