

ASTON Harry

Name: Harry Aston

Born: 7 January 1919

Rank: Private

Service Number: 5830858

Regiment: 1st Battalion,
Cambridgeshire
Regiment



Died: 1 April 1982

Pre-War:

Harry was born and grew up in West Bromwich, Staffordshire (now Sandwell, West Midlands).

Wartime experience:

Harry enlisted on 20 October 1939 and was posted overseas to Singapore and was captured at the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942 and was sent to Changi. He was sent to many of the camps along the Thai/Burma railway:-

19 October 1942 – Kanu

4 April 1943 – Thonchan

June 1943 – Tarsao

April 1944 – Tamuang

November 1944 – Kanchanaburi

January 1945 – Takari

Harry was in Takari when the Japanese surrendered and the war ended – he was passed on to allied hands and then returned home.

Life after return:

Harry was a career man and remained in the army, transferring from the Cambridgeshire Regiment to the REME in 1948 and finally retired in October 1965 with the rank of Sergeant.

Sadly, Harry died on 1 April 1982 at the age of 63.

The above information was provided by Josie and Lesley Aston



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