

LONG Leslie Frederick

Name: Leslie Fredrick Long

Born: 2 May 1919

Rank: Corporal

Service Number: 7345948

Regiment: 3rd Corps,
Royal Corps of Signals

Died: 9 June 1984



Pre-War:

Les, as he was known, was born and lived in Oxford. He was a college servant at Christchurch and was in the Territorial Army, before he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in September 1938. He then signed up for the Royal Corps of Signals on 15 July 1939.

Wartime experience:

Following his initial training, Les was posted to Norway but after severe bombing by the Germans and the destruction of all the equipment, he was posted back to Scotland.

He was posted to Singapore in January 1941 and was working from Fortress for a year before Singapore fell on 15 February 1942, when he was incarcerated in Changi camp.

Les was transported by a Japanese 'hell' ship to Japan, where he was made to work in a chemical factory in Omi, near Tokyo. He survived captivity and returned home.

Civilian life after return:

Les served in the Oxford City Police (PC53), after which he moved to High Wycombe, where he went into partnership with a fellow FEPOW - Norman Burrows (an Iruka Boy) opening a newsagents. In 1965, he took over the tenancy of 'The Marlborough Arms' St. Thomas's, Oxford and, in 1971, the tenancy of 'The White Hart' Old Marston Village, Oxford. He was a well-respected member of the Oxford community.

Les had planned for his retirement on 28 June 1984 but, had a bad fall on 5 June and, as a consequence, he sadly passed away on 9 June 1984. at the age of 65,



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