

MARTIN Frederick Robert

Name: Frederick Robert Martin

Born: 15 May 1916

Rank: Private

Service Number: 4620644

Regiment/Unit: Duke of Wellingtons
/ Sherwood Foresters

Died: 13 September 2008



Pre-War:

Before the war, due to the untimely death of his father, Fred had to take over the family Newsagent business.

Wartime experience:

Fred enlisted on 18 April 1940 and joined the Duke of Wellingtons Regiment. After basic training the regiment was sent to Singapore. He was only there a short time when the Japanese invaded and the allied forces were forced to surrender. In the ensuing chaos regiments got split up and Fred found himself with The Sherwood Foresters and remained with them until the end of the war. He was sent to Changi and from there worked at different camps along the Thai/Burma Railway. He remained a prisoner until the end of the war.

Civilian life after return:

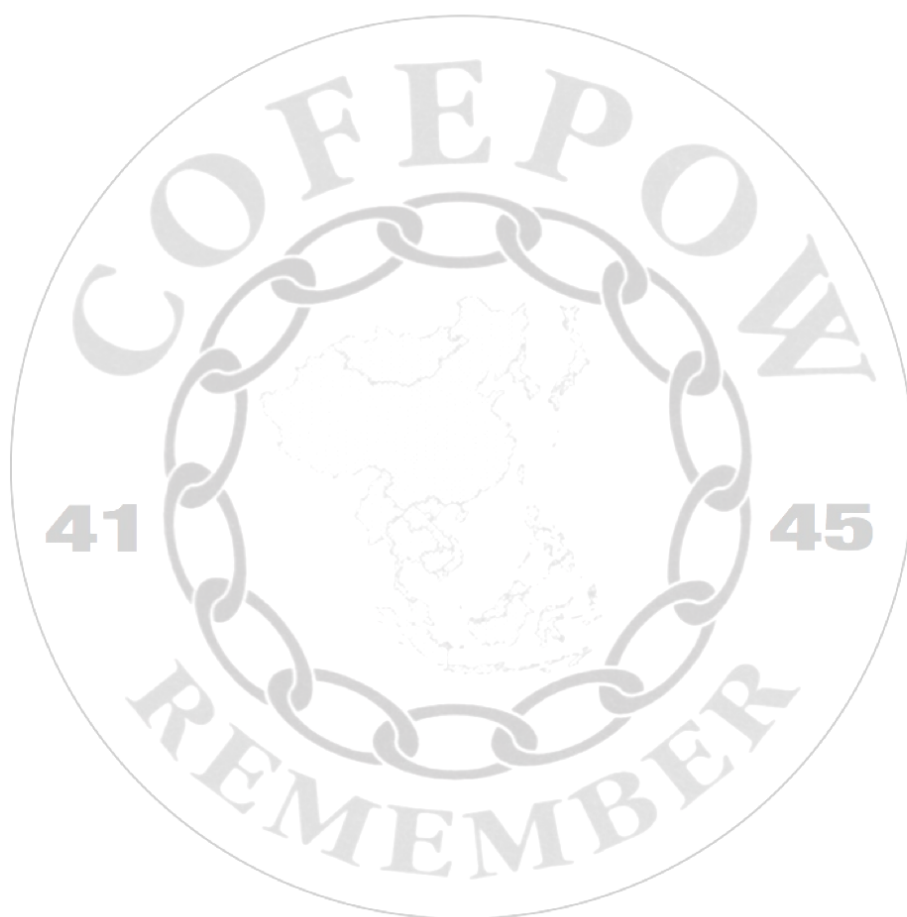
Fred came home and carried on running of the family Newsagent business, married and had two children. He never spoke of the war and what he endured as a prisoner until he was in his eighties, he then opened up and shared his experiences with his family and he also read all he could about the Far East Campaign.



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Dad didn't say much but one thing he did say was - if it wasn't for the comradeship and help he received from his fellow prisoners of war he would never have made it home. Such brave men.

The above information has been provided by Julie Weller (Daughter)



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