

CLIVE Edward

Name: Edward Clive

Born: 2 April 1906

Rank: Private

Service Number: 7587872

Regiment/Unit: LAD 18th Division,
Royal Army Ordinance Corps

Died: July 1977



Pre-War:

Edward was born in Lozells and lived in Erdington, Birmingham.

Wartime experience:

Edward enlisted on 29 August 1939 at the age of 33. He was captured at the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942 and held in Malai Camp, otherwise known as Changi POW Camp. He left there on 27 April 1943 as part of F Force, Train 10 – he was then moved to:-

- May 43 – August 43 – Ni Thea (Nikki), this was a work camp on the Thailand side
- August 43 – October 43 – Thanbaya (Tambaya), this was in Burma, the F Force Hospital.
- October 43 – December 43 – Kanchanaburi, this was in Thailand and on the way back to Singapore, it was also the hospital for the returning F and H Force men.

It is not known if he was a patient or a medic of some kind, as LAD stands for Light Aid Detachment. Edward returned to Changi on 21 December 1943 which may have been via Sime Road Camp.

His Liberation Questionnaire states he returned and stayed in Changi, or did he? On his documentation he is down as X2.

In 1945 the Japanese in Singapore began sending working parties out into Singapore and the surrounding islands.



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X2 is thought to stand for Party X2 which consisted of 11 Officers and 654 other Ranks, all British, under the command of Major F W Bradshaw, Royal Artillery. It may be that Edward was a member of Party X2. They left Changi on 30 or 31 March 1945, where they were put to work in the Kranji area, unfortunately, it cannot be confirmed on what they were working but it may have been tunnelling. The Party returned to Changi on 29 April 1945.

Edward was finally released on 1 September 1945.

Civilian life after return:

He returned home to his mother, Emily and his wife and children, in Kingstanding, Birmingham. After, his wife passed away, he remained single for some years before he married a lifelong friend and neighbour, Clara Williams, on 25 April 1970 – it was a second marriage for them both.

Sadly, he died in July 1977 at the age of 71.



The above information has been provided by Susan Atkins (Step-Granddaughter) and Keith Andrews, COFEPOW Head of Research.



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