

# GLISTER Herbert Kitchener

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**Name:** Herbert Kitchener Glister

**Born:** October 1918

**Rank:** Private

**Service Number:** 5774364

**Regiment:** 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal  
Norfolk Regiment

**Died:** 11 February 1942



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## Pre-War:

Herbert or Kitch, as he was commonly known, was born to a large family in October 1918 (exact date unknown), he had a twin sister, Florence. The family lived in the village of Southrepps in Norfolk and Kitch grew up to be a farm labourer marrying Eszma Norah Seago in 1937. He also joined the territorial army based at the Britannia barracks in Norwich now used as a prison.

## Wartime experience:

When Kitch was called up, he was sent to France in the role of a driver. He was evacuated from Dunkirk where he received a sniper wound to his arm. After convalescence he re-joined his battalion and, it is believed, that after training for desert warfare, he left Liverpool on a troupe ship bound for North Africa. En route the ship was diverted to Singapore. The soldiers were ill equipped for Jungle warfare and it was thought the Japanese would attack by sea, when in fact they came down the Malay peninsula. Sadly, Kitch died on 11 February 1942, at the age of 24, in the defence of Singapore at the Bukit Timah Racecourse.

Singapore fell 4 days later on 15 February 1942.



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Herbert Kitchener Glister  
(Kitch)  
1918 - 1942



In Memory Of  
Private  
**HERBERT KITCHENER GLISTER**

Service Number: 5774364

4th Bn., Royal Norfolk Regiment who died on 11 February 1942 Age 24

Son of Mr. and Mrs G. Glister; husband of Eszma Norah Glister, of Norwich.

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