

BROWN Ernest William

Name: Ernest William Brown

Born: 20 July 1909

Rank: Gunner

Service Number: 1112256

Unit/Regiment: 118th Field Reg

Died: 15 September 1943



Pre-War:

Ernest left school at 14 and his first job was at Fortnum and Mason as a messenger boy. He then went to work at Billingsgate Market and became a buyer for Macfisheries.

Wartime experience:

Ernest was called up in 1940 and was posted to the 5th Field Training Regiment and was appointed Driver-in-Charge before being posted to 118th Field Regiment. There is some confusion regarding the name of ship that he sailed on to Singapore. Most of the 118th Field Regiment sailed on HMS Westpoint but the family have been told that he sailed on HMS Wakefield. Ernest was reported missing at the fall of Singapore and then confirmed Prisoner of War. His wife received only 3 printed postcards with no real information of life in POW camp. On 20 March 1943 he was sent overland to Thailand to work on the Thai/Burma railway.

Sadly, Ernest died, of Beri Beri, Tropical Ulcers and Malnutrition, on the 15 September 1943. He was originally buried in Tha Makham Cemetery and was later moved and interred in Kanchanaburi War Cemetery 2.J.51.

The above information and wording has been provided by Pat Edgar (daughter)



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In Memory Of
Gunner

ERNEST WILLIAM BROWN

Service Number: 1112256

118 Field Regt., Royal Artillery who died on 15 September 1943 Age 34

Son of William Ernest and Violet Mabel Brown; husband of Mary Emma Brown, of Battersea. London.

A LOVING FATHER & HUSBAND. HIS LIKE WE NEVER WILL FIND. EVER IN OUR THOUGHTS

Remembered with Honour

KANCHANABURI WAR CEMETERY

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