

MACLELLAN Archibald

Name: Archibald Maclellan

Born: 14 September 1911

Rank: A/C 2

Service Number: 1373873

Unit/Regiment: RAF

Died: 22 March 1992



Pre-War:

Archibald was born 14 September 1911 in Erbusaig in the Highlands of Scotland. At the age of 2, he moved to live with and was brought up by his Aunt Jessie in Ardnaff Stromeferry. He always loved life in Ardnaff with his Aunt and, after leaving school, he started work as a groundsman in a hotel, before moving on to become a railway porter in Kyle of Lochalsh. He continued his employment as a Porter until enlistment on 31 January 1941, when he joined the RAF in Edinburgh.

Wartime experience:

Archibald trained in Liverpool as a rear gunner for the RAF until 16 May 1941 then left from Grangemouth on the 11 August 1941 sailing for the Middle East arriving on the 10 November 1941. He was in the battle for Java, which was from 28 February 1942 to 12 March 1942, but was captured in Java on 8 March 1942, he was held in Tandjong Priok POW camp for 7 months before being shipped out to Japan. It is thought he left Java on 21 November 1942 on the Yoshida Maru for Singapore, docking on 26 October 1942. From there it is likely he was one of the 1,000 POWs loaded onto the Singapore Maru on 29 October 1942 to sail for Moji, Japan on 30 October 1942. The ship arrived on 25 November 1942 and transferred to Yahata Provisional POW Camp, Ube Branch Camp, on 29 November 1942. The prisoners were made to work in the coal mines, in the nearby hills of Okinoyama, a suburb of Ube. Yahata camp was renamed Fukuoka POW Camp Ube and, in April 1945, when the jurisdictional control was transferred, was renamed Hiroshima Pow Camp 5-D. On 10 August 1945, at surrender, it was renamed again, as Hiroshima Branch Camp 7B (Ube) Okinoyama. When Archibald was liberated, he was handed over to Captain Arthur Thomas Greenway, Royal Artillery. He was sent by ship via Hawaii to Canada arriving in Vancouver on 11 October 1945. Then travelled across Canada by railway and before sailing to Southampton, arriving on 31 October 1945.



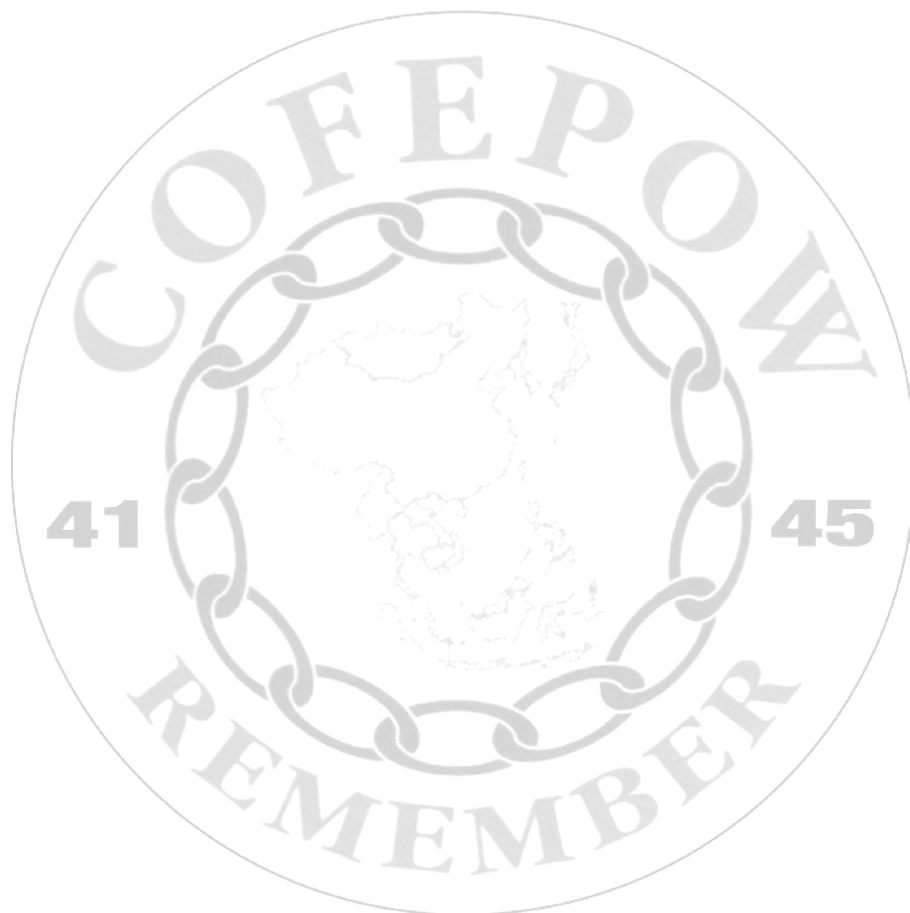
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Civilian life after return:

Archibald was demobbed on 31 January 1946 and returned home to Ardnaff in the Highlands. He started work as a ticket collector on the railway and married Catherine in June 1951. He moved to Uddingston and got a job as railway shunter in Polmadie, then they moved to Mossend in 1959, then to Alpine Terrace and eventually, in 1959, moved to Viewpark where he spent the rest of his life. Archibald and Catherine had 6 children and had a loving family and home. He retired from the railway and lived a quiet life until sadly he passed away on 22 March 1992 at the age of 81.

'Loved by all his family always.'

The above information and wording has been provided by Alisdair Maclellan (Grandson)



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