

JELFS Victor Charles

Name: Victor Charles Jelfs

Born: 22 November 1919

Rank: Gunner

Service Number: 915469

Regiment/Unit: 148th Field
Regiment, Royal Artillery

Died: 19 January 1985



Pre War:

Vic, as he was known, was born to Harry and Matilda Jelfs on 22 November 1919. He had 8 siblings, Harry (who served in the Royal Navy 1914-18 and 1939-45); David (who was killed in action in Salonika in 1918); Ruby; Margaret; Dorothy; Clara; Winnifred and Patricia.

Wartime experience:

Vic was called up and joined the 148th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery and was posted abroad to India from 19 October 1941 to 14 January 1942 and then to Singapore. He was captured at the Fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942. He left Singapore on 30 October 1942 for Thailand as part of S Party commanded by Lt Col Mackellar, OC 118th Field Regiment and later became part of Work Group 4 and may be part of Work Battalion 'K' which was commanded by Lt Col Mackellar.

Vic was in many camps:

Tonchan – November 1942

Tha Sao – May 1943

Konkoita – August 1944



Above: Dorothy (sister), Harry (Father) and Vic



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Kui Yee (Cree?) – November 1944

Sankri – July 1945

Vic was handed over to the Allied Powers, under the command of Lt Col C A McEachern, RAA on 6 September 1945.

Civilian life after return:

When Vic came home after the war, he married Iris and lived in Worcester. He was awarded the 1939-45 Pacific Star war medal and the TA efficiency service medal. He re-enlisted into the TA. He worked on the buses and his last job was a Furnaceman for a local foundry (which no longer exists).

Sadly, Vic died on 19 January 1985 aged 65.



Above: Vic and Harry (Father)



Left: Vic and Margaret (Sister)



Above: Harry (Father), Doll, Harry, Margaret, Ruby and Victor

The above information and wording as been provided by Paul Hughes (Great nephew with the approval of Vic's children, Michael, David and Roger.



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