

# HUME Harold

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**Name:** Harold Hume

**Born:** 16 August 1914

**Rank:** Private

**Service Number:** 5778201

**Unit/Regiment:** 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The  
Royal Norfolk Regiment

**Died:** 1 August 1943



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## Pre-War:

Harry was born to William and Harriette Hume of Lowestoft. He was working as a cocktail barman until he was called up and went away to war, leaving behind his wife, Nora, and his son, Brian.

## Wartime experience:

Harry was captured when Singapore fell on 15 February 1942 and held there until 19 March 1943 when he was sent to Thailand on the 5th Train of "D" Force. He arrived at Ban Pong in Thailand on 23 March 1943 and was allocated to Japanese Work Group 2. Harry was sent up country via Kanchanaburi with a group under PoW command of Major Crane to the Wang Pho area to work on the final stages of the railway there. At the end of April 1943, the men of Group 2 were destined for a 10 day march north to Tha Khanun, where the railway was well behind schedule. They were gathered first at Tha Sao, they left there at the end of April to arrive at Tha Khanun around 7/8 May 1943. Harry became seriously ill on 10 May 1943 and it is not clear whether he made it all the way to Tha Khanun or was held at Tha Sao before being evacuated to his final camp of Tha Makham. We know that sick men who dropped out of that march were held back and evacuated from Tha Sao to Tha Makham in May 1943, while sick men who made it to Tha Khanun were also evacuated to Tha Makham in July 1943.

Harry was seriously ill from 10 May 1943 until he sadly died from Beri-Beri at Tha Makham on 1 August 1943 at the age of 28. He was buried at the time in Grave No. C-39 at nearby Tha Makham Cemetery and, post-war, was moved to the CWGC War Cemetery established in Kanchanaburi where his final resting place is Grave No. 2.H.26.



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In Memory Of

Private

## HAROLD HUME

Service Number: 5778201

6th Bn., Royal Norfolk Regiment who died on 01 August 1943 Age 27

Son of William Charles and Harriet Hume of Lowestoft, Suffolk; husband of Nora May Hume, of Lowestoft.

SWEET IS YOUR MEMORY, NEAR TO MY HEART, THE PLACE YOU HELD WILL NEVER DEPART

Remembered with Honour

KANCHANABURI WAR CEMETERY

2. H. 26.



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WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

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Inscribed on Harry's grave

'Sweet is your memory, near to my heart, the place you held will never depart'

*The above information has been provided by Brian (son) and  
Terry Manttan, General Manager, TBRC Kanchanburi, Thailand*



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