

# HAYWARD William Walter

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**Name:** William Walter Hayward

**Born:** 26 January 1907

**Rank:** Battery Sergeant Major

**Service Number:** 1435039

**Regiment:** 78<sup>th</sup> Battery, 35<sup>th</sup> Light  
Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal  
Artillery



**Died:** 4 January 1991

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## Pre-War:

Bill, as he was known, came from Reading, Berkshire. He joined the army and was posted to the Far East, leaving behind his wife, Alexina.

## Wartime experience:

On 9 March 1942, Bill was captured on Java and held in Tandjong Priok, his commanding officer at that time was Colonel Hazel. He remained there until 20 September 1942, when he was sent by one of the Japanese hell ships to Kuching, Sarawak (North-West Borneo), this time his commanding officer was RSM Sunderland. Bill stayed in Kuching until liberation.

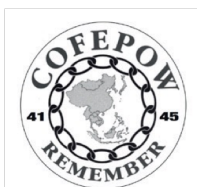
## Civilian life after return:

When Bill came home, he remained in the army until 1955, whereupon he transferred to the UK Atomic Energy Authority Constabulary until 1972 – now known as the Civil Nuclear Police.

Sadly, Bill passed away on 4 January 1991.

*The above information and wording has been provided by Valerie Waterhouse (Daughter)*

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