Harry Barber



Rank: - Private

Number: - 2933137

Regiment: - Cameron Highlanders 2nd Bn

Fate: - Captured and taken to Italian POW Cam 23 June 1942

Harry was born in Birstall on 17 Oct 1914 the son of Joe and Ida Barber nee Asquith who had married in 1902. The family lived at 29 Cambridge Road, Birstall. He was employed at Messrs Thomas Burnley Ltd. and Sons, Gomersal Mills.

Harry joined the Cameron Highlanders in December 1939 and was taken prisoner in North Africa on 23 June 1942 and was taken from an Italian prisoner of war camp and taken to Stalag V11A in Germany. In November 1943 he wrote home to his parents saying: "*Don't worry, I am O. K. and the food is much better than in Italy."*

Initially reported Missing in Action but when the names were put forward to be included on Batley War Memorial, it was not realised that he did in fact survive the war and came back home to Birstall.



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