Harold Fozzard





Rank: - Aircraftman 1st Class

Number: - 998500

Regiment: - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 575 Air Ministry Experimental Station, Singapore

Died: - 16th September 1916 aged 34 years. Died whilst P.O.W. at Kuching Camp, Sarawak, North Borneo.

Cemetery: - Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia. Q. C. 15.

Batley News, 25 Apr 1942 (photo); 20 Mar 1943 (photo); 20 Oct 1945 (photo)

Harold was born in Batley on 7 November 1919 the son of Ernest and Mary Jackson Fozzard nee Barber who had married in 1914. Ethel was born in 1914, Edith 1916, Harold 1919, Olive 1922, Gladys 1925 and Marjorie 1926. The family lived at 15, Cross Park Street, Batley in 1939.

Edith died in May 1939, Olive January 1940 and his mother, Mary Jackson in March 1940. Harold attended Purlwell Council School and Batley Grammar

School, was later employed in the office of Batley Corporation Waterworks before he joined up in July 1940. He was a keen cyclist. His father moved to live at 48, Woodsome Estate, Batley after the death of his wife.

Harold left for the Far East in August 1941 and was stationed at Seletar aerodrome where other local men were serving. In March 1943 his father received news that he was a prisoner of war, which was the first he had heard since Harold had written to say he was O K shortly before the fall of Singapore.

Harold was taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942 and was held as a prisoner of the Japanese at Kuching war camp, Borneo where he died on 23 January 1945. Previous to his capture he had been attached to No. 575 Air Ministry Experimental Station.

Harold is remembered with Honour at Royal Air Force Association, Batley Grammar School and Batley War Memorial.



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