

## BERWICK, NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND

We are trying to compile a list of all those who served in the Far East from Berwick and the North Northumberland area during the Second World War. Can you add to this list of Prisoners of War and those who died? Or do you know of anyone else from this area who fought there – Army; Navy or Air Force . If so, e-mail [berwickarchives@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:berwickarchives@northumberland.gov.uk) with any names and information.

Note all the soldiers were from the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers unless stated

NAME	INFORMATION
<b>A</b>	
FUSILIER JAMES CARR <b>ABERCROMBIE</b>	From Milfield, Red Lion Hotel. Taken prisoner and survived .
<i>FUSILIER LESLIE ALEXANDER (D)</i>	Killed in Action, SINGAPORE 13 February 1942. 4270462. Aged 22 on Singapore War Memorial. Son of Jeremiah Grey Alexander and Mary Ann Alexander of Chatton .
FUSILIER DOUGLAS <b>ARMSTRONG</b>	From Berwick . 18 <sup>TH</sup> Division NF. Son of the late Mr W & Mrs Armstrong of 71 Castlegate. Captured at Singapore and survived.
<b>B</b>	
FUSILIER WILLIAM HENRY <b>BARNETT</b>	From Berwick. Son of Mrs Barnett, Church Street. Taken prisoner at Singapore and survived.
DRIVER GEORGE WILLIAM <b>BASTON (D)</b>	Of Preston Smithy. Chathill. Son of Joseph George and Jane Baston of Wooler. In Royal Army Service Corps as a driver. Died at No 4 Camp, Thailand on 16 July 1943 . Remembered at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery .
FUSILIER GEORGE ROBERT HEDLEY <b>BELL (D)</b>	From Belford. Died 1 August 1944, aged 32. Son of George and Mary Bell and husband of Mary Isabella Bell of Ellingham. Had to undergo a serious operation and died shortly afterwards. Operation was carried out by 2 surgeons and they did all that they

	could for him . Buried/commemorated at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand.
CORPORAL WILLIAM FRANCIS <b>BLACK</b>	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> Linthaug at Cornhill. Captured in Feb 1942 in Singapore and survived.
FUSILIER JAMES <b>BLYTH</b>	Formerly of Branxton. No further information known
FUSILIER ROBERT <b>BLYTH</b>	Formerly of Branxton. No further information known
FUSILIER ROBERT ALEXANDER <b>BROWN</b>	From Pallinsburn . Captured at Singapore, Feb 1942. Was at Changi, Thailand and Japan. Survived.
LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM <b>BROWN</b>	From Wooler. Captured at Singapore, Feb. 1942. Survived.
FUSILIER W <b>BOWDER</b>	From Mindrum. No information known. Did he survive ?
FUSILIER ALAN <b>BURNETT</b> (D)	Of East Ord. No 4274209 Died 19 July 1943 at No 4 Camp (TONCHAN) , Thailand . Buried/commemorated at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Son of Moses Allen and Ellen Burnett of Berwick.
<b>C</b>	
FUSILIER THOMAS WILLIAM <b>CHISHOLM</b> (D)	From Belford Mains . Died at No 4 Camp, Thailand on 1 December 1943, aged 23 years. Buried/Commemorated at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand.
FUSILIER GEORGE <b>COCKBURN</b>	From Berwick – 67 Castlegate. Son of Mrs Cockburn. Taken at Singapore and was in No 1 Camp Thailand. Son in law of Mrs Shanks of Allerdean. Survived.
FUSILIER JOHN <b>COUTTS</b> (D)	From Ford. Son of John and Annie Coutts. No 4274203. Died of beri beri on 22 September 1943 at KAMI SUNCRAE (Burma/Thailand border) Buried/commemorated at Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery in Myanmar
<b>D</b>	
FUSILIER JAMES WILLIAM <b>DAVIDSON</b>	Of Belford. Youngest son of Mrs T Davidson of the Nook, Belford . Survived.
FUSILIER ROBERT JOHN <b>DAWSON</b>	From 10 Magdalene Drive, Berwick. Joined the Territorials. Spent 8 months in a

	Prisoner of War Camp in Singapore and then moved to work on the Siam Railway. Survived
SAPPER HARRY <b>DIGBY</b>	Indian Army Corps of Clerks. Living in Northants but originally from Berwick. Survived
FUSILIER A M W <b>DIXON</b>	RNF of Wallace Green, Berwick. No further information available. ? Survived .
FUSILIER JOHN <b>DRYBURGH</b>	Of Shoresdean, Norham. Survived.
FUSILIER J <b>DUNLOP</b>	Of Belford. ?Survived.
FUSILIER JACK/JOHN <b>DUNN</b>	From Belford. First home. Survived
<b>E</b>	
ACTING SERGEANT GOVAN SUTHERLAND <b>EASTON</b>	From Norham. Son of Mr & Mrs Easton, West End, Norham. Former pupil of Berwick Grammar School and eventually a teacher there. Survived.
FUSILIER RICHARD DOUGLAS <b>ELLIOTT</b> (D )	? From Castle Gardens, Norham. On CWGC –died 6 June 1943, son of Robert and Margaret Elliott of Berwick. Aged 26 . Buried in Kanchanburi Cemetery in Thailand. Spelt Elliot on CWGC. Died of dysentery at TAARSOA (Thailand)
<b>F</b>	
CAPT. THOMAS <b>FAIRBAIRN</b>	From Berwick son of Mr & Mrs J T Fairbairn of Castlegate. Survived.
FUSILIER THOMAS <b>FALLA</b> ?	Of Belford. Son of Mrs Falla of 5 The Meadows. Father already deceased. Taken at Singapore and was in No 1 Camp, Thailand . Survived
FUSILIER GEORGE <b>FLEMING</b>	Of Belford. Youngest son of Woody Bank Cottage. Brother, Fusilier A Fleming was killed in action in 1940 whilst serving with BEF . Survived
CORPORAL JOHN ALEXANDER <b>FORSTER</b> (D)	From Bankhill, Berwick . Death recorded as 7 September 1943 of dysentery, malaria & beri beri at KANCHANABURI ( Thailand) . Son of John Alfred and Ethel Miller Forster.

<b>G</b>	
FUSILIER ALEXANDER <b>GILHOLM</b>	From Newlands, Belford. Son of Mrs M Gilholm of Newlands. In No 1 Camp, Thailand. Survived.
<b>H</b>	
FUSILIER ROBERT <b>HALL</b>	From New Cottages, Ford . Survived.
L/BDR R A <b>HALL</b>	Royal Artillery, of Tweedmouth. No information known. ?Survived.
FUSILIER RITCHIE HALL MM [RICHARD ANDREW <b>HALL</b> ]	From Belford. Awarded MM in 1940 for bringing in a wounded man at Steenbecque on 24 May. 2 <sup>nd</sup> son of Mrs Hall of Dinningside, Belford. Survived.
FUSILIER VICTOR <b>HALL</b>	Of Easington Grange, Belford. Survived
FUSILIER ARCHIE <b>HATTLE</b>	From Fenwick . Survived.
FUSILIER JAMES C <b>HENDERSON</b>	From Berwick. Survived. No information available.
FUSILIER DOUGLAS <b>HENDERSON</b>	From Prince Edward Road, Tweedmouth . Survived
A/C1 J W <b>HEWITT</b> RAF	From Coldstream. ? Survived. No information available.
ALEX WILSON ALLENBY <b>HINSON</b>	From Ewart. Known as Allan. Captured at Singapore. Survived.
LIEUT E C <b>DOUGLAS-HOME</b>	Son of the Earl of Home, The Hirsell, Coldstream . Royal Artillery.
L/CPL WILLIAM FRANK <b>HOWEY</b>	From Lowick. Survived.
<b>J</b>	
FUSILIER WILLIAM <b>JOHNSON</b>	From Norham. Captured at Singapore. Survived.
SERGT W <b>JOHNSON</b>	From Belford. Survived
FUSILIER WILFRED <b>JOHNSON</b>	From Middleton Cottages, Belford . Captured at Singapore. Survived.
FUSILIER J C <b>JOHNSTON</b>	Of Belford. ? Survived
FUSILIER THOMAS PURVES <b>JOHNSTON</b> (D)	From Berwick . Son of Thomas Purves Johnston and Helen Smith Johnston. No 4274179. Died 18 July 1943 at NON PLADUK (Thailand) . Buried/commemorated at Chungkai Cemetery.

LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM EDWARD <b>JOHNSTON</b> ( D )	From Cornhill. Son of Thomas and Emily Elizabeth Johnston. Royal Army Service Corps. No T/3192815. Killed in action 15 February 1942 in Singapore. Remembered on Singapore Memorial
FUSILIER W <b>JOHNSTON</b>	Of Middleton . ?Survived
FUSILIER W H <b>JOHNSTON</b> ?	Of Belford. Survived
<b>L</b>	
BOMBADIER MARK ALEXANDER <b>LOWRIE</b>	From Lowick . Sergeant. Royal Artillery . Survived.
<b>M</b>	
CAPTAIN H G <b>MCCREATH</b>	From. Berwick. Son of Mr & Mrs W R McCreath of Cheviot House, Berwick . Survived
GUNNER WM <b>MCDONALD</b>	From Tweedmouth . Royal Artillery. Survived .
FUSILIER R <b>MACKENZIE</b>	From Seahouses. Survived.
LIEUTENANT J <b>MCLEAN</b>	Of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. Fiancee of Miss Jean Bookless, formerly of Scotts Place, Berwick. Has safely reached this country from a Far East Prisoner of War Camp. Stationed at Berwick in 1940 in the initial stages of his training before going to OCTU and taking his commission. He joined his regiment in Malaysia in early 1941 . Survived
FUSILIER ALEXANDER <b>MOORE</b>	From New Etal. Survived
A/RQMS JOHN <b>MOSGROVE</b>	From Berwick. RSM. Survived.
FUSILIER JAMES <b>MUCKLE</b>	From Norham. Survived.
SERGEANT WILLIAM <b>MURRAY</b> (D)	From Norham. No 4273884. Died of wounds received in action between 15 & 18 February 1942 in Singapore. Buried/commemorated at Kranji Cemetery
<b>N</b>	
FUSILIER <i>RICHARD</i> P <b>NAIRN</b>	Of Waren Mill. ?Survived
<b>P</b>	
FUSILIER JOHN <b>PATTERSON</b>	?From Branxton. Survived

FUSILIER ROBERT J <b>PATTON</b>	From Berwick . Survived
FUSILIER J <b>PRINGLE</b>	From Nesbit, Wooler. Survived
<b>R</b>	
FUSILIER WILLIAM <b>REDPATH</b>	From Ellingham. Survived.
FUSILIER R <b>ROBERTSON</b>	Of Fenwick Steads. ? Survived
FUSILIER THOMAS TARBIT <b>RUTHERFORD</b>	From Thornington, Mindrum . Survived.
LANCE CORPORAL THOMAS PORTER <b>RYAN</b>	From Easington Village. Belford. Son of Mrs Ryan. Village. One of 2 brothers taken at Singapore. Was in No 1 Camp, Thailand. His brother, John was killed. Survived
JOHN <i>HENRY</i> <b>RYAN</b> (D)	Killed in the Battle of Singapore early in February 1942. From Easington. Son of Mrs Ryan and brother of Thomas P Ryan ( also captured ) . <i>Col Flower Sept 1945 - Killed in Action on board HT *FELIX ROUSSELL* 5 February 1942 – Buried at sea off Blakang Mati Island.</i>
<b>S</b>	
CAPTAIN JOHN LILBURN <b>SANDERSON</b>	From Longhirst . Taken Jan 1942 when Singapore fell. Survived
FUSILIER J A <b>SCOTT</b> (D)	From Lowick . Died at No 4 Camp, Thailand as early as 1943
FUSILIER HENRY JAMES <b>SCOTT</b>	From Norham. Survived
FUSILIER JAMES <b>SHEPPARD</b>	From Norham. Survived
FUSILIER WALTER <b>SINTON</b>	From Spittal . Survived
CORPORAL JOHN <b>SMEATON</b> (D)	From Berwick. No 427566. Died 12 September 1944. Missing at sea aboard Japanese ship RAKUYO MARU which was sunk by a torpedo. Son of Robert Wilkinson Smeaton and Frances Isabel Smeaton. Commemorated on Singapore Memorial.
CORPORAL GEORGE EDWARD <b>SMITH</b> (D)	From Smeafeld Lodge. Army Catering Corps attached to Fusiliers. Son of George and Catherine Landreth Smith. Died at No 4 Camp, Thailand 23 May 1943. Aged 29. Kanchanaburi Cemetery

FUSILIER J P <b>SMITH</b>	From Howtel, Mindrum . Survived.
FUSILIER JOHN <b>STEWART</b> (D)	From Preston Towers, Chathill . Died at No 4 Camp, Thailand. Died 29 June 1943, aged 25 years. Son of John and Eleanor Ann Stewart of Thropton. Commemorated at Kanchanaburi Cemetery.
FUSILIER GEORGE <b>STRAUGHAN</b>	From Norham. Son of Mr & Mrs Straughan of the Garage. Survived.
<b>T</b>	
FUSILIER A <b>TAIT</b>	From Ford Westfield. Survived.
FUSILIER JOHN H <b>TAIT</b> (D)	From Slainsfield. No 4171077. Died of Quinine Convulsions at TAROSA ( Thailand) on 9 March 1944. Son of George and Margaret Tait of Cornhill.
FUSILIER LESLIE JOHN <b>TAIT</b>	Of Belford. Survived
ORDINARY SEAMAN <b>ROBERT TAIT</b>	From Marldown. Ordinary Seaman. On Board HMS Exeter. Survived
FUSILIER WILLIAM <b>TAIT</b> (D)	From Ford Westfield. No 4271073. Died of Malaria at NAKOM PATON ( Thailand) on 5 June 1945. Commemorated at Kanchanaburi Cemetery
LANCE CORPORAL JOHN FAIRBAIRN <b>TINDLE</b>	From East Learmouth. Survived
SERGEANT AMBROSE <b>TOWNSLEY</b> (D)	From Berwick. . No 4265967. Died 26 June 1944 of dysentery at NAKOM PATON (Thailand). Son of Ambrose and Jean Townsley. Commemorated at Kanchanaburi Cemetery.
FUSILIER ROBERT WHITE <b>TURNBULL</b>	Of Belford. Son of Mr T Turnbull of the Meadows. He was in No 4 Camp, Thailand . Survived
<b>V</b>	
CAPT ARCHIE <b>VEITCH</b>	From Berwick . Son of Mr & Mrs A Veitch, Leaside, Berwick . Survived.
<b>W</b>	
FUSILIER THOMAS <b>WAITE/WAIT</b> (D)	From Norham. No 4273895. Died of dysentery at KANCHANABURI (Thailand) on 28 May 1943, aged 27. Commemorated at Kanchanaburi Cemetery.

FUSILIER WILLIAM <b>WAIT</b> (D)	From Norham. No 4273893. Believed to have died 15 February 1942 ( missing in action), aged 21. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Wait. Commemorated at Singapore
<i>THOMAS EDWARD WAKENSHAW (D)</i>	<i>From Spittal. Son of Thomas and Jane. Died 1 August 1942, aged 27. Argyll and Sutherland Highlander. Buried at Kuala Lumpur (Chera Road). Civic Cemetery.</i>
L/CPL ALEXANDER <b>WALLACE</b>	From Berwick. Royal Scots. Captured in Hong Kong. Survived.
FUSILIER HENRY <b>WEATHERBURN</b>	From Norham . Survived
CPL JOHN <b>WEATHERBURN</b> (D)	From Norham. No 4273894. Killed In action 15 February 1942, aged 33 in Singapore . Son of John and Mary Weatherburn
FUSILIER M <b>WEATHERBURN</b>	?From Norham . Survived.
GNR BARTHOLOMEW LOUGH <b>WHITE</b>	From Tweedmouth. Gunner in Royal Artillery. Survived.
FUSILIER ALBERT BELL <b>WILLIAMSON</b> (D)	From Berwick. No 4273961. Died of beri beri on 30 October 1944 at IRUKA CAMP ( Japan)
CORPORAL JAMES <b>WOODCOCK</b>	From Pressen, Cornhill. Survived.
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	<b>CIVILIAN INTERNEES</b>
MR ANDREW <b>BROTHERSTONE</b>	In Hong Kong. His sister was Mrs Fairbairn of Old Ladykirk
MR & MRS T H <b>HALL</b>	Of Sumatra. Had relatives in Tweedmouth and Berwick
MAJOR EDWARD WILLOUGHBY <b>HOUSTON</b>	Son of Mr J A Houston of Hutton Castle Barns, Berwick . He was in Malaya
MR & MRS DOUGLAS <b>RIDDELL</b>	Son of Mrs Riddell, Osborne House, Tweedmouth and the late Mr R R Riddell, dentist of Quay Walls. Douglas Riddell was



	a dentist, and before the war had been practising in Shanghai for some years.
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