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ANOTHER BACUP SOLDIER SAFE

News has been received of the safety of another Bacup Serviceman who had been a prisoner of war in the Far East, since the fall of Singapore in February 1942.

He is Driver George Hiam 35 R.E. whose wife and 8 year old child reside at 250 Todmorden Road, Bacup and formerly lived at Parrock Lumb Farm, who have been informed that he is safe in Australian hands.

Eighteen months elapsed after the fall of Singapore before he was officially reported a prisoner and the last of five cards from him during his captivity was received last January.

Prior to joining the Army in December 1941 Dvr. Hiam, who is a son of Mrs and the late Mr William Hiam, Todmorden Road Change was employed by Councillor O Mitchell. Butcher and farmer.

Bacup and Stacksteads Soldiers Prisoners Of War

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Mr and Mrs. Ashworth Hardman, of Burwood Cottage, Todmorden Road, Bacup, have received the above photograph from their youngest son, Private Hubert Hardman, of the Loyal Regiment, who is a prisoner of war at Stalag XXB in Germany, having being taken prisoner in May 1940. He is second from the left on the back row of the photograph. The group also includes another former Bacup Lad. He is Private Jack Lonsdale (in the centre of the second row) who's parents now reside at Blackpool. Prior to joining the army Pte. Hardman was employed at Messrs J.J Mclerie's New Hey Mill Bacup, his father is chauffer for Dr J Percival Brown of Bacup.

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STEPPED ON HAND GRENADE

BACUP GUARDMAN'S FOOT AMPUTATED

As the result of an accident on Monday while serving in the South of England, a Bacup soldier, Guardsman Fred Greenwood, Irish Guards, youngest son of Mr and the late Mrs Harry Greenwood, of 22 Gladstone Street, Bacup, has lost his right foot. Guardsman Greenwood is believed to have accidentally stepped on a hand grenade, which exploded, causing severe injuries. He was taken to hospital where his foot was amputated. On Monday evening his father received communication through the Bacup Police notifying him that his son was seriously ill at the hospital. The following day Greenwoods brother and Sister, Mr James Greenwood and Miss Linda Greenwood, visited him in hospital and found he was doing very nicely. Guardsman Greenwood who is 21 years of age, has been in the Army for nearly two years. Prior to joining up he worked at Forest Mill, Bacup.

Official intimation has been received that Sgt Flight Engineer John B Harrison R.A.F of 106 Bankside Lane Bacup, has been reported missing following an operational flight. Thirty one years of age Sgt Flight Engineer Harrison is a native of Bacup and as been in the R.A.F three years. Previously he was employed at the Rawtenstall Shoe and Slipper Company's Olive Mill Bacup.

Bacup Times April 10th 1943
WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR
NEWS OF "MISSING" BACUP AIRMAN

Official intimation was officially received on Wednesday that the International Red Cross Committee states that Sgt. Flight Engineer John B Harrison, R.A.F, of 106 Bankside Lane, Bacup, is a prisoner of war, wounded in German hands. Thirty one years of age, Sgt Flight Engineer Harrison was reported missing about nine weeks ago, following an operational flight. He was formerly employed at the Rawtenstall Shoe and Slipper Company's Olive Mill, Bacup having served in the R.A.F. for about three years.