

# Prisoners of War



## **June 5<sup>th</sup> 1943 – Missing Bacup Soldier a Prisoner**

Wife's first news of him for fifteen months

After being without news of him for about fifteen months Mrs Nellie Maden, of Hill Street, Earnshaw Road, Bacup last Saturday received official notification that her husband Ginner Granville Maden, R.A. is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands in a Malai Camp. He was previously posted missing in Malaya following capitulation of the Singapore garrison in February 1942. Twenty eight years of age, Gunner Maden, is a native of Shawforth, and was a scholar of St Michaels, Sunday School, Shawforth, before joining the Army he was employed at the Owler Carr Reed Works Todmorden and previously worked at Messrs John Hargreaves Reed Works Bacup. Gunner Maden has a year old baby daughter he has not seen and a five year old son.

## **June 12<sup>th</sup> 1943 In Java Prison Camp**

### **News of Missing Stacksteads Aircraftsman**

Mrs H H Tricket 217, Newchurch Road, Stacksteads has received official information that her husband A.C.2 Harold Hudson Trickett, 32 R.A.F. is a prisoner in Japanese hands in a java camp. It is only eight weeks since he was officially reported missing since the fall of Singapore, and it is 17 months since his wife last heard from him. A.C.2. Trickett joined H.H. Forces on April 14 1941 and went overseas in July the same year. Previous to joining up he was employed as a joiner by Harold Kenyon, King Street, Bacup. He is a member of Waterbarn Baptist Church.

**June 19<sup>th</sup> 1943**

**Prisoner in Malaya - Bacup Soldiers List In Name Broadcast By Vatican**

Mrs Ellen Walsh, of 73 Plantation Street, Bacup has been notified that the name of her husband, Private John Walsh, 26 of Reconnaissance Regiment was included in a list of British prisoners of war in Malaya broadcast by Vatican radio last Friday. He had been posted missing in Malaya since the fall of Singapore. The eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Walsh, of Stacksteads. Private Walsh was employed as a labourer by Bacup Corporation before joining the Forces.

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 1942 – Hubert Hardman**

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.

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.

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**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.

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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.