

Prisoners of War



June 5th 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 Gunner 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 12th 1943 In Java Prison Camp News of Missing Stacksteads Aircraftsman

Mrs H H Trickett 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 19th 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 14th 1942 – Hubert Hardman

Mr and Mrs Ashworth Hardman of Burwood Cottage, Todmorden Road, have received a photograph from their youngest son Private Hubert Hardman of the Loyal Regiment, who is a prisoner of war at Stalag XXB Germany. Having been taken prisoner in May 1940. Another Bacup lad is also a prisoner with him in the form of Private Jack Lonsdale. Before enlisting Private Hardman worked at J.J. McIerles. His father is chauffer for Dr Brown.

June 2nd 1945 More POW'S HOME Bacup Police Constable Captured in Greece, Two of the Same Name

A prisoner of war since April of the flowing year LCpl Norman Scott 33 C.M.P a member of Bacup Police Force has been reunited with his wife nee Hild Calland and five-year-old son whom he had not seen since he was a month old at his home 3 Gladstone Avenue. He arrived in town last Thursday evening week. Taken prisoner in Greece he was liberated by the Americans two days after V.E. Day. He was held in captivity first in Greece than in Yugoslavia until August 1941, since when he has been a prisoner in Austria near the Austrian-Hungarian border. Starting from there on Good Friday he and fellow prisoners were marched some 200 miles too within a short distance of Berchtesgaden. Hitler's famous mountain retreat the trek occupying about a month.

LCpl Scott was called upon 1st Decemeber 1939 as a reservist, of the Coldstream Guards in which he served from 1931 to 1934, he proceeded to France in February 1940 and afterwards served in Palestine, Syria, Egypt before going to Greece in November of that year. He was with one of the first British detachments to arrive in Greece. LCpl Scott joined Bacup Police in May 1934.

Two other prisoners of the same name but not related have arrived in their respective homes in Bacup and Stacksteads. One of them is Private Harold Greaves, Bedfordshire and Herefordshire Regiment only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Greaves, Thorn Gardens Bacup who also reached home last Thursday week, his liberation by the Americans occurred on V.E. Day. He was captured on the 13th April 1943 in Tunisia and was in captivity near Naples until the Italian capitulation the following September, since when he had been held in Czechoslovakia. Joining up in January 1942 he was sent to North Africa twelve months later. In civilian life he was a slipper operative at Messrs Maden and Ireland's Kilnholme Mill, Stacksteads.

Fusilier Wilfred Greaves 35 of Stacksteads was taken prisoner on 15th April 1943, also in North Africa he was likewise held in captivity in Italy before the Italian surrender and was then transferred to

Saxony. He rejoined his wife nee Walls formerly of Booth Road, Waterfoot and two sons on Monday. At his home 18 Bankfield Street, which he had never previously seen. He is a native of Ramsbottom where his famil resided before coming to Stacksteads. Fus Greaves and a companion broke away from a marching collum and for a fortnight lived mostly with German civilians before being liberated by the Russians on the 23rd April, he joined up in July 1942 and was drafted to North Africa in February.

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