

Joseph Thomas Brough.



Royal Artillery 5 Field Regiment.

Service Number 987421

Died 25 April 1945 aged 32

Memorial Labuan War Cemetery Malaysia.

See <https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2676871/brough,-joseph-thomas/>

Son of Joseph (born 21st January 1884) and Harriett (born 21st April 1883) Brough, their marriage was registered in Nottingham in the June quarter of 1905.

Joseph was born on the 15 October 1912. He married Nora Ibbottson in All Hallows Church, Gedling, on 5th September 1936

On the 1939 register he and Nora are living with her family at 34 Station Road Carlton, Joseph is described as a Tobacco Dispatch Packer and Nora as a Drapery shop keeper.



Ordnance Survey map 1965 shows the junction of Manor Road and Station Road



Joseph enlisted in the Royal artillery in 1940. Following training he was drafted to India and from there to Malaya where he was captured by Japanese forces in February 1942. He was reported missing to his family who had no further news of him for a further 15 months when in May 1943 they had the news that he was a Prisoner of War Joseph Brough was a prisoner in Batu Lintang Camp at Kuching Sarawak on the island of Borneo, which housed both allied POW's and civilians. Life in the camp was harsh with food shortages and forced labour and brutal treatment. Out of the 2000 British POW's in the camp approximately two thirds died as a result of their treatment.

For information about the camp see websites

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batu_Lintang_camp

https://www.far-eastern-heroes.org.uk/Life_of_Riley/html/batu-lintang_camp.htm

Joseph died of beri beri with paralysis at 9.15 on the 26th April 1945 five months before the end of the war and the liberation of the camp. He had contracted the disease in January 1945 He was buried in the camp cemetery. After the war his remains were exhumed and reburied in the Labuan War Cemetery, which is on a small island off North West Borneo

For details of the camp please see the website

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/1972006/labuan-war-cemetery>

And Joseph Brough memorial

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/20344031/joseph-thomas-brough>

Missing Gedling Soldier Now Known To Be A Prisoner

OTHER RELATIVES SERVING

The merits of the old saying "no news is good news," is certainly true in the case of Mrs. J. T. Brough, of 34, Station-road, Carlton, whose husband, Lance-Bombardier Thomas Brough, was reported missing in Malaya in February, 1942—fifteen months ago. During these long, weary months, Mrs. Brough had not received a word about him, but never once gave up hope. This week she received the news that he is now known to be a prisoner of war in a Malay camp.

Lance-Bombardier Brough enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1940, and after a short period of training was drafted to India. He was garrisoned at Nowshera for eighteen months, then he went to Malaya, where he was finally captured.

Employed At Players

Lance-Bombardier Brough was born in Nottingham 30 years ago, and first worked with Messrs. Corbett & Davies as a checker. He later went to Messrs. John Player & Sons, Ltd., as a packer, for nine years, until he joined the Forces.

In his youth he was an enthusiastic cricketer, and played for his firm's team. He was selected for his skill as a fast bowler.

He was also a keen supporter of local football, and a member of the



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6th (St. Ann's) Company of the Boys' Brigade.

Seven years ago Lance-Bombardier Brough was married to Miss Nora Ibbertson, at the Gedling Parish Church.

He has another brother, Jack, serving in the Forces, and three brothers-in-law.

Brother-in-law In The Navy

Leslie Ibbertson, a brother-in-law, is in the Navy, and is engaged on convoy duties. He was born at Gedling and attended the Gedling School.

On leaving school Leslie worked as a tailor for Messrs. Bullimore & Parker, of Nottingham, where he remained until he joined up in 1941. He trained as a gunner, and was soon on convoy duty. Up to the beginning of this year his work only took him to the Western hemisphere, and he visited Canada three times, but now he has crossed the Equator, and travelled through the Mediterranean. The change in direction is the result of Ibbertson taking further training and qualifying as a gun-layer.

While in Canada some people took him under their wing, showing him how easy it was to "lose" his pay. On the following visits these kindly people invited him to their home, where he spent the whole nine days of his leave.

Before the war he was a member of the Gedling choir, and also of the Scouts. He was a keen footballer and cricketer.

Brother In Engineers

His brother, Sergeant Thomas Ibbertson, is in the Royal Engineers. Before the war he was in training with the militia. Although he has been serving since before the war began, Sergeant Ibbertson has not left England, and feels a little disappointed, especially when he sees and hears of friends going to the war fronts. At present he is stationed on heavy anti-aircraft guns near a South of England town.

Like his brother, he was also born and educated at Gedling. He was a keen sportsman, a member of Netherfield Thursday football team and the local scout troop, and a member of the Gedling Church choir. On leaving school he was employed by the Co-operative Society in the green-grocery department.

The third brother-in-law serving with the Forces is Harry Watson, who is married to Harriet Brough. At present he is serving overseas. He has a young daughter.

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