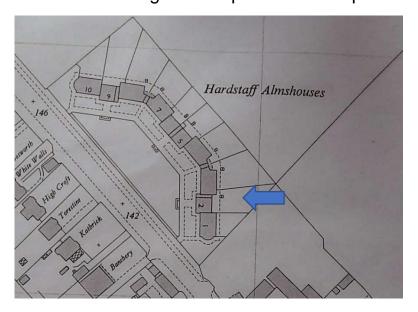
Andrew Burton



Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Service Number 5043437
Remembered in the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Died 5th June 1943 aged 38

Andrew was born on 16 October 1904 in Stapleford Nottinghamshire. His parents were Andrew and Jane Burton who had married in 1892. The family lived in Stapleford and his father was employed at the Stanton Iron works. He joined the army some time in the 1930s and when he had served his enlistment time was employed as a conductor for Nottingham Corporation Transport.



In August 1939 he married Phoebe Annie Wilkinson. Registered in Nottingham. They then moved to live with her father at number 2, Hardstaff Homes on Arnold Lane Gedling (Phoebe's father was a retired miner)

Hardstaff Homes nos 1 right, 2 centre and 3 left



Andrew was called up when war began, he was assigned to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps

A daughter Muriel was born at the beginning of 1940 registered in the Basford Registration District in the March (January, February, March) quarter of 1940

Andrew was posted abroad to Malaya. where he was taken prisoner by the Japanese when Singapore fell on 15 February 1942. He was one of the many POW's working on the Siam-Burma railway often known as the Death Railway due to the appalling conditions and brutality. He died of cholera on 5th June 1943, there was an epidemic in at that time. Therefore his body was cremated.

His wife Phoebe died the same year, without knowing her husband's fate. Her death was registered in the June (April, May, June) quarter of 1943.

When the war against Japan ended, all of the cremation ashes were removed from their original burial sites and reinterred in two graves in the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery Thailand Andrew Burton's name is commemorated there.

For information and photograph please see

https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2140732/kanchanaburi-war-cemetery/2140

Prisoner Ignorant Of Wife's Death

A sad story is revealed this week following the receipt of a post-card from Private Andrew Burton, of the Almshouses, Gedling-lane, Gedling, informing his wife that he is a pri oner of war in Japanese hands and "noping that she is in the best of health."



PRIVATE ANDREW BURTON

Unfortunately, his wife died seven or eight weeks ago, leaving behind a three years' old baby, and as nothing had been heard from him since he went abroad the sad news from home has not been able to be conveyed to him.

Private Burton, who is in the R.A.O.C., has no parents, and joined the Army before the war. After serving his time he was employed as a conductor on the Nottingham Corporation buses, but at the outbreak of war was called up and sent abroad. No news was received from him, but it was thought he was at Singapore, and the card now received from him seams to bear this out.

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In August, 1939, he married Miss Phæbe Annie Wilkinson, and they lived with her father, Mr. John Wilkinson, at The Almshouses, Gedling.

The motherless baby (Muriel) is being cared for by his deceased wife's sister, Mrs. E. Dexter, of 258, Highstreet, Basford.

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In The Nottingham Evening Post for December 10th 1945 is a short note DIED IN SIAM

Miss. F. M. Burton of 4 Station Road, Carlton has been officially informed that her brother Pte Andrew Burton RAOC died in Siam on June 5th 1943

TRAGEDY OF WAR Husband Dies In Jap Prisoner Of War Camp WIFE PASSES AWAY AT **GEDLING** SAD story lies behind the cofficial announcement reıb st ceived this week by Miss F. M. Burton, of 4, Station-road, al Carlton, that her brother (Pte. Andrew Burton, R.A.O.C., of the Almhouses, Gedling-lane, Gedling) passed away on June 5, 1943, while a prisoner of war in Japanese hands in Ir. Siam. On September 18, 1943, a pos'card at w, arrived from Pte. Burton for his wife on, (before her marriage Miss Phœbo ny Annie Wilkinson), whom he west in ble August, 1939, to state that he was a ish prisoner and "hoping that she is in ers' the best of health." Death Of Wife Mrs. Burton, however, never received the message, for she died about seven weeks previously, leaving behind a three-years-old baby, and, as it the happened, her husband was to die fter shortly after her P.e. Burton had no parents alive nie ant when he joined the Army before the ray- war, Previously he had been employed as a conductor on the Nottinging, ham Corporation 'buses, and was called up soon after war broke out 913, and sent overseas. For a consider-Her able time no news was received from ing, him, but it was thought that he had of been sent to Singapore. Orphaned Baby vent After his marriage, he and his wife bing ing- lived with her father (Mr. John the Wilkinson, at the Almshouses, Gedling). The orphaned baby (Muriel), who is now five years of age, has been ajor taken care of by Mrs. Burton's sister 10 (Mrs. E. Dexter, of 258, High-screet, obilters. Basford).

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