

HENNIKER James John

Name: James John Henniker

Born: 1917

Rank: Private

Service Number: 3528585

Unit/Regiment: 1st Battalion
Manchester Regiment

Died: 17 September 1943



Pre-War:

James was born in Manchester in 1917.

Wartime experience:

James became a prisoner of war when Singapore fell to the Japanese on 15 February 1941. He was transported to Thailand, as part of H Force, to work on the Thai/Burma Railway.

Army Form B. 104—83A.

No. R/OAS/POW/169.
(If replying, please quote above No.)

General Enquiries about prisoners of war and the treatment to which they are entitled may be made, either in person or by letter, at the Prisoner of War Enquiry Centre, Curzon Street House, Curzon Street, London, W.1 (open 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Monday to Friday; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays).

Office, Station, 19

27 JUL 1943
ESTON

SIR—OR MADAM,

I have to inform you that a report has been received from the War Office to the effect that (No.) 5020500.
(Rank) Pte. (Name) HENNIKER, James.
(Regiment) 1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment
is a Prisoner of War in Japanese hands. No Camp stated.
Letters should be addressed as on attached slip, until a Camp address is received. Should you receive an address, please inform this Office at once.

Should any other information be received concerning him, such information will be at once communicated to you.

Instructions as to the method of communicating with Prisoners of War can be obtained at any Post Office.

I am,
SIR—OR MADAM,
Your obedient Servant,

Mrs. M. HENNIKER,
10, Hutchins Street,
Beaumont,
MANCHESTER, 10.

for Officer in charge of Records.

Major.

IMPORTANT—Any change of your address should be immediately notified to this Office. It should also be notified, if you receive information from the soldier above, that his address has been changed.

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Left: The letter sent to Mrs Henniker informing her that her son, James, was a Japanese prisoner of war.

Sadly, James passed away on 17 September 1943, at the age of 26, after being in the camp hospital in Kanburi, suffering from Malaria and Dysentery.

James is buried in the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Plat 2. Row E. Grave 41.

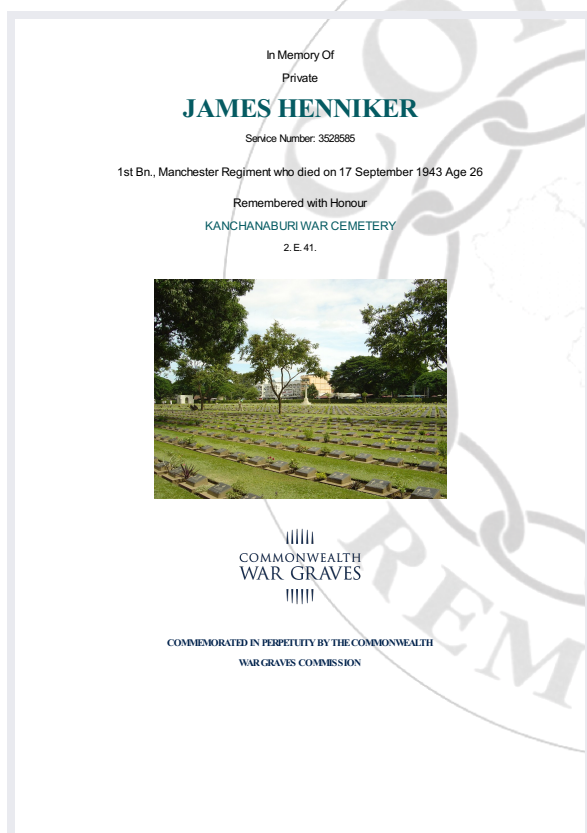


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Left: When the Kanchanaburi Cemetery was first created this was the first cross that marked where Jame Henniker was buried.

Right: The current head stone for James Henniker.



Left: A copy of the Certificate from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The above information and wording has been provided by Nigel Henniker, nephew.

Further information has been provided by Ronnie Taylor's website 'Roll of Honour'.

Other information has been provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



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