

GREGORY Herbert James

Name: Herbert James Gregory

Born: 13 February 1914

Rank: Private

Service Number: 6029161

Unit/Regiment: 5th Battalion, 'C' Company, Suffolk Regiment

Died: 24 October 1944

Pre-War:

Herbert was born on 13 February 1914 at Tyford Lodge, Willesden, Middlesex. He was the son of Lilian Gregory and spent his childhood in the Willesden area of northwest London.

As a young man, Herbert met Margaret Stride, and they were married on 28 April 1938 at the Willesden Register Office. Following their marriage, Herbert and Margaret established their family home in Stonebridge Park, London. Together they had two children - Shirley and Tony.

Wartime experience:

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Herbert enlisted in the British Army. He joined the 5th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment, serving with 'C' Company. Following his military training, Herbert deployed overseas with his battalion, as part of Britain's efforts to defend Malaya against the advancing Japanese forces. On 15 February 1942, following the fall of Singapore, Herbert became a Japanese Prisoner of War. Family research indicates that he was later held in the POW camp named Philippines during his captivity. Further research is continuing to establish the exact sequence of his movements between Singapore, any labour camps, and the Philippines.

Herbert endured more than two and a half years of captivity under extremely harsh conditions before sadly dying on 24 October 1944, at the age of 32.

He is commemorated at Sai Wan War Cemetery, Hong Kong. For his wartime service, Herbert was entitled to receive the: 1939–1945 Star and War Medal 1939–1945. Although Herbert's military history has gradually been pieced together through official records, museums and archives, no confirmed photograph of him has yet been discovered.



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His family continues to search military archives, newspapers and historical collections in the hope of finding the first known image of him, preserving not only his memory but the story of his courage and sacrifice for future generations.

In Memory Of

Private

HERBERT JAMES GREGORY

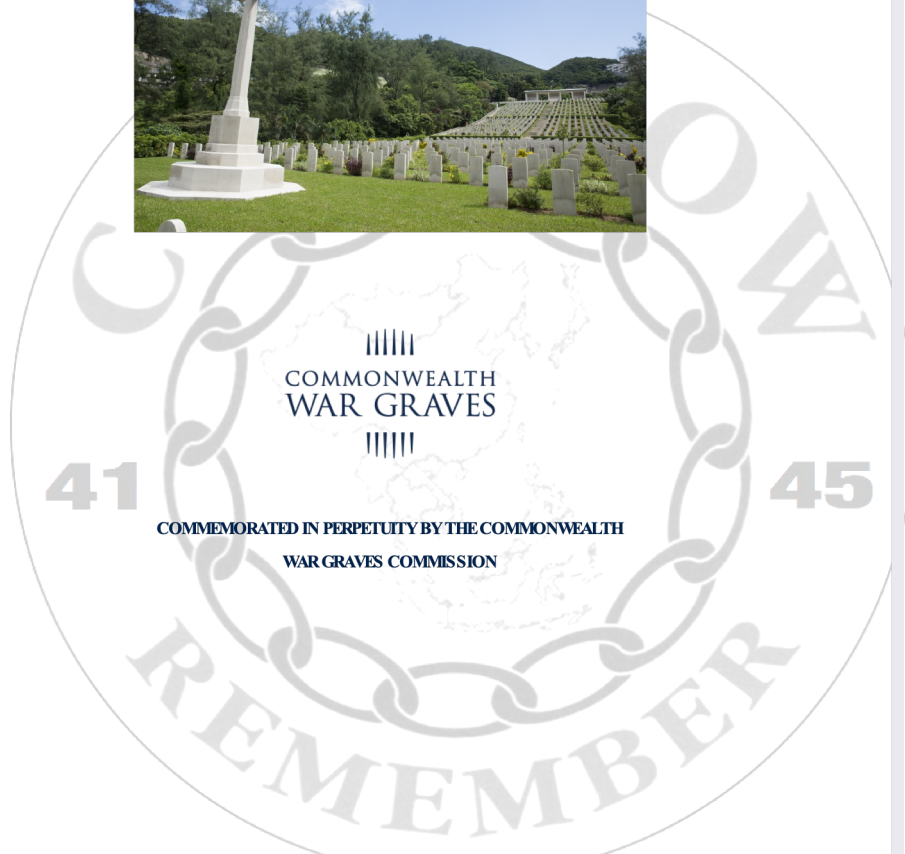
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5th Bn., Suffolk Regiment who died on 24 October 1944 Age 32

Remembered with Honour

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*The above information and wording has been provided by
Kerry Parker-Boyd, Herbert's Great Granddaughter.*



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