



PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET



Name: James Alfred Maynard

DOB: 1st May 1915

Rank: Private

Service Identity Number: 6201245

**Service/Regiment/Corps: Middlesex
Regiment (Duke of Cambridges Own)**

Unit: 1st Battalion

Died: 2nd October 1942

Personal history before the war:

Great Uncle Jim was my Nan's younger brother, the only son of James Frederick Maynard and Ellen Alice Maynard. He was born in Lambeth, South London and had six sisters.

Before joining the Army on 22 August 1933 aged 18, Jim was a shop assistant. Records indicate that he was stationed in Egypt and Singapore before being posted to Hong Kong in August 1937.

Wartime experience:

Jim's Army records show that he arrived in Hong Kong in August 1937, and being taken Prisoner on Christmas day 1941 at the fall of Hong Kong.

Jim boarded The Lisbon Maru on 27 September 1942 and lost his life on 2 October 1942 in the sinking, aged 27 years. The last recorded sighting of him, reported by Sergeant Frank Waldon, was recorded as follows – "Pte Maynard – Last seen by L/Cpl Shore on a hatch cover quite near an island. He was probably drowned in trying to swim ashore".

He was awarded the 1939 – 1945 Star, Pacific Star, Defence Medal and War Medal 1939 – 1945.



Additional photos:



The above information was provided by Leigh Gray who is the Grandniece of James Maynard.



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