



PERSONAL **INFORMATION** **SHEET**



Name: John (Jack) Thomas POTTER

DOB: 07 May 1917

Rank: Gunner

Service Identity Number: 868809

Service/Regiment/Corps: Royal Artillery

Unit: 8 Coast Regiment RA

Died: 1st/2nd October 1942

Personal history before the war:

Jack was born to Matthew and Frances Mary Potter of 12 Gurney Valley, Coundon Grange, Durham on the 7th May 1917 and was baptized on the 30th May 1917. His father was a miner.

Wartime experience:

It is understood that Jack had two brothers who were also serving; Leslie who had been involved in the retreat to Dunkirk and Nick who had been reported as being missing.

Records indicate that Jack was captured on 25th December 1941 when the Hong Kong garrison surrendered to the Japanese and was interned in Shamshuipo POW camp. He was embarked on the hell ship the Lisbon Maru on the 26th September 1942 and was held in the rearmost hold 3.

Personal history post war (if survived):

Sadly Jack did not survive the sinking of the Lisbon Maru and his name is inscribed on column 5 of the Sai Wan War Memorial. He was 25 years old when he died.



Additional photos:



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