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Officers' Reports of Capture

Introduction

Officers who were captured were required to complete form AG3 when they were repatriated or escaped and returned to England. This required some basic data to be recorded and then a statement by the officer as to the circumstances of his capture.

These are filed in the officers papers at the National Archives (WO339 or WO374 for Territorial officers) These files are somewhat difficult to find now as the National Archives has recently renumbered them and the index WO338 refers to the former Long Number. WO338 is contained on a series of 23 microfilms.

The list of Royal Berks officers who were known captured is given below together with their references. The sub section is either to this ie 357-xx or to another section where a fuller report exists.

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Name	long number	WO339 */374	Sub Section
BARKER W			
BENNETT J M			
BERRY A E			
BLAND Cecil Francis Ramsden	128865	56603	01
BOSTON Cyril Arthur Northwood	226844	120953	03
BRANDON G			
CAPEL Gerard	213625	113300	
CLARE Alfred Douglas	61544	32688	02
CURTIS Herbert Arthur	138472	*17426	
DOWLING V G			
EAGAR E F	15482	*21632?	
EASTMAN A J	190853		
FARMER Albert Edward	166841	NOT *17426	
FENNER Harold Raymond	46729	25687	
FLIGHT Harry Edward	187177	98401	
FOOTMAN David John	47310	26109	
FOWLER Cosmo William			
FRY H W J		*25942	
GENTRY-BIRCH Cyril	38979	not found	
GILLIAT Robert Vincent			
GOODSHIP Gilbert Reginald	81664	34259	
HADDOW Robert Bayne	244833	not found	
HAGAR E F			
HAIGHTON E S			
HAILE William Lethaby	195697	104076	

HAILEY George Steven	192632	102155	
HANNEY Walter Charles	198528	not found	
HAYWARD Roger	53216	30563	
HEALE William Vernon	141573	66264	
HENLEY Arthur Edward	160774	80224	
HILL Francis Canning R	166046		
HINCHCLIFFE G R		not found	
HOLLOWAY Colin Percival	135087		
HOWARD Patrick Leonard	201036		
ILLINGWORTH Henry Cyril Hagther	328		
JAMES Frank Clifford	131160		
JOHNSON Eric Finnis	146727		
JONES E		not found	
LANGSTON Norman	134473		354-02
LAWRENCE J H G	27348		
LOUDAN Stirling M	146222		
McDONNELL R A M de Courcy			00
McGREGOR Donald Alaistair			
McMULLEN John Robert			
MECEY Edward J			
MILES B			
OLDING W G			
OSWELL S H			
READY Edward Charles			
ROBERTS T H			
SCHOFIELD H			
ST LEGIER G W de			
THOMPSON E L			
THRELFEL George Roper			
TULLETT J			
TURNER Alexander Scott			354-06
UPTON William Arthur			
URRY Alexander Claude			
VAUGHAN William			
WHITTAKER T			
WIGMORE Arthur			
WILLIAMS A G			
WILLIAMS C D			
WOOD J A V			
WOOSTER H T L			

Note that this list also includes Royal Berks

officers who were captured serving with other regiments and officers from other regiments who were captured serving with the Royal Berks.

Where we have been able to find their papers the report of their capture is reproduced in one of the subsequent sub-sections. Some details however may be found in a subsection of 354 where the officer concerned was interrogated by the POW Committee.

Some shorter reports are listed below:-

Lt R A M J de Courcy MacDonnell

Lt MacDonnell was captured at the same time as Capt Clare. He was with C Coy, 2nd Royal Berks on the 27th May 1918, being attached to the Royal Berks from the Manchester Regiment. He was repatriated on the 14th December 1918. (see section 312) His statement is quite brief:-

On the 27th May 1918 I held up the enemy during his attack until, having lost three officers and more than half of the Other Ranks, all communication with flanks and rear being cut off. I managed to fight my way back with the remainder of my Company to the MIEITE RIVER, where I was captured in an attempt to cross the said River. [TX01150]