

From Broomhall to Burma

The Wilf Chesters War Book – his wartime experiences and a previously unpublished diary of his time as a Japanese POW when he endured the horrors of working on the Burma-Siam railway.

Wilf Chesters was born at Broomhall, near Nantwich, Cheshire.

During the Second World War he served his country in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, was evacuated at Dunkirk, experienced the fall of Singapore, was a POW in Japanese war camps, experienced the horrors and hardship of working on the Burma-Siam railway, was shipwrecked, laboured in Japan and was eventually repatriated after the Japanese surrender.

Wilf sadly died in January 2009 but towards the end of his life, previously not wishing to talk about the war, expressed a wish that his wartime diary should now be published. With the help of his daughter Margaret, local military historian Mark Potts and local historian Peter Bebbington a small book on his life and war career has been produced. His full diary, supplemented by further information, together with photographs, a foreword written by his daughter and his funeral eulogy are all included in the publication.

Priced at £5, all proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Wrenbury & District Branch of the Royal British Legion.

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