

1911 CENSUS: RG14/34985

Address: Auberge De Castille, Valletta, Malta.

Returns of Wives & Children of Officers & Soldiers who passed the night of Sunday April 2nd, 1911 in the Barracks or Quarters

Elizabeth Emma COLEBY. Wife. 35. M.11yrs. 3 children. 1 living. 2 died. Ryde, IW.

Thomas William TUIE. Stepson. 13. Ryde, IW.

Albert Edward COLEBY. Son. 7. Eastbourne, Sussex.

Royal Artillery Attestations 1883-1942

Name: **Albert Edward COLEBY**

Service No: 1412847

Former Service No: 185603

Date: 31/08/1917

Regular Army

Age: 14yrs + 19 days

Place of enlistment: Malta

Place of birth: Christ Church Eastbourne Sussex

Corps: 65 RGA

Service: Extended to complete 12 years Colour Service to 14/06/1926

MARRIAGE: 3rd ¼ 1924 (General Registrars ref: Rochford, Essex Reg Dist. Vol 4A. Page 1826)

Albert Edward COLEBY & Minna Martha A. COCKS

1933 REGISTER OF ELECTORS

COLEBY Albert Edward - Fairsnape, Mitchell's Road, Haylands, Ryde

COLEBY Henry Charles – 1 Cams Cotts, Upton Road, Haylands, Ryde

COLEBY Elizabeth Emma

Prisoners of War 1715-1945

Name: **Albert Edward COLEBY**

Year: 18/10/1942

Rank: Lieutenant (QM)

Prison: POW Camp, Malaya

Conflict: World War 2

Royal Artillery Officer's Deaths

Name: **Albert Edward COLEBY**

Post Nominals: HKSRA

Birth year: 1904

Age: 39

Death date: 05 Mar 1943

Place: POW, Far East

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Name: **COLEBY Albert Edward**

Rank: Lieutenant

Trade: Qmr

Service No: 191983

Date of Death: 05/03/1943

Age: 39

Regiment/Service: Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery
2 H.A.A. Regt.

Panel Ref: Column 3

Memorial: Singapore Memorial

Additional Information: Son of Henry & Elizabeth Coleby, husband of Minna M. A. Coleby, of
Shoeburyness

Various IW County Press Newspaper Reports (Island War News):-

28 August 1943

MESSAGES FROM PRISONERS IN THE FAR EAST – In our list of casualties this week appears news of several Island men who are prisoners in the hands of the Japanese; some of them being the first intimation of the fate of men missing since the fall of Malaya. The messages are evidently part of the large consignment of mail from the Far East, most of which was unfortunately destroyed when an air liner crashed and was burnt in Ireland recently, and some of the missives were scorched by fire and bore the inscription “Damaged by fire in transit.”

28 August 1943

Lieut. (Q.M) A. E. Coleby, R.A., son of Mr. H. C. Coleby, of 288 Upton-road, Haylands; in Japanese hands. At long last after being unheard of for 14 months a postcard was received informing his wife and family that he is safe and well. His wife and four children, however, are in Natal. His father was himself a former R.S.M. of the Royal Artillery. Lieut. Coleby was stationed at Singapore with his wife and four children, and at the fall of that eastern base they became separated. His wife and children were evacuated and placed on a ship bound for Natal. Hoping that they had escaped to England, Lieut. Coleby addressed the postcard to his home in the belief that they would travel there. The postcard is to be forwarded to Natal, but long before its arrival the good news of Lieut. Coleby’s safety will have reached his wife and family by cable from Ryde.

8 December 1945

SLENDER HOPES OF PRISONER OF WAR – No definite news has been heard of Lieut. and Quartermaster Albert Edward Coleby, R.A., youngest son of ex-R.S.M. H. C. Coleby, of 288 Upton-road, Haylands, who has been missing since the fall of Singapore. His wife and four children were taken to Natal, and Mrs. Coleby has sent a letter to her father-in-law giving a report from official quarters stating that a number of prisoners of war left Malaya on October 18th 1942, for an unknown destination, believed to be New Guinea, and were believed to have been lost at sea. Her husband is named in official records as being among them. The report is suspect, since some of the prisoners named were known to have survived, and a small number had actually been recovered by Allied forces. Urgent inquiries were proceeding in the hope of obtaining later news of the officers and men named as being on the ship.
