

**C DIEI Records relating to Douglas Shearsmith from Hull, a prisoner of war in Singapore from 1941-1945, deposited by his Sister, Mrs Eileen Pettit.**

**Accession number:** 14/70

**Background History:** According to the Hull Daily Mail Military Index compiled by Mr Mann, Douglas attended Southcoates Lane School, Hull. He died at Sandakan Borneo Prison of War Camp in Jun 1945 in Japanese Hands.

**Description:** Letter, postcards and photographs relating to Douglas Shearsmith, Lance Bombardier, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

**Extent:** 7 items

**Related Materials:** Hull History Centre holds many collections relating to The Second World War. Please see *The City of Hull's Second World War Records: A Guide to Sources* for more information.

**Access Conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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| C DIEI/1 | Letter from Douglas Shearsmith to his Mother and Father<br>This letter covers two small pages and is headed with Douglas Shearsmith's Army number: 11051876 L/Bdr Troop C 242/48 L.A.A. Reg't R.A. whilst on route to Singapore. In it he talks about the weather, the conditions onboard ship and the family back home. His Mother was Sarah Alice and his Father was John R. Shearmith of Hull<br>1 item | 14 Dec 1941 |
| C DIEI/2 | Postcard from Douglas Shearsmith to his Mother and Father informing them of his status as a Prisoner of War<br>Army number: 11051876. In it he states that he is in good health and unwounded<br>1 item  | c. 1941     |
| C DIEI/3 | Photograph of Douglas Shearsmith in his Army uniform. Some writing is on the back of the photograph, including Mr. Shearsmith's address: 42 Mead Street, Ings Road, Hull<br>1 item   | c. 1941     |
| C DIEI/4 | Small postcard from Douglas Shearsmith to his Mother from Sandakan prisoner of war camp in Borneo. It states that he is in good health and refers to Beryl.<br>1 item  | c. 1941     |

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| C DIEI/5 | Photograph of Singapore's War Memorial Site<br>Lance Bombardier Douglas Shearsmith died on<br>14 Jun 1945 aged 23 and is remembered with<br>honour at the Singapore Memorial<br>1 item   | c. 1945 |
| C DIEI/6 | Photograph of Singapore's War Memorial roll of<br>honour for the Royal Regiment of Artillery<br>Douglas Shearsmith who died on 14 Jun 1945<br>aged 23 is honoured on this plaque along with<br>other members of his Regiment<br>1 item | c. 1945 |
| C DIEI/7 | Strip of black and white negatives showing groups<br>of Prisoners of War which include Douglas<br>Shearsmith<br>1 item   | c. 1945 |