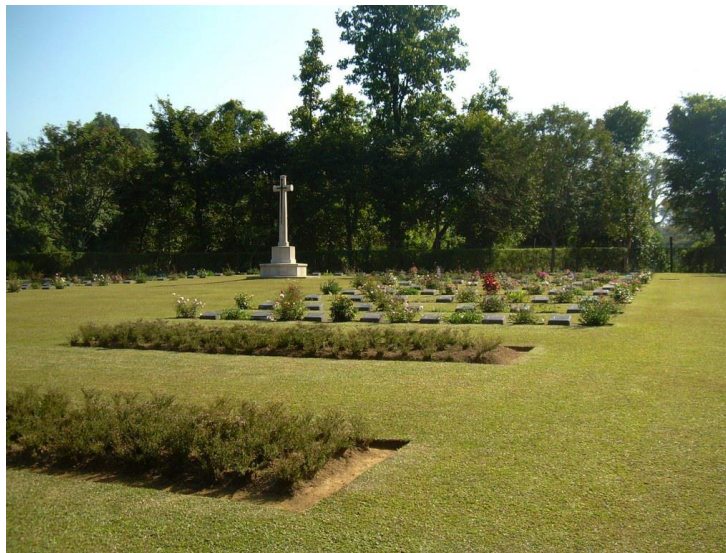


# Private HENRY STEPHEN CHARNLEY

Henry was born on 25 April 1923, the son of Henry and Susan Charnley of what was then known as Main Road, Walcote. A compositor before the war, he enlisted on 14 May 1942 and was posted to the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was sent to India, disembarking in Bombay in July 1943. Two months later he was transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment.

The South Staffs had been sent to the Far East to serve as an airlanding unit with the Chindits 2<sup>nd</sup> Expedition and in March 1944 forces from the Regiment landed behind Japanese lines in Burma, hoping to delay reinforcements aiming to stem the British advance. Henry was fatally wounded on 23 June 1944, dying two days later aged only 21.



He is buried in Digboi War Cemetery in Assam, India.

Whilst the war in Europe ended on 8 May 1945, it continued in the Far East until Japan surrendered on 14 August 1945.



*At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*