

## Fred Thompson



**Rank:** - Signalman

**Number:** - 2347788

**Regiment:** - Royal Corps of Signals. Attended III Indian Signal Corps.

**Died:** - Died from cardiac arrest whilst Prisoner of War; 15 June 1943 Age: 31 years.

**Cemetery:** - Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand 6.C.29.

Fred was born in Batley Carr on 6 Dec 1911 the son of Albert and Amelia Thompson nee Helliwell who had married on 12 November 1906 at Batley Parish Church. Irene was born in 1907 followed by Elizabeth 1910, who died aged 22 months, Arthur 1914, Albert 1916, Lucy 1919, Harold 1924, Mavis 1927 and Amelia 1930. His father, Albert, died in February 1942.

Fred lived at Batley Carr and attended Batley Carr Parish Church, and at one time being a member of the choir. Before he joined up he was a butcher for the

Dewsbury Pioneers Industrial District and was well known in the Scout Hill district where he was in charge of a meat van.

In 1936 Fred married Nellie Blakeley in 1939 they were living at 12, Upper Road, Batley Carr with their children. In 1945 it was reported that Fred was survived by his wife and two sons aged six and eight.

Fred joined the Army and was in Singapore when it fell in February 1942 and was taken to Thailand as a prisoner of war. He died whilst a prisoner of war.

Fred is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial, Addenda and Holy Trinity Lychgate Memorial, Batley Carr.

**DIED WHILE PRISONER**  
**News of Signalman F. Thompson**

Mrs. N. Thompson, 12, Upper Road, Batley Carr, has received official intimation that her husband, Signalman Fred Thompson, died while a prisoner in Thailand on June 15th, 1943.

Signalman Thompson, who was 32 years of age, had been in the Army 5 1/2 years, and was captured at the fall of Singapore in 1942. The first news his wife had of him was a message obtained from one of his comrades, Signalman W. H. Hopwood, of Bradford, which stated that he had been with Signalman Thompson at the time of his death and that he was buried at Tarkie Noon in North Thailand.

The son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Albert Thompson, Signalman Thompson had lived at Batley Carr all his life, and had attended the Batley Carr Parish Church; at one time being a member of the choir. Before joining up he was a butcher for the Dewsbury Pioneers' Industrial District, and was well-known in the Scout Hill district, where he was in charge of a meat van.

Signalman Thompson is survived by his wife and two sons, aged six and eight respectively. A memorial service is to be held in Batley Carr Parish Church tomorrow (Sunday) evening.

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