



## FRED BEELEY

**6108 Gunner Fred Beeley, Light Battery, Federated Malay States Volunteer Force.**

Born 11<sup>th</sup> July 1903 at Adlington, Cheshire, son of farmer William and Bertha (nee Cooke) Beeley of Springbank Farm, Adlington. This was a large family, and Fred's siblings were, Arthur, William, Annie, Minnie, Edith, Janie, Lizzie, Agnes, Hugh, James, Jesse, Evelyn and George. Fred was an educated man, gaining a BSc; his vocation was as a Pathologist. Records

show that he first sailed to Penang, Malaya on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1927, aboard S.S. Patroclus, a Blue Funnel Line ship. His next recorded trip to Malaya, again to Penang, was when he left Liverpool on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1932, aboard S.S. Hector, another Blue Funnel Line ship.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1933 Fred obtained his Royal Aero Club Aviators Certificate, number 11698. He was registered as being employed by The Rubber Research Institute, P.O. Box 270, Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S. His certificate was taken in a De Havilland Gipsy Moth 1, 85 H.P.

In the third quarter of 1936 Fred married Gladys Lister, registered at North Bierley, West Riding Yorkshire. Fred would have returned to Malaya and he would have volunteered for the Federated Malay State Forces. He died at the Thai camp, Siam of acute enteritis, Wednesday, 30 June 1943 aged 39 years. His widow was living at Westgate Hill, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Gunner Fred Beeley is buried at Chungkai War Cemetery, Kanchanaburi, Thailand. C.W.G.C. Ref: 7. N. 8.

