

BURROUGH John Paul

Name: John Paul Burrough

Born: 5 May 1916

Rank: Lieutenant

Service Number: 155754

**Regiment: 11th Indian Division,
Royal Corps of Signals**

Died: 27 January 2003



Pre-War:

Paul, born into an ecclesiastical family living in Summertown near Oxford. He was educated at St Edward's School, Oxford and St Edmund Hall, Oxford. He was a skilled rower and was in the Oxford crews that beat Cambridge in the Boat Races of 1937 and 1938.

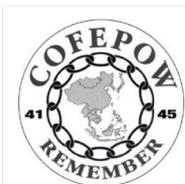
Wartime experience:

When war came, Paul was commissioned on 15 December 1939 into the Royal Signals. He was posted to the Far East and captured, on 15 February 1942, at the fall of Singapore. Paul was interned in Changi camp under the command of Colonel Holmes and on 23 April 1943, was transported in a 'hell' ship to Japan. He was held in a camp in Omi, near Tokyo and, unbeknown to the Japanese, he had managed to smuggle a radio, from Singapore and was able to keep his fellow prisoners informed as to the progress of the war. If the Japanese had found the radio he would, undoubtedly, have been killed. He survived captivity and returned home.

Civilian life after return:

Paul was ordained in 1951. His first post was a curacy in Aldershot. After this he was a missionary Priest in Korea and then, Anglican Chaplain to Overseas Peoples in Birmingham. Paul then became Bishop of Mashonaland, Harare, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) from 1968 - 1981. He returned to England and became the Rector of Empingham and honorary assistant bishop in the Diocese of Peterborough from 1981 - 1985 and finally retired, at the grand age of 69.

Sadly, Paul passed away on 27 January 2003 at the age of 86.



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