CHISNALL Frederick

Private, 5828663
5th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment
Place of Birth: Great Yarmouth
Date of Death: Friday 5th November 1943.
Died of Illness in Captivity
Cemetery: Chungkai War Cemetery
Aged 24 years



Frederick Chisnall was born in Great Yarmouth on 9 June 1919, the son of George Chisnall and Kate nee Ayers according to his birth certificate, Stammers on other records. He had an older sister as well as three older and one younger brother. His father, George Chisnall, like at least three generations before him, came from near Ipswich. Frederick's mother, Kate, had her roots in Grimsby.

Registration District Yarmouth

1919 **Birth in the Sub-district of** Yarmouth Northern **in the** County of Great Yarmouth

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No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
392	Ninth June 1919 20 Howard Street North U.D.	Frederick	Boy	George Chisnall	Kate Chisnall formerly Ayers	Quayside Labourer	Frances Hewett Present at Birth 38 Row 93, Yarmouth	Tenth June 1919	J.A.H. Ferrier Registrar	————



Both Frederick's father and his grandfather, Henry, served in the army spending time in India during their army careers. George and Kate were obviously used to moving regularly for daughter Florance was born in Wisbech in 1904, followed by Mark in Grimsby in 1908 and Charles in Newmarket in 1912. When George left the army in 1914, the family address was given as Two Brewers Cottage, Albion Passage Newmarket. He found work here as a general labourer and during the next few years the family moved around probably in search of employment. George was born in Grimsby in 1915, Frederick in Great Yarmouth in 1919 and Thomas in Haverhill in 1923. The Chisnall family seems to have finally settled in Haverhill, initially living at 2 Weavers Arms Yard where Thomas was born and later making their home at 4 Eden Place.

Having been born into a family with military service in their blood it comes as no surprise to discover that Frederick and his four brothers all served in the army too.



On 30 July 1937, Thomas, the youngest son, went to Quebec, Canada. He was 14 years old at the time and went with other boys as part of a group of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

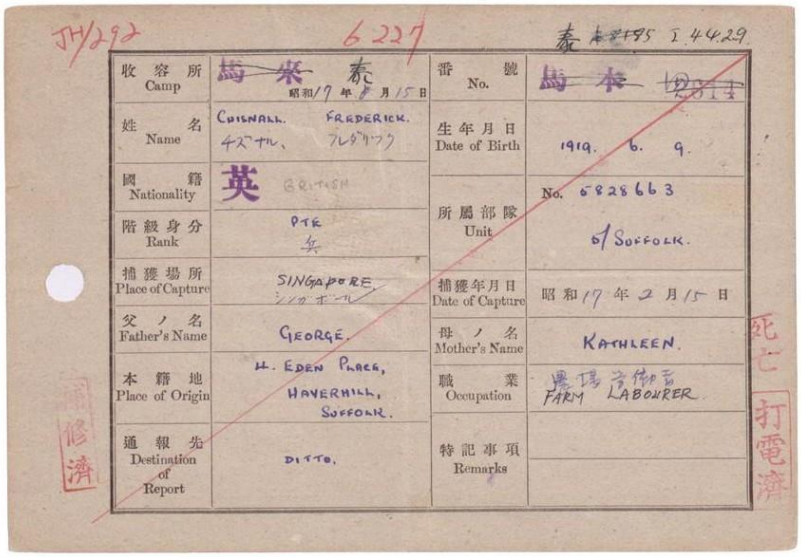
He sent a photograph of himself to his brother writing 'This is myself taken on the farm where I work in Canada, your Brother Tommy' on the back.

Frederick joined the Suffolk Regiment on 20th June 1939, aged just 19. Allocated the army number 5828663 he was posted to 'D' Coy, 5th Battalion.
The 4th and 5th Battalions, Suffolk Regiment were attached to the 18th East Anglian Division which following Pearl Harbour, was to find itself in the Far East. After the fall of Singapore on 15th February 1942, about 620 'Suffolks' became POWs. Many, like Frederick, were transported to work on the Burma-Thailand Railway.

The Echo of 8th January 1944, reported that:

> *'Mr & Mrs Geo Chisnall, 4 Eden Place, have received a post-card from their son, Pte F. Chisnall, 5th Suffolk Regiment, saying that he is in No1 POW Camp, Thailand, and is in good health. No previous news of him had been received since the fall of Singapore. Mr and Mrs Chisnall have four other sons serving. Driver Chas and Driver George, both serving in the RASC, one of whom is overseas. L Cpl Mark Chisnall is with the Pioneer Corps and Lc Bdr Thomas Chisnall, serving with the Canadian Army has just returned to this country from Canada where he has been for the past eight years.'*

This is the front side of the Japanese Index Card for Frederick Chisnall:



收容所 Camp	馬來 昭和17年7月15日	番號 No.	馬本
姓名 Name	CHISNALL. FREDERICK.	生年月日 Date of Birth	1919. 6. 9.
國籍 Nationality	英 BRITISH	所屬部隊 Unit	No. 5828663 5/SUFFOLK.
階級身分 Rank	PTE		
捕獲場所 Place of Capture	SINGAPORE	捕獲年月日 Date of Capture	昭和17年2月15日
父ノ名 Father's Name	GEORGE.	母ノ名 Mother's Name	KATHLEEN.
本籍地 Place of Origin	4. EDEN PLACE, HAVERHILL, SUFFOLK.	職業 Occupation	農場音働者 FARM LABOURER
通報先 Destination of Report	DITTO.	特記事項 Remarks	

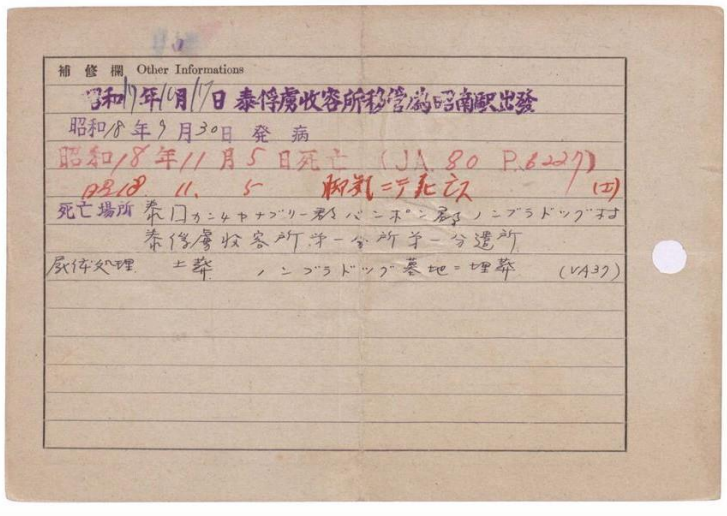
The transcript of this record is as follows:

There is a handwritten character in black representing Thailand Head Camp. Camp: Malay (crossed out) Thailand August 15, 1942.

Name: Chisnall Frederick
Date of Birth: 1919.6.9 (9 June 1919)
Nationality: British
Rank: Private
Place of capture: Singapore
The red stamped characters stand for "Finished informing."
Father's Name: George
Place of Origin: 4 Eden Place, Haverhill, Suffolk
No: 5828663 5/Suffolk
Malay Head Camp (the handwritten character stands for "Four or fourth.")
Date of capture: February 15, 1942.
Mother's name: Kathleen
Occupation: Farm labourer

The red stamped characters stand for "Death" and "Finished telegraphing."

The reverse side of the index card. The transcript of this record is as follows:
He left Singapore Station in order to be transferred to the Thai POW camp on October 17, 1942.
He fell ill on September 30, 1943.
He died on November 5, 1943.
He died of Miocardic Beri-Beri on November 5, 1943.
Place of death: At the 1st detachment of the 1st branch of the Thai POW camp in Nong Pladuk village, in Ban Pong county, Kanchanaburi county in Thailand.
Burial: We buried him at the cemetery of Nong Pladuk.



Frederick died as a Prisoner of War at Nong Pladuk in Thailand on 5th November 1943. The cause of his death was recorded by the Japanese as being Miocardiac Beri-Beri.

Died in Japanese Hands.—Mr. and Mrs. G. Chisnall, of 4, Eden Road, received intimation on Monday from the War Office that their second son, Pte. F. Chisnall, of The Suffolk Regiment, died on November 5th, 1943, from beri-beri, whilst a prisoner-of-war in Thailand Camp. The bereaved parents wish to express their thanks to the many friends who have from time to time made enquiries concerning their son, and all who have tendered condolences to them in their sorrow.

On 6th October 1945 the South West Suffolk Echo reported that Frederick's family had received official notification of his death.



Frederick is buried in grave 9.K.2, Chunkai War Cemetery, Thailand.



