

Gunner RONALD WILLIAM ERNEST BARTLETT

974427, 88 Field Regt., Royal Artillery

who died age 27 on 1 January 1942

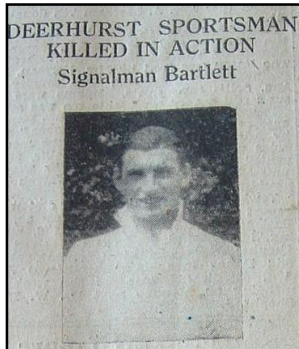
Son of William Henry and Kate Bartlett, of Deerhurst, Gloucestershire.

Remembered with honour in the TAIPING WAR CEMETERY

According to the *Register* of 7 March 1942, **Ronald Bartlett's** death was a sad loss to local sport.

Signalman Ronald Bartlett W.E

DEERHURST SPORTSMAN KILLED IN ACTION



Signalman Ronald W.E Bartlett was 25 years of age was educated at Deerhurst C of E School and was a regular attendant at Deerhurst Church, where his father is leader of bell-ringers.

In civilian life, Mrs Bartlett was an agent for the Prudential Assurance Company work at West Bromwich.

He was called to H.M Forces in the early spring of 1940 and served as a Signaller in the Royal Artillery. He was killed in the Far East

During the last ten years, he had been an active member of the Apperley Court Cricket Club and was one of the best bats and medium fast bowlers in the district.

In fact **Ronald Bartlett** was killed a year earlier on 1 January 1942 during the Japanese onslaught on **Malaya**, before the fall of Singapore. According to the CWGC, "**Taiping** then was on the British line of retreat down the west coast. Its normal garrison of one Indian Infantry Battalion had been augmented, a casualty reception station organised, arrangements made with the civilian authorities for the provision of 500 beds for military patients."

