

These are the War records of the Graham family who fought and served in WW2
All Five of the Graham's served in WW2. They were nicknamed the fighting Grahams.
One was killed in action. Four survived.

George Graham joined the Royal Regt Royal Artillery. He was posted to 266/62 AA Regt. RA/T

Posted to the Shetland Defences Shetland Isles 13/2/41 to protect the UK from the northern threat of bombers flying from Norway.

4/09/44 Embarked BLFF France after D day

Posted to 1 Petrol station Co. RASC To set up and supply petrol to vehicles in the advance to Germany.

5/09/45 gained the rank of **Sergeant** before leaving the army.

Thomas Norman Graham. Enlisted 5/02/1942 to the Yorks and Lancs Regiment. 61st Battalion Trade on joining Joiner .

North Africa 19-1-43- 15-3 44 Whilst in Tunisia he joined the newly formed 1st Army He fought with the British and American forces and took part in the liberation of North Africa including Tunis and Bizerte. Medals. Africa star served Y&L 6th Bn. awarded 1st Africa clasp.

6-3-44 – 19-5-44 Mediterranean Expeditionary Force MEF Transferred to Italy. Took part in battle for Anzio, battle for Monte Casino and the liberation of Rome. Medal Italy Star

27-6-44 21-4-46 SOS; MEF to BNAF. Took Army trade tests in carpentry and joinery whilst serving in Italy. Promoted to **instructor** and **Sergeant**.

Transferred to Gordon Highlanders and Posted to 1st Bn. The London Scottish in accordance with Army Council Instruction 626/39

A memorial stone to my Father is located in the memorial garden Witherwick

Charles Frederick Graham. Enlisted 13th June 1940 to the Royal Engineers Corp. 20 field Company as a Driver.

Stayed in the UK until 8th July 1944 Disembarked North West Europe joining the British Forces in France.

He was part of the push to Berlin. Awarded the Germany medal.

Received exemplary commendation for his military service upon leaving the army.

John Leslie Graham. Joined the Royal Artillery Regiment 1938. He was posted to Singapore to man the British Garrison on the island of Santosa (Blakan Mati) he was part of the gun crew who turned the gun round to face the advancing Japanese from the north during their takeover of Singapore.

He was captured and was a prisoner from February 1942 until August 1945. He was put to work by the Japanese to construct the notorious Burma Railway.

He survived the war, returning to Hull where he lived till his death. He was 87 years old.

A memorial to him lays in the Witherwick Memorial garden.

Cecil S Graham. Captain, 7th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment. He died on 15 November 1942 in Burma. It is believed Cecil was killed at sea, (I think the memorial is in Burma).

It seems he died due to the ship he was on being sunk, it is assumed this was probably whilst being transferred by ship to elsewhere in Burma.

This may well have been due to enemy action as some of the crew managed to fire guns at the enemy ship. He is remembered on the Witherwick War memorial.