

FOREWORD

Driver Ernest Edwards, RASC, 308 Coy

The main source of data is Ernest's biographical account below:

KALAMATA BEACH

28 April 1941

... and its aftermath for one soldier

The memoirs of

Ernest Edwards, Driver RASC



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Dedication

In 1940 a young man of twenty years went off to answer the call of duty boarding the train from Watton, in Norfolk, destination Aldershot.

Much was to happen in the following four years of which you will read as the story unfolds in the following pages.

Through the years of peacetime and marriage which we so happily shared together, he frequently said "I must get it all down on paper". Knowing what he meant, I tried to encourage him.

It wasn't until November of 1994 that he eventually sat down each evening, writing and remembering. It was something he just had to do.

In February of 1995 he was suddenly taken very ill - but he had accomplished yet another ambition.

This wonderful, fun-loving man with the infectious laugh and ever-ready smile, was gone from us on November 8th 1995.

He was a perfect gentleman.

May his memory live on.

His -

MARGARET

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Introduction

NAME/DATE OF JOINING H.M. FORCES:

Ernest Edwards 25/4/1940

DATE/TIME OF CAPTURE:

28/4/1941 Dawn - Kalamata Beach Greece

RANK/BRANCH OF MILITARY FORCES, ETC AT THAT TIME:

Driver R.A.S.C. (308 Company) Ammunition supply company 2nd Armoured Div. 8th Army

WHERE/WHEN PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION TOOK PLACE:

Maribor Northern Yugoslavia

PLACE HELD BEFORE DISPERSAL TO MAIN CAMP:

Corinth and Salonika

FIRST PERMANENT CAMP:

Maribor

REMOVALS TO OTHER CAMPS? DATES/PLACES:

Misling Work Camp

DATE OF RETURN TO U.K.:

26/5/45

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