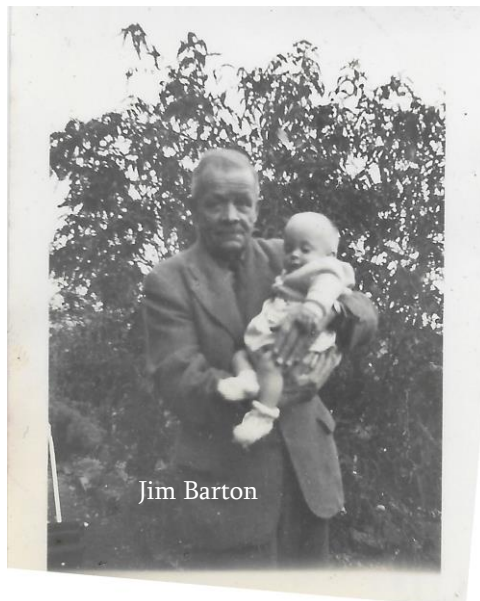


Jean Barton remembers her late husband, Jim, and his father Colonel Arthur Barton OBE



Jim Barton

Jim was called up in 194(3) and after training at Catterick was sent to the Far East – India and Burma, and he then formed part of the prospective invasion force for the relief of Singapore. But as bombs were dropped on Nagasaki which finally led to the end of Japanese fighting power, they did not have to fight their way into Singapore – their job was one of cleaning up and helping to rebuild. They returned to Britain in 1947.

Jim's father, Colonel Arthur Barton, O.B.E., who was usually known as Dick, started his military service in the Royal Corps of Signals at the end of The Great War. The Army was his chosen career and his motivation

was to keep the peace.

After the War he was transferred to Ireland and then to Cologne as part of the British Army of Occupation of the Rhine until 1927 when he returned to Aldershot to continue his military career.

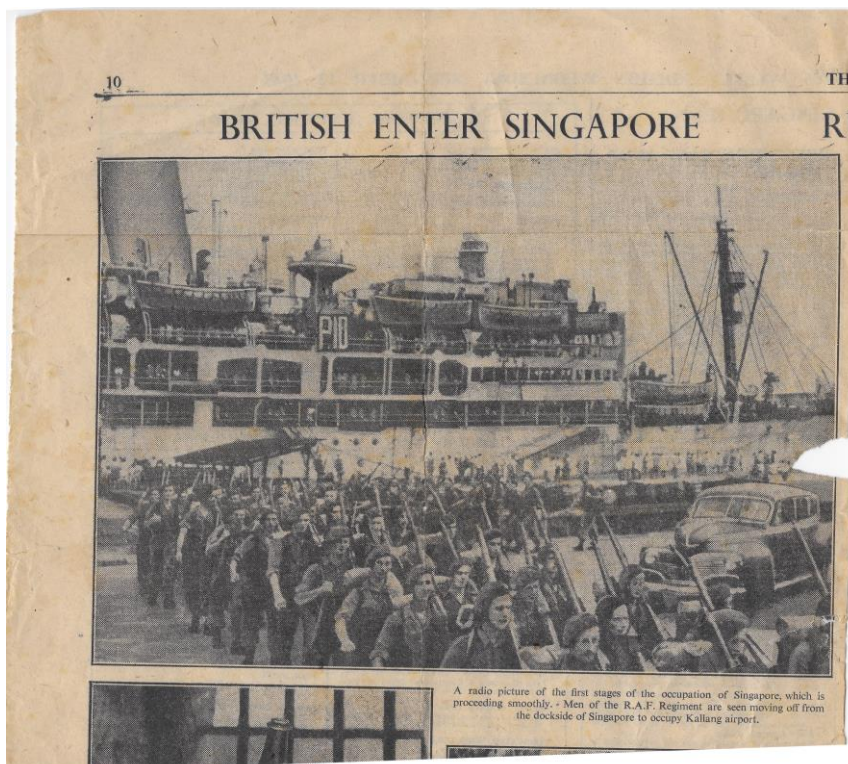
In the 1930's he was seconded to the Indian Army where he spent 5 years on the North West Frontier and this included the time of the Quetta Earthquake. By the time they returned to Britain there were



My Dad as a Major in Royal Signals

Arthur Barton
when a Major

rumbles of the Second World War. He was at Dunkirk and in the second wave of troops going back into Europe and fighting all the way to Berlin – it was in this time that he was awarded his O.B.E. which he would say was 'a tribute to his chaps' not to him. He retired as a full Colonel in 1947.



BRITISH ENTER SINGAPORE

A radio picture of the first stages of the occupation of Singapore, which is proceeding smoothly. - Men of the R.A.F. Regiment are seen moving off from the dockside of Singapore to occupy Kallang airport.