

Good afternoon,

I wonder if you can help me.

I am trying to find out as much as I can about my late father's service during the Second World War. I obtained his basic service record details from the Regimental Headquarters but they seem unable to help further, not responding to 'phone calls, letters or emails. I gather that they are seriously under resourced.

My father's name was Samuel Anders and he served as a crewman in a Sherman tank in the 1st Armoured Battalion of the Coldstream Guards. His commanding officer until his untimely death on 9th March 1945 was Lieutenant Malcolm Edward Lock. My father's unit, possibly No3 (also known as C) squadron pressed on towards Bremen . On 21st April 1945, his unit attacked a level crossing near Rotenburg at the Wumme river, about 50km north-east of Bremen. The British troops were faced German soldiers of the Second Marine Division commanded by Oberst Graf von Bassewitz. The crossing was resolutely defended and during the battle, Captain IO Liddell VC was shot in the head and killed by sniper fire. My father was similarly wounded during the fight but survived to make quite a good recovery.

I would dearly like to trace his unit's route across Europe and although unlikely, love to know of anyone who may have knowledge of him or Lieutenant Lock or any member of his unit. Any help or guidance or help which you might be able to give me would be gratefully received.

Thank you,

Malcolm Anders