

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company.

The Forgotten Company in Bomb Disposal History.

Whilst researching the Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal Roll of Honour (www.reabd.org.uk) casualties were found that related to the 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company.

Who was this unit, when did they form, what happened to them? Research through all the books relating to Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal through World War 2 only showed a mention in *Bomb Disposal and British Casualties of WW 2*, Chris Ranstead. However this was in the casualty list, but nothing relating to the unit.

Possibly no detailed information uncovered as the Unit was very short lived, no evidence can be found of any major Bomb Disposal work being undertaken and they were part of the Singapore Garrison and taken captive when Singapore fell to the Japanese.

There were casualties one during the fighting for Singapore, the remainder during captivity many whilst working on the infamous railway.

Although they may have not been involved in Bomb Disposal activities to a large degree. They were a Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal Company and should be a part of the History of these Units.

The following is laid out in the format of.

1. Brief details of when the unit was formed and where those in it came from.
2. Nominal Role. Including Camps sent to.
3. Nominal Roll of those posted from 1 Malaya Company prior to 15 February 1942.
4. Roll of Honour, including photographs of graves and memorials.
5. Information as to Cemetery's.
6. Appendixes.
7. Notes.

Details in sections 2, 3, 6 taken from documents held in the National Archives at Kew. These are

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Singapore Fortress.

A naval base started to be built at Singapore in 1923, partly in response to Japan's increasing naval power. The base, completed in 1941 and defended by artillery, searchlights, and the newly built nearby Tengah Airfield, caused Singapore to be named in the press as the "Gibraltar of the East."

The Singapore naval base was built and supplied to sustain a siege long enough to enable Britain's European-based fleet to reach the area. By 1940, however, it was clear that the British fleet and armed forces were fully committed in Europe and the Middle East and could not be spared to deal with a potential threat in Asia. Most were convinced of Singapore's impregnability. This was based on the assumption that any assault would come from the south by sea.

On December 8, 1941, the Japanese troops sailed. By the evening of December 8, Japanese troops had established a foothold on the peninsula and Japanese airplanes had begun bombing Singapore. The main Japanese force moved quickly and began sweeping down the single north-south road. The Japanese occupied Johore Baharu on January 31, and the last of the British troops crossed to Singapore, blowing a fifty-meter gap in the causeway behind them. On the night of February 8, the Japanese landed under cover of darkness on the northwest coast of

Singapore. On February 13, Percival cabled Wavell for permission to surrender, hoping to avoid the destruction and carnage that would result from a house-to-house defence of the city. Churchill agreed and on February 14 gave permission to surrender. On the evening of February 15, at the Japanese headquarters at the Ford factory in Bukit Timah, Yamashita accepted Percival's unconditional surrender.

countrystudies.us/singapore/8.htm

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company were amongst the units taken into captivity

Malaya Command.



Malaya Command was formed in the 1920's to coordinate defence of Malaya made up of small garrisons.

In 1939 the Command reinforced its strength. The Command was mostly augmented by units from India.

On the 18 November 1940 Command was placed under British Far East Command and on the 7 January 1942 West Pacific Command.

The Command was disbanded on 15 February 1942 in conclusion of the Battle of Singapore.

In November 1940 following Royal Engineer Units under Command.

- **Royal Engineers Brigade** Brig Ivan Simson
- 30th Fortress Company, Royal Engineers
- 34th Fortress Company, Royal Engineers
- 35th Fortress Company, Royal Engineers
- 41st Fortress Company, Royal Engineers

At this time no 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company.

The Volunteer Forces of the Federated and Unfederated States of Malaya and the Straits Settlements 1940 to 1942.

These comprised multi-racial battalions organised on a military basis. The Volunteers were required to continue with their civilian duties.

Within this Organisation

SSVF Bomb Disposal Section Royal Engineer (Volunteers) (28 personal)

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Formed in June 1941, this has been taken from details in papers at the *National Archives Kev*, who Chris Ransted located for us. Although no concise date found for the units formation, records show when people were posted onto its strength. The majority were in June 1941.

Units posted from too I Malaya BD Company.

30 (Fortress) Company RE

34 (Fortress) Company RE

41 (Fortress) Company RE

5 Search Light Regiment RA

Singapore Straits Volunteer Force

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaya_Command

Taken into captivity 15 February 1942.

Nominal Role.

For details of where registered see Appendix G.

<p>41093 Local Acting Unpaid Captain J H Walsh Daughter Florence Walsh Higher Waterside Darwen Lancs Registered OVS Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas</p>	<p>13837? Lieutenant F E Kemlo Wife C/O Imperial Paymaster Canberra Australia 37 Saunders Street Gillingham Kent 16 January 1940 Registered OVS Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas Reported in SA News Letter No 4 of 1 November 1943 That this officer died in Taiwan. Information obtained by BRE letter received from Taiwan and marked dead. Confirmed died 10 September 1942 see Roll of Honour</p>
<p>22045 Lieutenant E G W Davis Father F H Davis 132 Divinity Road Oxford Commissioned 10 December 1941 Joined Unit 10 December 1941 Registered OVS Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas</p>	<p>2nd Lieutenant Lambert Rees Aunt Mrs C Phillides 172 President Street Sunnyside Pretoria South Africa Commissioned 21 Jan 1941 Joined Unit 24 June 1941 Registered OVS Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas Emergency Commission.</p>

	Questions raised in relation to paperwork confirming his Commission was it raised or received in London or if his Commission appeared in the London Gazette.
<p>1869278 Corporal J A Adams Trade Electrician A 3 Church of England Father L Adams 11 Gladstone Place Newton Abbott Tiverton Devon</p> <p>Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>1832650 Sapper R Authers Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father A Author 25 Council Gardens Tiverton Devon</p> <p>Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVS underneath OVL (W) crossed out Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for Overseas Returned to River Valley Road July 1944 and departed for Japan on 4 September 1944</p>
<p>1870571 Acting/Unpaid Corporal J Alderice Trade Clerk C 3 Church of England Wife 2 Gordon Crescent Black Rock Victoria Australia</p> <p>Family evacuated s/s Narkunda 16 January 1942 See note A. Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered as OVL (11) crossed out then CHA Upcountry Party 13 May 1943 Force F Returned to Sime Road POW Camp May 1944</p>	<p>4013306 Sapper H Allsop Trade Pioneer E 3 Church of England Father 14 Woodland Mount Boothtown Halifax Yorks</p> <p>Posted from 5 Search Light Regiment RA 14 October 1941 Registered as OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>
<p>1874614 Sapper A Bleakley Trade Plumber and Pipe Fitter B 2 Church of England Father C A Bleakley 66 Silver??? Avenue Liscard Wallesey Chester</p> <p>Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered as Changi</p>	<p>1872438 Sapper W A Booth Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father A H Booth 100 Stoneleigh Road Hameworth Birmingham 20</p> <p>Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered as OVS underneath is OVL (W) crossed out. Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas Returned to River Valley Road July 1944 and departed for Japan on 4 September 1944.</p>
<p>1836001 Sapper H Brandwood Trade Pioneer E 2</p>	<p>1865414 Sergeant A D Brookes Trade Carpenter and Joiner B 2</p>

<p>Wesleyan Sister F Brandwood 24 Waterloo Street Bolton Lancs</p> <p>Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered as OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Reported died up Country Not in the CWGC Listings</p>	<p>Church of England Wife M Brookes 23 Park Street Bridgetown Staffs</p> <p>Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered Changi</p>
<p>1874815 Sapper W F Brown Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father F Brown 1 Inestead Road Norwich Norfolk</p> <p>Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (8) Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train number 8 on 22 March 1943 Died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>1863434 Corporal Burt Trade Carpenter and Joiner B 3 Church of England Father G Burt 63 George Street ????port</p> <p>Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 8 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) crossed out Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Died of dysentery 19 February 1943 Kanbuiee? Thailand Grave 60 (behind paper mills) see Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1874621 Acting Lance Corporal Thomas Carter Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father 2 Council House Walpole St Andrews Wisbech Cams</p> <p>Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (11) crossed out. Left Singapore POW Camp for upcountry 27 October 1942 Left Changi POW Camp for upcountry in train no 11 on 28 April 1943 Force F Died of Diarrhoea on 2 August 1943? Brankali, Thailand See Roll of Honour</p>	<p>1871097 Sapper W G Carter Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father J A Carter Faversham Road Lewisham London</p> <p>Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (8) Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 8 on 22 March 1942, Force D</p>
<p>1873449 Sapper R Collins Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England</p>	<p>1440248 Sapper E H Cooling Trade Pioneer E 3 Methodist</p>

<p>Mother G W Batt Butchers Farm Eginton, nr Ashford Kent Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Missing not record as died on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission site 15 February 1942 last seen with Lt Truby (SRE (V) and Sapper Cunnington at 1400 in unit vehicle proceeding to Docks. Vehicle later found abandoned at dockside.</p>	<p>Mother A Cooling 35 Col??? Street Derby Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (9) crossed out Left Changi POW Camp in train no 9 up country Party 23 March 1943 Died on 15 June 1943 See Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1872795 Sapper Cousins J Plumber and Pipe Fitter B 3 Church of England Father A Cousins 43 Pagoda Ave Richmond Surrey Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVS underneath it has OVL (8) crossed out Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas Returned River Valley Camp Departed for Japan 4 September 1944</p>	<p>1871812 Sapper V F Cunnington Trade Clerk C 3 Church of England Father G F Cunnington 9 North Way Uxbridge Middlesex Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Missing not recorded as died on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission site 15 February 1942 last seen with Lt Truby (SRE (V) and Sapper Collins proceeding to Docks. Vehicle later found abandoned at dockside.</p>
<p>1873311 W/Cpl P J Curran Trade Carpenter and Joiner B 2 Roman Catholic Father J P Curran ???? Branston Road Clacton on Sea Essex Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (11) crossed out. To I J A Workshops for duty 13 November 1942 Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 11 on 13 May 1943 Force H Died of Dysentery of 28 August 1943 at Wangai, Tarso, Thailand See Roll of Honour</p>	<p>1870616 Corporal H Daunt Trade Blacksmith B 3 Church of England Wife 13 Theobald Square Rochester Kent Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Missing on 15 February 1942 Registered OVL missing crossed out Seen in Sumatra by Major J L Nicholson RE Re-captured at Padang 15 March 1942 British 3 Group W/P Burma</p>
<p>1870896 Corporal J F Doherty Trade Carpenter and Joiner B 2 Roman Catholic Father F G Doherty 1 Bull Point Barracks St Budeause, Plymouth Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W).</p>	<p>2613368 Corporal J G Dorse Trade Electrician A 3 Church of England Father G Dorse 14 Meadow Road Clevedon Somerset Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered S (OVS).</p>

<p>Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>Overseas Party ex Singapore Working Camps 27 October 1942</p>
<p>1871248 Sapper R J Dunn Trade Engineer: Hand i/c E 2 Church of England Mother B N Dunn 29 a B???k Close Cardiff Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (H) crossed out. Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 11 on 13 May 1943 Force H WP1 Indicates Banking Account as of 31 March 1945 no further detail</p>	<p>1986097 Sapper J Eadie Trade Pioneer E 2 Roman Catholic Father J Eadie 40 Larchfield Avenue Glasgow W4 Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (9) Left Changi POW Camp for up country, in train no 9 on 23 March 1943 Died see Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1859936 Sergeant C E Eason Trade Bricklayer B 2 Roman Catholic Friend Mrs A Parrett Amblete Cottage Chithurst Petersfield Hants Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Ex Singapore Working Camps Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>1873185 Sapper F R Edney Trade Pioneer E 2 Methodist Mother L Edney 49 The Terrace Len??? Cornwall Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 July 1941 Registered S (OVS) Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 19 August 1942 for overseas Also got date 27 October 1942 but no details</p>
<p>59423 Acting Unpaid Lance Corporal A Evans Trade Pioneer E 2 Presbyterian Father J Evans 23 Drummond Crescent Friarton Perth Scotland Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>2043033 Sapper W E Faulkner Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father W H Faulkner 11 Rosebury Avenue Thornton Heath Surrey Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Missing 15 February 1942. Last seen about 1400 hrs. Believed to have left in a private car with a Sapper of Singapore Royal Engineers (Volunteers) Bomb Disposal Section Not registered as died on CWGC lists</p>
<p>1873445 Sapper A Fidler Trade C and W Repairer B 3 Church of England Father J Fidler Erchfont Nr Devices Wilts Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 6 August 1941</p>	<p>865710 Sergeant A E Gibson Trade Blacksmith B 2 Wesleyan Father E Gibson Mill Cottage St Marys Place Sevenoaks Kent</p>

<p>Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>Posted from 41 (Fortress) Company 1 July 1941 Registered OVL (11) crossed out underneath CHA Returned to Singapore Road POW Camp 29 January 1943 with F Force Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 11 on 28 April 1943 Re-joined Changi POW Camp May 1944</p>
<p>1874647 Sapper W Grapes Trade Pioneer E 3 Church of England Father W J Grapes 4 Council Houses West Drove Walpole St Peter Wisbech Cambridgeshire Posted from 5 S/L Regiment RA 14 October 1941 Registered OVS underneath crossed out OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Returned to River Valley Road July 1944 Departed for Japan On 4 September 1944 Died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>1871213 Lance Corporal Sapper N Grayson Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father A Grayson 16 Raglan Street Newland Avenue Hull Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (11) Acting Unpaid Lance Corporal N Grayson Wounded 11 February 1942 during shelling Saint Andres School, Singapore Road. Compound Fracture right arm and eye injuries. Discharged from Hospital 9 May 1942. Court Martialled on the 15 March 1943. Section 40 Army Act See appendix B Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 11 on 28 April 1943 Died of Diarrhoea and Beri Beri on 11 October 1943 at Tanbaya, Malaya See Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1867621 Acting Lance Sergeant A J Green MBE Trade Bricklayer B 3 Church of England Grandmother M Bloomfield The Plough Inn Sutton Suffolk Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Reported Died up country. Note from Lance Sergeant McLaren (41) 3 June 1944 Died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>1874829 Sapper E Gymer Pioneer E 2 Church of England Mother J Gymer 25 Stanley Road Summerfield Doncaster Yorks Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Reported died up country. Confirmed see Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1872640 Sapper W E Haynes Trade Pioneer E 2</p>	<p>1877212 Sapper S J Haime Trade Pioneer E 3</p>

<p>Roman Catholic Mother A Haynes 3 Geraldine Street Dublin Eire Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>Church of England Mother L Palmer Sturton Caundle Blanford Dorset Posted from 30 (Fortress) Coy 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (8) Left POW Camp Changi for up country in train no 8 On 22 March 1943 Reported Died up Country Confirmed see Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1872854 Sapper A Haywood Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Mother C E Hopkinson 129 West Gate Southwell Notts Posted from 30 (Fortress) Coy 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (8) Left POW Camp Changi for up country in train no 8 On 22 March 1943</p>	<p>1872722 Sapper Ernest Hellyn Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father R G Hellyn 19 Patrick Terrace South Hetton Durham Posted from 30 (Fortress) Coy 12 June 1941 Registered OVS underneath crossed out OVL (W). Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 19 August 1942 Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Arrived River Valley Road. June 1944 And departed for Japan 4 September 1944 Died see Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1871306 Acting Unpaid Lance Corporal F Hoffer Trade Miner B 3 Church of England Father G S Hoffer 1 High Church Street New Basford Notts Posted from 34 (Fortress) Coy 19 May 1941 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>1877451 Sapper R V Hutley Trade Pioneer E 3 Church of England Father C Huntley 36 Chambers Road Stratford London Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>
<p>1871739 Sapper A E M Jones Trade Pioneer E 3 Church of England Mother ?? Audne 40 Denton Place Crescent Kenton Middlesex Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>1869786 Acting Lance Sergeant J W Keenan Trade Painter and Decorator C 3 Roman Catholic Father J Keenan 200 Balmoral Road Gillingham Kent Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W)</p>

<p>Died see Roll of Honour Returned to S??r Road POW Camp December 1943. Changi POW Camp May 44</p>	<p>Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>
<p>1873972 Sapper R M Kimber Trade Pioneer E 3 Church of England Father R Kimber 4 Cawthorne Terrace Preston North Shields Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered s (OVS) Left Singapore POW Camp for up country 27 October 1942 POW Camp Left Changi POW Camp for Overseas on 28 March 1943</p>	<p>2063032 Sapper B G King Trade Pioneer E 3 Church of England Father B H King 116 Wadington Road Kentish Town NW5 Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered S (OVS) Left Singapore POW Camp for up country 27 October 1942 POW Camp Left Changi POW Camp for Overseas on 28 March 1943</p>
<p>6515346 Sergeant A J Knight Trade Fitter A 3 Church of England Wife 237 Marmion Street Cottesloe Perth Western Australia Family evacuated on SS Narkunda 15 January 1942 see note A. Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (11) crossed out underneath is CHA Left Singapore POW Camp for up country In train no 11 on 28 April 1943 Returned to Changi December 1943 with F Force Left Changi W/P (Concreters) on 3 August 1945 Re-joined No 1 Camp 21 August 1945</p>	<p>1892268 Acting Lance Corporal J M Law Trade Fitter A 3 Presbyterian Father A Law 2 Parkerston Terrace Dunlop Ayleshire Posted from 41 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (11) Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train 11 on 28 April 1943 Died of Malaria and Beri Beri on 29 September 1943 at Jambaya, Burma See Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1869248 Corporal Rueben Edgar Lillycrop Trade Carpenter and Joiner C 2 Church of England Mother A Lansthorne 11 Reg??? Court Walton on Thames Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) crossed out underneath OVS Registered as OVL (W or H) which is recorded as Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 but crossed out As registered as OVS Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas Returned River Valley Road June 1944 and departed for Japan on 4 September 1944 Died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>1914318 Acting Lance Corporal H Lovett Trade Concreter B 2 Church of England Wife G Lovett 55 London Road Apsley Hemel Hemstead Herts Posted from 41 (Fortress) 12 June 1941 Registered S (OVS) Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas</p>

<p>1865715 Acting Sergeant J B G Maber Trade Jsmith and Wsmith 2 2 Church of England Mother W N Hopper 10 High Street Hoo Rochester Kent Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered CHA underneath crossed out is OVL (H) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Returned to S Road POW Camp December 1943. Re-joined Changi POW Camp May 1944</p>	<p>2034523 Sapper J MacMullen Trade Fitter A 3 Baptist Mother Mrs MacMullen 19 Rivers Street Bath Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Reported died up country See Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1877067 Sapper W J Marshall Trade Pioneer E 3 Church of England Father F Marshall 7 Beverly Grove Skegness Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company Registered OVL (8) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>1877430 Sapper L Manning Trade Pioneer E 2 Roman Catholic Father L Manning 30 Lodge Road Lenkhull Stoke on Trent Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) crossed out then OVS Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 crossed out Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas Returned to River Valley Road. June 1944. Departed for Japan September 1944 L Manning survived the war and in later years joined the REA BD Branch. He passed away in 2017</p>
<p>1871419 Acting Lance Corporal J McCabe Trade Draughtsman A 3 Presbyterian Mother J Meur 153 Milburn Street ??? Glasgow Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 26 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 crossed out Died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>2027396 Acting Lance Sergeant E A McDade Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father B McDade 59 Saint Peters Road Luton Bedfordshire Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 River Road Valley Camp November 1944 from up country Died see roll of honour</p>
<p>1876341 Sapper J McEwan Trade Pioneer E 3</p>	<p>3240820 Corporal J McFarlane Trade Plumber and Pipe Fitter B 3</p>

<p>Father C McEwan 13 Fordyce Street Patrick Glasgow W 1 Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered S (OVS) Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas</p>	<p>Roman Catholic Father A McFarlane 198 Cumberland Street Glasgow Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>
<p>3710671 Sapper D V Mc Guinness Trade Pioneer E 3 Roman Catholic Father J W McGuinness 11 Saint Johns Street Thornton Nr Blackpool Registered OVL (W) Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>1877456 Sapper R A Metcalfe Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father A Metcalfe 2 Monart Road Bladsley Manchester Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 07 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Died see Roll of Honour Transferred to Field Park Section RE 10 February 1942</p>
<p>1874946 Sapper J W L Morrison Trade Pioneer E 2 C.I Father T J Morrison Sunnyside Meville Nr Donagal Eire Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Died see roll of honour</p>	<p>1871735 Sapper C J Mullen Trade Pioneer E 2 Roman Catholic Mother M Mullen 2 Cottage Road Sligo Eire Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Reported as died not on Commonwealths War Graves Commission site. Believed to have been mixed up with MacMullen</p>
<p>1880700 Sapper J Noon Trade Bricklayer B 3 Roman Catholic Mother N M Noon 109 Cornwall Drive Bury Lancs Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 6 August 1941 Registered OVS (2) Left Changi POW Camp for Overseas on 28 March 1943</p>	<p>1873388 Acting Lance Corporal S Parsons Trade Engineer Hand i/c E 2 Church of England Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Registered CHA underneath OVL (H) crossed out Returned to S???Road POW Camp December 1943. Re-joined Changi POW Camp May 1944</p>

	Injured whilst working in saw mill, saw blade broke, partial amputation little finger and termination of thumb. See Appendix C.
<p>1870135 Corporal J H Perkiss Carpenter and Joiner B 2 Church of England Mother N Perkis 23 Hamilton Terrace Lalamlash Isle of Arran</p> <p>Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered as OVL (H) but no information as to what this is. (OVL indicates one of the parties sent up country but not which one) Returned to Changi December 1943 with F Force</p>	<p>1874091 Sapper C A Pilbeam Trade Pioneer E 3 Roman Catholic Father A J Pilbeam 114 Athlston Road Clive Val Hastings Sussex</p> <p>Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1942 Registered (OVL) 8 Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 8 on 22 March 1943 Reported died up country see Roll of Honour</p>
<p>1874307 Sapper A C E Potter Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father S Potter 152 Sunnyside Gardens Upminster Essex</p> <p>Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (H) Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 8 on 22 March 1943 Died of AMOEBIC DYSENTRY on 21 September 1943 at H Hospital Thailand Died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>2034918 Acting Lance Corporal G N Ranson Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Mother H Panker 257 Lomsdown Road Ipswich Suffolk</p> <p>Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Killed on active service by enemy action, during shelling as St Andres School, Serangoon Road, Singapore. Buried Bididoui Cemetery</p>
<p>1875168 Sapper J Rehbein Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Mother F E Little Brownsend Road Broxted Dunmow Essex</p> <p>Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) crossed out Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Died of Cholera at Tongshang South, Thailand 12 June 1943 Buried at Cholera Cemetery died see Roll of Honour</p>	<p>873593 Acting Lance Corporal A L Reilly Trade SLOD 3 Church of England Father T H Reilly Coolehannagh Trevor Hill Newry Co Down</p> <p>Wife interned in Singapore Married 7 February 1942 to Rodney Florence Home-Wemyss at Saint Andrews Cathedral, Singapore Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 26 June 1941 Registered CHA underneath crossed out CHA 2 Changi POW Camp Proceeded to No 2 POW Camp, Changi, 30 June 1945 Re-joined No 1 Camp 19 August 1945</p>

<p>872583 Sapper E G Rice Trade Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father P Rice 2 Sydney Cottages Rock??? Exeter Devon Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>2033567 Sapper H Richards Pioneer E 2 Church of England Father J Richards Depot (The Buffs) Canterbury Kent Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for Overseas Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Returned to River Valley Road, June 1944 and Departed for Japan 4 September 1944</p>
<p>2035104 Sapper H E Richards Pioneer E 2 Church of England Mother J Richards 5 Therold Road Luton Kent Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company June 1941 Registered OVS underneath crossed out OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>1871314 Acting Lance Corporal D N Richardson Trade Electrician A 3 Church of England Father H Richardson 10 Mill Lane Kings Worthy Winchester Hants Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>
<p>2202049 WO (11) CSM L M Spreadbury Trade Electrician A 2 Church of England Wife Wyndhead Cottages Lander Berwickshire Family evacuated M V Marnix. See note B. Van Street, Aldergonde 31 December 1942 Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 10 August 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942</p>	<p>1974751 Sapper G W Tharme Trade Pioneer E 3 Church of England Father W Tharme 69 West Howe Road Kinson Bournemouth Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Reported Died of Dysentery at Base Hospital, Kanburra, Thailand November 1942</p>
<p>1872912 Sapper W Theakston Trade Pioneer E 3 Roman Catholic Wife 5 Rowlands Place Mulgrave Road Cork Eire Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W)</p>	<p>1877229 Sapper H G Thirkettle Trade Plumber and Pipe Fitter B 3 Church of England Father S Thirkettle 34 Park Road Hythe Kent Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941</p>

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942	Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942
1859769 CQMS A C Thompson Trade Instrument Mechanic A 3 Roman Catholic Wife 17 Mountjoy Place Newport South Mons Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 6 August 1941 Registered as OVL (H) OVL indicated overland party H which one but no detail Changi POW Camp Returned` to S??? Road POW Camp December 1943. Registered OVL (W) Re-joined Changi POW Camp May 1944	1877435 Sapper A K Thornton Trade PNR E 2 Church of England Father W Thornton 52 Woodview Avenue Three Lane Ends Castleford York Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941 Registered CHA underneath crossed out OVL (H) Left Changi POW Camp for overseas on 28 March 1943 Died see Roll of Honour
1846901 Acting unpaid Lance Corporal J Weeden Trade PNR E 2 Church of England Father B Weeden 4 Vale View Bagbourangh Nr Taunton Somerset Posted from 34 (Fortress) 12 June 1941 Registered OVL (W) Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 Died see Roll of Honour	874603 Sapper C E Wileman. Trade PNR E 3 Church of England. Father J M Wileman 50 Chestnut Avenue Midway, Derbyshire. Posted from 34 (Field) Company 12 June 1941. Registered S (OVS) Japan Party 16 August 1942.
1870077 Acting Lance Sergeant W C B Wood. Trade Carpenter and Joiner B3. Church of England Father E B Wood, 59 Highgate Road, Copnor, Portsmouth. Posted from 30 (Field) Company 12 June 1941 Registered as OVL (W) Upcountry Party 26 October 1942. Reported died up country from Sapper McLauren3 June 1944 Confirmed died See Roll of Honour	1871009 Sapper L W Wright Trade Plumber and Pipefitter B 3. Church of England Father E Wright. 39 Burtonstone Lane York. Posted 30 (Field) Company 12 June 1941 Registered as OVL (W) Upcountry Party 26 October 1942.
. Singapore Straits Volunteer Force C/E15 NG Kim Lee Son of Tay Buck Sim of Singapore Died 10 June 1945 See Roll of Honour	

Posted from 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Prior to Singapore Surrendering.

<p>1869404 Sergeant E G W Davis Trade Mason B 3 Church of England Posted from 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company to Officer Cadet Training Unit Malaya 8 September 1941</p>	<p>1866783 Corporal S Grafton Church of England Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 41 Embarked for Malaya posted 23 September 1941</p>
<p>1867714 Acting Lance Sergeant R Morris Trade Fitter A 2 Presbyterian Posted to 35 (Fortress) Company</p>	<p>1872518 Corporal R Mills Trade Instrument Mech A2 Church of England Posted from HQFRE 13 January 1942 Posted to Field Park Section RE 10 February 1942</p>

Roll of Honour.

113832 Lieutenant Frederick Ernest Kemlo
Died 10 September 1942
Memorial Sai Wan War Cemetery
Memorial Reference VII.F.17
No photo of his grave at this time

1874815 Sapper W F Brown
Died 14 August 1943
Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery
Grave 1 J 6



1863434 Corporal Joseph Hercules Burt
Died of dysentery on 19 February 1943.
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery Grave 2F 54



1874621 Acting Lance Corporal T Carter
Died on 02 August 1943.
Commemorated on the Singapore War Memorial



1440248 Sapper Ernest Hercules Cooling

1873311 W/Cpl P J Curran

Died on 15 June 1943
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave 8F 59



Died of Dysentery on 28 August 1943 at Wangai,
Tarso, Thailand Buried at Chunkai War Cemetery
Grave 9 J 5



1986097 Sapper Thomas Eadie
Died on 15 July 1943
Commemorated at the Singapore Memorial



At Kinsaiyok Camp, Thailand on the 23 June 1943, with
Gunner G escaped after a couple of days due to the
difficulties they faced they gave themselves up.
They were returned to Kinsaiyko Camp and held there
till the 15 July 1943, when they were taken out and
executed near the 175kms marker.

1874647 Sapper W Grapes
Died on 12 September 1944 Age 29
Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial
Column 40



1871213 Sapper Noel Grayson

1867621 Acting Lance Sergeant A J Green MBE

Died of Diarrhoea and Beri Beri on 11 October 1943 at
Tanbaya, Malaya Buried at Thanbyuzayat War
Cemetery Grave B6 P2



Died On 13 October 1943
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave 2 K 6

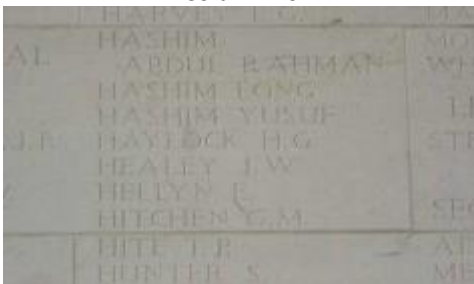


1874829 Sapper Eric Gymer
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave 8 K 54



1877212 Sapper Stanley James J Haimé
Died on 13 December 1943
Buried at Chungkai War Cemetery
Grave 3 M 8
No photo at this time

1872722 Sapper Ernest Hellyn
Died on 12 September 1944
Commemorated on Singapore Memorial
Column 40



1871739 Sapper Albert Eric Mathew Jones
Died on 15 July 1943
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave 8 L 65

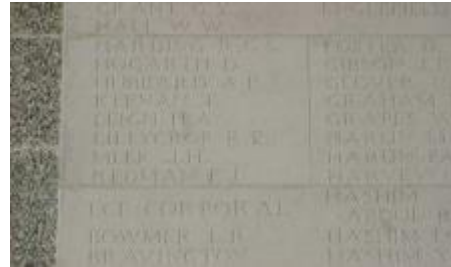
1892268 Acting Lance Corporal J M Law

1869248 Corporal Rueben Edgar Lillycrop

Died of Malaria and Beri Beri on 29 September 1943 at
Jambaya, Burma
Buried at Thanbyuzayal War Cemetery
Grave B 6 M 5



Died on 12 September 1944 Age 31
Commemorated on Singapore Memorial
Column 39



2034523 Sapper J MacMullen
Died on 21 May 1943
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave G 8 J 70



1877067 Sapper W J Marshall
Died on the 28 August 1943
Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery
Grave 4 G 2



1871419 Acting Lance Corporal J McCabe

2027396 Acting Lance Sergeant E A McDade

Died 19 July 1943
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave 4 A 30



Died 21 January 1944
Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery
Grave 2 E 4



3710671 Sapper D V Mc Guinness
Died on 08 August 1943
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave 4 A 63



1877456 Sapper Reginald Arthur A Metcalfe
Died on 09 August 1943
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave 4 A 72



1874946 Sapper J W L Morrison
Died on 17 June 1943
Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery
Grave 1 M 7



1874091 Sapper C A Pilbeam
Died 14 July 1943 Age 26
Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
Grave 4 A 24



1874307 Sapper A C E Potter

2031849 Acting Lance Corporal George Victor Ranson

Died on 21 September 1943
 Died of Amoebic Dysentery at H Hospital Thailand
 Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
 Grave 2 E 25



Killed on active service by enemy action on 10 to 15
 February 1942, during shelling at Saint Andrews
 School, Singapore. Buried Bididari Cemetery initially.
 Buried at Kranji War Cemetery
 Grave 18 C 19-20



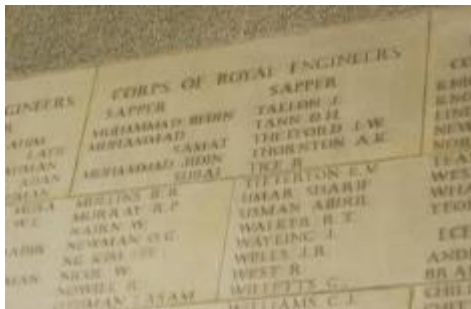
1875168 Sapper J Rehbein
 Died on 12 June 1943
 Died of Cholera at Tongshang South Thailand. Buried
 initially at Cholera Cemetery
 Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
 Grave 6 A 76



1874751 Sapper George Henry William Tharme
 Died on 19 November 1942 of Dysentery at Base
 Hospital, Kanburi Thailand
 Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
 Grave 4 E 69



1877435 Sapper Albert Kenneth Thornton
 Died on 20 January 1945
 Commemorated Singapore Memorial



1846901 Acting unpaid Lance Corporal J Weeden
 Died on 03 August 1943
 Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
 Grave 4 A 57



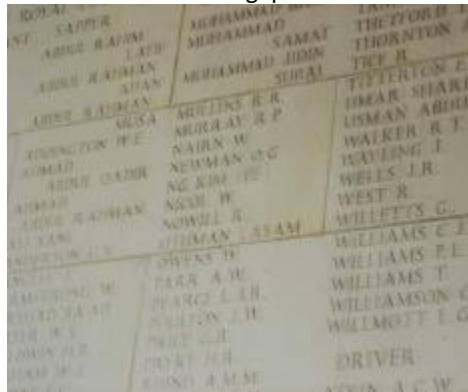
187007 Lance Sergeant William Claude Benchley
 Wood
 Died on 15 December 1943 Age 30
 Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery
 Grave 3 M 15



1871009 Sapper Laurence Walter
 Died on 05 October 1943
 Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery
 Grave 4 C 16



C/E 15 Sapper N G Kim Lee
 Died on 10 June 1945
 Son of Tay Buck Sim of Singapore
 Commemorated on Singapore War Memorial



Cemetery Information.

All details taken from Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site

<https://www.cwgc.org>

Chungkai War Cemetery.

Is located just outside the town of Kanchanaburi, which is 129 kilometres north-west of Bangkok, at the point where the river Kwai divides into two separate rivers.

History Information

The notorious Burma-Siam railway, built by Commonwealth, Dutch and American prisoners of war, was a Japanese project driven by the need for improved communications to support the large Japanese army in Burma. During its construction, approximately 13,000 prisoners of war died and were buried along the railway. An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 civilians also died in the course of the project, chiefly forced labour brought from Malaya and the Dutch East Indies or conscripted in Siam (Thailand) and Burma (Myanmar). Two labour forces, one based in Siam and the other in Burma, worked from opposite ends of the line towards the centre. The Japanese aimed at completing the railway in 14 months and work began in October 1942. The line, 424 kilometres long, was completed by December 1943. The graves of those who died during the construction and maintenance of the Burma-Siam railway (except for the Americans, whose remains were repatriated) were transferred from camp burial grounds and isolated sites along the railway into three cemeteries at Chungkai and Kanchanaburi in Thailand and Thanbyuzayat in Myanmar. Chungkai was one of the base camps on the railway and contained a hospital and church built by Allied prisoners of war. The war cemetery is the original burial ground started by the prisoners themselves, and the burials are mostly of men who died at the hospital.

Kanchanaburi War Cemetery.

The town of Kanchanaburi is 129 kilometres North-West of Bangkok.

History Information

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Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore War Memorial.

Singapore Memorial stands in Kranji War Cemetery. It bears the names of more than 24,000 casualties of the land and air forces of the Commonwealth who died during the campaigns in Malaya and Indonesia or in subsequent captivity and have no known grave. The memorial also commemorates airmen who died during operations over the whole of southern and eastern Asia and the surrounding seas and oceans. After the surrender of Singapore, the Kranji area was used as a prisoner of war camp by the Japanese and this cemetery was begun by the Commonwealth prisoners at the camp. In 1946, it was decided that Kranji would be designated as Singapore's main war cemetery.

The small Prisoner of War cemetery was expanded after the war when graves were brought from across Singapore, including from Buona Vista and Changi which was the site of the main prisoner of war camp in Singapore.



Before 1939 the Kranji area was a military camp and at the time of the Japanese invasion of Malaya, was the site of a large ammunition magazine. On 8 February 1942, the Japanese crossed the Johore Straits in strength, landing at the mouth of the Kranji River within two miles of the place where the war cemetery now stands. On the evening of 9 February, they launched an attack between the river and the causeway. During the next few days fierce fighting ensued, in many cases hand to hand, until their greatly superior numbers and air strength necessitated a withdrawal. After the fall of the island, the Japanese established a prisoner of war camp at Kranji and eventually a hospital was organised nearby at Woodlands, which was staffed by British and Australian personnel, the British predominating. Following the reoccupation of Singapore, the small cemetery started by the prisoners at Kranji was developed into a permanent war cemetery by the Army Graves Service when it became evident that a larger cemetery at Changi could not remain undisturbed. A large camp hospital had been set up there by the Australian Infantry Force, and the burials at Changi were mostly from this hospital. The site on which the cemetery laid was required for the expansion of Changi Airport.



In 1946, the graves were moved from Changi to Kranji, as were those from the Buona Vista prisoner of war camp. Many other graves from all parts of the island were transferred to Kranji together with all Second World War graves from Saigon Military Cemetery in French Indo-China (now Vietnam), another site where permanent maintenance could not be assured. The Commission later brought in graves of both world wars from Bidadari Christian Cemetery, Singapore, where again permanent maintenance was not possible. There are now more than 4,460 Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War buried or commemorated at Kranji War Cemetery. More than 850 of the burials are unidentified. The Chinese Memorial in Plot 44 marks a collective grave for 69 Chinese servicemen, all members of the Commonwealth forces, who were killed by the Japanese during the occupation in February 1942. First World War burials and commemorations number 64, including special memorials to three casualties known to have been buried in civil cemeteries in Saigon and Singapore, but whose graves could not be located.

The Singapore Memorial, bears the names of more than 24,000 casualties of the Commonwealth land and air forces who have no known grave. Many of these have no known date of death and are accorded within our records the date or period from when they were known to be missing or captured. The land forces commemorated by the memorial died during the campaigns in Malaya and Indonesia or in subsequent captivity, many of them during the construction of the Burma-Thailand railway, or at sea while being transported into imprisonment elsewhere. The airmen who are commemorated died during operations over the whole of southern and eastern Asia and the surrounding seas and oceans.

The memorial was unveiled by Sir Robert Black, Governor of Singapore on 2 March 1957.

Sai Wan War Cemetery.

History Information

The island of Hong Kong fell to the Japanese on Christmas Day 1941 following a brief but intense period of fighting. Most of those buried in this cemetery were killed at this time, or died later as internees or prisoners of war during the Japanese occupation. The remains of those who died as prisoners in Formosa (now Taiwan) were brought to Hong Kong for burial at Sai Wan in 1946. There are now 1,505 Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War buried or commemorated at Sai Wan War Cemetery. 444 of the burials are unidentified. At the entrance to the cemetery stands the SAI WAN MEMORIAL bearing the names of more than 2,000 Commonwealth servicemen who died in the Battle of Hong Kong or subsequently in captivity and who have no known grave. Additional panels to the memorial form the SAI WAN CREMATION MEMORIAL, bearing the names of 144 Second World War casualties whose remains were cremated in accordance with their faith, and the SAI WAN (CHINA) MEMORIAL, commemorating 72 casualties of both wars whose graves in mainland China could not be maintained. Both the cemetery and memorial were designed by Colin St Clair Oakes.

Thabyuzayat War Cemetery.

The village of Thanbyuzayat is 65 kilometres south of the port of Moulmein, and the war cemetery lies at the foot of the hills which separate the Union of Myanmar from Thailand.

History Information

The notorious Burma-Siam railway, built by Commonwealth, Dutch and American prisoners of war, was a Japanese project driven by the need for improved communications to support the large Japanese army in Burma. During its construction, approximately 13,000 prisoners of war died and were buried along the railway. An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 civilians also died in the course of the project, chiefly forced labour brought from Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, or conscripted in Siam (Thailand) and Burma (Myanmar). Two labour forces, one based in Siam and the other in Burma worked from opposite ends of the line towards the centre. The Japanese aimed at completing the

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Appendixes.

A. Letter relating to 2/Lieutenant L Rees and his Commission.

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Lieutenant REES joined No. 1 Bomb Disposal Coy., Royal Engineers, on duty at Singapore, 14th January 1942.

His application for an emergency Commission was investigated by Major JOHN DAVIS, M.C., Staff Officer, Personnel in the office of the Chief Engineer Malaya Command, and was dealt with through normal channels.

There is some doubt as to whether the relative documents were despatched to the War Office owing to the exceptional conditions which prevailed in Singapore at the close of 1941-42 campaign.

I, COLONEL H.A. URQUHART, was officiating as Chief Engineer at the time in question. I have no personal knowledge of the grant of an emergency Commission to this gentleman, but he is, in fact, serving with No 1 Bomb Disposal Coy., and became a prisoner of war when capitulation took place.

Should the necessary formalities not have been completed, and it transpire that no notification has appeared in the LONDON GAZETTE this officer should bring this to the notice of his Commanding Officer, and hand the letter to him.

(SIGNED)

H.A. URQUHART, Colonel,
Chief Engineer,
Malaya Command.

Changi P.O.W. Camp,
9th. August, 1942.

B. Court Martial of 1871213 Lance Corporal N Grayson.

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COPY OF FORM 'P' OF PROCEEDINGS OF A DISTRICT COURT
MARTIAL HELD AT CHANGI ON THE 10th. DAY OF MARCH, 1945,
BY ORDER OF LIEUT-COLONEL A. E. TAWNEY, M.C., R.A.,
COMMANDING SOUTHERN AREA, No. 1 PRISONER OF WAR CAMP,
CHANGI, SINGAPORE.

<u>President</u>	
Major I. V. DART, M.C.,	S/Bn. 12th. Frontier Force Regiment, Indian Army.
<u>Members</u>	
Captain A. G. H. L. Roberts	1/Leicestershire Regt.
S/Lt. A. H. Holmes	Royal Engineers

The accused, No. 1871213 Sapper (Lance Corporal)
Neil Grayson of the Royal Engineers, Southern Area, was charged with
an offence under Section 20 Army Act - When on Active Service, conduct
to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he,
at Changi, between 9th. and 20th. Feb 1945, engaged in trade contrary
to the provisions of King's Regulations (1940) paragraph 539(a), by
acting as agent for sale of various articles.

Certificate of Review.

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CERTIFIED that I have reviewed the proceedings of a
District Court Martial held in respect of:-

No. 1871213 Sapper (L/Cpl.) N. GRAYSON,
Royal Engineers.

AND HEREBY EXERCISE MY POWERS under Section 57(3) of the Army
Act, and remit fourteen days of the Sentence of Detention for
Fifty-six days.

(Signed) C. B. Holmes,
Colonel,
Officer Commanding Malaya.

Changi.
3/4/45.

R. A.

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Forwarded under HQMS letter No. A/94/5483 dated 2 APR 45.

C. Sergeant A Knight promoted Acting WO 2 (CSM).

CRM Field HQ No. 1 POW Camp SA 510 7 Apr 43
Pres: - HQIA

The Commander, Southern Area, approved the appointment of Local Acting W.O. II (CSM) to Sgt. A. Knight, ME, whilst carrying out the duties of that appointment (vice CSM Middleton - sick).

Please publish this casualty in year next DGR in the usual way.

(Signed) P.C. [Name],
Lieut-Colonel,
Commander, SOUTHERN AREA.

D. 1914318 Lance H Corporal Lovett Charge sheet.

Form 90 - 2/4/43 1/1/43 2/1/43 3/1/43 4/1/43 5/1/43 6/1/43 7/1/43 8/1/43 9/1/43 10/1/43 11/1/43 12/1/43
Pres: - Headquarters, Southern Area. 10 107 20 Aug 43.

The following names have been disposed of by the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and Prisoner of War Camp, and are forwarded for information.

Name No. 1914318, Sgt. Lovett, H.

Rank Lance Corporal.

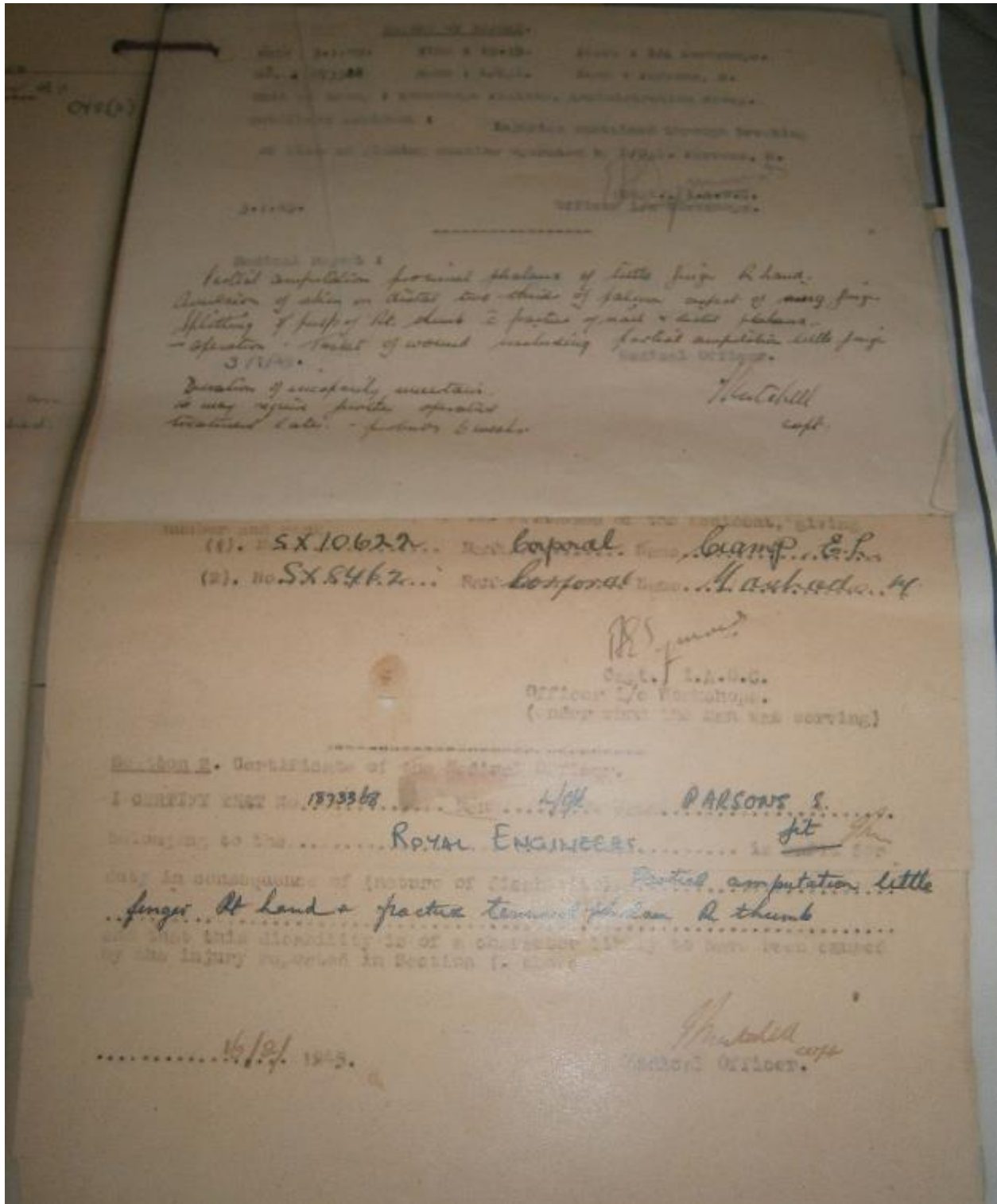
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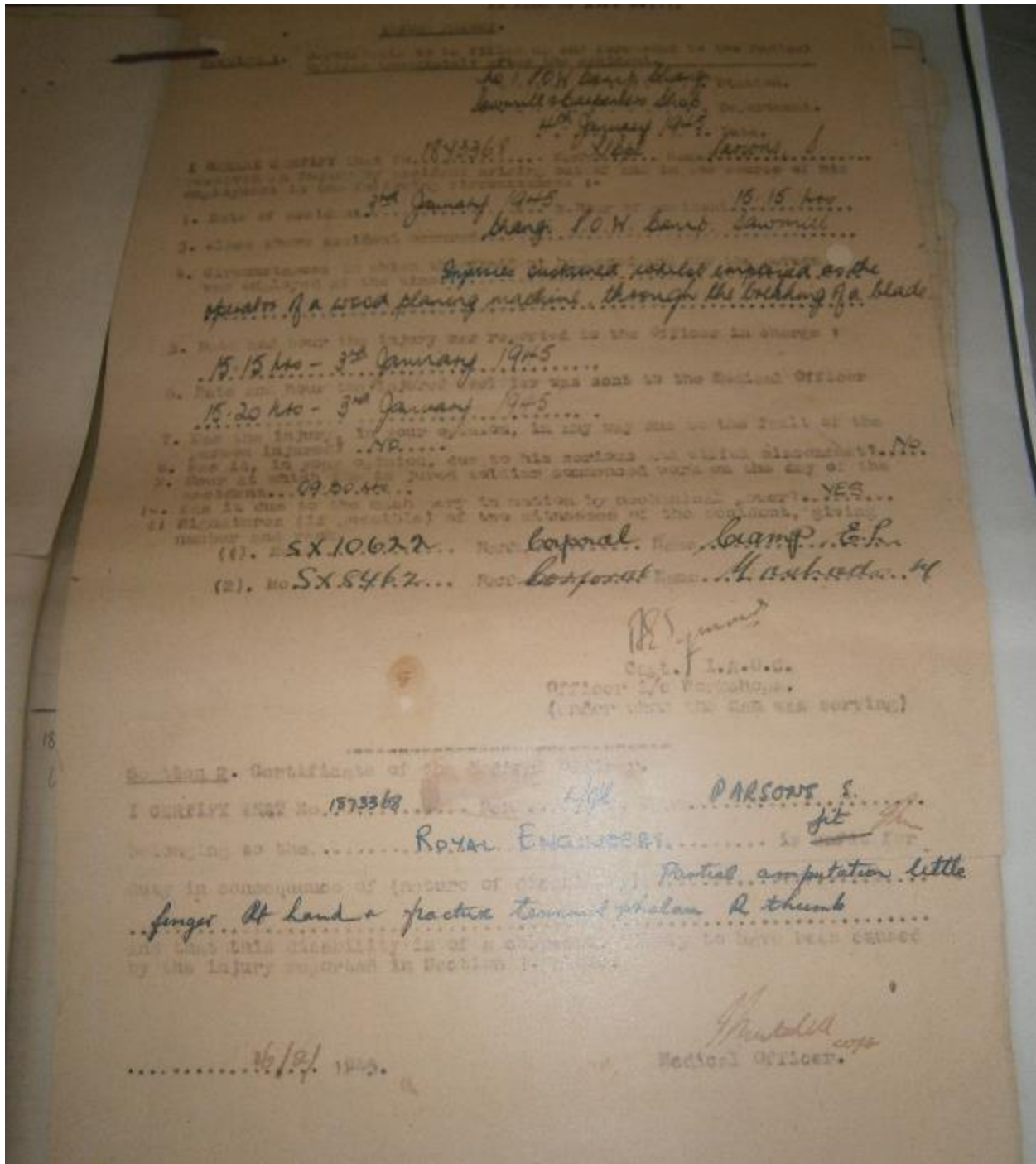
Board Generally Discharged.

Date of Award 10 Aug 1943.

H. J. S.
V. E.
To be entered - Records [illegible] 2/1/43

E. Two Documents relating to injury's sustained by 1873368 Lance Corporal S Parsons





F. Document relating to Cash Imprest and Company Funds.

From Lieutenant Kemlo to Chief Royal Engineer

Cash disposed of as follows.

12 February 1942

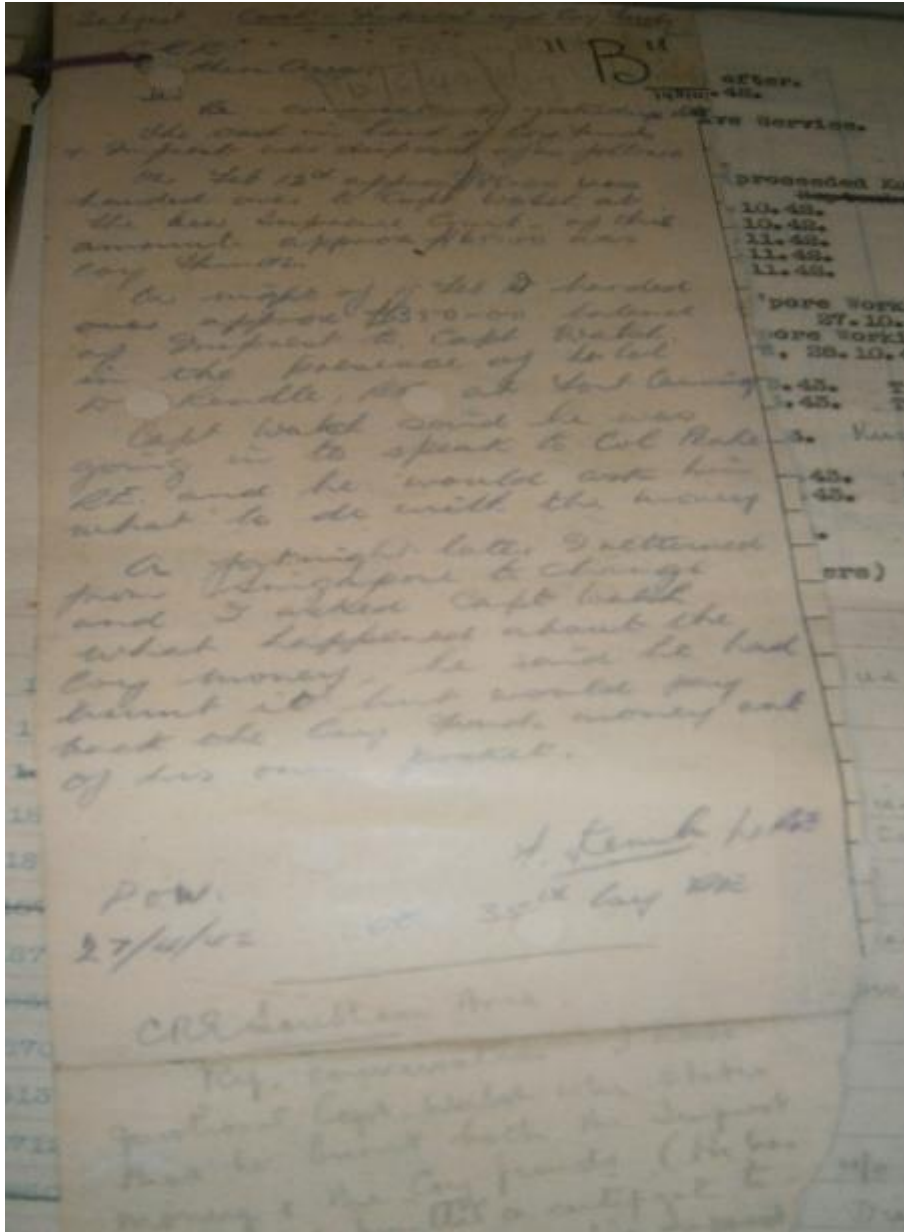
85 handed to Captain Webb at the Supreme Court. 65 being from Company funds.

15 February 1942

Handed over approximately 350 to Captain Walsh in the presence of Lieutenant Colonel W Randle at Fort Ca??????. Captain Walsh said he would talk to Colonel Peate RE and he would ask him what to do with the money.

19 February when Lieutenant Kemlo returned to Singapore to change he asked Captain Walsh what and happened to money Captain Walsh said it had been burnt and he would pay back money from Company funds out of his own pocket.

Dated 27 April 1942

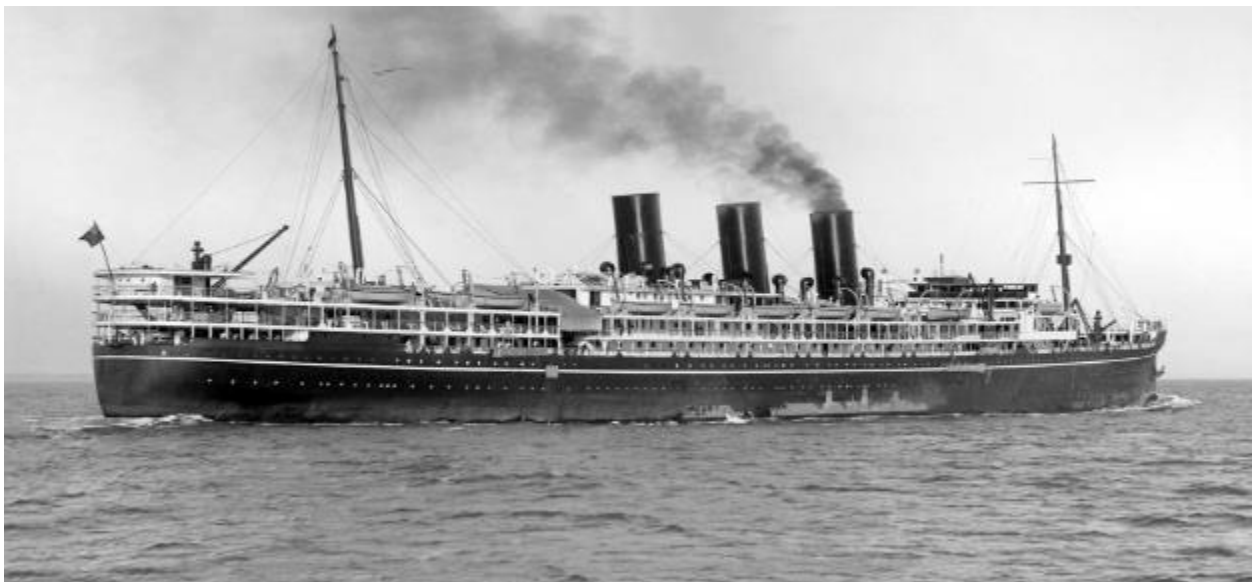


G. Key to where people sent

KEY	
M*	= Missing 15.8.43 and after.
K	= Missing before 15.8.43.
D	= Killed in action.
	= Died whilst on Active Service.
OVS	= Japan Party 16.8.43.
OVS/OVL	= Sarawak Detachment (proceeded Kuching September-43-44). 9 Oct 43
OVL (W)	= Upcountry Party 26.10.43.
OVL (U)	= " 28.10.43.
OVL (N)	= " 4.11.43.
OVL (M)	= " 8.11.43.
OVL (L)	= " 6.11.43.
S (OVL)	= Upcountry Party ex S'pore Working Camps 27.10.43. 27.10.43
S (OVS)	= Overseas Party ex S'pore Working Camps 27.10.43, 28.10.43 , 28.10.43, 29.10.43.
OVL (8)	= Upcountry Party 22.3.43. Train 8. } Force "D"
OVL (9)	= " 23.3.43. Train 9. }
OVS (2)	= Overseas Party 12.3.43. Kuching.
OVL (11)	= Upcountry Party 12.4.43. Train 11. Force "F"
OVL (H)	= " 12.4.43. Force "H".
OVS (J)	= Overseas Party 15.5.43. Force "J". { Hancock's Force
OVL (Offrs)	= Upcountry Party (Officers) 17.5.43.

Notes.

S/S Narkunda.



SS Narkunda had a lengthy construction time, having been ordered in 1913. Narkunda was built by Harland & Wolff in Belfast. She did not enter service during the war, and was passed to P&O at its end. She entered service on 30th March 1920, five days after her sister Naldera.

They were the first three-funnelled P&O liners and the first with cruiser sterns. Narkunda ran on the mail service to Australia, and later to the Far East, carrying 673 passengers (426 of which were first class). Narkunda was converted to oil firing in 1927 (unlike her sister) which extended her career.

She continued in passenger service until 1940, making trips to Shanghai and Cape Town after war had been declared. She also evacuated personal from Singapore including families from 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company. Used as a troopship thereafter, Narkunda was bombed and sunk in 1942 during the African landings, the third of three P&O ships to be lost there.

<http://www.shipspotting.com/gallery/photo.php?lid=1549127>

MV Marnix.

MV Marnix van Sint Aldegonde was a Netherland Line luxury passenger ship and cargo liner built in 1930 for service between Amsterdam and Jakarta. She operated out of Surabaya from 21 February 1940, and was requisitioned as a troopship at Singapore in May 1941 to transport Australian troops from Melbourne to Asia and Africa, and to bring 1,000 Italian Prisoners of War from Egypt to Mumbia. She also evacuated personal from Singapore including families from 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company. She left the Indian Ocean in 1942, and subsequently carried Allied troops for Operation Torch, Operation Husky, and Operation Avalanche. Her Ships Master H W Hettma was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in January 1943 after his ship destroyed two attacking bombers of North Africa on 9 November 1943.

She sailed with convoy KMF 25 on 27 October 1943. She came under attack by Kampfgeschwader 26 Dornier 217 torpedo bombers after entering the Mediterranean: and was hit by a torpedo which flooded the engine room on the evening of 6 November 1943. All personnel were safely rescued by other ships and was taken in tow. The Grace Liner Santa Elena had been similarly disabled by another torpedo in the same attack: and was also taken in tow. The two ships collided in tow, and both sank from progressive flooding the following evening.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MV_Marnix_van_Sint_Aldegonde