

## **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](http://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. Roll of Honour, including photographs of graves and memorials.
4. Information as to Cemetery's.
5. Appendixes.

### **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.

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)

### **1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company.**

Formed in June 1941, this has been taken from details in papers at the *National Archives Kew*, 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

Taken into captivity 15 February 1942.

### Nominal Role.

41093 Local Acting Captain J H Walsh

Daughter Florence Walsh

Higher Waterside

Darwen

Lancs

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas

13837? Lieutenant F E Kemlo

Wife

c/o Imperial Paymaster

Canberra

Australia

37 Saunders Street

Gillingham

Kent

16 January 1940

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

22045 Lieutenant E G W Davies

Father F H Davies

132 Divinity Road

Oxford

Commissioned 10 December 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Joined Unit 10 December 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Lambert Rees

Aunt Mrs C Phillides

172 President Street

Sunnyside

Pretoria

South Africa

Commissioned 21 Jan 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Joined Unit 24 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas

Emergency Commission.

Questions raised in relation to paperwork confirming his Commission was raised or received in London or if his Commission appeared in the London Gazette.

See Appendix A

41093 Captain J H Walsh

No further information

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

1869278 Corporal J A Adams

Trade Electrician A 3

Church of England

Father L Adams

11 Gladstone Place

Newton Abbott

Tiverton

Devon

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

1832650 Sapper R Authers

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father A Author

25 Council Gardens

Tiverton

Devon

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

1870571 Acting/Unpaid Corporal J Alderice

Trade Clerk C 3

Church of England

Wife

2 Gordon Crescent

Black Rock

Victoria

Australia

Family evacuated s/s Narcunda 16 January 1942

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Upcountry Party 13 May 1943 Force F

Returned to S???Road POW Camp May 1944

4013306 Sapper H Allsop

Church of England

Trade Pioneer E 3

Father 14 Woodland Mount

Boothtown

Halifax

Yorks

Served with

Posted from 5 Search Light Regiment RA 14 October 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

1874614 Sapper A Bleakley

Trade Plumber and Pipe Fitter B 2

Church of England

Father C A Bleakley

66 Silver??? Avenue

Liscard

Wallesay

Chester

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Camp Changi

1872438 Sapper W A Booth

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father A H Booth

100 Stoneleigh Road

Hameworth

Birmingham 20

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

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.

1836001 Sapper H Brandwood

Trade Pioneer E 2

Wes

Sister F Brandwood

24 Waterloo Street

Bolton

Lancs

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Reported died up Country

Not in the CWGC Listings

1865414 Sergeant A D Brookes

Trade Carpenter and Joiner B 2

Church of England

Wife M Brookes

23 Park Street

Bridgetown

Staffs

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Camp Changi

1874815 Sapper W F Brown

Born 5 January 1918 in Norfolk.

Enlisted 26 October 1937 in Norwich

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father F Brown

1 Irestead Road

Norwich

Norfolk

Served with

West County Training Battalion 27 October 1937

C Company A A Battalion 15 July 1938

B Company A A Battalion 28 September 1938

Disembarked, 30 Fortress Company 16 February 1939

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 May 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 31 May 1941

Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train number 8 on 22 March 1943

Died see Roll of Honour

1863434 Corporal Burt

Born 20 February 1913 in Plymouth

Enlisted 1 February 1924 in Plymouth

Trade Carpenter and Joiner B 3

Church of England

Father G Burt

63 George Street

????port

Later NOK address

Father G Burt

50 Kings Road

Higher Street,

Budeaux

Plymouth

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 8 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

1874621 Acting Lance Corporal Thomas Carter

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father 2 Council House

Walpole St Andrews  
Wisbech  
Cambs  
Served with  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
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

1871097 Sapper W G Carter  
Trade Pioneer E 2  
Church of England  
Father J A Carter  
Faversham Road  
Lewisham  
London  
Served with  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 8 on 22 March 1942, Force D

1872477 Sapper J C Charles

No further information

1873449 Sapper R Collins

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Mother G W Batt

Butchers Farm

Eginton, nr Ashford

Kent

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Missing not record as died on the

Commonwealth War Graves Commission site

15 February 1942 last seen with Lt Truby (SRE (V) and Sapper Cunningham at 1400 in unit vehicle proceeding to Docks. Vehicle later found abandoned at dockside.

1440248 Sapper E H Cooling

Born 2 December 1920 in Derby

Enlisted 23 March 1939 in Derby

Trade Pioneer E 3

Methodist

Mother A Cooling

35 Colville Street

Derby

Served with

D Company Training Battalion 1 April 1939

3 Training Battalion 3 September 1939

Headquarters 3 Training Battalion 22 September 1939

34 (Fortress Company) 27 February 1940

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 31 August 1941

Left Changi POW Camp in train no 9 up country Party 23 March 1943

Died on 15 June 1943

See Roll of Honour

1872795 Sapper Cousins J

Born 8 July 1916

Plumber and Pipe Fitter B 3

Church of England

Father A Cousins

43 Pagoda Ave

Richmond

Surrey

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas

Returned River Valley Camp Departed for Japan 4 September 1944

1871812 Sapper V F Cunnington

Born 20 March 1917

Enlisted 31 May 1935

Trade Clerk C 3

Church of England

Father G F Cunnington

9 North Waye

Uxbridge

Middlesex

Served with

C Company Training Battalion 31 May 1935

G Company Depot Battalion 7 April 1936

B Company A A Battalion 20 November 1936

H Q W B Company A A Battalion 10 April 1937

A Company A A Battalion 4 December 1937

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 21 June 1941

Disembark Bombay 11 March 1942

E 1 Company 31 March 1942

3 Engineer Depot Lahore 16 April 1942

351 Bomb Disposal Company Madras 1 January 1943

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.

1873311 W/Cpl P J Curran

Trade Carpenter and Joiner B 2

Roman Catholic

Father J P Curran

????

Branston Road

Clacton on Sea

Essex

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

To I J A Workshops for duty 13 November 1942

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

1870616 Corporal H Daunt

Trade Blacksmith B 3

Church of England

Wife 13 Theobald Square  
Rochester  
Kent  
Served with  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941  
Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
Missing on 15 February 1942  
Seen in Sumatra by Major J L Nicholson RE  
Re-captured at Padang 15 March 1942  
British 3 Group W/P Burma  
Docs with deserter 4 October 1945  
Declared illegally absent, deserter 13 December 1946

1869404 Sergeant E G W Davis  
Trade Mason B 3  
Church of England  
Served with  
Posted from 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company to Officer Cadet Training Unit Malaya 8 September  
1941

1870896 Corporal J F Doherty  
Trade Carpenter and Joiner B 2  
Roman Catholic  
Father F G Doherty  
1 Bull Point Barracks  
St Bud????  
Plymouth  
Served with  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941  
Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

2613368 Corporal J G Dorse

Born 7 July 1909

Trade Electrician A 3

Church of England

Father G Dorse

14 Meadow Road

Clevedon

Somerset

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Overseas Party ex Singapore Working Camps 27 October 1942

Camps Taichu, Kinkaski, Shirakawa

Served with Post War

7 Bomb Disposal Squadron Bomb and Mine Clearance Medal

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

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

1986097 Sapper J Eadie  
Trade Pioneer E 2  
Roman Catholic  
Father J Eadie  
40 Larchfield Avenue  
Glasgow  
W4  
Served with  
Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
Left Changi POW Camp for up country, in train no 9 on 23 March 1943  
Died see Roll of Honour

1859936 Sergeant C E Eason  
Born 19 April 1901  
Enlisted 1 June 1920 in Whithall  
Next of Kin Friend  
Mr C Parrett  
Amblett Cottages  
Chithurst  
Rogate  
Near Petersfield  
Hants  
Trade Bricklayer B 2  
Roman Catholic  
Served with  
Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
I Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 18 June 1941

Ex Singapore Working Camps

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

1873185 Sapper F R Edney

Trade Pioneer E 2

Methodist

Mother L Edney

49 The Terrace

Len???

Cornwall

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 July 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 19 August 1942 for overseas

Also got date 27 October 1942 but no details

59423 A/U Lance Corporal A Evans

Trade Pioneer E 2

Pres

Father J Evans

23 Drummond Crescent

Fr???ton

Perth

Scotland

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

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

1873445 Sapper A Fidler

Born 21 February 1912 Devices

Enlisted 30 July 1936 Salisbury

Trade C and W Repairer B 3

Church of England

Father Jesse Fidler

The Green

Urchfront

Nr Devices

Wilts

Served with

A Company Traing Battalion 30 July 1936

A Company A A Battalion 12 April 1937

30 Fortress Company 16 October 1937

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 6 August 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 30 July 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

1865710 Sergeant A E Gibson

Trade Blacksmith B 2

Wes

Father E Gibson

Mill Cottage

St Marys Place

Sevenoaks

Kent

Posted from 41 (Fortress) Company 1 July 1941

Returned to SI???e 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

1866783 Corporal A Grafton

Born 8 November 1912

Enlisted 4 January 1928

Church of England

AT 4 January 1928

Served with S of E L Gosport 4 January 1928

Sapper 8 November 1930

4 Fortress Company 8 November 1930

B Company Training Battalion 16 January 1931

A Company A A S L Battalion 29 September 1931

B Company A A S L Company 1 April 1934

Malta A A Reserve 3 Septembr 1935

B Company AA Battalion 7 August 1936

Promoted Lance Corporal 28 August 1937

34 Fortress Company 4 December 1937

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 41

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 13 June 1941

Disembark Bombay 18 September 1941

Embarked for Malaya posted 23 September 1941

Departed Deolali Transit Camp embarked Bombay 10 April 1942

1874647 Sapper W H Grapes

Born 3 August 1915 Wisbech

Enlisted 26 August 1937 in Bury Saint Edmunds

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

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

1871213 Lance Corporal Sapper N Grayson

Born 10 December 1916 in Hull

Enlisted 28 December 1934 in Hull

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father A Grayson

54 Raglan Street

Newland Avenue

Hull

1871213 Sapper N Grayson

Trade Pioneer E 3

Father A Grayson

16 Raglan Street

Newland Avenue

Hull

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

1 Malaya Company

MBE Awarded 14 May 1937

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

When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, at  
Changi, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 1943 engaged in trade contrary to the provisions of Kings  
Regulations (1940) paragraph 539 (a), by acting as agent for sale of various article.

Reduced to the rank of Sapper awarded 56 days detention, later reduced to 42 days.

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

1867621 Acting Lance Sergeant A J Green MBE

Born 9 June 1913 in Sutton

Enlisted 17 August 1928 in Dover

Trade Bricklayer B 3

Church of England

Grandmother M Bloomfield

The Plough Inn

Sutton

Suffolk

Served with

Boy Soldier Aldershot 17 August 1928

Boy Trumpeter 28 August 1930

Sapper 6 June 1931

C Company Training Battalion 25 July 1931

56 Field Company 10 June 1932

A Company A A S L Battalion Egypt 4 September 1935

Corporal 1 July 1937

30 Fortress Company 4 December 1937

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 13 June 1941

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

1874829 Sapper E Gymer

Born 19 May 1913 in Doncaster

Enlisted 29 October 1937 in Doncaster

Pioneer E 2

Casualty Card has NOK as Father

Mr W Gymer

432 Newark Road

Swallowbeck

Lincoln

Lincs

Missing List has NOK as

Mother J Gymer

25 Stanley Road

Summerfield

Doncaster

Yorks

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Reported died up country.

Confirmed see Roll of Honour

1872640 Sapper W E Haynes

Trade Pioneer E 2

Roman Catholic

Mother A Haynes

3 Geraldine Street

Dublin

Eire

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

1877212 Sapper S J Haime

Born 30 January 1915

Enlisted 11 May 1929 Weymouth

Trade Pioneer E 3

Church of England

Mother Lucy Palmer

Sturton Caundle

Blandford

Dorset

Served with

A Company Training Battalion 12 May 1939

Depot Company 1 Training Battalion 13 November 1939

Posted to Malaya 17 December 1939

34 (Fortress) Company 1939

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Coy 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 31 May 1941

Left POW Camp Changi for up country in train no 8 On 22 March 1943

Reported Died up Country

Confirmed see Roll of Honour

1872854 Sapper A Haywood

Born in 1917

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Mother Gadys E Hopkinson

129 West Gate

Southwell

Notts

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Coy 12 June 1941

Left POW Camp Changi for up country in train no 8 On 22 March 1943

1872722 Sapper Ernest Hellyn

Born 25 February 1912 in Sunderland

Enlisted 13 January 1936 in Durham

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

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

1871306 Acting Unpaid Lance Corporal F Hoffen

Born 16 December 1942

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

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Liberated 4 September 1945

Discharged 31 December 1946

1877451 Sapper R V Hutley

Born 19 June 1919

Trade Pioneer E 3

Church of England

Father C Huntley

36 Chambers Road

Stratford

London

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Liberated 30 August 1945

Discharged 17 July 1946

1871739 Sapper A E M Jones

Trade Pioneer E 3

Church of England  
NOK on Missing List  
Mother Mrs F Jones  
40 Denton Place Crescent  
?enton Middlesex  
NOK Adress on Casualty Card  
28 Second Avenue  
Teignmouth  
Devon  
Served with  
B Company Training Battalion 22 May 1935  
56 Field Company 8 July 1936  
E Company a A A Battalion 15 January 1937  
A Company 1 A A Battalion 4 November 1937  
30 (Fortress) Company 4 December 1937  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
1 MALAYA Bomb Disposal Company 31 May 1941  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Died see Roll of Honour

1869786 Lance Sergeant J W Keegan

No further information

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

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Returned to S???r Road POW Camp December 1943. Changi POW Camp May 44

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

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Singapore POW Camp for up country 27 October 1942 POW Camp

Left Changi POW Camp for Overseas on 28 March 1943

Discharged 21 December 1945

2063032 Sapper B G King

Trade Pioneer E 3

Church of England

Father B H King

116 Waddington Road

Kentish Town

NW5

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Singapore POW Camp for up country 27 October 1942 POW Camp

Left Changi POW Camp for Overseas on 28 March 1943

6515346 Sergeant A J Knight

Trade Fitter A 3

Church of England

Wife

237 Marmion Street

Cottesloe

Perth

Western Australia

Family evacuated on SS Narcunda 15 January 1942

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

1892268 Acting Lance Corporal J M Law

Trade Fitter A 3

Pres

Father Archibald Law

2 Parkerston Terrace

Dunlop

Kilmarnock

Ayeshire

Served with

Posted from 41 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

1869248 Corporal Rueben Edgar Lillycrop

Born 9 August 1931 in Clapham

Enlisted 10 September 1928 in Dover

Trade Carpenter and Joiner C 2

Church of England

Mother A Lansdown

11 Regnolrut Court

Walton on Thames

Surrey

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

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

Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas

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

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

2034523 Sapper J MacMullen

Born 6 March 1918 in Folkestone, living in Bath

Enlisted 20 October 1936 in Bath

Trade Fitter A 3

Baptist

Mother Mrs MacMullen

19 Rivers Street

Bath

Casualty Card NOK Mother

Mrs G MacMullen

36 Brondesbury Villas

Kilburn

London

N W 6

Served with

B Company Training Battalion 20 October 1936

54 Field Company 24 May 1937

M Depot Company 24 September 1937

B Company 1 A A Battalion 1 February 1938

30 (Fortress Company) 14 September 1938

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 31 May 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Reported died up country See Roll of Honour

1877067 Sapper W J Marshall

Born 28 November 1920

Enlisted on 18 May 1940

Trade Pioneer E 3

Church of England

Father Fred Marshall

7 Beverly Grove

Skegness

Lincolnshire

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Died see Roll of Honour

1877430 Sapper L Manning

Born 27 July 1919

Trade Pioneer E 2

Roman Catholic

Father L Manning

30 Lodge Road

Lenkhull

Stoke on Trent

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

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

1871419 Acting Lance Corporal J McCabe

Born 7 January 1915

Enlisted 20 March 1935, aged 20

Trade Draughtsman A 3

Pres

Mother Janet Muir

153 Milburn Street

Glasgow

Served with

C Company Training Battalion 20 March 1935

M Depot Company 4 January 1936

Scholl of A A Defence 15 April 1936

4 (Fortress Company) 3 June 1938

36 (Fortress) Company 14 September 1938

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 26 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 6 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942 crossed out

POW Camp Malia

Died see Roll of Honour

2027396 Acting Lance Sergeant E A McDade

Born 10 April 1914 Luton

Enlisted 20 March 1935 Belfast, aged 20 years 11 months

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father B McDade  
59 Saint Peters Road  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
Served with  
A Company Training Battalion 20 March 1935  
H Q W Training Battalion 4 January 1936  
A Company Training Battalion 27 April 1936  
G Company Depot Company 8 January 1937  
L Company Depot Company 12 January 1937  
1 A A Battalion 14 December 1937  
30 (Fortress Company 24 February 1939  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941  
1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 10 June 1941  
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

1876341 Sapper J McEwan  
Trade Pioneer E 3  
Father C McEwan  
13 Fordyce Street  
Patrick  
Glasgow  
W 1  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
Left Changi POW Camp with Japan Party 16 August 1942 for overseas  
POW Camp Fukuoka 25b, Malia

3240820 Corporal J McFarlane  
Trade Plumber and Pipe Fitter B 3

Roman Catholic  
Father A McFarlane  
198 Cumberland Street  
Glasgow  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

3710671 Sapper D V McGuinness  
Born 7 June 1917  
Enlisted 27 October 1937  
Trade Pioneer E 3  
Roman Catholic  
Father James William McGuiness  
11 Saint John Street  
Thornton  
Nr Blackpool  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942  
Died see Roll of Honour

2034523 Sapper J McMullen  
Born 6 March 1918  
Enlisted 20 October 1936  
NOK Mother  
Mrs Constance McMullen  
36 Brondesbury Villas  
Kilburn  
London  
N W 6  
Served with 30 (Fortress) Company  
1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

1877456 Sapper R A Metcalfe

Born 28 October 1918 Dumfries

Enlisted 21 June 1939 Manchester

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father A Metcalfe

NOK Missing File

2 Monart Road

Bladsley

Manchester

NOK Casualty Card Father

2 Crown Terrace

South Cliff

Scarborough

Served with

B Company Training Battalion 28 June 1939

Posted to Malaya 17 December 1939

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 07 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 31 May 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Died see Roll of Honour

1872518 Corporal R Mills

Trade Instrument Mechanic A 2

Church of England

Moth F Mills

67 Mayfield Road

Gosport

Hants

Posted from HQFRE 13 January 1942

Transferred to Field Park Section RE 10 February 1942

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

1874946 Sapper J W L Morrison

Trade Pioneer E 2

Father T J Morrison

Sunnyside

Meville

Nr Donegal

Eire

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Died see roll of honour

1874945 T N L Morrison.

Born 9 February 1914 in Belfast

Enlisted 30 November 1937 in Belfast

NOK Father

Thomas Morrison

Sunnyside

Molville

County Donegal

Served with

A Company Training Battalion 3 March 1937

B Company Training Battalion 4 January 1938

59 Field Company 19 January 1938

B Company Training Battalion 7 May 1938

11 Field Company 27 September 1938

Militia Training Battalion Ripon 1 September 1939

34 (Fortress Company)

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 31 June 1941

1871735 Sapper C J Mullen

Trade Pioneer E 2

Roman Catholic

Mother M Mullen

2 Cottage Road

Sligo

Eire

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Reported as died not on Commonwealths War Graves Commission site.

1880700 Sapper J Noon

Trade Bricklayer B 3

Roman Catholic

Mother N M Noon

109 Cornwall Drive

Bury

Lancs

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 6 August 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp for Overseas on 28 March 1943

POW Camp Borneo, Malia 1

1873388 Acting Lance Corporal S Parsons

Trade Engineer Hand i/c E 2

Church of England

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

Returned to S???Road POW Camp December 1943.

Rejoined Changi POW Camp May 1944

Injured whilst working in saw mill, saw blade broke, partial amputation little finger and termination of thumb.

1870135 Corporal J H Perkiss

Carpenter and Joiner B 2

Mother N Perkis

23 Hamilton Terrace

Lalamlash

Isle of Arran

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

1874091 Sapper C A Pilbeam

Born 22 November 1916 in Hastings

Enlisted 10 February 1937 in Eastbourne

Trade Pioneer E 3

Roman Catholic

Father A J Pilbeam

NOK Missing file

114 Athlston Road

Clive Val

Hastings

Sussex

NOK Casualty Card Mother

8 North Street

Hailsham

Sussex

Served with

D Company Training Battalion 10 February 1937

B Company Training Battalion 14 March 1937

A Company 1 A A Battalion 14 December 1937

B Company 1 A A Battalion 14 March 1938

30 Fortress Company 14 September 1938

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1942

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 13 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp for up country in train no 8 on 22 March 1943

Reported died up country see Roll of Honour

1874307 Sapper A C E Potter

Born 1 June 1908 Edmonton

Enlisted 7 June 1937 London

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father S Potter

152 Sunnyside Gardens

Upminster

Essex

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

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

2034918 Or 2031849 Acting Lance Corporal G V Ranson

Born 6 October 1916 in Ipswich

Enlisted 27 August 1935 in Ipswich, aged 18 years 10 months

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Mother H Parker

257 Lansdeer Road

Ipswich

Suffolk

Served with

A Company Training Battalion 27 August 1935

11 Field Company 8 April 1936

M Depot Company 22 August 1936

33 (Fortress) Company 18 November 1939

34 (Fortress) Company 4 December 1937

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 31 May 1941

Killed on active service by enemy action, during shelling as St Andres School, Serangoon Road, Singapore. Buried Bididou Cemetary

1875168 Sapper J Rehbein

Born 30 August 1918 Stepney

Enlisted 10 January 1938 Taunton

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

NOK Missing List Mother F E Little

Brownsend Road

Broxted

Dunmow

Essex

NOK Casualty Card Brother

Wallis Rehbein

18 Betty Strett

Stepney

London

E 1

Served with 34 (Fortress) Company

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

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

873593 Acting Lance Corporal A L Reilly

Trade SLOD 3

C I

Father T H Reilly

Coolehannagh

Trevor Hill

Newry

Co Down

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

Changi POW Camp

Proceeded to No 2 POW Camp, Changi, 30 June 1945

Rejoined No 1 Camp 19 August 1945

872583 Sapper E G Rice

Trade Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father P Rice

2 Sydney Cottages

Rock???

Exeter

Devon

Served with

Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

POW Camp Malai

2033567 Sapper H Richards

Pioneer E 2

Church of England

Father J Richards

Depot (The Buffs)

Canterbury

Kent

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941

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

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  
Served with 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942  
POW Camp Nagaski 3b, Malai  
Discharged 9 January 1946

1871314 Acting Lance Corporal D V Richardson  
Born 27 April 1914  
Trade Electrician A 3  
Father H Richardson  
10 Mill Lane  
Kings Worthy  
Winchester  
Hants  
Served with  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company  
1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942  
POW Camp Malai 1

2202049 WO (11) CSM L M Spreadbury  
Trade Electrician A 2  
Church of England  
Wife

Wyndhead Cottages  
Lander  
Berwickshire  
Family evacuated M V Marnix  
Van Street, Aldergonde 31 December 1942  
Served with  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 10 August 1941  
1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

1974751 Sapper G W Thaime  
Trade Pioneer E 3  
Church of England  
Father W Thaime  
69 West Howe Road  
Kinson  
Bournemouth  
Served with  
Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941  
1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942  
Reported Died of Dysentery at Base Hospital, Kanburra, Thailand November 1942  
Not on Commonwealths War Graves Commission list.  
Believed mixed up with Tharme

1872912 Sapper W Theakston  
Born 18 June 1917  
Trade Pioneer  
E 3  
Roman Catholic

Wife 5 Rowlands Place  
Mulgrave Road  
Cork  
Eire  
Served with  
Posted from 30 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942

1877229 Sapper H G Thirkettle  
Born 19 May 1918  
Trade Plumber and Pipe Fitter B 3  
Church of England  
Father S Thirkettle  
34 Park Road  
Hythe  
Kent  
Served with  
Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 12 June 1941  
Born 18 June 1917  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942  
POW Camp Malai 1

1859769 CQMS A C Thompson  
Born 25 June 1904  
Trade Instrument Mechanic A 3  
NOK Wife  
17 Mountjoy Place  
Newport  
South Mons

Served with

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.

Rejoined Changi POW Camp May 1944

POW Camp Malai 1

Discharged 14 November 1945

1877435 Sapper A K Thornton

Born 16 June 1920 in Yorkshire

Enlisted 22 June 1939

Trade PNR E 2

Church of England

Father W Thornton

52 Woodview Avenue

Three Lane Ends

Castleford

York

Served with

Posted from 34 (Fortress) Company 19 June 1941

Left Changi POW Camp for overseas on 28 March 1943

Died see Roll of Honour

1846901 Acting unpaid Lance Corporal J Weeden

Born 9 March 1915

Enlisted 24 August 1937

Trade PNR E 2

Church of England  
Father B Weeden  
4 Vale View  
Bagbourangh  
Nr Taunton  
Somerset  
Served with  
Posted from 34 (Fortress) 12 June 1941  
1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company  
Left Changi POW Camp with Overland Party W 26 October 1942  
Died see Roll of Honour

1874603 Sapper C E Wileman

No further information

1870077 Lance Sergeant W C B Wood  
Born 12 January 1914 Southsea, Hampshire  
Enlisted 1 February 1933, Winchester  
NOK Father  
Elisha Blenvhley Wood  
59 Highgate Road,  
Copnor  
Portsmouth  
Served with  
30 (Fortress) Company  
1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company

1870077 Lance Sergeant L W Wright

Born 29 May 1912 in York

Enlisted 29 August 1934 in York, aged 22 and 3 months

NOK Mother

Mrs F Wright

All correspondence to be addressed to

Father Mr E W Wright

39 Burton Stone Lane

York

Served with

B Company Training Battalion 31 August 1934

4 Fortress Company 11 June 1935

HQW Training Battalion 11 June 1935

A Company 1 A A S L Battalion 4 September 1935

A Company 1 A A S L Battalion Egypt 5 February 1936

A Company 1 A A Battalion 1 December 1936

30 (Fortress) Company 4 December 1937

1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company 31 May 1941

C/E 15 Sapper N G Kim Lee

No further information

## Roll of Honour.

113832 Lieutenant Frederick Ernest Kemlo

Died 10 September 1942



Memorial Sai Wan War Cemetery

Memorial Reference VII.F.17

1874815 Sapper W F Brown

Born in 1918, living on Norwich.

Died on the 14 August 1943, aged 25, of acute enteritis



Buried at Changkai, Thailand, Grave I J 6.

1863434 Corporal Joseph Hercules Burt

Died of dysentery on 19 February 1943 Age 39.

Kanbuiee? Thailand

Grave 60 (behind paper mills) initial grave

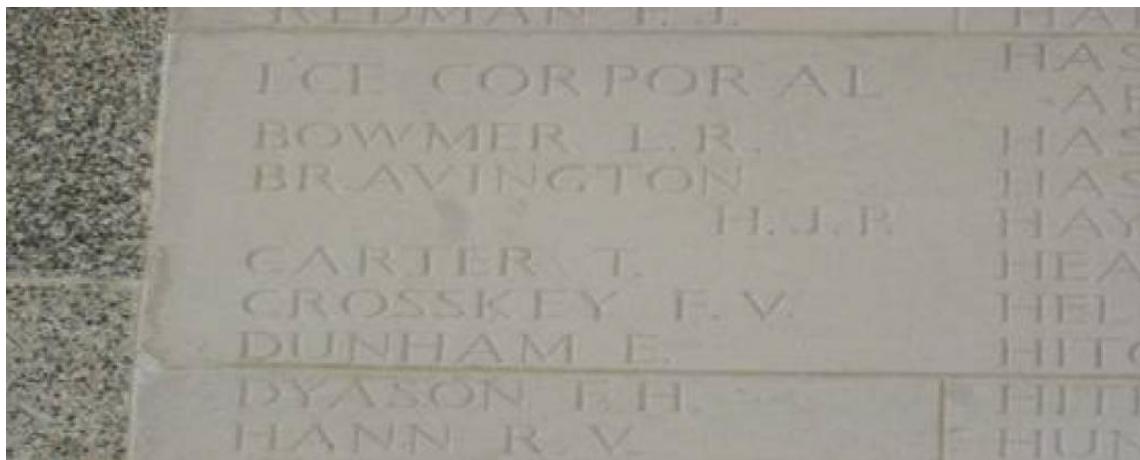


Son of George Herbert and Jessie Burt of Saint Budeaux, Plymouth.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 2F 54

1874621 Acting Lance Corporal T Carter  
Died on 02 August 1943 Age 28.



Commemorated on the Singapore War Memorial

1440248 Sapper Ernest Hercules Cooling  
Died on 15 June 1943 Aged 23



Son of Ernest and Ada Ellen Cooling of Derby

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 8F 59

1873311 W/Cpl P J Curran

Died of Dysentery on 28 August 1943 at Wangai, Tarso, Thailand Age 25



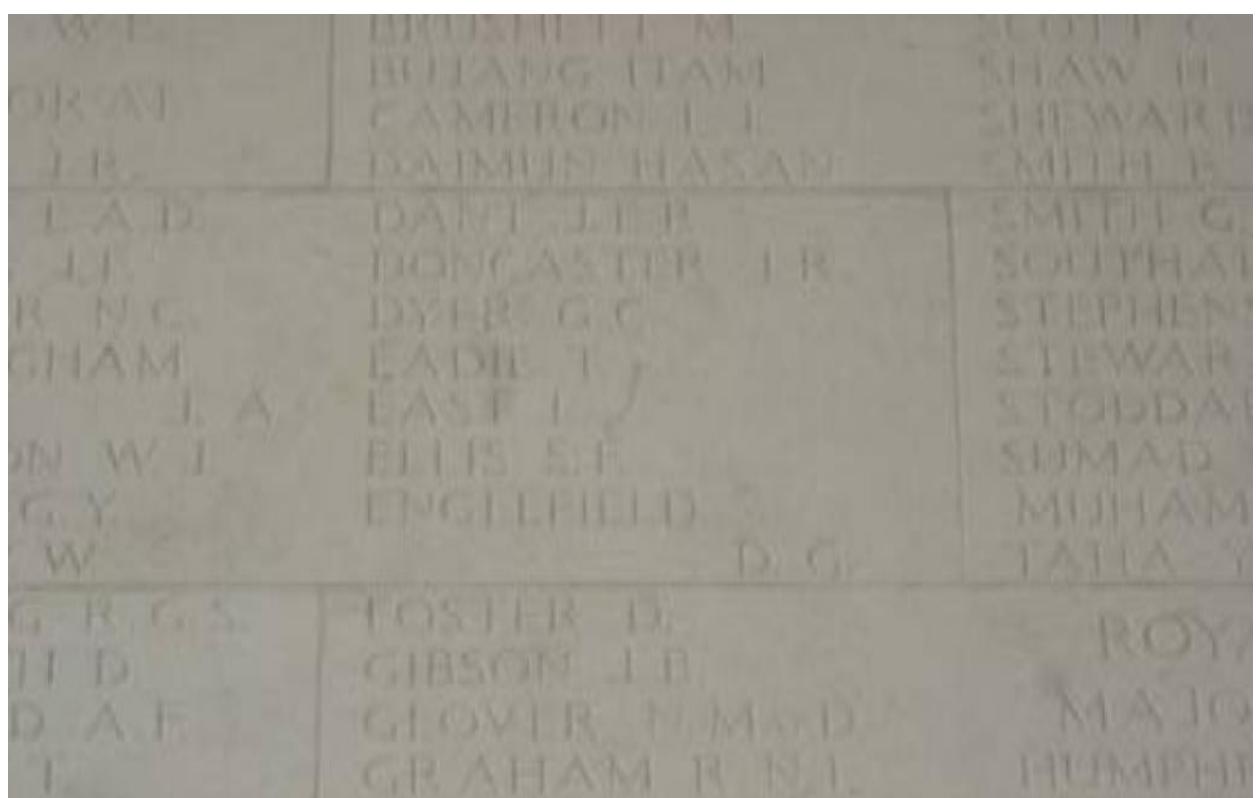
Son of John and Sara Curran, Clacton-on- Sea, Essex

Buried at Chunkai War Cemetery

Grave 9 J 5

1986097 Sapper Thomas Eadie

Died on 15 July 1943 Age 23





Son of J Eadie Glasgow  
Commemorated at the Singapore Memorial

18599366 Sergeant C E EASON,  
Born on the 19 April 1901 in Eire.  
Died of Dysentery.



Died on the 17 June 1943, age 43.

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand.

Grave 8 L 12.

1874647 Sapper W Grapes

Died on 12 September 1944 Age 29



## Son of W J Grapes

### Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial

#### Column 40

1871213 Sapper Noel Grayson

Died of Diarrhoea and Beri Beri on 11 October 1943 at Tanbaya, Malaya Age 26



Son of John Andrew and Beatrice Elizabeth Grayson of Hull

### Buried at Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery

Grave B6 P2

1867621 Acting Lance Sergeant A J Green MBE

Died On 13 October 1943 Age 30



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 Haime

Died on 13 December 1943 Aged 28

Son of Walter and Lucy Sarah Haime of

Stourton, Caudle, Dorsetshire

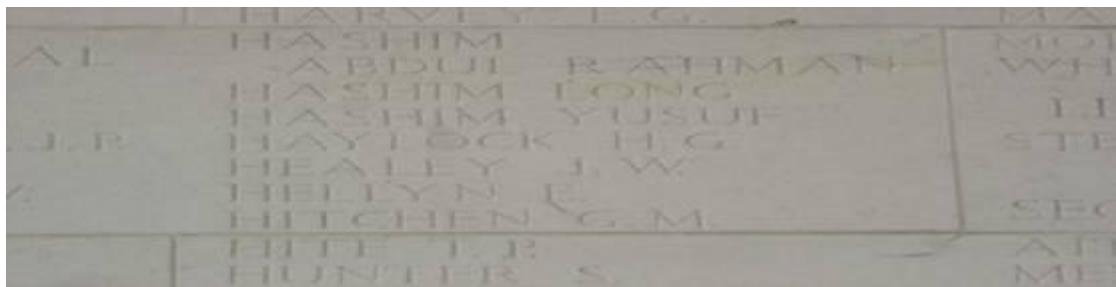


Buried at Chungkai War Cemetery

Grave 3 M 8

1872722 Sapper Ernest Hellyn

Died on 12 September 1944 Age 27



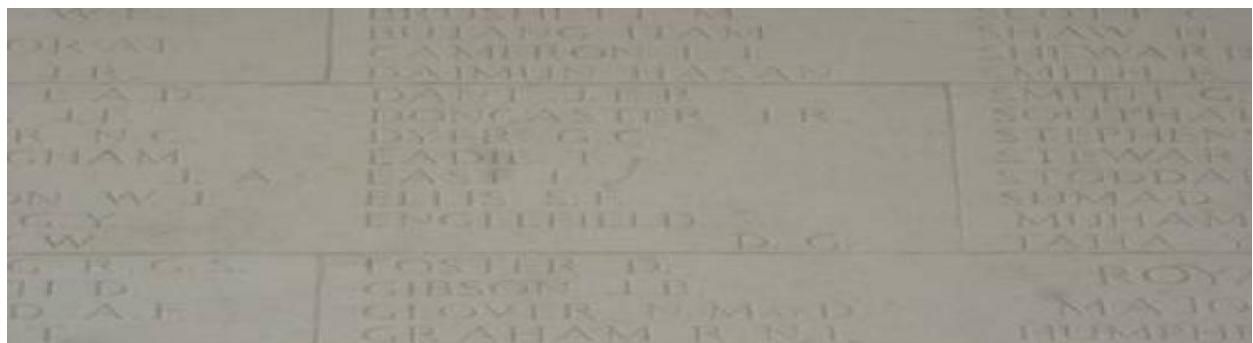
Son of R G Hellyn

Commemorated on Singapore Memorial

Column 40

1871739 Sapper Albert Eric Mathew Jones

Died on 15 July 1943 Age 28



Buried at Kanchanburi War Cemetery

Grave 8 L 65

1892268 Acting Lance Corporal J M Law

Died of Malaria and Beri Beri on 29 September 1943 at Jambaya, Burma Age 24.



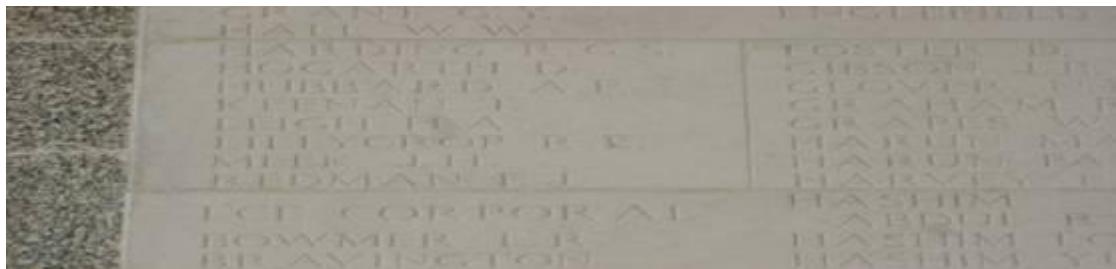
Son of Archibald and Alexandrina Law of Dunlop, Ayrshire

Buried at Thanbyuzayal War Cemetery

Grave B 6 M 5

1869248 Corporal Rueben Edgar Lillycrop

Died on 12 September 1944 Age 31



Son of Sergeant Rueben Lillycrop, Royal Field Artillery, died in France 12 December 1915 and Alice M  
Lillycrop

Commemorated on Singapore Memorial

Column 39

2034523 Sapper J MacMullen

Died on 21 May 1943 Age 25



Son of Leroy Robbins and Constance Mac Mullen of Kilburn, Middlesex

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave G 8 J 70

1877067 Sapper W J Marshall

Died on the 28 August 1943 Age 22



Son of Fred and Mary Marshall, Skegness, Lincolnshire

Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery

Grave 4 G 2

1871419 Acting Lance Corporal J McCabe

Died on 19 July 1943 Age 28



Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 4 A 30

2027396 Acting Lance Sergeant E A McDade

Died 21 January 1944 Age 30



Son of Bernard Arther and Alice Martha McDade Luton Bedfordshire

Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery

Grave 2 E 4

3710671 Sapper D V Mc Guinness

Died on 08 August 1943 Age 30



Son of James William and Mary McGuinness

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 4 A 63

1877456 Sapper Reginald Arthur A Metcalfe

Died on 09 August 1943 Age 24



Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 4 A 72

1874946 Sapper J W L Morrison

Died on 17 June 1943 Age 29



Son of Mr and Mrs T J Metcalfe Moville County Donegal Irish Republic

Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery

Grave 1 M 7

1874091 Sapper C A Pilbeam

Died 14 July 1943 Age 26



Son of Alfred James and Anne Louise Pilbeam Bexhill Surrey

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 4 A 24

1874307 Sapper A C E Potter

Died on 21 September 1943 Age 35

Died of Amoebic Dysentery at H Hospital Thailand



Son Samuel Richard and Hannah Playfoot Potter

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 2 E 25

2031849 Acting Lance Corporal George Victor Ranson

Killed on active service by enemy action on 10 to 15 February 1942, during shelling at Saint Andrews School, Singapore. Buried Bididari Cemetery initially



Son of Ernest John and Alberta Cecilia Ranson Ipswich Suffolk

Buried at Kranji War Cemetery

Grave 18 C 19-20

1875168 Sapper J Rehbein

Died on 12 June 1943 Age 24

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 Age 21 of Dysentary at Base Hospital, Kanburi Thailand



Son of William Frances and Emily Matilda Tharme Kinson Bournemoth Hampshire

Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 4 E 69

1877435 Sapper Albert Kenneth Thornton

Died on 20 January 1945 Age 24

ENGINEERS		CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS				SAPPER		CO	
R		SAPPER	MUHAMMAD BEDIN	SAMAT	SIBAI	TALLON J.	TANN D.H.	KNIE	
AHM	LATIF	MUHAMMAD	MUHAMMAD	MUHAMMAD	MUHAMMAD	THEFTFORD J.W.	THORNTON A.K.	KNO	
UIMAN	ADAN					TICE R.		LIND	
UIMAN	MUSA	MURKINS R.R.				TITTERTON E.V.		NEW	
WE		MURRAY R.P.				UMAR SHARIF		NOR	
LADIR		NAIRN W.	NEWMAN D.G.			USMAN ABDUL		TEAS	
MAN		NG KIM LEE				WALKER R.T.		WEST	
		NICOL W.				WATLING J.		WHAR	
		NOVILL R.				WELLS J.R.		YEON	
		OTTMAN JASAM				WEST R.		LCE	
						WHEELITS G.		ANDF	
						WILLIAMS C.J.		BRA	
								CHIE	

Son of William and Sara Elizebeth Thornton Casteleford Yorkshire

Commemorated Singapore Memorial

1846901 Acting unpaid Lance Corporal J Weeden

Died on 03 August 1943 Age 28



Buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery

Grave 4 A 57

187007 Lance Sergeant William Claude Benchley Wood

Died on 15 December 1943 Age 30



Son of Elisha Benchley and Margret Wood Copnor Portsmouth

Buried at Chungkia War Cemetery

Grave 3 M 15

1871009 Sapper Laurence Walter

Died on 05 October 1943 Age 31



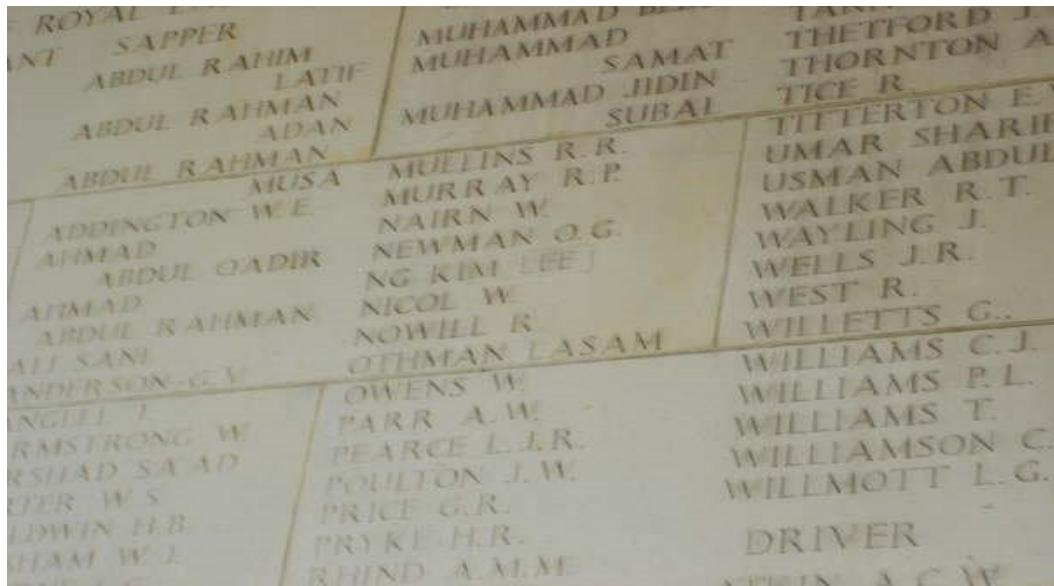
Son of Edward and Fanny Walton Wright of York. His brother Peter also died in service

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.

#### 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.

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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 lay 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 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. Thanbyuzayat became a prisoner of war administration headquarters and base camp in September 1942 and in January 1943 a base hospital was organised for the sick. The camp was close to a railway marshalling yard and workshops, and heavy casualties were sustained among the prisoners during Allied bombing raids in March and June 1943. The camp was then evacuated and the prisoners, including the sick, were marched to camps further along the line where camp hospitals were set up. For some time, however, Thanbyuzayat continued to be used as a reception centre for the groups of prisoners arriving at frequent intervals to reinforce the parties working on the line up to the Burma-Siam border. Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery was created by the Army Graves Service who transferred to it all graves along the northern section of the railway, between Moulmein and Nieke.

## **Appendixes.**

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

"A"

Emergency Commission of Lieutenant

LIEUTENANT HENRY DAVIES, No. 1 Malaya Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers, for duty in January 1942.

His application for an emergency Commission was investigated by Major JOHN DAVIES, R.A., 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 unusual 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 did, in fact, serve 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 this letter to him.

(SIGNED)

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

9th. August, 1942.

B. Court Martial of 1871213 Lance Corporal N Grayson.

COPY OF FORM 'F' OF PROCEEDINGS OF A DISTRICT COURT  
MARTIAL HELD AT CHANGI ON THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 1943,  
BY ORDER OF LIEUT-COLONEL A. E. TAWNEY, M.C., R.A.,  
COMMANDING SOUTHERN AREA, NO. 1 PRISONER OF WAR CAMP,  
CHANGI, SINGAPORE.

President  
Major L. V. Dart, M.C.

2/Bn. 12th. Frontier Force  
Regiment, Indian Army.

Members  
Captain A. G. H. L. Roberts  
2/Lt. A. H. Holmes

1/Leicestershire Regt.  
Royal Engineers

The accused, No. 1871213 Sapper (Lance Corporal) Noel Grayson of the Royal Engineers, Southern Area, was charged with an offence under Section 40 Army Act - When On Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, at Changi, between 9th. and 28th. Feb 1943, engaged in trade contrary to the provisions of King's Regulations (1940) paragraph 559(a), by acting as agent for sale of various articles.

Certificate of Review.

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.

Changi.  
2/4/43.

(Signed) C. B. Holmes.

Colonel,  
Officer Commanding Malaya.

Forwarded under HQMC letter No. A/94/5455 dated 2 Apr 43.

R. A.

E.,  
en.

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

Please publish this casualty in your next DSR in the usual way.

D. 1914318 Lance H Corporal Lovett Charge sheet.

From 2/2 & 2/3 1/ March 2/ March 6/ Aug 10/ Aug 1949 (20000)  
From Headquarters, Southern Area. M. 627 10 Aug 49.

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



Accident Report to be filled in and forwarded to the Battalion  
Commander immediately after the accident.

No. 1, 10th Bn, 3rd Regt. Division.  
Sawmill & Carpenter's Shop, Department.

4th January 1945.

184336? 184336? Parsons, S.

1. Name & Grade and No. 184336? Particulars of the accident  
Received an injury by accident while working on the sawmill at the time of his  
employment in the following circumstances:

2. Date of accident 9th January 1945. B.M. or equivalent 15.15 hrs.

3. Place where accident occurred Camp 10 W. Camp, Sawmill

4. Circumstances in which the accident occurred Injury sustained whilst employed as the  
operator of a wood planing machine through the breaking of a blade.

5. Date and hour the injury was reported to the Officer in charge 15.15 hrs - 9th January 1945.

6. Date and hour the injured soldier was sent to the Medical Officer 15.20 hrs - 9th January 1945.

7. Was the injury, in your opinion, in any way due to the fault of the  
person injured? No.

8. Was it, in your opinion, due to his serious and wilful misconduct? No.

9. Hour at which the injured soldier commenced work on the day of the  
accident. 09.00 hrs.

10. Was it due to the machinery in motion by mechanical power? YES

11. Signature (if possible) of two witnesses of the accident, giving  
name and rank.

(1). No. SX 10.622. Name. Corporal. Name. Camp. E.S.  
(2). No. SX 8462. Name. Corporal. Name. Marshall. M.

185 January

Capt. I.A.O.G.  
Officer in Charge.  
(Under whom the man was serving)

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Section B. Certificate of the Medical Officer.

I CERTIFY AND NO. 1873368. Date 16/2/1945. PARSONS S. fit

belonging to the ROYAL ENGINEERS.

in consequence of (nature of disease) Partial amputation little  
finger At hand a fracture transm. phalanx R thumb  
and that this disability is of a permanent nature to have been caused  
by the injury received in Section A above.

Signature  
Medical Officer.

16/2/1945.

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

Subject: Capt. in the present case  
CR. in the Area  
"B" 1430H 42  
after 42.  
ive Service.

See Re - conversation of yesterday  
The cash in hand of Capt. Walsh  
& Impost was disposed of as follows  
On Feb 12<sup>th</sup> approx \$85-00 was  
handed over to Capt. Walsh at  
the new Supreme Court - of the  
amount approx \$65-00 was  
by Capt. Walsh

On night of Feb 13<sup>th</sup> I handed  
over approx \$35-0-00 balance  
of Impost to Capt. Walsh  
in the presence of Col. Rale  
R. Kindle, R.A. at Fort Canning  
Capt. Walsh said he was  
going in to speak to Col. Rale  
R.A. and he would ask him  
what to do with the money

A fortnight later I returned  
from Singapore to change  
and I asked Capt. Walsh  
what happened about the  
big money, he said he had  
burnt it but would pay  
back the big sum money out  
of his own pocket.

H. Finch 1000  
P.W. at 35<sup>th</sup> Regt  
27/2/52

CR. in the Area  
Re - conversation  
Capt. Walsh who states  
that he burnt back the Impost  
that he had in his hands (the big  
money) & the big sum (the big  
sum) as a gift to

#### G. Key to where people sent

## KEY

M\*  
X  
D

- Missing 15.3.42 and after.
- Missing before 15.3.42.
- Killed in action.
- Died whilst on Active Service.

OVS	■	Japan Party 16.8.42.
OVS/OVL	■	Sarawak Detachment (proceeded Kuching <del>September 1942</del> 9 Oct 42)
OVL (W)	■	Upcountry Party 26.10.42.
OVL (U)	■	" 28.10.42.
OVL (N)	■	" 4.11.42.
OVL (M)	■	" 5.11.42.
OVL (L)	■	" 6.11.42.
S (OVL)	■	Upcountry Party ex S'pore Working Camp 27.10.42. 21.10.43.
S (OVS)	■	Overseas Party ex S'pore Working Camp 27.10.42. <del>28.10.42</del> , 28.10.42, 29.10.42.
OVL (8)	■	Upcountry Party 22.3.43. Train 8. } 10.14 "D"
OVL (9)	■	" 23.3.43. Train 9. }
OVS (2)	■	Overseas Party 23.43. Kuching.
OVL (11)	■	Upcountry Party 24.4.43. Train 11. Force "F"
OVL (II)	■	" 25.4.43. Force "H".
OVS (J)	■	Overseas Party 15.5.43. Force "J". } <del>10.14</del> JAPAN
OVL (Offrs)	■	Upcountry Party (Officers) 17.5.43.