SUMATRA INTERNEES

including AANS & QA Military Nurses, a few male military personnel interned as civilians [Padang Group] but not including Dutch nationals.

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Introduction

Four members of the Malayan Volunteers Group are surviving Sumatra internees and others are the children or grandchildren of Sumatra internees. This has generated considerable interest in Sumatra captivity diaries and documents that piece together the story of both groups of Sumatra internees: those interned in the Palembang/Muntok area and those captured at Padang. Many of their names had already come up in Michael Pether and Becca Kenneison’s research into the passenger lists of ships sunk in the Banka Straits in February 1942. Others were recorded as aboard captured vessels including the Mata Hari, the Mary Rose and HMS Tapah.

We were aware that although the names of civilians & POWs captured in Singapore were very carefully recorded in documents including the Changi Register and the POW index cards now at National Archives, Kew, the wartime lists of Sumatra internees were extremely inaccurate in both the recording of names and professions. With the list below we hope to put this right.

Our main sources of information appear at the end of the list. We welcome any additions and corrections that will enhance this list of names.

List of Names


AERIA Mrs Vera L. Giang Bee survivor picked up by HMS Tapah 2.42. Children Leonard & Barbara. Muntok & Palembang, Sumatra internee.

AERIA Mrs Gladys, aged 34 years of 29 Martaban Rd, Singapore. Survivor of SS Kuala sinking. Padang, Sumatra internee with children Collette, aged 9 months and Patrice, aged 1 month. Then Bankinang Camp. Gladys died 5.2.1981.


ALFRED N. [Norman] Procurator aged 42 in 1942. **Sumatra internee.**

ALLAN Ms E. Palembang Women’s camp 1942. **Sumatra internee.**


ANDERSON Mrs Frances Mary Arkcoll Wife of William from Penang. “…husband in Changi…”, **Sumatra internee.** When in March 1944 women were no longer taken to the local hospital and Mary became ill she was cared for by Phyllis Briggs (diary record) “…She was desperately thin and no one would have recognised her. I had known her in Penang. She had been a large woman with a booming voice and a very keen golfer. Now she was frail and pathetically grateful for anything one did for her. She died on the 4th March …”. Before she died Mary made a will leaving her belongings to various friends. She left me a linen dress and a piece of mosquito netting…” Died in captivity 5.3.44[46] Palembang, Sumatra.


ANGUS Ms Lucille Yvonne Daughter of Mr & Mrs Hugh Angus of Singapore. Singapore Cold Storage employee. Survived the Vyner Brooke sinking, Palembang Women’s camp 1942 “…left Camp 12.2.43…”. **Sumatra internee.** Returned to Singapore. Changi & Sime Rd internee.

ANTHONY J.M. [Joseph Manook] Retired, of Singapore. Formerly of A.A. Anthony & Co., 9 Beach St, Penang. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 18.9.42

ANTHONY Mrs Regina Wife of Joseph M. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 16.9.42[85] Palembang. Cross list shows dod as 18.9.42


ARATHOON H.S. of Stephens, Paul & Co. Commercial Union Building, Singapore. Palembang Men’s Camp, **Sumatra internee.** [this may be Harold Sidney Arathoon b.1916. To UK from India 1949. Worked for Indian Railways – to Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. Died 1976 Cheshire].

ARMSTRONG Mrs Theresia ‘Resie’ Palembang Women’s camp 1942. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 7.2.45 [51] Muntok. This may be the wife of “..ARMSTRONG H M MERCHT HEEREN B”LDG WIFE + 2CHIL PALEMBANG…” who is listed in the secret ‘Jeyes’ list in
Changi

ARMSTRONG Ms Dixle Resie, her daughter. Palembang women’s camp 1942. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 5.4.45[32] Muntok

ARMSTRONG R. [Ralph] Son of Mrs Resie Armstrong. Survived Vyner Brooke sinking. Muntok/Palembang Women’s camp 1942., **Sumatra internee.** Lives today in Australia


ASHTON Carrie J. AANS Nursing Sister aged 37 in 1942. Phyllis Briggs’s diary notes “…15th December 1944 ‘Fatty’ [a Japanese guard] let Jenny Ashton .pick some beans from his garden, but a few beans added to a stew for six hundred doesn’t make much difference…” Palembang **Sumatra internee**


AUSTIN Mrs Mary Melvene from Manly NSW Australia. Husband of Kenneth. Aged 41 in 1942. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 12.4.45[43] at sea off Banka Island.”…buried at sea…”


BANISTER S.G.[Stephen] b.1920. Stoker, Royal Navy. POW 17.3.42. Despite RN he was interned at Bankinang men’s camp.


BARLOW Margery Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 5.10.43[53] Palembang


BARNETT Mrs Blanche Wife of E.P. Evacuated from Singapore. Sumatra internee. Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Aberdeen. Married George Allen post war.


BATEMAN Ms E. Clerical Staff, Hongkong&Shanghai Bank, Collyer Quay, Singapore. Sumatra internee – Palembang.

BATEMAN Mrs M. Mrs P. Ms E. & Ms Betty Sumatra internees - Palembang


BAXTER – the ‘Jeyes’ list records”… BAXTER OF S’PORE INT PADANG…” This may be C.R. Baxter of Bousteads who was reported missing in 1942.


BEDELL Mrs Edith Florence Nurse, wife of Dr. A.E. Palembang, Sumatra internee with daughter Jean Paterson & her son Robbie. Mrs Bedell was the daughter of William Elias Waite and Margaret Collins Waite. Died in captivity 19.1.45[65] Palembang.

BEESTON Ms Louise b.1907 Stoke-on-Trent. Teacher, St Andrew’s School, Singapore from


Bology – the ‘Jeyes’ document records “…BELLAMY T PLANTER? SSVF MISSING BEFORE PAL?...”


Blake Mrs D.M.  Housewife aged 30 in 1942. Wife of L.R.? [CWGC records his wife as C. of Hove] She was interned with baby at Palembang Women’s Camp **Sumatra internee**. Repatriated from Singapore to Australia on Highland Chieftain. To NSW.

Blake Ms Kathleen Constance b.1912 Chatswood NSW. AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang women’s Camp 1942. **Sumatra internee**.


Boekhorst Mrs C.G. te nee Rodenburg aged 31 in 1942, with Seertje, aged 31, & child Jantje Te. Mrs C.G. wife of J.K.M. Boekhurst, Padang Harban Estate, Bila, Sumatra??


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Boswell E.F.H. [Elder Franklyn Hugh]  Sales Manager aged 27 in 1942. Palembang, **Sumatra internee** - wife also. Elder was known to his family as Alda. He died 18.12.1963.

Boswell F.V.M. [Frederick Victor] Assistant, Robinsons Dept Store, Singapore then KL. Wife Leonora Josephine, 5 children: Drina [mother of Janet Leeson], Corrienne[lost at sea 14.2.42], Joan, Maisie[Miss P.- lives in Perth] & Kenny [K.L.M.now deceased] Fred was on the
Died 16.9.2008[100]. Her short account held by the IWM [Location reference 82/24/1].

BROCKMAN – the ‘Jeyes’ list records “…BROCKMAN C BCL PADANG ?...”

BRODIE J.C. [John Cowie] ‘Jock’ b.1892 Renfrew. WW1 Service as a rating in the Royal Navy. He served on HMS Vernon designing wireless equipment. To Sydney, Australia 1936 then to Malaya 1939. Draughtsman with Anglo-Oriental Mining Ltd. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Performed at camp concerts in the style of Harry Lauder & presided over St Andrew’s Day celebrations. Repatriated from Singapore to Australia on Highland Chieftain. To NSW. Died 1957 Chatswood NSW.


BROWN S.H. Civil official? Aged 34 in 1942. **Sumatra internee**


BRUCE H. [Henry] Planter Manager, Goenoeng Malajoe Estate, Harrison & Crossfield,


BRYCE Mrs & son Palembang women’s camp 1942. Sumatra Internee. [may be Mrs Eileen Bryce & son Graham. Wife of Harry Steven Bryce of Carey Island?]


BUNDY Mrs Christine Gladys aged 34 in 1942. Palembang Women’s Camp. Sumatra internee. Wife of Alfred, Charge Engineer, Power Station, Municipal Electricity Dept, Singapore & Changi internee. She was repatriated to South Africa then to Liverpool on the Empress of Scotland, arriving 3.3.46. To Treharris, Glamorgan. Did not return to Singapore with husband.

BUREN – see Van Buren.


BURNS T. [Thomas] 2nd Officer, Fire Brigade, Motor, Water & Oil Services, Singapore Harbour Board. Palembang, Sumatra internee. Wife evacuated on Rantau. He died in captivity 22.10.44[50]


camp, boundless energy, indefatigable student, he learned & mastered Spanish in camp...Only survivor of launch shelled in Moesi River, threatened with execution after capture... His ambition to play in Camp orchestra never materialised – only once did he play in it. He wanted to surprise his wife with the guitar & Spanish. Now he’s dead – fever, beri beri, starvation.’ Maud & Jocelyn to New Zealand 1947. Gordon’s captivity diary held by National Library of Australia NLA MS9038.


CAMERON Mrs Annie C. née Dickson. Aged 49 in 1942 Palembang Sumatra internee. Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45.


CARRUTHERS Mrs Emily Marguerita Wife of Andrew. Left Singapore on the Siang Wo 11.2.42. Aged 29 in 1942. Palembang, Sumatra internee. Repatriated from Singapore on the Cilicia, arriving Liverpool 27.11.45. To Glasgow. She returned to Singapore and in 1950 married former Changi internee Boris Konstantinoff of United Engineers. He changed his surname to Stanton. They left Singapore early 1950s for Kensington. She died 1989 London.
CARRUTHERS W.T. Miner, Anglo-Oriental. Left Singapore 16.2.42 in a small boat. **Sumatra internee.**

CASSELS R.M.B. [Bayley] Electrical Dept FMS. Palembang **Sumatra internee.**

CASSELS Mrs Rosalind Wife of William. Aged 25 in 1942. Padang **Sumatra internee.**

Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Fintons, Co.Tyrone.


CHAMBERLAIN Denis Infant aged 1 in 1944. **Sumatra internee**


CHAMBERS Mrs Nora Wife of John, aged 37 in 1942. Survived the sinking of the Vyner Brooke. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Whilst in Palembang she and Miss Dryburgh prepared music from memory for a four part orchestra and “…as there were no instruments we hummed the accompaniment and it sounded lovely…” then in Muntok camp later in October 1944 she was one of the fine women who, with her sister Ena Murray and also Audrey Owens, who volunteered to carry out the ‘…filthy and nauseating task…” of emptying overflowing latrines. (Phyllis Briggs diary); 5 year old daughter evacuated to UK. Nora’s father Mr Hope died in Changi. Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45 with husband John. To Glasgow. Returned to post-war Malaya. Died 1987.

CHAN Mrs & sons Daris & John Vyner Brooke sinking survivors. **Palembang internees.** Daris died at Muntok 2.42. Released.

CHARMAN Ms Mary, aged 30. Canadian QA Nursing sister, 1st General Hospital, Singapore. A survivor from SS Kuala. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Camp. **Sumatra internee.**

**Sumatra internee.** Repatriated from Singapore on the Cilicia, arriving Liverpool 27.11.45.

CLANCY Ms Veronica Ann b.1912 Urelea, South Australia. AANS Nursing Sister aged 29 in 1942. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.**

CLARK C.L. [Charles] Planter, Harrison & Crossfield. Aged 27 in 1942. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated to Southampton on Durban Castle, arriving 29.11.45. To Angus, Scotland with wife Cornelia.

CLARK Mrs Cornelia Wife of Charles. Repatriated to Southampton on Durban Castle, arriving 29.11.45. To Angus, Scotland with Charles.

CLARKE H.H. [Henry Harley] LDS Dentist aged 48 in 1942. Secretary, Singapore Swimming Club. Married Norah Margaret Lindbergh 1926. Wife, a Dr at Muar Hospital, evacuated to Perth W.A. Palembang Men’s Camp **Sumatra internee.** Retired to Wolverhampton.


CLAY K.N. [Kenneth Norman] Electrician, Perak Hydro-Electrical Company, Ipoh aged 35 in 1942. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Men’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.**

CLOSE Mrs Violet aged 39 in 1942. **Sumatra internee** with 4 children: John T. [16], Joan[18], Shelagh[14] and David G.[12]. In Palembang Women’s camp and then moved with other women back to Muntok in October 1944 by ship. John in the Men’s Camp – flogged for leaving camp.

COATS Mrs Dorothy F. from S. Australia. Wife of Claude. Aged 22 in 1942. On Mata Hari 2.42. Palembang Women’s camp 1942, ; Phyllis Brigg’s diary notes “…1str December 1944 …Dorothy Coates (sic) sat on her mattress which she had just restuffed – it squeaked and she found two baby rats in it!…” The ‘Jeyes’ list records “…COATS C K EDUC POW WIFE PAL…” **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated 1945 on Tamaroa, arriving Sydney 10.10.45.

COCKE Mrs Marjorie Hindhaugh Wife of M.H. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 19.11.44[57] Palembang.

COOLEY Mrs Mamie Freda b.1905. Schoolmistress. On Mata Hari. In Palembang Women’s camp she held country dancing classes which many women joined when they felt fit enough, **Sumatra internee** [Muntok, Banka, Palembang, Loebok Lingau]. Wife of Captain J.B. RASC. The ‘Jeyes’ list records “…COLEY J B CAPT RASC LEFT 13/2 WIFE P’BANG…” – so what happened to Capt Coley??? Died 2002 [96] Kingston-upon-Thames. Her diaries held by the IWM [Location reference 81/2/1].

COLISH ?? – the “Jeyes’ list records “…COLISH ? MGR SHELLL TARAKAN P’BANG…”

COTLMAN Mrs Doreen Oakley KL Housewife aged 43 in 1942. Of 165 High St KL. Wife of Arthur Oakley Coltman of Booty & Edwards KL. He a Changi & Sime Rd internee. She a survivor of SS Kuala sinking 14.2.42. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Camp. **Sumatra internee.**

CONOLLY V.R.A. [Vernon Rowe] from Southall, Middlesex. Planter Manager, Changkat Salak Rubber and Tin Ltd, Perak. Aged 52 in 1942. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Wife W.[A.I.?] and son P.V. evacuated on Aorangi, arriving Fremantle WA 23.1.42. He died in

COOPER Ms Mary from Carrickmacross, Co. Monoghan. QA Nursing Sister. Survived the Tandjong Pinang sinking 17.2.42. Palembang, In October 1942 she and Turner, Neubronner and Macalister were sent to work in a native hospital, in April 1943, for no apparent reason they were imprisoned by the Kempetai in small cells in the local gaol and suffered great hardship. Released after about six months, Mary never really recovered from this ordeal. Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 20.6.1945 [27]. COPELAND Ms J. ‘Bunty’ Teacher Education Dept. Palembang Women’s Camp, Sumatra internee. [same as below?]

COUPLAND Ms Jessie b.1907, Malayan Nursing Service 1940- Repatriated on the Sobieski from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 23.10.45. To Wigtown, Scotland. Returned to Malaya 1946. CORKE Mrs Majorie Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 5.3.45 Sumatra


CROCKER E. [Edgar] Cook aged 33 in 1942. Palembang Sumatra internee. MRB 1943 records “Crocker Mr. MVAF “; Note CO 989 shows Edgar W Crocker MVAF “IC/SUM” B 1909 “Still believed in Sumatra…”


CROSS Mrs E. Wife of Alexander Cross, an Immigration officer Singapore & MAS Senior
Superintendent, Victoria School. He was interned in Changi. She in Palembang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.** She recorded a list entitled “British Internees in Palembang 1942”.


CULLEN Ms Sarah Gladys Palembang Women’s camp 1942. Became the chief cook for her hut in Palembang Presbyterian Missionary aged 41 in 1942. **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. To Bebington, Wirral with Mischa Warman [see below].

CURRAN SHARPE T.A.[Thomas Abraham] Planter Manager Rasa Musa Estate, Kuala Selangor and an Engineer. Pte 147 Kuala Selangor Platoon, Selangor LDC. Left Singapore 2.42 with wife Rhoda Elizabeth ‘Bet’ 2.42. Both interned at Palembang. He gave lectures to internees on rubber planting. Tamil labourers, the Victorian era; taught Malay and brought food to sick internees. Both he and his wife died as **Sumatra internees** – he, 4.2.45 [56]Muntok, she, 11.5.44[57]. His grave today at Jakarta.

CURTIS Mrs Marjory May Wife of Brigadier A.D. Curtis POW. Aged 54 in 1942. Of 4 Cornwall Alexandre, Singapore. Padang **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 5.10.43[55] Padang.

DANIEL Mrs Sarah Emilia ‘May’ Teleprinter Operator Malaya Command Signals. Wife of Frederick. Palembang Women’s Camp 1942; **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 5.8.45[44].

DARLING – in Phyllis Brigg’s diary there is an entry “… 19th July 1944, still no rain – water ration reduced. Baby Darling died very suddenly…”


DAVIS Ms Winnie May from Ulmarra NSW. AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 19.7.45 [30].


DAY A.C.N. Mechanic, Naval Base, Singapore staff. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Men’s Camp. **Sumatra internee** – wife M.L. at Palembang.

DAY Ms Lucille Palembang, **Sumatra internee**

DAY Mrs Mary Louise from Blackburn, Lancs. Wife of A.C.N. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 16.12.44 [53].

DELFORCE Ms Cecilia May b.1912 Augathella, Queensland. AANS Nursing Sister. Survived the sinking of the Vyner Brooke 15.2.42. Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. Sumatra internee.

DE SERIERE P. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.**
DLISH M.M.  ?? Nurse. Palembang, Sumatra internee.
DOBSON Richard  Child Sumatra internee – attended IWM gathering 2.2002
DOHOO K.G.A. [Kenneth Godfrey Arthur]  b.1906 Hornchurch. Educated City of London School &Exeter College, Oxford. MCS Cadet 1929. Police Magistrate SS. Assistant Adviser & Collector of Land Revenues, Segamat. Wife Beryl [nee Beck – married 1938] &daughters Jean [b.1939 Penang] and Anne [b.1940 JB] evacuated to Australia on Charon 8.41 then to UK 5.45. He escaped Singapore 2.42 on the Mary Rose but became a Sumatra internee and died in captivity 25.10.44[38] Muntok. W.H. McDougall wrote: ‘Last night died 4 men including K.G.A. Dohoo...a real gentleman & to me personally the most tragic death yet in camp. Dohoo died of malnutrition & malaria – lack of food and lack of quinine, as so many others are dying daily. His story is the story of the British community here. Bombed, shelled, wounded, sunk in Malacca Straits, swan for life and won, landed and interned penniless, clothesless. Never had a sent except occasional infinitesimal loans in camp, uncomplaining & cheerful, tolerant, cultured – but one of those persons constitutionally inept at almost every practical aspect of living...Always active in camp life, always willing to work on many jobs, but never succeeded in any of them....but he was a man that other men loved because he was a genuine gentleman – heart & soul.’ Kenneth’s wife Beryl died 11.92 aged 83.
DOUGHTY Ms Alice Maude  Teacher, St Mary’s Girl’s School, Middle Rd, KL. Aged 36 in 1942. Survivor of the sinking of the SS Kuala. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. Sumatra internee. Returned to KL. Active in the YWCA Malaya post war. Member of BAM till 1973.

DOUGLAS C.W. PWD Engineer aged 23 in 1942. Evacuated on the Marella. 2.42. Sumatra internee.


DUNCAN Ms Jean, aged 11 in 1942. Of Balmoral Rd, Singapore. Her mother Mrs Violet Duncan was killed while embarking SS Kuala at Singapore. Jean survived the sinking of SS Kuala and was taken under the wing of QA Nursing Sister Naomi Davies. They were interned at Padang then Bankinang Camp. Adter the war Jean trained as a nurse & Naomi became the godmother of her first child.

DUNN A.G. [Angus Gifford] Planter Manager, Rantau & Doekoe Dasi, Sumatra. Aged 39 in
1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee**. Repatriated to Southampton on Durban Castle, arriving 29.11.45. To Aberdeen.


DYNE H.E.L [Hugh Edward Lubbock] BA b.1886 Highgate, London. Educated Winchester College & King’s College, Cambridge. Solicitor 1911. Partner, Rodyk & Davidson, Singapore 1920– Member Royal Singapore Yacht Club lived at ‘Highgate,’ Holland Hill, Singapore. Palembang, **Sumatra internee** with sister-in-law and his nephew Harry [also later a lawyer].


DYNE Master Henry ‘Harry’ aged 10 in 1942. Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. **Sumatra internee,**

EAMES Mrs Wilhelmina Van der Straaten ‘Mina’, or “Shirley”, Pahang Road, Kuala Lumpur, Eurasian wife of Ben Eames. Aged 33 in 1942 & daughter Irene Shirley aged 3 in 1942. Survivors of the sinking of the SS Kuala. Interned Padang then Bankinang Camp. **Sumatra internees.** Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. To Southampton. Marriage broke up after the war. Died 6.5.2004 UK.


ECKERSALL K.P.J.[Kenneth] Staff Sgt RAMC. POW 17.3.42. Interned at Bankinang Men’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.**


EIKEMA R.A.J. Radio Expert. Palambang, **Sumatra internee**


ELSTON R. [Reginald] Engineer; Cable&Wireless. Cpl Perak LDC. Left Singapore on the SS Redang [sunk]. Rescued by HMS *Tapah*. Captured at Muntok 17.2.42. Palambang Men’s Camp **Sumatra internee.** He made a little money in captivity rolling cigarettes for other prisoners. Wife Kathleen M. evacuated with daughter P.M. on Aorangi, arriving Fremantle WA 23.1.42 then to Southend-on-Sea UK. He died in captivity 17.5.45[44] Palembang.


EVANS J.S. [John Samuel] from Nedlands WA. Dredgemaster, Austral-Malay Tin Ltd,

EVELING Mrs Ethel aged 28 in 1942. Of 12th Indian General Hospital, Tyersall Park. Survivor of the SS Kuala sinking 14.2.42. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.**


FARQUHARSON Mrs Hilda Wife of Frank, aged 47 in 1942. Of 397 New Bridge Rd, Singapore. With her son, Ian Farquharson, aged 10, survived the SS Kuala sinking 14.2.42. They were interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internees.**


FINLAYSON G.A. [George] Assistant Planter, Rajaghiri [Chembong] Estate, Bukit Rotan, Selangor and Kampong Kuantan Rubber Co.Ltd, Selangor. Aged 36 in 1942 Padang **Sumatra internee.** He was repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45.

FINLAYSON Mrs Edith nee Dyson. Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45.

FINN Mrs D.L. Palembang Women’s camp., “…died 15.5.45…”. **Sumatra Internee.** [this may be FEIN? wife of FEIN H.M.J. Consul General, Netherlands, KPM Chambers, Singapore. He was lost at sea 2.42. Daughter Concha]

FIRTH S. E. J. (Mrs.) Palembang Women’s camp 1942. **Sumatra internee.** [this may be D.E.J. Dorothy Ethel Jane, wife of George William Firth of Ipoh, a POW.]

FISHER Ms Heather Victoria MBE 1946 Australian Nursing Sister, Malayan Medical Service. Aged 42 in 1942. On HMS **Grasshopper**[sunk] then Padang, **Sumatra internee.**


FONSECA Ms Phyllis, aged 26. Of 20th Combined General Hospital, Singapore. A survivor of the SS Kuala sinking 14.2.42. Dated at Padang then Bankinang. **Sumatra internee.**


FRAMPTON Mrs Doris Joyce Wife of V.W., Manager of Gammons, Singapore & Changi internee. She was in Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. Missionary. **Sumatra internee** aged 52 in 1942. Living on the Algarve, Portugal early 1970s.


FRASER Mrs Gwendoline Wife of Lyle, aged 34 in 1942, with daughter Patty aged 6. Palembang *Sumatra internees*.


FREEVORROW M. Smith aged 32 in 1942. Palembang *Sumatra internee*

FRENCH Mrs Mao the ‘Jeyes’ list records “…FRENCH W ANG/IND KILLED KUALA W. (BURMESE0) AT LARGE P’BANG…” which is an interestingly high level of knowledge by the Changi internees of a couple who left on the Kuala! it would also appear to be the same lasy as mentioned by Janet Lim in ‘Sold for Silver’ “…Siamese war widow… Mao, was tall and thin seemed rather strange at time and seldom spoke or smiled …(p135)…her husband was thrown overboard with a life belt strapped around him till a lifeboat picked them up a few hours later. When he was at the point of death, he was pushed overboard… Mrs French a Padang, *Sumatra internee*


GARDNER Mrs Gertrude Felicia of 213 Orchard Rd, Singapore. *Sumatra internee*. Died in captivity 5.6.45[49] –CWGC. Cross list shows Gardner Mrs died 10.5.45. Her son, Albert a Royal Artillery POW.


GASPER M.C. Husband of the above. Proprietor, Beach House, Tanjong Katong, Singapore. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 24.7.1945[61].

GEDDIE Mrs J. [Barnes] Housewife aged 45 in 1942 and children Margaret aged 9 & John aged 5. Palembang **Sumatra internees.** the MRB 1943 records “…Geddes Mrs. & two children, Tehma Tinggei Estate…”

GEIKIE Ms Sonia aged 24 in 1942. Palembang Women’s Camp **Sumatra internee**

GERMANN E. H.[Eric Harrison] from Buffalo NY. American brewer, Malayan Breweries from 11.41. Sent to Singapore to step up beer production fr the troops. Bayoneted on Pom Pong Island 2.42 but survived the massacre of 18 men. Palembang **Sumatra internee.** To New York then Ecuador post war.

GIBSON A.F. Radio Operator, SS Chelko[?]. **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated to the UK on the Sobieski 10.45.

GIBSON Mrs Dorothy ‘Dot’ Survived the sinking of the Vyner Brooke. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Cross list notes “…left the camp on 4.12.42 for S’pore…” ? Repatriated 1945 arriving Sydney on Tamaroa 10.10.45.


GIFFENING Mrs Karola V. From Cologne, Germany. Wife of Arthur. Aged 36 in 1942. Of Sidjoendjoeng, Sumatra. British national, interned at Padang then Bankinang Camp. She went into internment with nine cats and was genuinely horrified when one of them disappeared. When Arthur retired in 1960 they planned to set out in a Noah’s Ark 10 ton junk with 12 poodles, 27 Siamese cats & various caged birds to Cologne however the junk proved unseaworthy and he briefly resumed planting at Menkuang Rubber Estate, Pahang.


GILL F.W. Mining Engineer, Gammons. Aged 30 in 1942. **Sumatra internee**

GILMOUR E.S. To Burma 1925 then to Malaya. Company Manager aged 48 in 1942. **Sumatra internee**

GILMOUR Mrs Georgette Gabriel French wife of G.J. Aged 40 in 1942. Palembang Women’s Camp 1942, **Sumatra internee.** “…husband in Malaya…Some notes from Phyllis Briggs diary
record “…she started a French conversation class in Palembang…”, and “…before Christmas 1943 she helped make nursery rhyme rag books with appliquéd pictures all beautifully sewn…” and …she was a sweet thing with plenty of common sense and most capable in every way – and with it a sense of humour to go with it!... she must have been very attractive when younger – she had pretty wavy hair and big blue eyes and a slight French accent which was very pretty – she had become pale and tired looking but always did her best…” Repatriated from Singapore to Australia on Highland Chieftain. To NSW. Died 16.6.1981 [79] Rowethorpe Bentley WA.

GINN J.  Clerk  aged 26 in 1942. Palembang  Sumatra internee


GODLEY  Mrs Zara Valda Mari  Wife of Lt Colonel A.S. ‘Sandy’ Godley, Royal Scots, Army Liaison Officer to RAF POW Singapore. Valda evacuated on the Mata Hari [captured] Sumatra internee. CWGC gives age as 40 and date of death 7.6.44. Died in captivity 7.6.44 [40] Palembang.

GOLDBERG  Mrs Dr Anna Maria Eleonora b.1904 Trebnitz, Silesia. German national. Left Germany for Italy 1934 then to Malaya 1939. Neurologist. At Tandjong Rambutan Mental Hospital where husband Erich was Assistant Medical Superintendent. Interned in Singapore as Enemy Alien 11.41. Survived the Vyner Brooke sinking. Husband missing believed killed by Japanese. . the “Jeyes” list records “… GOLDBERG D B T RAMBULAN LEFT NEI? WIFE PAL…” Palembang, Sumatra internee. To Perth WA 1946. Accused of collaboration with the Japanese by 5 surviving Australian nursing sisters . In the diary of Phyllis Briggs is noted “…Dr. Goldberg – a German Jewess, she had been on one of the ships from Singapore and up until September 1943 had lived in freedom in Palembang and worked in the hospital. She was an unpleasant women with little sympathy for the sick. Never ill and always well dressed..”


GREGORY Muriel MA from Bangor, N.Wales wife of C.P. aged 39 in 1942 Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 15.11.44 [43] Muntok. The “Jeyes” list records GREGORY S’PORE WIFE P’BANG…” so her husband was presumably in Changi?;


GROSS Elsa aged 29 in 1942 Sumatra internee


GURR Mrs Grace Naomi MAS. Wife of R.F.B. [Durban, S.Africa] Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 27.7.44 [35] Palembang.”…husband in Malaya…”; Phyllis Brigg’s diary notes “…27th July 1944, Grace Guer (sic) died. She had only been ill for a few days – a great shock to us all. She was young and pretty and had kept fairly fit all the time….”


HAINES (Miss), Palembang Women’s camp 1942. “…died in January 1945…” Sumatra internee.


internee. Repatriated to the UK on the SS Orontes, arriving Southampton 11.12.45. Captivity letters and postcards held by the IWM [Location reference 99/31/1].


HANNAH Ms Eileen Mavis AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang, Sumatra internee. Married planter Joseph William Allgrove after the war. His first wife was lost at sea on the Giang Bee 13.2.42. Eileen was known as Nell Allgrove. Returned to Malaya post war. Retired to Dedham, Essex.


HARLEY CLARKE H. – see H.H. Clarke

HARLEY Ms Louisa Muir QA Nursing Sister. On Singkep Island 2.42. Padang, Sumatra internee.

HARPER Ms Iole b.1911 East Guildford WA. AANS Nursing Sister. Survived the Vyner Brooke sinking, Palembang, Sumatra internee.

HARRISON A. [Arthur] Planter Manager, Langkat Sumatra Rubber Co. Ltd, Kwala, Sumatra


**HARTLEY Mrs Millicent** 'Milly’ Myrtle aged 51 in 1942. Muntok & Palembang **Sumatra internee**


**HASTINGS Mrs Olga Lillian** Wife of P.E.V. aged 46 in 1942. A survivor of the Giang Bee sinking. Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 1.7.45 [50].

**HASTINGS P.E.V.** Miner. A survivor of the Giang Bee sinking. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 4.4.45 [57]. The “Jeyes “ list records “…HASTINGS MINING ENGINEER P’BANG…”

**HAWES Mrs Esme Jean** of Tampin Linggi Estate, Rantau, Negri Sembilan, Malaya. Wife of A.H.M. Aged 28 in 1942. A survivor of the sinking of the SS Kuala. Padang then Bankinang Camp **Sumatra internee**. The “ Jeyes “ listr records “… HAWES AMB TAMPIN LINGEI WIFE JEAN SUMATRA…”;

**HAWTHORNE Mrs Kathryn** American of Rengat, Sumatra. Aged 51 in 1942. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Camp. **Sumatra internee**.


**HAYNES Ms Rena Rosie** aged 47 in 1942. A survivor of the Giang Bee sinking. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 10.1.42 [49].

**HEMPSTED Ms Pauline Blanche** b.1908 Brisbane. AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 19.3.45 [36] [CWGC].


**HENDERSON W.G.** [William Gilchrist] Planter Manager, Bah Kapeol Estate, Sumatra Tea Estates Ltd, Pematang Siantar, Medan, Sumatra. Aged 40 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee**. Repatriated from Singapore on the Cilicia, arriving Liverpool 27.11.45. **Sumatra internee**.

**HENNESSY Mrs N.M.** aged 24 in 1942. Palembang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee**. Wife of RAMC Colonel.


**HILLING** - the “Jeyes” list records …HILLING H JAN SHELL JAVA INT P’BANG…” –
Dutch? The MRB 1943 list also records “… Hilling H. J. A. M. BPM…”
HILTON Mrs Maude Florence Wife of F.W. MAS [“…husband in Changi…”, Palembang Women’s camp 1942]; Phyllis Briggs diary records that”…a few women had sewing needles with them and these were most precious… Maudi Hilton was clever at embroidery… made me a beautiful piece of embroidery which depicted the various camps we were sent to ( up to October 1944). She died a few weeks before the end of captivity…” Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 28.4.45[53] Lubuk Linggau, Sumatra
HOBBS Mrs Hilda Mary Nursing Sister, Medical & Health Dept, Malacca & Singapore. Aged 37 in 1942. Padang, Sumatra internee. Repatriated from Singapore on the Cilicia, arriving Liverpool 27.11.45.
HOBBS Ms M. Palembang women’s Camp 1942. Sumatra internee.
HOLDERNESS Mrs Hilda aged 30 in 1942. Palembang Sumatra internee.
HUGHES Ms Gladys Laura from Auckland NZ. AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang Sumatra


HUSEN Mrs A.L. nee Schoutan aged 31 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee**

ISMAIL Mrs Vartouh ‘Peggy’ Housewife. Wife of Tunku Mohamed Ismail. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 17.10.44[60].

ISAMAIL Ms Molly Teacher, daughter of Peggy & Tunku Ismail. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Repatriated to the UK on the Sobieski 10.45. Passenger list states ‘Malayan Nursing Service.’

ISMAIL Mrs Vartouh ‘Peggy’ Housewife. Wife of Tunku Mohamed Ismail. Palembang **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 17.10.44[60].

HYER – see WHYBRO/WYBRO.

ISACCA Mrs M. Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. **Sumatra internee**.

ISACCA Mr Palembang, **Sumatra internee**.


ISMAIL Ms Molly Teacher, daughter of Peggy & Tunku Ismail. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Repatriated to the UK on the Sobieski 10.45. Passenger list states ‘Malayan Nursing Service.’


JAMES Mrs Mildred F. Housewife aged 39 in 1942. Palembang Women’s camp 1942, **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 27.4.45 [40].

JAMIESON H.A. [Hamish Alexander] Planter aged 46 in 1942. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Repatriated on the Strathnaver from Colombo, arriving Southampton 29.11.45. To
Aberdeen.

JANSEN W.G.C. RC Brother. Palembang, Sumatra internee


JENKIN Mrs Mary Lyndon BSc of Holland Rd. Wife of Charles Martin. She had joined the Medical Auxiliary Service [MAS] in Singapore and left on a small coaster on 13 February 1942 with her husband Charles. Initially interned at Muntok. Palembang Women’s camp 1942. Whilst at Palembang, in September 1943 when the women were moved into the camp previously occupied by the men, Mary found a solid wooden stool that had been made by her husband, he had carved his name on it and “…she was delighted to have it…”; later, in 1944 at Muntok she came out of hospital when the ration lorry arrived and delivered bundles belonging to men who had died and whose wives were interned”…Mary was handed a pair of men’s boots and a small case- evidently her husband had died several weeks earlier. Mary was very brave – quiet and unable to cry, she was determined to keep going for her son Robert, who was twenty one by now and in England when she had last seen him…”; late in 1945 Mary became very ill again and was regularly in the camp hospital but “…her mouth was sore and she was unable to digest anything…on August 16th Mary was much worse. She dozed most of the day – she had very little pain – and at about 7.00pm the last thing she said was ‘I can’t do any more – I’m going to join Charlie’. I spoke to her and said I would see Robert [her son aged 21 years] when I got home - to give him her love and say how brave she had been – she gave a little smile- then soon after became unconscious and died within and hour. By now only five remained of the fifteen from ‘Garage 9’…” Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 16.8.45[49] – CWGC. Cross list shows “…died on 17.9.45…”


JENKINS Ms Kathleen Mary QA Nursing Sister. On Singkep Island 2.42. Padang, Sumatra internee.


KENLAY Isidore Jimmy, Office Clerk/ shorthand typist, Burlington Hotel, Coleman St, Singapore. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Men’s Camp. Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 26.3.45 [52].


KENNEISON Mrs Lilian Violet Housewife aged 52 in 1942. Sumatra internee with step granddaughter Edith known as Betty, aged 15 in 1942.”…son & grandson in Changi…”, Palembang women’s camp 1942. After the war Betty married and was known as Edie Leembruggen.


Singapore then to Sumatra. 7 weeks on the run then Sumatra internee Pte 13019 FMSVF Returned to Malaya 1946: Jeram Padang Estate, Bahau NS. Later Manager of Atherton Group, Consolidated Salak Rubber Estates Ltd, NS married Una Tan Neoh Choo at Seremban 2.60. 


KONG/KIONG Ms K., a nurse, who also joined the camp choir, Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. Phyllis’ Briggs diary notes”…Kong Kum Kiew was a Straits-born Chinese girl. She had been a staff nurse for some years in Malaya. She was short with funny little sparrow legs and a broad smiling face unless she was in one of her moods> she would do anything in the world for people she liked – in fact she was almost too generous. …I used to enjoy hearing her talk about her family and about the gold mine and shop they owned in Kuala Lipis. She knew quite a number of Chinese legends. Kong always kept herself very clean and tidy. Her favourite garment was a man’s waistcoat which she always wore if it were at all cold or damp. On special occasions she used to put on a spotless baju, also lipstick and a string of really good jade beads. She used to spend hours experimenting with cooking…” finally “…Nurse Kong said that if she got out of camp alive she would become a Christian, this she did, and her little house near Kuala Lumpur is called St Matthews Cottage. She often entertains poor children and gives a big party every year…”. Sumatra internee. 


He died in captivity 28.7.44[54] CWGC. Son Maxwell b.1916 Singapore.


LAYBOURNE Mrs Gladys Irene Wife of A.N, Palembang women’s camp 1942, “…husband in Palembang, Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 28.10.44[53]

LAYLAND Mrs Kathleen Minnes Canadian from Vancouver. Wife of Charles. Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 12.5.43 [49] Catholic Hospital, Palembang.

LAZAR Ms Beatrice, aged 27 in 1942. Of 27th Indian General Hospital, Gillman Barracks, Singapore. A survivor of the sinking of the SS Kuala 14.2.42. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. Sumatra internee.


LEVISON Mrs Jacoba Housewife aged 68 in 1942. Padang Sumatra internee


LEWIS Ms Doreen, aged 28 in 1942. Of 27th Indian General Hospital, Gillman Barracks, Singapore. Survived the sinking of SS Kuala 14.2.42. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. Sumatra internee.

LEWIS F.R. Palembang, Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 1.45 Sumatra


LIM Kathleen, an English girl married to a Chinese was one of a small group of mainly Eurasian women sent back to Singapore from Palembang camp in June 1942. Phyllis Brigs had known her in Penang. She had been told by her husband’s family to leave Malaya with her two small children or the Japanese might kill the whole family. She did this but the ship she was on was captured. She promised the internees that she would find out as much as she could about the British Prisoners in Singapore – months later she managed to send a list to the Palembang camps Sumatra Internee.
LINDSAY P. [Percy] Engineer, Perak River Hydro-Electrical Power Co. Ltd, Station Rd, Ipoh. Aged 52 in 1942. Records from Changi show that he left with his wife, which raises the question as to what happened to Mrs Lindsay & on what ship they left Singapore. He was interned at Padang then Bankinang Men’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 26.2.45.

LLEWELLYN F.L.[Frederick Langharne] BSc b.1898. Educated Bethesda Country School; Manchester Technical College; University College, North Wales. To Malaya 1928 as Assistant Electrical Engineer FMS. Executive Electrical Engineer, FMS Electrical Dept KL. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 12.5.44 [48] Muntok of malnutrition & TB.

LIVINGSTON Ann Armstrong  Presbyterian Missionary. Palembang. In the same hut (a garage) at Leobelinggau camp in 1045 as Phyllis Briggs who records her name in death as “Miss Livingstone” when many women died in June and July from fever, beri=beri, all forms of malnutrition – marisma and dysentery…”. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 18.7.45 [58].


LOPATECKI Mrs Florence worked at Naval Base, Singapore. Padang, **Sumatra internee.** Children Michael & Susan born post war.


LOURIS T.D.H. Planter Manager aged 47 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee**

LUCKETT C.J. Clerk aged 27 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee**

LULOFS S. Planter, Si-Pare-Pare Rubber Maatschappij, Tebing Tinggi, Sumatra [1933 Directory]. Aged 37 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee.**


LYNG R.A.J. In fact, an Army deserter named Lowe Posed as the son of Henry [above]. Died of blackwater fever 16.11.44[21].

LYNG Ronald & Norma aged 13 and 9 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internees.** Lynah at Djambi?

MACALISTER Ms Janet Mc. ‘Jenny’ To Malaya 1940. Nursing Sister, Medical Dept, Seremban. Aged 34 in 1942, Engaged a planter in 1941. Captured aboard Mata Hari. A friend of Phyllis Brigg’s. Palembang Women’s camp 1942, “…left camp on 9.10.42 to work with Dr. Hollweg…”, with Turner, Neubronner and Cooper to work in a native hospital. In April 1943, for no apparent reason, they were all imprisoned in small cells in a local gaol and suffered great hardship. They were released back to Palembang after about six months. Sumatra internee. Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. To Bunlarie, Argyllshire.


MACKENZIE Helen M. Nursing Sister KL aged 26 in 1942. Palembang Women’s camp, then Muntok and then Leoboe Linggau camp where she was in the same hut as Phyllis Brigg’s, Mary Jenkins and Mamie MacIntosh; “…she had only been in Malaya a short time as a nursing sister in K.L. when the Japs came – she spoke with a broad Glasgow accent which many people found difficult to understand. Ordinary times she was a big girl but by this time [in Leoboelinggau camp] she was very thin and bony…she had Beri Beri and found it difficult to lift her feet…” Sumatra internee. Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. To Glasgow.

MACKINNON Ms Freda from Edinburgh. Of Icelandic descent. Matron, Batu Gajah Hospital, Perak then Assistant Matron, Penang General Hospital. Aged 43 in 1942. On Singkep. Palembang, Women’s Camp.; Phyllis Briggs diary records “…Miss MacKinnon had been Assistant Matron at Penang Hospital – she came from Edinburgh but her mother was purely Icelandic. She was tall and thin with long black untidy hair – she was definitely the wrong type to wear shorts and suntops but she alaways did so. Mac always had a cigarette drooping out of her mouth…she used to love getting up before daylight to light the fire making no end of noise waking everyone up. She was one of those people who whenever they are not well refuse to say anything about it until just on the verge of collapse and then become a difficult patient…she used to nearly kill herself with unnecessary work…she used to eat all sorts of rubbish, including snails out of the river and in the end she developed typhoid and very nearly died …poor MAC WAS VERY KIND AND SINCERELY RELIGIOUS BUT SHE CERTAINLY WAS A TRIAL TO LIVE WITH…” Sumatra internee


MACKINTOSH Mrs Maimie Wife of James [Changi internee]. She worked for the Malayan Postal Department for 26 years, retiring in 1951. ; there is a record in the MRB list of 1943 for “MacIntosh Mr. & Mrs & child, general Motors…” but it is not clear whether it is this Mrs is the same person – the record of a child is a question?? Palembang Women’s Camp 1942, later in
Muntok camp and then Leoboelinggau camp where she was in the same hut as Phyllis Briggs and Mary Jenkins and Helen Mackenzie; Phyllis Briggs diary records”...she was a little woman with a round face – always talking about the Highlands or her Grannie (although she must have been one of the oldest in our hut! ...She got fever quite often but when she was well she loved entertaining – she was very friendly with Dr. MacDowell and Audrey Owen and had quite a number of friends amongst the Dutch…” Sumatra internee. Repatriated from Singapore on the Cilicia with husband James. arriving Liverpool 27.11.45. Died 14.5.53 Inverness.


MACLEAN Ms Lydia M. QA Nursing Sister aged 31 in 1942. Of Alexandra Hospital, Singapore. She was a survivor of the sinking of SS Kuala 14.2.42. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. Sumatra internee.

MACLENNAN Mrs Mary M. Wife of Kenneth [Posts & Telegraph Dept/late Changi internee]. Palembang Women’s Camp Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 5.3.44 [46]


MACNAMARA Mrs Stella Mary aged 34 in 1942 Palembang Sumatra internee

MADDAMS Mrs Joan May BA Wife of Arthur. The “Jeyes” list records “…MADDAMS A S P JOHO DUNLOP POW WIFE P'BANG…” Palembang women’s camp 1942, for Christmas 1943 she “…made and drew ‘SNAP’ and ‘Happy families’ cards which were given as presents to every child…” also Phyllis Briggs diary record Joan Maddams as someone who had sewing needles and were clever at embroidery”…Joan gave me a little embroidered picture of the house I lived in as a child( The Rectory, Cricket Malherbie, Somerset). It was worked with threads drawn from worn out garments on a piece of my uniform belt..I had drawn her a sketch of the house…”; “…Joan Maddam also died – this was Muntok towards the end of 1944. Joan was young and energetic and was a great loss to us all…” Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 19.12.44 [36] Banka, Sumatra.

MADDEN Mrs Evelyne Frances. Wife of L.J.B. Missionary aged 48 in 1942. The “Jeyes” list records “…MADDEN LJB RTD PLANTER DIED LIFEBOAT WIFE P'BANG…” which raises the question as to which ship the Madden’s would have been on if the husband died in a lifeboat – there is no record of them on either the Kuala or the Giang Bee but they may have been on the Vyner Brooke? Palembang Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 22.4.45.


MAGNAY G.E. [George Edgar] ARIBA b.1916 Newcastle-on-Tyne. A Leverhume Scholar,


MARMANCHE Mrs Majory de b.1909 Boxmoor nr Watford Nurse Sepoy Lines Maternity Hospital, Singapore. Wife of E.V. Kuala survivor 14.2.42. Padang, Sumatra internee. Repatriated to NZ by air. Returned to Singapore 1947. Living 2000 in NZ. Her account held by the IWM [Location reference 78/68/1].

MAPLES R.A.G. [Reginald Ashley Grahame] Storeman, Naval Base, Singapore. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Men’s Camp. Sumatra internee. ; the ‘Jeyes’ list records “…MAPLES GEO NAVAL BASE POLICE SON OF CAPT MAPLES PADANG?…”

MANDEN E.H.M. NKPM [Standard Oil]. Palembang, Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 23.7.44 Muntok


Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Aberdeen.


McFIE Mrs Rennie from Sheffield. Colonial Service Nursing Sister, Singapore General Hospital. Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 14.6.45[50]. CWGC. Mrs Cross list shows dod as 10.5.45 Belalau Camp. Wife of G.Melrose McFie, Engineer of Ladang Geddes Estate. He reached Fremantle WA 3.42 as 2nd Engineer aboard the Edendale.


McKIE Monica Teacher & Nun. Palembang, Sumatra internee

McMILLAN Ms Nell Steele [recorded in Internment Camp records as Ms Steele-MacMillan]. From Glasgow. To Malaya 1928. Colonial Service Nursing Sister, Johore then Singapore General Hospital. She was a survivor of the sinking of SS Kuala 14.2.42. Initially interned at the ‘Leger des Heils’ [Salvation Army] Hospital where she died 8.12.42 before all the women here were transferred to the Fraterhuis Building at the Mission Complex in Padang [and later to the
Bankinang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 8.12.42 [49].


MEFLE Rennie Nurse aged 42 in 1942. **Sumatra internee**


MELLOR H.L. [Harry Lamartine] of the Belfry, Cameron Highlands. Retired furrier. Wife Mary Ellen [below]. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 28.8.43 [79] Palembang. the “Jeyes” list records “…MELLOR RTD 76 NEI WIFE DIED P’BANG…”, this is interesting because it dates the information in the Jeyes list to at least late 1943 when his wife died.

MELLOR Mrs Mary Ellen Wife of H.L. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 14.9.42[76] Palembang.


MEPHAM Mrs Laura Elizabeth nee Cummins Nurse aged 41 in 1942. Padang, **Sumatra internee**


Palembang **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 23.7.44[58] Bindjei Prison. Father of Tom b.1926 Malacca, Elma and Eileen.

MINN  Sister S.  Palembang women’s camp 1942. **Sumatra internee ??**


MITCHELL Mrs Kathleen Joan  Wife of John[above]. Aged 32 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on the Strathnaver from Colombo, arriving Southampton 29.11.45. To Pinner.

MITTELHEUSER  Ms Pearl Beatrice b.1904 Bundaberg, Queensland. AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 18.8.45[41]. Mrs Cross has the date as 18.9.45


MONCUR Mrs Bessie Isabel, of Serangoon English School, Singapore. Aged 40 in 1942 Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. To Dundee. Died 1990 Gwynedd?

MONK M.H.S.  Planter. Palembang **Sumatra internee.**

MONTAGUE  A.H.            Agency staff. Aged 41 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee** [this may, in fact. be Herbert Francis Montague]


MORETON Ms Dorothy Emily  Headmistress, Methodist Anglo-Chinese Primary School for Boys, Westlands Ave, Penang. Aged 43 in 1942. Survived the sinking of the Vyner Brooke.”…Whilst in Palembang Women’s camp in the Xmas of 1943 she made toys out of sample cloth books form the local Indian merchant. She made rag dolls and toy animals etc. She was a school teacher and got other people to help her…” **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. Died 1984 South Glamorgan.


MORRELL MILLER E. Deputy Head Ministry of Information. Giang Bee survivor.

**Sumatra internee**


MUIR Mrs Alice Marjorie Wife of G.W.[below]. Aged 52 in 1942. Palembang, Sumatra internee. Repatriated via India then on Ranchi from Madras to Southampton, arriving 24.11.45.


MUIR Sylvia Jessie Mimi b.1915 Londreach, Queensland. AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang **Sumatra internee**.


MURRAY Ms Evelyn C. ‘Bridget’? from KL. Aged 44 in 1942. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45.

MURRAY Mrs Ena Jessie b.1909. Wife of Kenneth Scott Murray ‘Ken’ Building Dept. William Jacks & Co.Ltd. He was a Changi internee. Daughter Sally was evacuated. Ena was the sister of Nora Chambers. Palembang, Sumatra internee. In Muntok camp in October 1944 when volunteers were needed to clean and empty overflowing latrines, she & Nora plus Audrey Owens are recorded in Phyllis Brigg’s diary as “…these splendid people who did this filthy and nauseating task…” Repatriated from Singapore with husband Kenneth on the Cilicia, arriving Liverpool 27.11.45. Returned to Singapore 1946. Ena died 1995.


MURRAY Mrs M.M. aged 31 in 1942. Survived the sinking of the Vyner Brooke. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**.

NAILER Mrs Maria Christine German born wife of E.W. of Cable & Wireless. Aged 34 in 1942. They were evacuated from Singapore 12.2.42 on the MV Redang. Sunk 15.2.42. He was lost at sea. She was rescued by HMS Tapah Captured 17.2.42 at Muntok.. Palembang, Sumatra internee. the “Jeyes” list records “… NAILER E. W EN? LEFT REDANG 11/2 P’BANG WIFE P’BANG.”


NELLIE Ellen Died in captivity 21.11.44 Sumatra


NEUBRONNER Mrs Olga Mary CMB SRN Wife of G.V. Colonial Service Nursing Sister – Senior Superintendent, St .John’s Ambulance Brigade, Singapore. Survived the sinking of the Vyner Brooke. She was ill when brought into Muntok having had a miscarriage when her ship went down ( according to the diary of Phyllis Briggs Olga had been on the “Kuala” but this may be an error). In October 1942 she was sent with Turner, Macalister and Cooper to work in a native hospital and did so until April 1943 when the Kempetai , for no apparent reason, put the four British sisters in small cells in the local gaol where they suffered great hardship. While in prison Olga started to write poems. After about six months they returned to Palembang camp but Olga never really recovered. Palembang, Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 22.3.45 [39] Muntok.


NICHOLSON F.E. [Frank Errol] Planter aged 51 in 1942. Palembang Sumatra internee. Repatriated to Southampton on Durban Castle, arriving 29.11.45. To Ivinghoe near Leighton Buzzard.

NICHOLSON H.S. – see Scoble Nicolson.


OLDHAM Sally ‘Florris’ or ‘Florrie’ from Manchester Missionary Nurse Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 19.6.44[51] Palembang.Phyllis Brigg’s diary notes”… 19th May 1944, Sally Oldham died – she was a middle aged missionary – very Lancashire although she had spent years with the Chinese in Singapore she could only speak English…”

OWEN Mrs Audrey Lenore  New Zealander, aged 39 in 1942. Wife of S.F. of PWD on Kuala orGiang Bee Muntok then Palembang, Sumatra internee. Repatriated from Singapore by air 14.10.45 to Australia then NZ.


OXLEY Ms Christian Sarah Mary b.1912 Charters Towers, Queensland. AANS Nursing Sister. Survived the Vyner Brooke sinking, Palembang, Sumatra internee.

PAGE Dr. H.J.[Harold James]  CMG MBE OBE BSc FISP b.1890. Director, Rubber Research Institute KL. Director of ARP Selangor 1.41- Swam to Pom Pong Island after “Tien Kwang” sinking. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Men’s Camp. Sumatra internee. 1952: Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad. Retired to Woking. Wife Gladys Isabel nee Shepperd. Children Michael, Barbara & Denis [he was killed in an RAF flying accident 21.1.44 aged 23]. H.J. died 27.1.72 [81].


PAMPLIN J. [John]b.1905 Chelmsford, Essex. Planter, Kerasaan Estate then Manager, Laras Rubber Estates, Pemertang Siantar, Sumatra. Palembang Sumatra internee. Wife Alice Maud was evacuated from Batavia on Boissevain, arriving Sydney 23.2.42. He was repatriated to Southampton on Durban Castle, arriving 29.11.45. To Chelmsford, Essex. Died 1986 Herts.

PAPINEAU E.N. Miner, Renong Tin. Aged 22 in 1942. Left Singapore on the Vyner Brooke[sunk]. Palembang Sumatra internee. ; the “Jeyes” list records “… PAPINEAU E. R’NONG TIN GUTHRIE P’BANG…”

PARK H.H.[Hugh Herbert] Planter Manager, Rothiemay Estate, Kuala Selangor. Pte Selangor LDC. Wife Violet, aged 54 in 1942 also a Palembang, Sumatra internee. To Sisters Hospital 4.5.42. He died in captivity 26.5.42 Palembang Hospital of dysentery.


PARR Mrs Evelyn Mary nee Tarbot. Married Rev. Alfred Cecil Parr, Senior Master St Andrew’s School, Singapore 1940. He a Changi/Sime Rd internee, She a masseuse. Evacuated but seriously wounded in Kuala sinking. Palembang Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 11.1.45[38].

PATERSON Mrs Jean  Wife of J.C, an FMSVF POW killed in an Allied air raid on Tamarkan camp. Aged 31 in 1942. Palembang, Sumatra internee with son R.E. [4]. Jean married Peter George Gilmour (they first met in Labuan when we were being repatriated) in Singapore May 1951. Jean aged 100 in March 2011.
PATON F. H. [male], Palembang men’s camp. **Sumatra Internee.**
PATTARA Mrs A.L. & 1 daughter **Sumatra internees**
PATTERSON D.W. Engineer aged 53 in 1942. **Sumatra internee**


PENNEFATHER Mrs Isabelle Veronica ‘Mo’ from Yatton, Somerset. Wife of Edward Matthew [Sembrong Estate/CSM JVE POW]. She a Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 15.3.45[48] Muntok.
PENNY G.R. [George] WW1 Service: Penang Volunteer Corps. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**
PENNY Mrs Phyllis Brigg’s diary notes early in 1945 the tiredness and apathy that had overtaken most internees at Muntok, Banka island camp’…even when our friends died, including Mrs. Penny…” **Sumatra internee.**


PLUMMER Mrs Sylvia Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. Wife of A.H. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 18.11.44[42]

POWELL Ms B. I. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated by air from Singapore to Archerfield, Australia 3.10.45.

POWELL Joan Nursing Sister aged 36 in 1942. Palembang Women’s camp 1942. Whilst in Palembang in June 1942 she lost her new born baby during delivery. she survived the camps of Palembang, Muntok and Leoboellinggau and in the diary of Phyllis Briggs it is recorded that Joan, after liberation ,on 30th September 1945 a plane in Singapore with fifteen cheerful New Zealanders all ex POWs … “ bound for New Zealand. **Sumatra internee.** The “Jeyes” list shows “… POWELES ? J R/F POW WIFE NEI?? P’BANG...”

PRATT D.F. [Donald Frederick] b.1908. To Malaya 1927. Assistant Planter, Rengam Estate, Johore [1928, 1933, 1936], 1930s member of the Johore Volunteer Engineers. A Johore Rugby player. Married Mary Eva Rice-Oxley 4.36. Mary evacuated with son Anthony on Orion, arriving Fremantle WA 6.1.42. Donald was captured aboard Mata Hari. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.**
Donald was the nephew of the English actor William Henry Pratt better known by his Hollywood name, Boris Karloff. Donald was master of ceremonies/compere for various internment camp productions. He died in captivity 1.5.45[37] Sumatra.


**PRICE Mrs & son Sivo** Survived the Vyner Brooke sinking, Palembang, **Sumatra internees.** There is an entry in the “Jeyes” list that shows “… PRYCE A. W. RAF WIFE & BABY P’BANG…” ??


**PUGH Mrs Mary A.** Wife of Edward Cecil Mills Pugh [FMSVF POW]. Worked at Malaya Command from 4.2.42. Evacuated 2.42 but ship sunk. On HMS Tapah Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on the Strathnaver from Colombo, arriving Southampton 29.11.45. To Oxhey, Herts. Husband died in captivity.


**RAPPA H.** [Harry St Cyr] b.1901. Cable & Wireless Telegraphist. Interned at Padang then

RAYMOND M.E.  
Palaembang, Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 13.5.45[55].

RAYMONT Ms Wilhemina Rosalie b.1911 Prospect, South Australia. AANS Nursing Sister.  
Palaembang, Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 8.2.45[33]. CWGC & Mrs Cross list.

REID Mrs Marie  
To Paisley. Returned to Penang post war.


Palaembang **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Aberdeen. Wife Elizabeth Marion. the MRB 1943 list shows “…Riach ,Planter ,Harrison & Crossfield…”


ROBERT L.R.  
Rubber Broker aged 45 in 1942. Palaembang **Sumatra internee**


of beriberi.

ROBERTS Ms Joyce  Palembang women’s camp 1942. Aged 17 in 1942. **Sumatra internee.**
Daughter of Elizabeth Louise [above] & W.F. [below].

Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 25.6.44 [37] Muntok of beriberi. Grave today at Jakarta.


ROBERTSON D. [Duncan] Depot Manager, Marconi, Singapore. Evacuated on Redang 12.2.42 [sunk]. Rescued by HMS Tapah. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Aged 51 in 1942. His account at the IWM [Location reference 93/17/1].


ROBINSON D.C. [David Carruthers] To Malaya 1938. Assistant Planter. Tebrau Estate, Johore then from 1940 Junior Assistant Immigration Officer, the Immigration Dept, Singapore. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Men’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.** the “Jeyes” list shows “…ROBINSON D C IMMGR - BVD LEFT SYDALLS YACHT CHINESE WIFE PADANG…”.

Mrs. Lily Robinson below his wife? He returned to Singapore post war.


ROBINSON Gerald B.  Son of Sydney & Violet. Aged 8 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Harrow, Middlesex. There is also a record in the MRB 1943 of a “Robinson Mrs and one child Estate Tinggi…” being in the NEI still which may relate to this family.

ROBINSON Mrs Iris  aged 27 in 1942. **Sumatra internee.**

ROBINSON Mrs Lily  of Chinese nationality. Of Tijong Bahru Flat 5, Singapore. A survivor of the sinking of the SS Kuala 14..2.42. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.**

ROBINSON Mrs N.E.  nee Rusby. Aged 57 in 1942 Palembang **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Harrow, Middlesex.

ROBINSON Mrs Violet  Wife of Sydney & mother of Gerald [above]. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Harrow, Middlesex.

Southampton on Durban Castle, arriving 29.11.45. Died 1973 Essex.


RODRIGUEZ Mrs Lillian  Palembang,**Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 1.1.45[46]. Mrs Cross list has her death in Feb’45.


RUSSELL-ROBERTS Mrs Ruth  Wife of Denis, an IA officer. Baby daughter Lynette evacuated. In Palembang she had her whole suitcase of possessions stolen by local Indonesians who crept in from outside the camp, including a silver fox fur which she had cherished all the way from Singapore, but was apparently surprisingly cheerful.  **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 18.1.45 [36] Palembang [CWGC has 20.1.45].

SAIF L. (Mrs.), Palembang women’s Camp 1942.  **Sumatra internee**. ???

SAMMY Mrs Claire  Wife of Paul. A survivor of the Giang Bee sinking. Palembang Women’s camp 1942,  **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 18.11.44 [52]


SANDY Patricia  aged 19 in 1942.  **Sumatra internee**; there is a “Jeyes” list record of “…SANDY W S POW HKSRA POW WIFE P’BANG…”[likely Bombardier William John Sandy POW].

SANGER-DAVIES - see Davies.

SARKIES A.H.  Merchant. Palembang  **Sumatra internee**

SARTOEN F.  **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 23.8.42 Palembang

SAUNDERSO N.S.A.  Hull Insurance. Aged 31 in 1942.  **Sumatra internee**


SCHARENGUVEL Mrs Esme.Lucille  b.1892 Taiping. nee Nicholas. Palembang  **Sumatra internee**[s]. Esme died 10.7.1968 Perth WA.


SCHOOLING Mrs Daphne Pearl  Wife of Joe [Changi internee]. Palembang Women’s camp 1942.  **Sumatra internee**. Aged 23 in 1942. Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from
Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45.
SCHOOLING Ms Pricilla Elizabeth Rose ‘Prisllise’ Palembang Women’s camp 1942. Sumatra Internee. Aged 1 in 1942. Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45.
SCOTT E.M.C. Engineer aged 23 in 1942 Palembang Sumatra internee
SARGEANT Mrs Ruby Wife of F.W.B. of Norseman Estate, Ulu Sepetang, Taiping, Perak. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 15.3.44 [51].
Rubber Co.Ltd, Banroen Poerba, East Coast of Sumatra. Aged 46 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee**. There is a record in the MRB 1943 list of “Shaw Mr. , Japanese Interpreter…” and also a “…Shaw G. R. < Harrison & Crossfield…”


**SHORT E.M.** AANS Nursing Sister aged 35 in 1942 Palembang **Sumatra internee**.

**SHORT Mrs L.** = Zaida below.


**SILBERMANN Ms Anna Estelle** b.1915. Roumanian father. Secretary. **Giang Bee** survivor picked up by HMS Tapah. Palembang, **Sumatra internee** then Changi/Sime Rd. Repatriated to the UK but returned 1946. Married tin miner M.V. Morris. Secretary to Sir Arthur Young during the Malayan Emergency. Later Mrs Anna Powell. Died 2005 Shrewsbury.


**SIMPSON D.** – the “Jeyes” list shows “…SIMPSON D 2ND ENG “RAUB” INT P’BANG W.WIFE…”

**SIMPSON Mrs Connie** aged 25 in 1942. **Giang Bee** survivor picked up by HMS Tapah, Palembang Women’s Camp 1942 **Sumatra internee**.


**SINCLAIR D. [Douglas]** Dredgeman, Batu Gajah, Perak. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 16.4.45 [52]. Wife Alice [above].

**SINGLETON Irene Ada** ‘Rene’ b.1908 Melbourne. AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang, **Sumatra internee**. Died in captivity 20.2.1945 Muntok. Mrs Cross has DOD as 19.2.45.


SKINNER R.M.[Russell Morland] Planter, Rantau Estate, Rantau-Tamaing, Acheh, Sumatra. Aged 33 in 1942. Palembang Sumatra internee with wife A.B. [aged 33 in 1942]. He was repatriated to Southampton on Durban Castle, arriving 29.11.45. To Bexhill-on-Sea.


SMART L.M. [Leslie Masson] The Hon. CBE b.1889. Educated Glenbervie School, Kincardineshire, Scotland. Worked for Kenya & Uganda Railway 1913-1927 then Tanganyika Railway then Gold Coast. To Malaya 1935 as General Manager FMS Railway HQ KL. Member of Federal Council. Aged 53 in 1942. Dabo / Padang Sumatra internee with wife Annie, aged 56, who was interned at Padang then Bankinang Camp. She slightly wounded on HMS Grasshopper. Both were repatriated from Singapore on the Cilicia, arriving Liverpool 27.11.45.


SMITH Ms Constance Blagdon MRCS LRCP Trained at King’s College Hospital, London. An ante natal and child welfare officer, LCC then MMS from 6.1935. Lady Medical Officer, Malacca Palembang Women’s Camp, Sumatra internee. Returned to Malaya 1946. Retired to Bickley, Bromley, Kent. Died 1976 Kent.

SMITH Master C. Palembang Women’s camp 1942, Cross list notes “…left the camp on 4.12.42 for S’pore…” Sumatra internee.

SMITH Mrs Emily Elizabeth of 13 Simon Lane, Singapore. Mother of Mrs Hope. Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 9.11.44 [72] Muntok

SMITH Miss G. Palembang women’s camp 1942, Cross list notes “…left the camp on 4.12.42 for S’pore…”. Sumatra internee.


SMITH Ms J.T. AANS Nursing Sister aged 32 in 1942. Survived the sinking of the Vyner Brooke. Palembang Sumatra internee

SMITH Netta Colonial Service Nursing Sister. Arrived at Palembang camp in April 1944 from Djambi, a friend of Jennie Macalister, Palembang Women’s Camp; the Muntok and later Leoboelinggau camp. Sumatra internee

SMITH V (Sister), Palembang women’s Camp 1942. Sumatra Internee. this is from the Cross list which has a fair number of surnames spelt slightly incorrectly so she could be one of the above nurses.

SPARK Mrs Coenradine nee Mann. Aged 28 in 1942. Palembang Sumatra internee with...


SPRUYT Mrs H.J. aged 38 in 1942. Sumatra internee

STANGER Mrs Norah Albertha Housewife aged 42 in 1942. Working at Fort Canning 2.42. Wife of Lt William Richard J. Stanger, Malay Regiment POW Singapore/Thailand. She was evacuated 12.2.42 but Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. Sumatra internee. Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Hythe, Kent. Returned to Singapore 1948.

STANLEY – there is a record in the “Jeyes” list showing “STANLET Y W J PT. RAMC MOTHER P’BANG…”


“SS. Kuala” sinking 14.2.42. Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. To Bridge of Allan, Scotland.


STEVENS Mrs Susie & son Christie Survived the Vyner Brooke sinking, Palembang, Sumatra internee. Released – she a Siamese national.


STRACHAN Mrs Isabel Jane nee Edwards. Aged 39 in 1942. Palembang Sumatra internee. The MRB 1943 list shows “…Strachan Mrs. Bruce, Gergas Estate…” and there is also an entry, which may be unrelated, for “Strachan, K. B. Planter, Harrison & Crossfield…”


STUBBS Dr H.C. [Hugh Conrad] BSc Forestry b.1901 London. Eurasian Medical Officer Chan Wing Estate, Pelepah, Johore.MAS Medical Officer, Balestier Rd, Singapore. Changi and Sime Rd internee with wife Teresa b.1908 and children Vilma, Reg, Nelson, Pamela & Teresa. They were captured on the Mata Hari, interned in Palembang then sent to Changi & Sime Rd. Practised in Singapore post war.


STURT H.H. [Horace Holford] b.1896 Hampstead. Educated Marlborough College and [1919


SWAN Evelyn J. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 1.1.44 [73].


SYDDALL Mrs Peggy Wife of Norman. Of Chinese ethnicity. Aged 29 in 1942. Lived at 501 K, East Coast Rd, Singapore. Interned with son Peter, aged 8 in 1942, at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.**


TAY Mrs Nellie Ellen ‘Soo Wong’ from London. Lived at 61 Rockshore Rd, Singapore. Wife of Dr Tay. Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 21.11.44 [40].


TAYLOR Mrs J.M. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 19.12.44

TEELING Mrs Beatrice Daughter of Regina & Joseph Anthony. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 10.6.42. Parents also died 1942 in Sumatra captivity.

THANE Mrs C.P. [Phyllis] from Sydney NSW VAD Nurse. With daughter Pamela aged 21 in 1942 on Mata Hari. Palembang Women’s Camp, **Sumatra internees.** Wife of C.P., a Changi internee. Son Colin Tarleton in AASC. He was evacuated on Empire Star but badly wounded. Mrs Thane died in captivity 20.4.45 [52]. Daughter Pamela, also a VAD nurse, repatriated from Singapore to Australia on Highland Chieftain. To NSW. She married a merchant navy sea captain 6.46 and settled in Thundersley, Essex till 1990. She now [2007] lives in Mount Pritchard NSW.
THOMAS Ms E. Telegraphist. Giang Bee survivor picked up by HMS Tapah. Palembang, Sumatra internee.

THOMAS Ms Halcyon Telegraphist aged 19 in 1942. Giang Bee survivor picked up by HMS Tapah. Palembang Sumatra internee.


THOMPSON F. [Frederick] B.Sc AMICE from Whitley Bay. Civil Engineer attached to the Admiralty, Kranji. Wife Mary evacuated with daughter M. on Orion, arriving Fremantle WA 6.1.42. Son John. Frederick was evacuated from the Naval Base on the Kung Wo [sunk]. Palembang, Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 27.11.44 [36] Palembang.


THOMPSON Ms Margaret Henderson nee Craig MBE b. Edinburgh. Wife of Daniel Thompson, agricultural engineer & rubber planter. He a POW. She a Lady Medical Officer, Malayan Medical Service: Maternity Hospital, Penang. Aged 38 in 1942. She suffered a serious leg wound 14.2.42 on Kuala. She is said to have rowed a lifeboat for eight hours whilst severely wounded, cared for Janet Lim (‘Sold for Silver p.125’); this is confirmed in the account of Raymond Frazer, RAF, who rescued her from the sea into the lifeboat and rowed the lifeboat alongside Dr. Thompson, the group from the lifeboat later were taken by Chinese fishermen to Singkep where they parted ways, he recorded that she received her MBE for her bravery in the lifeboat and care for others whilst she was wounded. This brave conduct was also recorded by G. J. O’Grady in Report No.4 Malayan Research Bureau. Spent three days on island of Keban then on Senajang. Arrived in Palembang in April 1944 from Djambi. Palembang Sumatra internee. Repatriated to the UK on the Sobieski 10.45. To Edinburgh. Returned to Singapore to establish health facilities for rubber workers. She died 1982 Scotland.

THOMSON G.P.G. To Malaya 1911. Planter aged 52 in 1942. Palembang Sumatra internee. ; the MRB 1943 list shows a “…Thomson CPG Planter Ringo…”


Rescued by HMS Tapah. Captured at Muntok 17.2.42. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Wife Phyllis [nee Jarratt] evacuated to Canada. He died in captivity 24.11.44[56] Sumatra. Son Keith.

TOBY Mrs Elvira  Widow of Thomas Ransom Toby [died 1917]. **Sumatra internee** aged 68 in 1942. Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. Died early 1947[72] Surrey.

TODD K.L. [Kenneth Littlewood]b.1916 Sydney NSW. After three years as a Lt in the Garrison Artillery to Java as Manager, Queensland Insurance, Surabaya from 1.39. Also Assistant to British Vice Consul, Surabaya & to Australian Trade Commissioner. He looked after the interests of British nationals in the Malang district. Tjimahi, Java internee 1944 but recorded as a **Sumatra internee** on the 1944 list supplied by the Japanese to the International Red Cross. Wife Audrey [23] & daughter Audrey Joan b.1941 interned separately in Java. Repatriated to Sydney. Audrey & Audrey Joan still living in NSW.

TRAVERS C.A. [Charles Austin]b.1900 Liverpool. Institute Manager and Fire Officer, Naval Base. Also NAAFI. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Men’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated to India then on the Ranchi from Madras, arriving Southampton 24.11.45. To Liverpool. Died 1970 Birkenhead.


TROTTER Ms Florence Elizabeth b.1915 Eastwood NSW. AANS Nursing Sister. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died 7.2002 Brisbane. See Peter Winstanley’s website article at http://www.pows-of-japan.net/articles/flo.html


TUNBRIDGE Mrs Phyllis H. Wife of CSM Godfrey C. Tunbridge RASC POW Singapore. Aged 36 in 1942. Palembang Women’s Camp **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated to India then on Brittanic from Bombay, arriving Liverpool 12.4.46. Son Kerry. Family to Australia 1958.

TUNN Mrs Doris Lilian of Fraser’s Hill, Selangor and formerly of Butterworth, Province Wellesley. Wife of E.H. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 15.6.45 [50] Sumatra.


TURNER Margot Evelyn Marguerite MBE 1946 DBE 1965 b.1910 London. QA Nursing Sister. Survived the sinking of Kuala 14.2.42 then the Tanjoeng Pinang 17.2.42. After being picked from the sea by a Japanese warship she was initially interned at Muntok. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Post war career with the QAs culminating in Colonel Commandant QARANC 1964-1974. Died 24.9.1993 Brighton.


VAN BUREN Mrs B.C. Wife of B.C. former Assistant, Dollar Steamship Lines Inc. & of Bedok, Singapore. Mrs & daughter M. survived the sinking of Giang Bee and were Palembang.

**Sumatra internees.** Mrs van Buren died 1.46 Singapore.


VAN BUREN Mrs Linda Palembang Women’s camp 1942, “…husband in Palembang died...”. **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on Highland Monarch, arriving Southampton 9.11.45. To Portobello, Scotland.

VAN BUREN Ms Kathleen Palembang Women’s camp 1942. **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on Highland Monarch, arriving Southamton 9.11.45. To Portobello, Scotland.

VAN GEYZEL Mrs Florence of 6 Perak Rd, KL. Widow of Donald. “…son in Palembang…” **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 15.7.45[66] Palembang, Sumatra.


VAN GEYZEL V.P. [Victor Percival] Son of Florence. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died 27.7.1990 [83] Perth WA.


VINCENT A.G. Accountant aged 34 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee**

VORLAUF W. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 5.2.45 Sumatra

WALES Mrs Lottie Regina of 86 Cairnhill Rd, Singapore. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 3.1.45[48].


WALKER Mrs Robina Margaret Jean aged 32 in 1942, husband with Bousteads. The “Jeyes” list shows “WALKER J. CADENHEAD BOUST POW WIFE NEI?...”; the MRB 1943 list also shows “Walker Mrs. ‘Frankie’ Bousteads. Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45.


WARD Mrs Myrtle To Malaya 1924. Schoolteacher aged 37 in 1942. Left Singapore on the Vyner Brooke [sunk]. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Wife of L.G.W. [ FMSVF POW died in captivity, Thailand]. Myrtle was repatriated on Antenor from Singapore with Judith Sinnatt, aged 3 [see above], arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. Both to West Bridgeport, Notts. Myrtle later a teacher in South Africa. She died 8.62 Westville, Natal SA.

WARDLE Rev. A.V.[Albert Victor] Chaplain to Mission to Seamen, Singapore and
Superintendent, Singapore Marine Hostel, Anson Rd. Married Betty Margaret Luker 1936 Singapore. Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Betty & daughters Judith b.1937 & Mary b.1940 evacuated to Natal. He died in captivity 4.1.45 [47] Muntok of malaria. WARMAN Mrs M. widow of Stephen. White Russians Jewish family from Shanghai. One of the last women to be brought into Muntok with her three year old boy, Mischa. She had been thrown into the sea when their ship went down and she saw her husband drown. She developed pneumonia and died a few days later. Mischa was too young to understand and had no English – Mary Jenkin took charge of him in Palembang camp until the move back to Muntok in October 1944 when Mrs. Colley took over his care because Mary was not well. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 9.3.42.

WARMAN Mischa Son of Mrs M. Survived the Vyner Brooke sinking, Interned in Palembang Women’s Camp. Phyllis Briggs diary records that after liberation”… Mrs Colley and Miss Cullen looked after Mischa on the voyage to England. While waiting for the ship, little Mischa was taken for a drive round Singapore, he could not remember any life other than being in different prison camps, so during the drive he kept saying ‘When are we going to reach the barbed wire?’ Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. With Gladys Cullen to Bebington, Wirral. Miss Cullen wanted to adopt him and as she was about get remarried she would have given Mischa a good home. However the Jewish Society said they would trace his family which they eventually did, and he was sent all the way to Shanghai to live with relatives he had never seen…” . **Sumatra internee.**


WATTERS Ms Jean b.1921 Seremban. Daughter of planter William Watters of Gedong Estate, Bidor, Perak. They reportedly left Singapore together [Jeyes list] but he was on Aorangi, arriving Fremantle 23.1.42 then to Sydney, returning to Liverpool on Sarpedon 27.4.42. Jean in Palembang Women’s Camp 1942. **Sumatra internee.** Repatriated on Antenor from Singapore, arriving Liverpool 27.10.45. To Angus, Scotland. Her brother William James killed 12.42 while serving with the RAF in the USA.


WATTS-CARTER Mrs Millicent Daisy 'Molly' wife of planter Jeffrey Walter [Changi internee]. VAD Nurse “Kuala” and “Tandjong Pinang “ survivor. It was remarkable and tragic that someone who had survived two horrendous sinkings, particularly that of the “SS. Tandjong Pinang”, and then endured years of harsh internment in Palembang, Muntok and Leoboe Linggau camp had fate bring her life to an end just before liberation. Phyllis Briggs diary records “…on August 24th 1945 we were told the war was over but we did not leave the camp until September 16th. During this time extra food was sent in. Unfortunately the extra rations arrived too late to save a number of people. Molly Watts – carter was among those who were dying, but she was fully conscious and calmly whispered to me that she was happy to have lived just long enough to know that soon we would all be free… when we finally left the camp in Leoboe Linggau we were told that we were the last prisoners to be found in Sumatra …”. **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 27.8.45[34] Lubbuk Linggau, Sumatra. The last woman captive to
die. Mrs Cross list shows date of death as 29.8.45.
WAUGH Mrs Mabel May Colonial Nursing Service Matron, Kuala Lipis General Hospital.
WEIR Mrs Agnes Henderson Wife of Captain A. Weir RASC Palembang, In the same hut (a
garage) at Leoboelinggau camp as Phylluis Brigs who records her as named ‘Nan’, Sumatra
WEBSTER D.P. [David Palmer] b.1905. Planter, Tamiang Rubber Estates Ltd, Kwala Simpang,
Southampton on Durban Castle, arriving 29.11.45. To Forfar, Scotland. Returned to the Far East
as a planter until 1959.
WEST Dr G.F.[George Francis] 'Paddy' OBE 1948 JP b.1905 Limerick. MO Bukit Rotan,
SOCKIN, Kuala Selangor. Lt Colonel CO 3 Malayan Field Ambulance FMSVF wounded 2.1.42
[severe leg wound & lost two fingers]. Sent to Camp Hospital, Circular Rd KL. Evacuated to
Singapore by hospital train 9.1.42 Captured aboard Mata Hari. POW Muntok 17.2.42 then
Palembang, Sumatra. A POW but active treating civilian internees in the Men’s Camp.
McDougall described him as ‘A stalwart institution, a bulwark of the British community against
Dutch oppression & a man who has exercised a great influence for good of the camp in general.’
Wife Gladys Edith. ‘Baie’, daughter Valerie & sons Michael. Terence & Brian evacuated on
Orion, arriving Fremantle WA 6.1.42. Returned post-war at Bukit Rotan, Selangor. Retired to
Campden Hill, London W8. Short papers at IWM 98/7/1.
Company Manager/ Representative: Red Hand Composition Paint. Aged 38 in 1942. Escaped
Singapore with a Mansfields Group 13.2.42. “Jeyes” list has “…WEST STANLEY W. RED
HANG P SISSONS [SYMONS??] P’ BANG…” Palembang Sumatra internee. Wife Mabel
Doris evacuated, aged 35, on Aorangi, arriving Fremantle WA 23.1.42. He was repatriated to
the UK on Dominion Monarch, arriving Southampton 15.11.45. Died 7.3.1958 [53] Edgeware
Hospital, London. Daughter Patricia.
WHALSAN C.V. [Clive Victor]. and Mrs Edith May, both were Australian, he a jockey b.1902
& wife aged 42. Kuala survivors on Singkep Island 19.2.42. Both were interned at Padang then
respectively in the Men’s then Women’s Camp, Bankinang. Sumatra internees. Repatriated
from Singapore to Australia on Highland Chieftain. To NSW. Retired to Petersham, NSW. He
died 25.8.76.
Aged 67 in 1942. Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 8.4.45 [71] Si Ringo Camp, Deli,
Daughter Kathleen married to Captain T.M. Winsley.
WHYBRO/WYBRO Mrs Amelia “Billie”, aged 34 years, of 345 Bukit Timah road, Singapore,
American survivor of the sinking of the “SS. Kuala” and interned at Padang then Bankinang
Women’s camp. Billie, reported to be a tall, rather stern looking woman, had been an American
journalist covering the Sino – Japanese War when she met and married an English diplomat in
Singapore. Her real name was Amelia Wilson Hyer (sister of American comedienne Martha
Hyer) and took the name of Wybro from a friend John Wybro who nobly assisted her to obtain
grounds for a divorce. Shirley Eames, who was a small girl in camp, recollects that Billie
“…many times she had bartered her bits of jewellery to buy me food…”. After the war she
married a Dutchman and became Mrs. Van der Beek/Beck and authored a book “Under the
Rising Sun” Sumatra Internee.

WILLIAMS Mrs Lorna Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 7.2.45


WOODBRIDGE Ms Beryl b.1905 Melbourne. AANS Nursing Sister aged 34 in 1942. Palembang **Sumatra internee.**

WOODFORD O.P. [Osborne Percival] ‘Sony’ Dept. Head in John Little’s Dept Store, Raffles Place, Singapore as was his wife, Rosy. ARP Singapore. On Giang Bee with wife Rosalind Marie [Rosy] & son Desmond Everard aged 11. Survived but captured aboard HMS Tapah 2.42. Palembang, **Sumatra internees.** Mrs Woodford & Desmond in the Palembang Women’s Camp. Their story written in ‘Waiting For the Durian’ by Susan McCabe [private publication]. O.P. died 11.5.96 [92]; Rosy died 29.9.95 [84] – both Lathlain Park, Perth WA.

WOODMAN Miss Kathleen ‘Woody’ aged 35 in 1942. QA Nursing Sister, 1st General Hospital, Malaya. A survivor of the sinking of the SS Kuala. Interned at Padang then Bankinang Women’s Camp. **Sumatra internee.**

WOODS H.V.M. [Hubert Victor Miles] Board Officer, Penang. Lived at 22 Leigh St, Ghaut, Penang. Wife Margaret. He captain ML Osprey 1941-1942 then Navigator, Mary Rose, escaping Singapore. Captured at Muntok. The “Jeyes” list records “… WOODS H V MILES GOVT. MARINE LEFT W. PERMIT P’BANG…” Palembang, **Sumatra internee.** Died in captivity 21.11.44[42] Muntok of pulmonary embolism [McDougall diary].


WHBRO [see WHYBRO]


YATES E. [Edwin] Palembang, Sumatra internee. Died in captivity 18.8.44 [76]


ZIMMERMAN H. [Herbert] Accountant, Singapore Harbour Board. The “Jeyes” list records “… Zimmerman H SHB –X S DANTISON LEFT FOR JAVA ?...” Palembang Men’s Camp

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