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	b) http://singaporeevacuation1942.blogspot.com/ Some vivid Singapore Evacuation footage 4 th screen down
	c) http://standrewschurch.org.my/2010/11/13/remembrance-sundayunstick-after14-nov-2010/ - in Malaysia
	d) http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/medicine-obituaries/8160649/Peter-Chopping.html - Full obit
	e) http://www.herberthistory.co.uk/cgi-bin/sitewise.pl?act=det&pt=&p=236&id=herbhis - Lt. Herbert FMSVF (Ipoh)
	f) http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/i-knew-he-was-a-fraud-in-three-seconds-20101221-1944.html - Lynette Ramsay Silver & Di Elliot expose "Rex" Crane's claim to be a Kedah Volunteer
	g) http://thestar.com.my/lifestyle/story.asp?file=%2F2010%2F8%2Flifefocus%2F6746729&sec=lifefocus - story of how local Chinese, Malay & Indian drivers & mechanics were recruited to serve in China & Burma in 1939
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	c) http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/fate-of-historic-train-station-stirs-nostalgia-in-singapore-2109127.html - Article about keeping Singapore Keppel Road Railway Station
	d) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3oy2Aq6QcE&feature=related - Video about Singapore Railway Station
	e) http://www.captivememories.org.uk/ - Meg Parkes' new website for Liverpool Dept. of Tropical Medicine
	f) www.otago.ac.nz/alumni - University of Otago - March copy of the University Magazine
	g) http://www.thestaronline.com/news/story.asp?file=/2011/1/5/nation/7734324&sec=nation - Bandar Hilir School
	h) http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/you/article-1362571/Julie-Summers-talks-evacuees-Second-World-War-life-changing-experiences.html - Julie Summers' new book (See Book Section)
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	d) Cynthia Missal & Glenn Edmonds - Veteran Volunteer George Hess'e's sisters-in-law
	e) Chris Buckingham - planned to escape from Changi by stealing a plane - post-war studied medicine
	f) Jack Plant - medical orderly on Sumatra Railway - built section of it in NMA dedicated to POWs & Romushas
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	e) Major Philip Malins - awarded an MC in postwar Saigon
	f) Steve Cairns – FEPOW and Welfare Adviser to the NFFCA
	g) Lt. Col. Gretton Foster DSO & MC – SOE Officer with "V" Force in Burma
	h) Jack Osborne – served with Chindits under "Mad Mike Calvert" & commanded a force of Nigerian convicts
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	e) Grp. Capt. Bill Farquharson – born Malacca – enlisted in RAF Bomber Command. Family POWs in Sumatra
	f) Maj-Gen P. Dignan – National Service in Malaya as surgeon in Taiping Military Hospital later in Singapore
	g) James Thomas Dunk - 3 Malayan Field Ambulance, FMSVF POW in Thailand
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	c) http://www.britishpathe.com/video/meet-the-cambridge-crew/query/Mason - newsreel of Padre Duckworth as cox in the Cambridge boat in the Boat Race
	d) http://resilientlittlemuscle.blogspot.com.au/2011/03/three-came-home-1950.html - WW2 movie of “Three Came Home” based on memoirs of Agnes Newton Keith in her book of her time as a POW in Borneo
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	c) http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-25490322 - Colin Firth interview re: "The Railway Man" film
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	Maj. Rex Carr – in Gurkha Rifles during Malayan Emergency
	James Noble – PoW on Burma-Siam Railway and kept a diary found post-war
	Jeremy Gotch – interned as child in Lunghwa Camp, Shanghai
	Ron Burton – Anti Tank Regiment on Empress of Asia – escaped to Java, captured and sent to Japan to work in coal mine
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- b) Tom Evans – SRA[V] – a founder members of MVG & Honorary Life Member
- c) John Bax – MVG member & stepson of H.J.C.K. Toms SRA[V]
- d) Leonora Schmidt-Salomonsen – former model & organizer of the War Crimes Trials in Singapore
- e) Maj. Bill Towill – pacifist but enlisted in RAMC & was part of the Chindit operations in Burma
- f) John Tyson – explorer & served during the Malayan Emergency – latterly ran a school in Nepal

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	e) Saturday – 14 th February 2015 – Service at Point Walter Reserve for Army Nurses – Perth WA
	f) Sunday - 17 th May 2015 – Annual FEPOW Service at the FEPOW Church at Wymondham
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	h) Saturday – 15 th August 2015 – 70 th Anniversary of V-J Day - Service in Chapel & Memorial Garden
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	2. The Sime Road Memorial
	Websites to visit:-
	a) http://www.co.uk/news/magazine-29665232 - "The Forgotten Women of the War in the East" – BBC feature
	b) http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/malaysia/11187603/Celebrated-British-warships-being-stripped-bare-for-scrap-metal.html - 'Prince of Wales' and 'Repulse' wrecks are being looted for scrap metal
	c) http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/news/11220249/Imperial-War-Museum-library-petition-gathers-strength.html
	d) http://www2.nst.com.my/streets/johor/penang-s-own-sleeping-beauty-laid-to-rest-1.202195 - James Jeremiah
	e) http://www.smh.com.au?comment/why-we-need-culture-and-books-more-than-ever-20141209-1238wx.html
	f) http://www.thestar.com.my/News/Nation/2014/10/30/Awang-Raweng-the-forgotten-hero-Although-the-former-Iban-tracker-has-been-honoured-many-times-in-Bri - the story of Iban Tracker Awang Raweng
	g) http://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-two/11167561/Scars-of-the-Burma-railway-trauma-that-never-healed.html - Fred Seiker's story
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	b) "Scapegoat: The Death of the Prince of Wales and Repulse" - by Martin Stephen
	c) "Stubborn Buggers. Survivors of the Infamous POW Gaol that made Changi look like Heaven" - by Tim Bowden
	d) "Ghostwritten" – by Isabel Wolff
Pages 25 & 26	Obituaries:-
	a) Jack Chalker – FEPOW artist on the Thailand-Burma Railway
	b) Brig. John Thornton MC – fought in post-war Malayan Emergency
	c) Lt. Col. Pat Spooner – attached to 'E' Group in Burma & post-war headed team for war crimes in Java & Burma
	d) Charles Edwards – A.I.F. FEPOW and member of MVG
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d) Sunday – 17th May 2015 – Annual Memorial Service in FEPOW Church, Wymondham
e) Friday to Sunday – 5th-7th June 2015 – RFH International Conference in Liverpool
f) Saturday – 15th August 2015 – 70th Anniversary Service for V-J Day in the Chapel & Memorial Garden, NMA
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Australian Army Nurses Commemoration Service 2015 – report by Robert Gray
Update on the New Muntok Museum and Park – report by Judy Balcombe
"The Diary of Noel Rees – Part 2 – 11th August to 5th September 1945" – by kind permission of June Jackson
"Priest who died in Jap Jail dedicated song to Churchill – with thanks to Robert Gray
"The Matchbox – Part 2" – by David Brent
"Gin Slings and Methodists. The Life of Walter Ansley-Young" – by his granddaughter Velvet Douglas
"Captivity Memoirs. Part 1" – by Bill Pearson
Hugh Lawson's Diaries from 17th Feb 1942 to 9th October 1943 – by kind permission of his nephew Bob Davidson
"The Wartime Diary of Dr. John Coutts Milne – Part 1" – by kind permission of his daughter Patricia Lewin
Excerpts from 'Never a Dull Moment' – by Corry Iversen – by kind permission of her daughter Ruth Iversen Rollitt
Information Exchange:

- Inez Hollander – writing about the Indo Project
- John Penn – on the history of the Penn family from Hong Kong where his father was a Volunteer
- Ruth Iversen Rollitt – her cousin's recollections about life in Sime Road Camp
- Jill Gibson – asks for identification on boys in photo of Cameron Highlands School 1939 -1941
- Photo of Selangor Battalion – with Volunteers' names now corrected

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- "Don't Know Where, Don't Know When" – by Dr. Malcolm Read – 2nd edition available on Amazon
- "Singapore Mutiny" – by Mary E. Brown & Edwin A. Brown
- "Captive Memories" – by Meg Parkes and Geoff Gill
- "Iversen, Architect of Ipoh and Modern Malaya" – by Ruth Iversen Rollitt
- "Disaster in the Far East 1940 – 1942" – by John Grehan and Martin Mace
- "Judy. A Dog in a Million" – by Damien Lewis

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- Lee Kuan Yew – Singapore's Elder Statesman and Father of Modern Singapore
- Lt. Commander Con Thode – submarine commander in WW2 off Burma & in Straits of Malacca
- Sqn. Ldr. Doug Nicholls – flew in Far East in WW2 with 258 Sqn. from Ceylon
- Sqn. Ldr. Bob Johnson - flew in Burma in WW2
- Charles Edwards – 2/19th Batt. AIF FEPOW on Railway & in Japan & observed Hiroshima's bomb blast

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 - <http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk> – above archive to be available via Cambridge Library's Digital platform in 2017
 - <http://copac.ac.uk/rearch?title=in%20Oriente%20Primus&rn+1> - COPAC lists Jonathan's book in the IWM library
 - <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/expat/expatlife/8798675/My-grandfather-the-expat-codebreaker.html> -on Eric Lambert
 - <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/11443053/Squadron-Leader-Doug-Nicholls-obituary.html> - RAF Pilot
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Visit to Wymondham for the FEPOW Service – report by Jill Smallshaw
Fund Raising In Australia for the Muntok Museum of Peace – by Judy Balcombe
"The Diary of Noel Rees – Part 3 – 11th August to 5th September 1945" – by kind permission of June Jackson
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	b) "The Dog that Saved my Life. Sacrifice, Loyalty. Love beyond all bounds" – by Isabel George
	c) "The Changi Cross. A Symbol of Hope in the Shadow of Death" – by Louise Cordingly
	d) "From Syonan to Fuji-Go. The Story of the Catholic Settlement of Bahau in WW2 Malaya" – by Fiona Hodgkins
	e) "The Sixth Column. The Heroic Story of Lt. Col Mahmood Khan Durrani G.C." – by M.K. Durrani
Page 24	A Report in 'Nature' magazine in July 1946 – by E.J.H Corner
Page 25	Obituaries:-
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	c) Saturday 24 th October 2015 – Annual London Reunion & Luncheon at RAF Club, London
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	b) "Devotion to a Calling. Far-East Flying & Survival with 62 Squadron RAF" – by H. Boxall & J. Bamford
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Page 21	More websites to visit:- a) http://au.news.yahoo.com/video/watch/30344705/former-world-war-two-prisoner-of-wars-opens-exhibition-of-pictures-he-risked-his-life-to-draw/ - Fred Ransome Smith's interview with Channel 7 News b) http://trove.nla.gov.au/work/31682788?q&versionId=38424509 - Photos taken by Revd. H. Aiken 1/FMSVF c) http://www.viweb.freehosting.net/talalla-bros.html - Story of Talalla Brothers wartime service d) http://www.itv.com/news/2015-07-23/mitsubishi-urged-to-apologise-to-british-prisoners-of-war/ - Sandy Gibson e) http://www.vintag.es/2013/10/colour-photos-of-singapore-military-in.html - Colour photos of military in Singapore f) http://www.facebook.com/1496587907285169/videos/vb.1496587907285169/1688623454748279/?type=2&theater g) http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/tts.site-ym.com/resource/collection/91BDA283-464C-4557-AAB8-4FA1C66B2B42-Cameron_Highlands_Boarding_School_Susan_Wouters_and_Tony_D_version2.pdf – Tanglin School h) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIPAD8WD2BE - Trailer for "Lost Over France: Malaysia's Unsung Hero" i) http://www.staitimes.com/singapore/markings-70th-year-of-the-end-of-ww11 - Article on Kranji Service k) http://vimeo.com/141922630 - Video of Talalla Family 10 year visit to France to honour Henry & Cyril's wartime
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Pages 25 & 26	Obituaries:- a) Cyril William (Bill) Pearson FMSVF – Veteran Volunteer whose memoirs have been included in A.K. b) Professor Herbert Gilles – world expert on malaria & worked at LSTM on FEPOWs' health problems c) Dr. Stanley Pavillard SSVF – much loved & admired MO on the Thailand-Burma Railway
Pages 26 & 27	12 other obits associated with the Far East both pre-and post-war: d) William ("Bill") Moylan – FEPOW & Chelsea Pensioner e) Capt. Terence 'Pablo' Percy – naval airman flew torpedo bombers from Formidable f) Lt. H.T.A. 'Tom' Wade – Lt. in 2 nd Battn. Loyal Regt. & FEPOW g) Gordon Graham – awarded 2 MCs in Burma h) Tony "Lofty" Eldridge – led last human torpedo raid from Trenchant against Jap ships i) Elizabeth McIntosh – American O.S.S agent in Far East j) Lt. Col. John Davie – served in Emergency with Seaforth Highlanders k) Maj. Grahame Vivian – Awarded 2 MCs – in Burma & post-war in Malaya l) Prof. Cheah Boon Kheng – historian and author m) Lt. Col. Mark Elliot Legg – Army Air Corps & awarded DFC for ops in post-war Malayan Emergency n) Sqn. Ldr. Stan Dixon – DFC for ops dropping supplies in Malayan Emergency o) Maj. Gen. Ronald McAlister - Force 136 in India and Burma
Pages 26 & 27	Dates for your Diary:- a) Sunday – 14 th February 2016 – Service at Point Walter Reserve, Perth WA. Aus Army Nurses b) Monday – 15 th February 2016 – Annual Memorial Service – City of Stirling, Perth WA c) Sunday – 15 th May 2016 – Annual Memorial Service at Wymondham FEPOW Church d) Monday 15 th August 2016 – Annual V-J Day Service – MVG's Memorial Garden NMA e) Saturday – 22 nd October 2016 – Annual London Reunion & Lunch, RAF Club f) Thursday – 10 th November 2016 – Cross Planting & Service at Westminster Abbey g) Sunday – 13 th November 2016 – Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph, Whitehall h) Saturday – 10 th December 2016 – Anniversary Service for sinking of Prince of Wales and Repulse i) Singapore – February 2017 – 75 th Anniversary of the fall of Singapore
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Page 25	The 36 Squadron Saga – Seletar, Singapore – Report by Les Hughes RAF & permission of Dave Croft RAFBPA.
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Page 25	Information Exchange:- a) Congratulations to Mike Sargeant on his award of Doctorate in Music.
Page 26	Obituaries:- a) Mary Huang Siew Ching – grandmother of Andrew & Lisa Hwang Other obituaries associated with the Far East both pre- and post-war:- b) Lt. Michael Ashton MC – 4 th Batt Royal Norfolks POW in Singapore and on the Burma-Siam Railway c) Major Gordon Wilmot – served with the RSF 1954-57 during the Malayan Emergency. d) Bruce George – fought with the British Battalion & POW on Burma-Siam Railway.
Pages 26 & 27	Dates for your Diary:- a) Tuesday 12 th April 2016 – Joint BMS/MVG Meeting & Talk at the Malaysian High Commission. b) Sunday 15 th May 2016 – Annual Memorial Service at Wyomondham FEPOW Church. c) Wednesday 25 th May 2016 – Annual Gardening Day at the MVG's Memorial Garden at the NMA. d) Monday 15 th August 2016 – Annual V-J Day Service in the MVG's Memorial Garden at the NMA. e) Saturday 22 nd October 2016 – Annual Reunion and Luncheon – RAF Club, Piccadilly, London. f) Thursday 10 th November 2016 – Cross Planting Ceremony & Service at Westminster Abbey. g) Sunday 13 th November 2016 – Remembrance Sunday Service in Whitehall & Cenotaph March Past. h) Saturday 10 th December 2016 – Service at NMA for sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales. i) February 2017 – 75 th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore on 15 th February 1942.
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Pages 24 & 25	"The Last of the Old 93 rd Highlanders" – by Jonathan Moffatt.
Pages 25 & 26	Obituaries:- a) Diana Maureen Ruffell – MVG member & daughter of Forbes Wallace FMSVF & Aileen (nee Grace). b) Susan Tanner – MVG member & daughter of Harry Malet 4/FMSVF & Josephine. c) David Blyth 2/A & SH – last of the old 93rds – FEPOW in KL, Thailand & Indo-China. Other obituaries associated with the Far East both pre- and post-war d) Sqn. Ldr. Owen Parry DFC – Flew 175 ops in Burma including around Imphal & Kohima in 1944. e) Major Jim Symes MC & Bar – Commanded 1 st Batt, Royal Hampshire Regiment during Emergency.
Page 26	Books:- a) "World War 11@Bukit Brown" – collection of stories, essays, & poems about Japanese Occupation. b) "The Balestiers. The First American Residents of Singapore" – by R.E.Hale c) "Surviving the Death Railway: A Pow's Memoir and Letters Home" – corrections – by Hilary Green d) "Tiger in the Park: The Wartime Heritage of Adam park" – by Jon Cooper.
Pages 26 & 27	Websites to visit:- a) http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/wwii-tale-unravels-at-adam-park-bungalow - interesting ST article. b) http://www.marshallcavendish.com/marshallcavendish/genref/The-Balestiers_B964_Singapore.aspx - book c) http://www.ethosbooks.comsg/collections/others/products/tigers-in-the-park - Jon Cooper's book
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"The Last of the Old 93rd Highlanders" – Part 2 – by Jonathan Moffatt.
The Diary of Charles Robert Samuel – by kind permission of Sir David Lewis.
"The Tale of a Table, Java 1942" – by F.O. Claude McLaren-Reid – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.

Books:-

a) "Doris Van Der Stratten. The Australian Mistress of the Japanese Commander of K.L." – by Andrew Barber.
The Story of Gander – with thanks to Sallie Hammond for this story.

Obituaries:-

a) President S.R. Nathan of Singapore – who unveiled MVG's teak plaque at Changi Museum 12/9/08.

Other obituaries associated with the Far East both pre- and post-war:-

- b) Cynthia Cooke – repatriation nurse on HMS Formidable with returning Australian & other FEPOWs.
- c) Peter Fontaine – served in Burma with the Royal Corps of Signals – post-war he became an actor.
- d) Lt. Col. Edward Gopsill MC & DSO – served with Gurkhas in WW2 & Malayan Emergency post-war
- e) Lt. Col. Peter Kemmis Betty MC – fought with 28th Indian Infantry Brigade WW2 & post-war Emergency
- f) Cyril Charles Wigram – Somerset L.I. RFC & RAFVR in Far East – captured in Java.

ML-KNIL Vildebeest Aircraft – article by Dave Croft RAFBPA

Dates for your Diary:-

- a) Saturday 22nd October 2016 – Annual Reunion & Luncheon – RAF Club.
- b) Thursday 19th November 2016 – Cross Planting Ceremony – Westminster Abbey.
- c) Sunday 13th November 2016 – Remembrance Sunday Service & March Past at the Cenotaph.
- d) Saturday 10th December 2016 – Commemoration of the sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.
- e) 75th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore – 15th February 2017 – Kranji Service.
- f) Perth WA – 14th February 2017 – Service for Australian Army Nurses killed on Radji Beach, Muntok.
- g) Perth WA – 15th February 2017 – Service to mark the fall of Singapore.
- h) Muntok, Banka Island – 16th February 2017 – Memorial Service on Radji Beach.
- i) Friday – Sunday 9th – 11th June 2017 – RFH Group's 6th International Conference in Liverpool.

List of Members – up-dated new issue.

Subscriptions – a reminder to pay promptly in April.

Password for accessing back copies of newsletter on the website – "kelantan"

Annual Accounts will be ready in January 2017.

Photo of President S. R, Nathan and MVG members after unveiling the teak Plaque at the Changi Museum 12/9/08

Contact addresses for officers in Australia, Malaysia and the U.K.

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MVG & Malayan Volunteer Forces Crosses in the FEPOW Plot, Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey.

Disappointment on Remembrance Sunday 2016 – Plans to attend 75th anniversary in Singapore on 15/2/2017.

Remembrance Sunday – 13th November 2016 – Report by Rosemary Fell

Annual Reunion and Luncheon Report – 22nd October 2016

Books:-

a) "From Cornwall to the Burma-Thai Railway: A Tribute to John Henry Polglase" – by Robin John Polglase.
The Wartime Recollections of Terence de Souza – Part 2.

DHS Hall. The Story of a Royal Marine aboard HMS Prince of Wales 1941 – 1945 – by his son Bob Hall

Websites to visit:-

- a) <http://www.theage.com.au/travel-grzhfs.html> – Battlefield Tourism Destinations – sent by Robert Gray.
- b) <http://www.facebook.com/WW11BECFFESEA19371946/videos/1856988367911786/> - MVAf new clip (Parrini)
- c) www.walterpollock.com – sent by John Pollock following Walter Pollock's story in his Diary.
Also see twitter@walterpollock_
- d) <http://www.star2.com/people/2016/12/08/invasion-of-malaya-the-japanese-arrive/> - sent by Liz Moggie.
- e) <http://www.star2.com/people/2016/12/08/invasion-of-malaya-from-kota-baru-to-kuala-lumpur/> - part 2 of above.

The Diary of Charles Robert Samuel contd. – by kind permission of Sir David Lewis

"My Father and the Capture of the Mata Hari in February 1942" – by kind permission of his son Phil Hogge.

An ANZAC Story – Finding the Nurses in Sumatra – from an article in the Tasmanian Times by Peter Henning.

News from Australia – 75th Anniversary of Vyner Brooke sinking; Knitted Poppies; Christmas Lunch in WA

News from Malaysia – taken from newspaper cuttings sent by Liz Moggie – Remembrance Sunday & other reports.

Service at the NMA on 10th December 2016 – report by Bob Hall.

The Battle of the Java Sea – from an article in the Daily Telegraph.

Invasion of Malaya: First Shot in the Pacific War – article in the Star2 newspaper with input from MVG members.

SSVF Colours Stolen from Japs – article from the Straits Times dated 23rd January 1947.

Obituaries:-

- a) Marilyn Margaret Hywel-Jones – founder member of MVG and personal friend of many members.
- b) Des Woodford – MVG member & child internee in Palembang & Muntok.
- c) Bill Bourke – former member of MVG whose father was interned in Palembang.
- d) Maj-Gen. Pater Benson – Served during the Emergency – as rat-catcher in chief.

Dates for your Diary:-

- a) February 2017 – MVG's visit to Singapore for the 75th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore.
- b) Perth WA – 12th February 2017 – 75th Anniversary Service of the sinking of the Vyner Brooke.
- c) Perth WA – 15th February 2017 – Annual Service to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore.
- d) Muntok, Sumatra – Nurses' Memorial Service on Radji Beach.
- e) London – April 2017 – Joint BMS/MVG Meeting at Malaysian High Commission.
- f) Wyndham – Sunday 14th May 2017 – Annual FEPOW Service.
- g) NMA – Sunday 21st May 2017 – Annual Gardening Day in MVG's Plot.
- h) Liverpool – Friday – Sunday 9th-11th June – RFH Group's 6th International FEPOW Conference.
- i) V-J Day – Tuesday 15th August 2017 – Annual Service at the NMA in MVG's Memorial Garden.
- j) London – Saturday 21st October 2017 – Annual Reunion and Luncheon – RAF Club, Piccadilly.
- k) London – Thursday 9th November 2017 – Cross Planting and Service at Westminster Abbey.
- l) London – Saturday 12th November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday Service and March Past in Whitehall.
- m) NMA – Sunday 10th December 2017 – Anniversary of sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.

Subscriptions – reminder to all members.

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Captain Ho Weng Toh, Vilma Howe and Olga Henderson lay their wreaths during the Kranji Service 15/2/17

Editorial – MVG members commemorate the Fall of Singapore at services in Singapore, Sumatra & Perth WA.
Visit to Cambridge University Library – notice from Jonathan Moffatt
Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the fall of Singapore in Plymouth – report by Bob Hall.
MVG sparks transatlantic meeting – by Dr. Malcolm Read
75 years later – a meeting of parallel lives – Diana Mirkin’s story
Donald and Carol Purdie’s Story – related by Diana Mirkin.
“My Father and the Capture of the Mata Hari in February 1942 – Part 2” – by kind permission of his son Phil Hogge.
“Keeping an Eye on the Japanese in Thailand – The Jungle Border Patrol of 1941” – article by Dave Croft RAFBPA.
The Diary of Charles Robert Samuel contd. – by kind permission of Sir David Lewis.
The Story of Colin Inglis’s Escape – by kind permission of Sir David Lewis.
Roderick James Rait’s medals.
“Prisoner of the Japanese. The Trials & Tribulations of William Munro” – sent by Donald & late Diana Ruffell.
Obituaries:-
a) Michael Hammett – MVG member & son of Harold Hammett , Camp Leader in Palembang and Muntok
b) Des Woodford – recorded in more detail – MVG member & child internee
c) Col. David Shallow MC – Royal Marine serving during the Emergency.
d) Adam Bergius DSC – crew member of a midget submarine which cut phone cables in Far East waters.
Books:-
a) “Largie Castle. A Rifled Nest” - by Mary Gladstone.
Websites:-
a) <http://muntokpeacemuseum.org/> - website for Muntok Peace Museum set up by David Man.
b) <http://www.manfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Reis-Prisoner-of-War-Diary-for-Muntok-Visit-Letter-Size-With-Postscript.pdf> - the Diary of Gordon Reis – grandfather of David Man
c) <http://www.cwgc.org/news-events/news/2017/2/daughter-who-escaped-singapore-in-1942-returns-to-pay-tribute-to-father-who-stayed-behind.aspx> - Telephone interview with Rosemary Fell before visit to Singapore.
The Church of Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury. National Memorial Church of FEPOW – an update.
“Flying Tigers” - taken from an article in “Ipoh when Tin was King” – Capt. Ho Weng Toh & Capt. Leong Ming Sen.
Dates for your Diary:-
a) London – April 2017 – Joint BMS.MVG meeting at the Malaysian High Commission.
b) Wymondham – Sunday 14th May 2017 – Annual FEPOW Service.
c) NMA – Sunday 21st May 2-17 – Gardening Day at MVG’s Plot at the NMA.
d) Liverpool Conference – Friday – Sunday 9th-11th June 2017 – 6th International Conference.
e) V-J Day Service – Tuesday 15th August 2017 – NMA
f) London – Saturday 21st October 2017 – Annual Reunion and Lunch – RAF Club
g) London – Thursday 9th November 2017 – Cross Planting Ceremony
h) London – Sunday 12th November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday
i) NMA – Sunday 10th December 2017 – Service for HMS Repulse & HMS Prince of Wales
Subscriptions – now due for payment – a reminder.
“I Found a Bone” – poem by Teo Kah Leng (Peter) – A Tribute to the Sook Ching Massacre of Chinese in 1942.
Contact addresses for secretaries in UK, Australia and Malaysia.

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Jonathan Moffatt with veteran MVG member Charles Edwards’ map of the Thailand-Burma Railway

Editorial – MVG members attend RFH Conference in Liverpool – Fight for recognition of the Volunteers continues.
The FEPOW Service at Wymondham – report by Hilary Green.
Gardening Day in the MVG’s Memorial Garden at the NMA – report by Rosemary Fell.
Reminder to sign up for the visit to the Cambridge University Library.
Remembering the Fall of Singapore - by Ros Bickford.
A report on recent dealings with the Chairman & Trustees of the FEPOW Memorial Building at the NMA – by R.Fell.
A visit to Kota Ambon, Indonesia – report by Liz Moggie.
“My Father and the Capture of the Mata Hari in February 1942 – Part 3” – by kind permission of his son Phil Hogge.
“Memories of Evacuation & Capture of the ‘Mata Hari.’ An Eye Witness Account” – by Vilma Howe.
Information Exchange:-
a) Straits Times Changi Prison Feature – an interview with Vilma Howe.
b) A letter about Captain David Nelson’s health from his Doctor – Dr. Hugh Smith.
c) More information from Jonathan Moffatt on the IWM
d) Letter written on the S.S. Tegelberg by Edward Hebditch – sent by his daughter June Jackson.
e) Roderick Rait – more information from John & Ann Evans.
“Prisoner of the Japanese. The Trials & Tribulations of William Munro – Pt. 2” – sent by Donald & late Diana Ruffell
The Sinking of the SS Tandjong Pinang – 17/2/1942 – by kind permission of Sir David Lewis.
“Legacies of far East Captivity” - a report on the RFH’s 6th International Conference by Rosemary Fell.
“The Art of Survival in Far East POW Camps” – proposed Art Exhibition by the LSTM in 2019.
Obituaries:-
a) Jean Moffatt – mother of Jonathan Moffatt and his sisters.
b) Nola Hudson – Honorary Life Member aged 103.
c) Fred Seiker – former MVG member & FEPOW. Artist and Author of “Lest We Forget.”
Other obituaries associated with the Far East both pre- and post-war:-
d) George W. Duffy – U.S. Merchant Marine and FEPOW - attendee at a RFH Conference.
e) Iris Hogge – Sumatra civilian internee - daughter of a rubber planter in Sumatra.

	f) Vice Admiral Dick Wildish – engineer on HMS Prince of Wales – designed the “splinter box” – escaped.
	g) James “Lionel “ Brooke – son of Anthony, nephew and heir apparent to Rajah Vyner Brooke.
Page 23	Websites to visit:-
	a) http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/a-prison-that-both-chills-and-fascinates?&utm_source=email&utm_medium=social-media&utm_campaign=addtoany – Changi Prison website
Page 24	b) http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04b6bs3 - “My Dad’s Diary” - found on Japanese beach & returned to family
	Books:-
	a) “My Dear Everyone: Echoes from a Colonial Life” – by Patricia Wood
	b) “Burma Railway Medicine: Disease, Death & Survival” – by Geoff Gill and Meg Parkes.
Page 25	Veteran Remembers Japanese Invasion – report in the Star newspaper about MVG Veteran James Jeremiah.
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	g) SINGAPORE – 12 th September 2020 – 75 th anniversary of the Japanese surrender.
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	Editorial - V-J Day remembered at the NMA – RBL recognizes the MVG’s right to march on Remembrance Sunday.
	Apologies to Sibylla Jane Flower and John Hembry.
	V-J Day Service at the NMA – 15 th August 2017 – report by Jonathan Moffatt with input by Rosemary Fell.
	Cambridge University Library Visit – 11 th August 2017 – report by Jonathan Moffatt.
	Service of Remembrance 2017 – Kings Park, Western Australia – edited report by Bill Adamson.
	“My Story” by Allan Proctor who died in 2016 – sent by Robert Gray, MVG member in Australia.
	“Who are the Bachelors of Amoy?” – article by William Shore.
	W.B.E. Petersen – Danish Planter turned Jungle Soldier. Article researched by Dave Croft.
	“My Father and the Capture of the Mata Hari in February 1942 – Part 4” – by kind permission of his son Phil Hogge.
	Recruiting Volunteers for RAF Malaya – The Special Technical Corps – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.
	“Prisoner of the Japanese. The Trials & Tribulations of William Munro –Pt. 3” – sent by Donald & late Diana Ruffell.
	News in Brief:-
	a) Report in the Star newspaper about Bukit Chandu.
	b) Opening of the “Witness to War” Exhibition at the National Museum of Singapore.
	c) Recent visit to Singapore’s Kranji CWGC by Michael Doncaster.
	d) Mary Harris adds more to the E.O Shebbeare story.
	e) Information re: Sqn. Ldr. Longmore – a former rubber planter in Malaya.
	f) News from Muntok Peace Museum by Judy Balcombe.
	g) Knitted Poppies – by Eileen Wright.
	h) Two stories from the New Sunday Times – “Nepti” and the 1 st BMS/MVG Lunch.
Page 26	Obituaries:-
	a) Elizabeth Okeby – sister of MVG member Mason Nelson
	b) Marshall Douglas – husband of MVG member Velvet Douglas.
	c) Lt-Cdr. Henry Hall – last survivor of HMAS Canberra
	d) Alastair Gavin MC – awarded for his role as troop leader in the Emergency.
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	e) Muntok – 16 th February 2018 – “Walk for Humanity” – service at Radji Beach.
	f) London – 5 th April 2018 – Joint BMS/MVG meeting at Malaysian High Commission.
	g) Singapore – 12 th September 2020 – 75 th anniversary of the Japanese surrender.
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