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	b) "My Father in his Suitcase. In search of the E.J.H Corner – the Relentless Botanist" – by John K. Corner
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	b) Olga Kathigasu – elder daughter of Malaya's decorated war heroine Sybil Kathigasu ("No Dram of Mercy")
	c) Lt. Col. Charles Verdon RM – sunk on 'Prince of Wales' - captured Singapore & sent to Thailand Railway.
	d) Lt. Cdr. Philip Cookson – commanded sub 'Oberon' during Konfrontasi & perfected escape method from a sub
	e) Rosemary Helbling – beloved mother of MVG member Karen Harney
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	c) Sunday – 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2014 – Remembrance Sunday Service & March Past at the Cenotaph, London
	d) Saturday – 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service in the City of Stirling Memorial Gardens, Perth WA
	e) Saturday – 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 – Service at Point Walter Reserve for Army Nurses – Perth WA
	f) Sunday - 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 – Annual FEPOW Service at the FEPOW Church at Wymondham
	g) Friday to Sunday – 5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 – RFH Group's 5 <sup>th</sup> International Conference in Liverpool
	h) Saturday – 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2015 – 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V-J Day - Service in Chapel & Memorial Garden
	i) Singapore – 10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 - 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of signing of Surrender of Japanese in Singapore
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Pages 15 – 17	Hugh Lawson's Diaries from December 1941 to February 1942 – by kind permission of his nephew Bob Davidson
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	Updates on MVG Projects:-
	1. Muntok Museum of Peace – by Judy Balcombe
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Pages 18 & 19	Websites to visit:-
	a) <a href="http://www.co.uk/news/magazine-29665232">http://www.co.uk/news/magazine-29665232</a> - "The Forgotten Women of the War in the East" – BBC feature
	b) <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/malaysia/11187603/Celebrated-British-warships-being-stripped-bare-for-scrap-metal.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/malaysia/11187603/Celebrated-British-warships-being-stripped-bare-for-scrap-metal.html</a> - 'Prince of Wales' and 'Repulse' wrecks are being looted for scrap metal
	c) <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/news/11220249/Imperial-War-Museum-library-petition-gathers-strength.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/news/11220249/Imperial-War-Museum-library-petition-gathers-strength.html</a>
	d) <a href="http://www2.nst.com.my/streets/johor/penang-s-own-sleeping-beauty-laid-to-rest-1.202195">http://www2.nst.com.my/streets/johor/penang-s-own-sleeping-beauty-laid-to-rest-1.202195</a> - James Jeremiah
	e) <a href="http://www.smh.com.au?comment/why-we-need-culture-and-books-more-than-ever-20141209-1238wx.html">http://www.smh.com.au?comment/why-we-need-culture-and-books-more-than-ever-20141209-1238wx.html</a>
	f) <a href="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">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</a> - the story of Iban Tracker Awang Raweng
	g) <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-two/11167561/Scars-of-the-Burma-railway-trauma-that-never-healed.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-two/11167561/Scars-of-the-Burma-railway-trauma-that-never-healed.html</a> - 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
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	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
Pages 26 & 27	Dates for your Diary:-
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	c) Tuesday – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 - MVG Lunch in Fremantle WA



- d) Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – Annual Memorial Service in FEPOW Church, Wymondham  
 e) Friday to Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – RFH International Conference in Liverpool  
 f) Saturday – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service for V-J Day in the Chapel & Memorial Garden, NMA  
 g) Singapore – 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Japanese surrender in Singapore  
 h) Saturday – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – Annual Reunion & Luncheon in London  
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 k) Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – Remembrance Sunday & March Past at the Cenotaph
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 Annual Commemoration Service in Perth WA on 14<sup>th</sup> February to mark the fall of Singapore 15/2/1942  
 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 – 11<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1942 to 9<sup>th</sup> 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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### **Books:-**

- "Don't Know Where, Don't Know When" – by Dr. Malcolm Read – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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### **Obituaries:-**

- Madam Carol Ho – wife of MVG member Ivan Ho
- 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 – 2/19<sup>th</sup> Batt. AIF FEPOW on Railway & in Japan & observed Hiroshima's bomb blast

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- Saturday – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service on V-J Day in NMA Chapel & MVG Garden
- Singapore - 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of signing of Japanese surrender in Singapore
- Saturday – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – Annual London Reunion & Luncheon – RAF Club
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Websites to visit:-

- <http://janus.lib.cam.ac.uk/db/node.xsp?id=EAD%2F0115%2FRCMS%20103> - Archives of BAM in Cambridge
  - <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&m+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 – 11<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September 1945" – by kind permission of June Jackson  
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Page 27	Books:- a) "Not Worth a Bullet. The Memories of an Old Woman" – By Josephine Foss b) "Devotion to a Calling. Far-East Flying & Survival with 62 Squadron RAF" – by H. Boxall & J. Bamford c) "The Church of St. George the Martyr, Penang, A Bicentenary Guide" – by Leslie A.K. James
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Page 10	Some Websites to visit:-
	a) <a href="http://digital.soas.ac.uk/L0AA000025/00001">http://digital.soas.ac.uk/L0AA000025/00001</a> "Churches of Captivity"
	b) <a href="http://gu.com/p/3tnzq/sbl">http://gu.com/p/3tnzq/sbl</a> - Guardian article about Mieke van Trig, Dutch Civilian POW, mother of Jane Seymour
	c) <a href="http://muntokpeacemuseum.org">http://muntokpeacemuseum.org</a> - website prepared by David Man grandson of Gordon Reis - Civilian FEPOW
	d) <a href="http://mosaicscience.com">http://mosaicscience.com</a> - documentary based on "Captive Memories" - book by Meg Parkes
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Page 21	More websites to visit:-
	a) <a href="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/">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/</a> - Fred Ransome Smith's interview with Channel 7 News
	b) <a href="http://trove.nla.gov.au/work/31682788?q&amp;versionId=38424509">http://trove.nla.gov.au/work/31682788?q&amp;versionId=38424509</a> - Photos taken by Revd. H. Aiken 1/FMSVF
	c) <a href="http://www.viweb.freehosting.net/talalla-bros.html">http://www.viweb.freehosting.net/talalla-bros.html</a> - Story of Talalla Brothers wartime service
	d) <a href="http://www.itv.com/news/2015-07-23/mitsubishi-urged-to-apologise-to-british-prisoners-of-war/">http://www.itv.com/news/2015-07-23/mitsubishi-urged-to-apologise-to-british-prisoners-of-war/</a> - Sandy Gibson
	e) <a href="http://www.vintage.es/2013/10/colour-photos-of-singapore-military-in.html">http://www.vintage.es/2013/10/colour-photos-of-singapore-military-in.html</a> - Colour photos of military in Singapore
	f) <a href="http://www.facebook.com/1496587907285169/videos/vb.1496587907285169/1688623454748279/?type=2&amp;theater">http://www.facebook.com/1496587907285169/videos/vb.1496587907285169/1688623454748279/?type=2&amp;theater</a>
	g) <a href="http://c.yimcdn.com/sites/fts.site-ym.com/resource/collection/91BDA283-464C-4557-AAB8-4FA1C66B2B42-Cameron_Highlands_Boarding_School_Susan_Wouters_and_Tony_D_version2.pdf">http://c.yimcdn.com/sites/fts.site-ym.com/resource/collection/91BDA283-464C-4557-AAB8-4FA1C66B2B42-Cameron_Highlands_Boarding_School_Susan_Wouters_and_Tony_D_version2.pdf</a> - Tanglin School
	h) <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIPAD8WD2BE">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIPAD8WD2BE</a> - Trailer for "Lost Over France: Malaysia's Unsung Hero"
	i) <a href="http://www.staitimes.com/singapore/marking-70th-year-of-the-end-of-ww11">http://www.staitimes.com/singapore/marking-70th-year-of-the-end-of-ww11</a> - Article on Kranji Service
	k) <a href="http://vimeo.com/141922630">http://vimeo.com/141922630</a> - Video of Talalla Family 10 year visit to France to honour Henry & Cyril's wartime
Pages 22 - 24	The Diary of George William Somerville 4/FMSVF - by permission of his daughters & Ruth Rollitt
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
	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 sullies in Malayan Emergency
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Page 9	Secret Demolition of Raffles' House - Letter printed in 'The Star Online' & sent by Leslie James.
Page 9	Zeke at 6 o'clock - Report from the New Straits Times about the flight of the reconstructed WW2 Zero Fighter plane.
Page 10	Warming about Wikipedia from Mary Harris
Pages 11 & 12	"A Journey of Nightmares" - by Sallie Hammond and Dave Croft
Pages 13 & 14	"The Diary of George William Somerville 1902 - 1984 - Part 2 - by Jill Staples & Barbara Parsons & Ruth Rollitt.
Pages 15 & 16	Hugh Lawson's Diary - Sime Road Camp from 1 <sup>st</sup> May - 31 <sup>st</sup> July 1945 - Part 6 - by permission of Bob Davidson.
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Page 25	Information Exchange:- a) Congratulations to <b>Mike Sargeant</b> on his award of Doctorate in Music.
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Pages 26 & 27	Dates for your Diary:- a) Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Joint BMS/MVG Meeting & Talk at the Malaysian High Commission. b) Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Annual Memorial Service at Wymondham FEPOW Church. c) Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Annual Gardening Day at the MVG's Memorial Garden at the NMA. d) Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2016 – Annual V-J Day Service in the MVG's Memorial Garden at the NMA. e) Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2016 – Annual Reunion and Luncheon – RAF Club, Piccadilly, London. f) Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Cross Planting Ceremony & Service at Westminster Abbey. g) Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Remembrance Sunday Service in Whitehall & Cenotaph March Past. h) Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Service at NMA for sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales. i) February 2017 – 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 1942.
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Pages 20 – 23	"The Last of the Old 93 <sup>rd</sup> Highlanders" – by Jonathan Moffatt.
Pages 24 & 25	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.
Pages 25 & 26	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 <sup>st</sup> 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) <a href="http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/wwii-tale-unravels-at-adam-park-bungalow">http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/wwii-tale-unravels-at-adam-park-bungalow</a> - interesting ST article. b) <a href="http://www.marshallcavendish.com/marshallcavendish/genref/The-Balestiers_B964_Singapore.aspx">http://www.marshallcavendish.com/marshallcavendish/genref/The-Balestiers_B964_Singapore.aspx</a> - book c) <a href="http://www.ethosbooks.comsg/collections/others/products/tigers-in-the-park">http://www.ethosbooks.comsg/collections/others/products/tigers-in-the-park</a> - Jon Cooper's book
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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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 – Annual Reunion & Luncheon – RAF Club.  
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d) Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Commemoration of the sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.  
e) 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Kranji Service.  
f) Perth WA – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Service for Australian Army Nurses killed on Radji Beach, Muntok.  
g) Perth WA – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Service to mark the fall of Singapore.  
h) Muntok, Banka Island – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Memorial Service on Radji Beach.  
i) Friday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – RFH Group’s 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Disappointment on Remembrance Sunday 2016 – Plans to attend 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Singapore on 15/2/2017.  
Remembrance Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Report by Rosemary Fell  
Annual Reunion and Luncheon Report – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.walterpollock.com) – sent by John Pollock following Walter Pollock’s story in his Diary.  
Also see [twitter@walterpollock](https://twitter.com/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 – 75<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore.  
b) Perth WA – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of the sinking of the Vyner Brooke.  
c) Perth WA – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Annual Service to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Annual FEPOW Service.  
g) NMA – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 – Annual Gardening Day in MVG’s Plot.  
h) Liverpool – Friday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June – RFH Group’s 6<sup>th</sup> International FEPOW Conference.  
i) V-J Day – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – Annual Service at the NMA in MVG’s Memorial Garden.  
j) London – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017 – Annual Reunion and Luncheon – RAF Club, Piccadilly.  
k) London – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Cross Planting and Service at Westminster Abbey.  
l) London – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday Service and March Past in Whitehall.  
m) NMA – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Anniversary of sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.  
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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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Books:-

- a) “Largie Castle. A Rifled Nest” - by Mary Gladstone.

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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.  
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- a) London – April 2017 – Joint BMS.MVG meeting at the Malaysian High Commission.  
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d) Liverpool Conference – Friday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference.  
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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.  
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- 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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) <a href="http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/a-prison-that-both-chills-and-fascinates?utm_source=email&amp;utm_medium=social-media&amp;utm_campaign=addtoany">http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/a-prison-that-both-chills-and-fascinates?utm_source=email&amp;utm_medium=social-media&amp;utm_campaign=addtoany</a> – Changi Prison website
Page 24	b) <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04b6bs3">http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04b6bs3</a> - “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.
Page 26	Dates for your Diary:-
	a) V-J Day Service – Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017.
	b) Perth WA – 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2017 – Merdeka Day Service.
	c) London – Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2017 – Annual Reunion and Lunch.
	d) London – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Cross Planting
	e) London – Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday
	f) NMA – Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Anniversary of sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.
	g) SINGAPORE – 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japanese surrender.
Page 26	Annual Subscriptions – thanks.
Page 26	List of Members – to be issued in October.
Page 27	Photo of Brenda Macduff’s 103 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday – Honorary MVG member.
Page 27	“Civilyun an’ Sojer too” – poem in ‘A History of the Singapore Volunteer Corps’ with apologies to Rudyard Kipling.
Page 27	Contact names and addresses.

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Page 1	<b>Olga Henderson’s Birthday card made for her in Sime Road Camp by Tommy Ryan – an “Asia Boy”.</b>
Page 2	Editorial - V-J Day remembered at the NMA – RBL recognizes the MVG’s right to march on Remembrance Sunday.
Pages 3 & 4	Apologies to Sibylla Jane Flower and John Hembry.
Pages 5 & 6	V-J Day Service at the NMA – 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 – report by Jonathan Moffatt with input by Rosemary Fell.
Pages 6 & 7	Cambridge University Library Visit – 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 – report by Jonathan Moffatt.
Pages 8 – 10	Service of Remembrance 2017 – Kings Park, Western Australia – edited report by Bill Adamson.
Page 11	“My Story” by Allan Proctor who died in 2016 – sent by Robert Gray, MVG member in Australia.
Pages 12 – 15	“Who are the Bachelors of Amoy?” – article by William Shore.
Pages 16 – 18	W.B.E. Petersen – Danish Planter turned Jungle Soldier. Article researched by Dave Croft.
Pages 19 & 20	“My Father and the Capture of the Mata Hari in February 1942 – Part 4” – by kind permission of his son Phil Hogge.
Pages 21 – 24	Recruiting Volunteers for RAF Malaya – The Special Technical Corps – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.
Pages 24 – 26	“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 <sup>st</sup> 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.
Pages 26 & 27	Dates for your Diary:-
	a) London – 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2017 – Annual Reunion & Lunch.
	b) London – 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Cross Planting.
	c) London - 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday
	d) NMA – 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Anniversary of sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.
	e) Muntok – 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 – “Walk for Humanity” – service at Radji Beach.
	f) London – 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Joint BMS/MVG meeting at Malaysian High Commission.
	g) Singapore – 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japanese surrender.
Page 27	List of members – enclosed please check entries.
Page 27	Annual Accounts – no accounts from Malaysia.
Page 27	Website – re-vamped website be online in January 2018
Page 27	Photo of Bob Hall reading the Exhortation at the V-J day Service – August 2017.
Page 27	Contact names and addresses.

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Pages 2 & 3	Editorial – MVG’s new website goes live; members march at Cenotaph; Electricity for Muntok’s Peace Museum.
Page 3	Report on Annual Reunion & Lunch on Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2017 & Roger Willbourn’s talk- report by R.Fell.
Page 3	November Lunch in Perth WA – report by Elizabeth Adamson.
Page 3	Cross Planting Ceremony 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 – report by Karen Harney.
Pages 4 & 5	Remembrance Sunday Cenotaph Parade in Whitehall – Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 – report by Rosemary Fell.
Page 5	Report on the HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales Commemoration Service at the NMA, 10/12/17 – report by Bob Hall.
Page 6	Report on the Peace Museum in Muntok – by Judy Balcombe.
Pages 7 & 8	Report by Capt. J.W. Smith on 6/11/1945 on an incident at Benkolen (sic) on 5/11/45.
Page 8	Interview with Hanako Kuyama 18/11.17 re: State visit of Akihito in 1998 – by Sibylla Jane Flower.

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Tan Sri Dato' Mubin Sheppard MCS – presented by Dave Croft RAFBPA.  
"Echo of the Malayan Campaign" - Article in Straits Times 21/4/1946 – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.  
News in Brief: Replies to items covered in Oct 2017 [A.K. 52].  
1). New Sunday Times Story of 'Nepti. The Silent One' – by Jane Nielsen.  
2). Information about WFN Churchill – by Dave Croft.  
3). Report on "Witness to War" exhibition at the National Museum in Singapore – by Liz Moggie.  
4). Christmas card 1945 – sent by Major Eric Wingate from the far East – by David Wingate his son.  
5). The Bachelors of Amoy – information sent by Mason Nelson  
6). Edward Shebbeare – Head of Snail Farm in Sime Road Camp – from Dave Croft.  
7). Report in Star newspaper 24/10/17 "Abe to push revision of Japan's pacific constitution."  
"The Surveyor Surveyed" – Eric Willbourn OBE., ED., MA – Roger Willbourn's talk at the MVG Lunch Oct 2017.  
Eric Willbourn & Elizabeth Alexander ; some geological continuity – by Mary Harris.  
Wartime Record of Alexander A. Russell FMSVF, Armoured Cars & POW with "D" Battalion – by Jonathan Russell.  
"Prisoner of the Japanese. The Trials and Tribulations of William Munro. Pt 4" – By Donald & the late Diana Ruffell.  
Harold James & Gladys Isabel Page in World War Two – by Judy Barradell-Smith.  
Obituaries:  
a). Sir Roger Moon.  
b). Tony Lucas.  
c). Commander Bill Atkinson.  
d). Air Vice-Marshal Ted Hawkins.  
e). Geoffrey Rowley-Conwy (Lord Langford).

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Visit of HRH The Prince of Wales & HRH The Duchess of Cornwall to Malaysia - & POW to Taiping Cemetery.  
Second Joint meeting of MVG & BMS – Thursday 5/4/18 at 52, Bedford Row, London.  
Dates for your Diary:  
a). Perth WA Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Service for Vyner Brooke sinking & Radji Beach Massacre.  
b). Perth WA Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Fall of Singapore Commemoration Service.  
c). Muntok Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Service and 'Walk for Humanity' on Radji Beach.  
d). London Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Joint MVG/BMS meeting.  
e). Wyomndham Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Annual FEPOW Service in FEPOW Chapel.  
f). NMA Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Annual Gardening & Plot Maintenance.  
g). NMA Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Annual V-J Day Service.  
h). Perth WA August 2018. Annual Merdeka Day Service, Kings Park.  
i). London Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Annual Reunion & Lunch, RAF Club.  
j). London Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Cross Planting Ceremony, Westminster Abbey.  
k). London Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph.  
l). Canada Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Remembrance Sunday, Toronto.  
m). Malaysia Sunday November 2018. Remembrance Sunday Services in KL & Penang.  
n). NMA Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Service in memory of sinkings of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.  
o). Singapore 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020. 75th anniversary of Japanese surrender.

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Annual Subscriptions – reminder they are due in APRIL.  
MVG Website – new look to our website which has been re-vamped.  
New website address for RFH Group – <https://fepowhistory.com>  
Photo of FEPOW Memorial Stone at Mornington Crescent, London.  
Contact names and addresses.

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**Members of the Malayan Victory Parade Contingent at the Dunlop Factory – June 1946 (Lim Keng Watt x).**  
Editorial – Commemoration services in Perth WA and Sumatra. Addition of an MVG Facebook page on the web.  
Vyner Brooke Tragedy Commemoration Service – report by Robert Gray.  
Fall of Singapore Commemoration Service – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – report by Elizabeth Adamson.  
Visit to Muntok and Service on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – report by Judy Balcombe.  
Repatriation to Australia on the Oranje – by Jane Booker Nielsen.  
Hubert Berkeley – the early 20<sup>th</sup> century peoples' campaigner – by Dave Croft RAFBPA.  
Nursing Sisters Aetha Gentles and Sallie Scarf – by Sallie Hammond MVG Secretary in Canada/USA.  
"The Surveyor Surveyed" – Eric Willbourn OBE., ED., MA.– Roger Willbourn's talk at the MVG Lunch October 2017.  
The Victory Celebrations – London 8th June 1946 – by Audrey Lim Swee Peck.  
Harold James & Gladys Isabel Page in World War Two – Part 2 – by Judy Barradell-Smith.  
Information Exchange – More information about Major Eric Wingate from his son, David Wingate.  
The Diary of Sir Alastair & Esther Blair-Kerr about their escape from Singapore in 1942 – by Linda Hughes.  
Obituaries:

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a). Donald Fell – Rosemary's husband - Eulogies by Jonathan Moffatt; Anthony Denton & Dick Leonard.  
b). Lt.Col. Ian Hywel-Jones MBE., MC. – husband of MVG member Merilyn Hywel-Jones.  
c). Fergus Anckorn – Magician & Burma Railway Survivor.  
d). Belinda Corner – wife of MVG member John Corner.  
News in Brief:  
a). Liz Moggie reports on Changi Museum, Haw Par Villa & Raffles Hotel – closed for renovations.  
b). Malaysian press reports on relations between presidents Xi of China & Abe of Japan.  
c). Abdication of Emperor Akihito in April 2019  
d). Discovery of underground wartime bunker at Ipoh Airport.

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Websites to Visit:  
a). <https://fepowhistory.com/2018/03/23/fergus-ankorn-the-conjuror-on-the-kwai/>  
b). [http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Mar2018/Community/4519/Remembering-heroism-and-sacrifice-of-Australian-Army-Nurses.htm#\\_Wq5JiEoSkdK\\_email=0A=0A](http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Mar2018/Community/4519/Remembering-heroism-and-sacrifice-of-Australian-Army-Nurses.htm#_Wq5JiEoSkdK_email=0A=0A)  
c). [https://www.facebook.com/groups/375356659604268/?notif\\_id=1518183412656582&notif\\_t=group\\_added\\_to\\_group&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/groups/375356659604268/?notif_id=1518183412656582&notif_t=group_added_to_group&ref=notif)  
d). [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/22/bodies-of-second-world-war-sailors-in-java-sea-dumped-in-mass-grave?CMP=Share\\_AndroidApp\\_Messenger](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/22/bodies-of-second-world-war-sailors-in-java-sea-dumped-in-mass-grave?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Messenger)

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Annual Subscriptions – a reminder that they are now due.  
Dates for your Diary:



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Page 27	b). NMA Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2018. Annual Gardening & Plot Maintenance.
Page 27	c). NMA Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018. Annual V-J Day Service.
Page 27	d). Perth WA August 2018. Annual Merdeka Day Service, Kings Park.
	e). London Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2018. Annual Reunion & Lunch, RAF Club.
	f). London Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2018. Cross Planting Ceremony, Westminster Abbey.
	g). London Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2018. Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph.
	h). Canada Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2018. Remembrance Sunday, Toronto.
	i). Malaysia Sunday November 2018. Remembrance Sunday Services in KL & Penang.
	j). NMA Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018. Service in memory of sinkings of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.
	k). Singapore 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020. 75th anniversary of Japanese surrender.
	Bookmark photos. Designed by Donald Fell for distribution with the newsletter in April 2018
	HELP WANTED URGENTLY – to type up evacuee lists for the new website.
	Photo of Front Cover of the Victory Celebrations Programme – 8 <sup>th</sup> June 1946.
	Contact names and addresses.

## EDITION 55 – JULY 2018

### Front Cover

Page 1	<b>Cartoon of Sime Road Camp on Liberation by Admiral Mountbatten – drawn by Robert W.E. Harper.</b>
Pages 2 & 3	Editorial – Successful & well-attended MVG/BMS meeting. Volunteers commemorated at Wymondham Service.
Page 4	Report on BMS/MVG Meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 – by Jonathan Moffatt.
Page 4	“My Trip to Belum” by E.W. Birch – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.
Page 4	Message from Malaysia re: Seremban Memorial – sent by Major A.R. Ramachandran Iyer.
Pages 5 – 7	Message from Keith Andrews re: Photo albums in the FEPOW Building at the NMA.
Page 7	The Diary of Sir Alastair & Esther Blair-Kerr about their escape from Singapore in 1942 – by Linda Hughes.
Pages 8 – 10	Bataan Legacy Historical Society – Conference Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2018 on WW2 in the Philippines.
Pages 11 & 12	“The Surveyor Surveyed. Eric Willbourn. OBE., ED., MA.” - Roger Willbourn’s talk at the MVG Lunch October 2017.
Page 12	Harold James & Gladys Isabel Page in World War 2 – Part 3 – by Judy Barradell-Smith.
Pages 13 – 17	Proposed Visit to the National Army Museum – notice from Jonathan Moffatt.
Pages 17 – 20	The Japanese Conquest of Malaya – Part 1 - by Mark Morrison.
Pages 21 – 23	An Interview with Laurence C. Hurdell RNZN – Part 1 – with acknowledgements to his family & NZ Navy.
	Obituaries:
	a). Reginald Edwin Lawther – member of the MPAJA, East Pahang Regiment.
	b). Lachlan John Mackinnon – MVG member.
	c). Ann Toni Elfgren – MVG member.
	d). Will Allsop – husband of MVG member Sheila Allsop
	e). Rear-Admiral Sir Peter Anson Bt. Served on HMS POW & HMS Exeter. Captured by Japanese.
Page 23	Forgotten Boys: Bid to take 828 POWs home – Newspaper reports sent by Robert Gray.
Pages 24 & 25	Missing in Borneo. Private Norman Jackson SSVF – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.
Page 26	Books:
	a). “Memories of a Malaccan” by Audrey Lim Swee Peck.
	b). “The Japanese Conquest of Malaya and Singapore, 1941 – 45 by Dr. Paul Kratoska.
Pages 26 & 27	Dates for your Diary:
	a). NMA Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018. Annual V-J Day Service.
	b). Perth WA August 2018. Annual Merdeka Day Service, Kings Park.
	c). California USA Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2018. Conference on WW2 in the Philippines.
	d). London Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2018. Annual Reunion & Lunch, RAF Club.
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	j). Singapore 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020. 75th anniversary of Japanese surrender.
Page 27	Annual Subscriptions – thanks for payment.
Page 27	General Data Protection Regulations.
Page 27	Help wanted for Evacuee List.
Page 27	MVG Facebook Page report by Becca Kenneison.
Page 27	Peace Museum in Muntok – cost of electricity.
Page 27	Contact names and addresses.

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Pages 2 & 3	Editorial. Commemoration of 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of WW1 end – and reminder that V-J day as the true end of WW2.
Page 4	V-J Day 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 – report by Rosemary Fell.
Page 5	Photo of attendees at the Dedication of the Malayan Civil Service Memorial in St. Andrew’s Cathedral Singapore.
Pages 5 & 6	Transcription of Instructions to Returning FEPOWs – thanks to Lt. Col. Geoff Strivens.
Pages 6 & 7	Search for Survivors of the Lisbon Maru – plans to raise the remains of the wreck.
Pages 7 & 8	Appeal for funds for a Statue of Lt. Thomas Wilkinson VC – skipper of the <i>Li Wo</i> which engaged Japanese warships.
Page 8	“Give us this Day our Daily Bread.” – the Tjimahi Yeast Factory – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA
Pages 9 – 11	High Flyers. Sir William Goode & Vyvyan Frampton – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA
Pages 12 – 14	An Interview with Laurence C. Hurdell RNZN – Part 2 – with acknowledgements to his family & the NZ Navy.
Pages 15 & 16	“Escape from Singapore.” Diary of M.C. Hay MCS. Mines Inspector, FMSVF Light Battery – sent by Alison Keating.
Pages 17 – 19	“The Christmas Present.” Freddy Bloom’s account of her internment in Smith Street lockup – sent by Ruth Rollitt.
Page 20	The Japanese Conquest of Malaya – Part 2 – by Mark Morrison.
Page 21	Far East Radar RCAF Special Reserve – from <b>“Canadians on Radar in the Far East”</b> sent by Dave Croft RAFBPA
Page 21	Talk by Dr. Paul Kratoska at Badan Warisan, KL. – Report by Liz Moggie.
	Websites:

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- a). <http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MC-RCMS-00103-00003-00012/269> Cartoon "FREEDOM" A.K. 2018
- b). <http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MS-RCMS-00103-00003-00012/262> Cartoon "HUT 105"
- c). <https://www.malaysia-chronicle.com/?p=130023> The Death Railway – article in the Malaysia Chronicle
- d). <https://www.seas.harvard.edu/news/2016/09/smoke-from-2015-indonesian-fires-may-have-caused-100000-premature-deaths> Article in Telegraph Magazine about Indonesian burning forest areas.
- e). <https://www.shbss.org/portfolio-view/herdenking-2018> Annual service for Dutch victims of WW2
- f). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLFzoyzJXQ> – Interview with James Jeremiah in Penang.
- g). [https://www.roll-of-honour.org.uk/.../html/c\\_database\\_67.htm](https://www.roll-of-honour.org.uk/.../html/c_database_67.htm) Labuan Cemetery Roll

The Dark History of Borneo's tourist hotspot, Sabah – extracts from an article in Southeast Asia Globe mag 2018  
Report on Service of Remembrance on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 – Kings Park, Perth WA – by Bill Adamson.

Books:

- a). "Lost Warriors. Seagrim & Pagani of Burma. The Last Great Untold Story of WW2" – by Philip Davies.
- b). "Rocks, Radio & Radar. Extraordinary Scientific, Social & Military Life of Elizabeth Alexander – M.Harris
- c). "The Little Captive. How one girl survived a Japanese POW Camp." – by Lise Kristensen.
- d). "Morning Glory. A History of the Imperial Japanese Navy." – by Stephen Howarth.
- e). "Singapore Mutiny." – by R.W.E. Harper and Harry Miller.
- f). "Escape from Battambang: A personal World War Two Experience." – by Geoffrey Tan.
- g). "Rampage: Yamashita and the battle of Manila." – by James M. Scott
- h). "Honor: The J Legacy of Jose Abad Santos." – by Desiree A.C. Benipayo
- i). "statesman and Survivor. Elpidio Quirino, 6<sup>th</sup> president of the Philippines 1948-53." – by Quirino.
- j). "Under Manila Sky. A Memoir on the Art of Survival." – by Irene Hecht.

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Obituaries:

- a). Sir Hugh Cortazzi. British Diplomat in Japan post-war.
- b). Commander Don Sheppard. Canadian Air Ace who shot down several Japanese planes over Sumatra.
- c). Jefferey Palfrey. Won MC in Burma Campaign.
- d). Captain Bhagtasung Pun MM. Gurkha POW in Singapore in WW2 & fought in the Malayan Emergency
- e). Shura Shihwarg. Russian-Jewish war hero & POW in Hong Kong. Lived in London post-war.

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Dates for your Diary:

- a). London Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Annual Reunion & Lunch, RAF Club.
- b). London Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Cross Planting Ceremony, Westminster Abbey.
- c). London Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph.
- d). Canada Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Remembrance Sunday, Toronto.
- e). Malaysia Sunday November 2018. Remembrance Sunday Services in KL & Penang.
- f). NMA Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Service in memory of sinkings of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.
- g). London Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Visit to National Army Museum, Chelsea.
- h). Liverpool 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – June 2020. "Secret Art of Survival" FEPOW Art Exhibition.
- i). Singapore 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020. 75th anniversary of Japanese surrender.

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Photo of Wreath laying by Sandy Lincoln at V-J Day Service – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

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Editorial: 70 members attend Annual Luncheon on 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of RAF & Armistice Day & attend Services

Report on Reunion and Annual Luncheon – by Rosemary Fell

90<sup>th</sup> Occasion of the Fields of Remembrance Ceremony – by Jane Booker Nielsen.

Remembrance Sunday 2018 at the Cenotaph, London – report by Rosemary Fell.

Remembrance Day Service in Queen's Park, Toronto – by Sallie Hammond.

Penang Remembrance Ceremony – report by Richard Parry.

Commemoration of the anniversary of the sinking of HMS Prince of Wales & HMS Repulse – by Bob Hall.

Christmas in Captivity – by Vilma Howe (nee Stubbs).

"The Christmas Present." Freddy Bloom's account of her internment in Smith Street lock-up – sent by Ruth Rollitt.

Information and Comments:

- a). Anne Hinam gives the date of the MCS dedication in St. Andrew's Cathedral – on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1989.
- b). David Brent – gives a point of order in Peter Tinley's address at the Merdeka Service in Perth WA.
- c). Chung Chee Min – gives the website for the Ipswich War Memorial & Eric Reeve's (4/SSVF) details. and video of Normandy ceremony to honour Henry Talalla – RAF pilot.

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An Interview with Laurence C. Hurdell RNZN – Part 3 – with acknowledgements to his family and the NZ Navy.

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The Japanese Conquest of Malaya – Part 3 – by Mark Morrison.

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"Escape from Singapore." Diary of M.C. Hay MCS. Mines Inspector. FMSVF Light Battery – sent by Alison Keating.

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New Zealand Civilian Internee, Nurse Lillian Gladys Tompkins – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.

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"Bouches Inutiles – who were they and what happened to them." – Talk by Mary Harris - MVG's Annual Lunch 2018.

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Books:

- a). "Rocks, Radio and Radar. Extraordinary Scientific, Social & Military Life of Elizabeth Alexander – M. Harris.
- b). "The War Diaries of Alistair McKenzie. JVE. Story of a British POW Building the Burma Railway - 1942-45"
- c). "On Parade: Straits Settlements Eurasian Men who Volunteered to Defend the Empire 1862-1957" – Jansen
- d). "From Hell Island to Hay Fever: The Life of Dr. Bill Frankland." By Paul Watkins.
- e). "The Whistle." See: <https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MC-RCMS-00396/1>

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News in Brief: Reports from various newspapers in UK and Malaysia re: Shinzo Abe PM in Japan.

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- a). Perth WA 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Service of Commemoration for loss of Vyner Brooke at Point Walter.
- b). Perth WA 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Fall of Singapore Commemoration Service, Stirling Memorial Park.
- c). Muntok Banka Island 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Commemoration Service for Australian Army Nurses.
- d). London Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Visit to National Army Museum.
- e). Wymondham Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Annual FEPOW Service at Church of Our Lady & St. Thomas.
- f). NMA May 2019. Date TBA. Annual Gardening Day in MVG's Plot.

- g). London Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019. RFHG Workshop at Institute of Historical Research London University
- h). NMA Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, V-J Day Annual Service.
- i). Perth WA August 2019. Merdeka Day Service of Commemoration – Kings Park.
- j). London Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Annual Reunion and Lunch – RAF Club, Piccadilly.
- k). Liverpool 19<sup>th</sup> October – June 2020. “Secret Art of Survival “ Exhibition.
- l). London Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Cross Planting at Westminster Abbey.
- m). London Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade at the Cenotaph.
- n). Canada, Malaysia & Australia. November 2019 Remembrance Sunday Services.
- o). NMA Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Anniversary of Sinkings of HMS Prince of Wales & HMS Repulse.

2020 Dates:

- a). Liverpool 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2020. 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference.
- b). NMA Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V-J Day.
- c). Singapore 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Service in Kranji CWGC to mark 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jap surrender.

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Editorial: Informative “merondas” made by MVG members in Malaysia, Thailand & Sarawak & research into WW2

Fall of Singapore Commemoration, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - by Elizabeth Adamson

Vyner Brooke Commemoration Service, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – by Robert Grey

Highlights from an historical “meronda” to Malaysia, Thailand & Singapore – by Rosemary Fell

Photographs taken on the “meronda”

Changi Chapel and Museum – request for stories and memorabilia & form – Jermaine Huang from NHB Singapore

Margery Jennings’ War – Survivor of the ‘Mata Hari’ - by Sally Jennings

Freddy Bloom – more information about her life after the war

“Bouches Inutiles” – Part 2 – Talk by Mary Harris – MVG Annual Lunch 2018

Wrens and TWAs – by Dave Croft RAFBPA

Women in the Wartime Services – by Dave Croft

An Interview with Lawrence C. Hurndell RNZN – Part 4 – with acknowledgement to his family & the NZ Navy

Messages from Meg Parkes (Art of Survival Exhibition) & Lizzie Oliver (RFH Conference 2020)

The Japanese Conquest of Malaya – Part 4 – by Mark Morrison

“Escape from Singapore” Diary of M.C. Hay MCS. Mines Inspector FMSVF Light Battery. Sent by Alison Keating

Websites to visit:

NA Kew Document WO235/916 – Japanese War Crimes – forced march of POWs from Nakon Nyok to Pitsanuloke

Books:

- a) “The men Who Lost Singapore 1938-1942” by Ronald McCrum

Malaya Memorial at Westminster Abbey

Obituaries:

- a) June Wingate. MVG member, daughter of James & Pen Landon & mother of David Wingate
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Viscount Slim – commander of 22 SAS and son of “Bill” Slim, commander of the 14<sup>th</sup> Army in Burma.
- c) Bill “Kiwi” Smith. Commander of midget submarine XE3 which attacked Jap cruisers in Singapore harbour
- d) Col. “Runce” Rooney. 4<sup>th</sup> Batt 1<sup>st</sup> Gurkha Rifles fought in Burma then 1/7 GR in Malaya, Borneo & Sarawak
- e) Major Ian Gibb. Served with Seaforth Highlanders & won MC during Malayan Emergency

News in Brief – Report in Star newspaper condemning restoration of monument to Japs in Alor Star

Dates for your Diary:

- a) Bataan Legacy Historical Society Meeting – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- b) Wyndham – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Annual FEPOW Service at RC Church
- c) London - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019. RFHG Workshop at Institute of Historical Research
- d) NMA – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 V-J Day Service in the Chapel & wreath laying in MVG’s Garden Plot
- e) Perth WA – August 2019. Merdeka Day Service Kings Park
- f) London – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Annual Reunion and Lunch RAF Club. Talk by Hilary Green.
- g) Liverpool – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – June 2020. Secret Art of Survival Exhibition
- h) London - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Cross Planting Ceremony Westminster Abbey
- i) London – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Remembrance Sunday, Cenotaph, Whitehall
- j) Canada, Malaysia & Australia – Remembrance Sunday Services 2019
- k) NMA – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Anniversary of sinking of HMS Prince of Wales & HMS Repulse

2020 Dates:

- a) Liverpool – 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2020. 7<sup>th</sup> International FEPOW History Conference
- b) NMA – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V-J Day Service in the Chapel & Lunch
- c) Singapore – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Kranji Service – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the surrender

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Annual Service of Remembrance in Wyndham – by Rosemary Fell

Services attendd in Austraklia by Bill and Elizabeth Adamson

Letters from the British Embassy in Jakarta & British High Commission in Singapore re Banka Island Service

Reports and Notices:

- a) Visit to the National Army Museum, Chelsea
- b) Gardening Day at the MVG’s Plot at NMA
- c) National Archives of Australia – Singapore Evacuation lists available.

	d) Birthday Wishes to Brenda MacDuff on her 105 <sup>th</sup> birthday
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Pages 10 & 11	HQ Radio SEAC Singapore – return of NZ POWs - sent by Dave Coft
Pages 12 – 15	Gerald Brosseau Gardner (1884 – 1964) – The Nomadic Volunteer – by Dave Croft
Pages 16 & 17	“Bouches Inutiles” – Part 3 – Talk by Mary Harris – MVG Annual Lunch 2018
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Pages 19 & 20	Recollections of Harold Martin – Australian Veteran of Burma-Thailand Railway. Report in Western Australian News
Pages 21 – 23	Bangka Island: The WW2 Massacre – by Gary Nunn from Sydney, Australia
Page 24	Adventures of Patrols that Searched for Japanese Infiltration Parties – by TPM Lewis in Malaya Magazine Nov 1971
	Books:
	a) Rocks, Radio & Radar: The Extraordinary Scientific, Social & Military Life of Elizabeth Alexander – by Mary Harris
	b) Cloud Boy – by Marcia Williams
	c) Dalley and the Malayan Security Service 1945-48 MI5 VS MSS – by Leon Comber
	d) The Special Operations Executive in Malaya – by Rebecca Kenneison
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	b) Neil Macpherson – Australian FEPOW on the Burma-Siam Railway
	c) Roddy Dewe – evacuated from Singapore as a child
	d) Air Commodore Dame Felicity Hill – worked for the RAF in Singapore in the late 1940s and early 1950s
	e) Lt. Col. Richard Cole – last survivor of the “Doolittle Raiders” – USA airmen who bombed mainland Japan.
	f) Lt. Col. Karl Beale – won an MC in the Malayan Emergency & later commanded Sultan of Oman's Special Forces.
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	b) NMA – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 – V-J Day Service
	c) Perth WA – Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2019– Merdeka Day Remembrance Service.
	d) London – Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Annual Reunion and Lunch RAF Club
	e) Liverpool - 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 – June 2020 - Secret Art of Survival Exhibition
	f) Liverpool – 16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> 2019 – FEPOW Weekend to view art exhibition
	g) London – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Cross Planting Ceremony Westminster Abbey
	h) London- Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Novemkber 2019 – Remembrance Sunday & Parade in Whitehall
	i) Canada, Australia and Malaysia – Remembrance Sunday Services TBA
	j) NMA – Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Anniversary of sinking of HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse
	2020 Dates:
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	2) Liverpool Conference – 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 – International FEPOW History Conference
	3) NMA – Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August – 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of V-J Day
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Report on the V-J Day Service – by Rosemary Fell

Remembrance Sundays in London, and Toronto – report compiled by Rosemary Fell

Appeal for Information about the Kuala Selangor War Memorial

“In my father's footsteps” – by David Sartin

MPOA Annual Service at “God's Little Acre”, Batu Gajah – report by Richard Parry

Thesis on Soldiers' Experiences during the Malayan Emergency – by Manuel Bollag

A Query from Matthew Jeffery in Australia

Websites to visit.

Sarawak WW2 Heritage – sent by Anne Read

SSVF Yearbook – request from Jonathan Moffatt to look for more copies

The Australian War Memorial at Ballarat

WW2 in the Philippines Conference – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – in San Francisco

Malaya at War – Conference in Kuala Lumpur – by Timothy Mitchell

Following the Path of the Evacuees – Banka Island and Sumatra – report by Judy Balcombe

The Singapore Mutiny – February 2015 – Capt. Percy N. Gerrard – b y Dave Croft RAFBPA

Books:

a) “The Special Operations Executive in Malaya. WW2 & the Path to Independence.” – by Rebecca Kenneison

b) “Last Stand in Singapore. The Story of 488 Squadron RNZAF.” By Graham Clayton

c) “To War with the Walkers.” By Annabel Venning

Obituaries:

1) Dr. Henry Tung – MVG member in Kuala Lumpur

2) Sally Purssell – former MVG member

3) Fred Ransome-Smith – FEPOW artist who emigrated to Australia

4) Athelstan Long CMG – Governor of the Cayman Islands & former FEPOW

5) Jan Ruff O'Hearne – Dutch Civilian Internee on Java – forced to become one of the “Comfort Women” for Japs

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b) Liverpool – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Secret Art of Survival Exhibition

c) London – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Cross Planting

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e) Canada & Malaysia – Remembrance Services  
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g) Tuesday – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Anniversary of HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse sinking 2020 Dates:  
h) Perth WA 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Fall of Singapore Service  
i) Liverpool 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – International RFH Conference  
j) NMA – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – V- J Day 75 Service  
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Photos of the Annual Reunion and Lunch 12/10/2019

Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph, Whitehall 10/11/2019 – report by Imogen Holmes

Service at Tugu Negara – Sunday 10/11/2019 – by Liz Moggie

Remembrance Day, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, London, Ontario – report by Sallie Hammond

"Lest We Forget" – Remembrance Ceremony in Penang – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – by Richard Parry

Kundesang War Memorial, Sabah 5/10/2019 – sent by Rt. Revd George Connor

Memorial Service to mark 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sinking of HMS Peince of Wales & HMS Repulse – by Bob Hall

Websites

Presentation of the British Empire Medal to Rosemary Fell 11/10/2019 – by Jane Edrich

The History of My Father's Watch – by Martin Everard

Singapore's First Weeks of Occupation – by TPM Lewis

The Liberators are Coming – Malaya 1944/1945 – by Dave Croft RAFBPA

"In my father's footsteps. Part 2" – by Dave Sartin

Canadian Chinese in Force 136 – by Catherine Clement – Chinese Canadian Military Museum (sent by Dave Croft)

The Japanese Conquest of Malaya – Part 5 – by Mark Morrison

Replacement of Plaque in Kampong Menjelang – by Judy Balcombe

Obituaries:

a) Tony Hopkins – merchant seaman torpedoed on SS Myrmidon – & writing case retrieved from lifeboat & returned

b) Maj. John Chandler AFC – evacuated from Malaya & as Army Air Corps in Emergency found Chin Peng's camp

c) Maurice Pink – bandsman on HMS Repulse & rescued – campaigned against looting of wrecks in S China Sea

Books:

a) "Ordeal in the Sun" by George Cooper

b) "Operation Rangood Jail" – by K.P. MacKenzie

c) "Tin Hats and Rice. The Diary of Life as a Kong Kong POW 1941-1945" – by Barbara Anslow

d) "Helen of Burma. The Autobiography of a Wartime Nurse" – by Helen Rodriguez.

e) "Captive Artists, the unseen artwork of British FEPOWs" – Meg Parkes, Geoff Gill and Jenny Wood

The Exhibition "Secret Art of Survival"

Selection of letter in The Daily Telegraph about VE and VJ Days in 2020

Dates for your Diary:

1) Perth WA - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Service for loss of Vyner Brooke

2) Perth WA – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Fall of Singapore Service

3) Muntok – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Service for massacred Australian Army Nurses

4) Perth WA and Thailand – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - ANZAC Day Services

5) Wymondham – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Annual FEPOW Service

6) Liverpool – 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – RFHG FEPOW History Conference

7) Malaysia – June 2020 – MPOA Service at 'God's Little Acre,' Batu Gajah.

8) NMA – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – 75<sup>th</sup> V-J Day service and Lunch

9) Perth WA August 2020 – Merdeka Day Service Kings Park

10) Singapore – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Kranji Service – 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japanese surrender

11) London – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Annual Reunion and Lunch, RAF Club

12) London – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Cross Planting Ceremony, Westminster Abbey

13) London – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Remembrance Sunday & Parade

14) Malaysia – November 2020 – Remembrance Services in KL & Penang

15) Canada – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Armistice Day Service

16) NMA – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Anniversary of sinking of HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse.

Photo of MVG Marchers in Horse Guards Parade after the March Past on Remembrance Sunday 2019

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The Incredible Story of Molly Bull – with thanks to Michael Pether.

Force 136 & the Liberation of Malaya – The Chinese-Canadian Connection - by Leslie James

Jean Garfit's Evacuation on the Duchess of Bedford – his mother's story – by Guy Garfit

The Death Railway – Malaya to Burma – by Kalwant Kaur

Monsoon Boats – Penang's Submarine Base in WW2 – by David Croft RAF BPA

In my Father's Footsteps – A Trip to South East Asia - Part 3 – by David Sartin

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	3) London – Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Remembrance Sunday & Cenotaph Parade – may cancel
	4) Other Armistice Day Services in Canada & Malaysia – may cancel
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	d) K.T. Mathew – served with British Military Police pre-war; survived war in the jungle after escape. Buried Kerala

e) Awang anak Rawang GC – served as tracker against Communists post-war; later Sarawak Ranger in Confrontasi  
f) Dick Jolley MC & V Bar – fought in Burma Campaign at Imphal & Kohima  
g) Ron Bridge – born in China; campaigned tirelessly for compensation for British Civilian Internees (ABCIFER)  
h) Maurice Naylor – POW on Burma-Siam Railway – built 1<sup>st</sup> wooden bridge over River Kwai from Tamarkan Camp  
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- 5) Malaysia – June 2021 – MPOA Service – "God's Little Acre" – Batu Gajah
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Wymondham Service. Reduced congregation and Livesteamed service to go ahead

Muntok Ambulance. Purchased with benefactor help & £3,000 from MVG. See P.23/24

Muntok Cookbook. Compiled by Judy Balcombe with proceeds for Ambulance

Long Nawang Memorial. Now completed & paid for + proceeds from Jane Nielsen's Singapore Guide See P 28

Changi Quilts. Thanks to Morag Aitken for article included as supplement

Annual Subscriptions. Thanks to all for payments.

White Coolies in Jambi Gaol. By Jenny Norvick

Far East POW Medical Officers (3) Sqn. Ldr. Aidan MacCarthy RAF – by Dave Croft RAF BPA

WW2 Exploits by Capt R.G. Banks MRNVR – Part 2 - by Lt. Adrian Villeneuve

Malaya-Singapore 1941-42 – with thanks to David Brent (copyright)

Secret Radios – with thanks to Dave Croft

War Crimes in the Philippines During WW2. By Cecelia Gaerlan CEO Bataan Legacy Historical Society

Captain Louise Mowat WAC (US Army) – compiled by Alison Brierley (nee Mowat)

Photo of Peace Rose planted in Muntok

The Muntok Memorial Zoom Service 16/2/2021 – report by Judy Balcombe

The Muntok Red Cross Ambulance – report by Rosemary Fell

Letter from Graham Lee in response to Rosemary Gransden's articles in A.K, 64 & 65

The Bruce-Smith Family Story – with thanks to Gerald Bruce-Smith

Changi Quilts – story of the Girl Guide Quilt in IWM with thanks to Morag Aitken.

Obituaries:

a) Ujang Mormin – last survivor of Battle of Pasir Panjang

b) Anthony Short – Intelligence Officer in Malayan Emergency

c) Lt. Cdr. John Murray Jones – Served as submariner in *Truculent* in Far East

d) Brigadier John Randle MC – fought in Burma Campaign; Malayan Emergency; Mau Mau & Eoka uprisings.

e) Dennis Morley – POW in Hong Kong & survivor of *Lisbon Maru*

Long Nawang Memorial Plaque – report by Melissa Murphy

Wymondham Memorial Service for 50 & Livestreaming on 16/5/2021 – update by Peter Wiseman

An Extraordinary Discovery – by Karen Harney

Transcript of Alan Helbling's letter to his mother after release from captivity

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5) London – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Annual Reunion & Lunch – RAF Club – booked

6) London, Malaysia, Canada – November 2021 – Remembrance Day Services. To be reviewed in July

7) NMA – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Service to commemorate sinking of HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse.

Robert (Bob) Hucklesby. President NFFWRA – Obit just received from Pauline Simpson

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Service of Vyner Brooke – by Robert Gray

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Sadness at the death of HRH Duke of Edinburgh



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- 2) London – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Cross Planting Ceremony at Westminster Abbey
- 3) London – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Remembrance Sunday Service & March Past
- 4) Canada & Malaysia – Armistice Day & Remembrance Sunday Services – TBA
- 5) NMA – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Service to commemorate sinking of HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse.

## Future Events

Singapore – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fall of Singapore  
 Muntok – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the massacre on Radji Beach  
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**Photo of MVG Wreath laid in Canada in Toronto's Veterans' Memorial Park, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021****Editorial:** MVG's Annual Lunch & MVG members march on Remembrance Sunday

Report on Annual Reunion and Luncheon- Colin Hygate talk and TBRC donation of £27,750

Donation towards MVG Bench in Jakarta War Cemetery of £500

Annual Accounts – explanation of type of account held for the MVG by Mrs. R. A. Fell

News in Brief from Malaysian newspapers – Kishida sends offering to Yasukuni Shrine

Letter from Graham Lee – in praise of Dave Croft's article on Mowbray Garden

Britain's Forgotten Wars – Malayan Emergency by Woodcut Media Co. Reported on by Jonathan Moffatt

Armistice Day &amp; Remembrance Sunday in London, Canada, Penang &amp; Kuala Lumpur

Report by Jonathan Moffatt on Channel 4's documentary 'Britain's Forgotten Wars – Malayan Emergency'

Secret Radios – by Dave Croft MA RAF BPA

The Nakon Pathom Incident – by John Hay

## Websites

Palembang, South Sumatra POW Camp – From Pow-Wow Magazine No.3 June 1952

Report on Service to commemorate loss of HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse – by Bob Hall

Escape from Penang – December 1941 – by Tony Cave-Penney

In Remembrance of Tan Chin Tock 1918 – 1942 – By Chung Chee Min

Len Hygate – Accountant, Cricketer and Soldier – Part 1 - by Colin Hygate

## Books:

a) "Frank Pantridge" – by Cec Lowry

b) "Yates McDaniel" - Biography of War Correspondent Yates McDaniel

c) 3 x novels reviewed by Liz Moggie "912 Batu Road," "Blue Sky Mansion" and "Beyond Yamashita and Percival."

d) WANTED to borrow or buy – "British Civilians &amp; the Japanese War in Malaya &amp; Singapore 1941-45 – J Kennedy

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## Obituaries:

1) John Evans – MVG member and husband of Ann Evans. Summary of his life by son Fergus Evans

2) Hugh &amp; Elspeth Chaplin's mother – aged 102 – Widow of Edward Chaplin SSVF/SRA[V]

3) George Patterson – Canadian Winnipeg Grenadier &amp; FEPOW in Hong Kong

4) Col. David Mitchell - Royal Marine &amp; SBS during Konfrontasi

5) Vice-Admiral Sir John Forbes – served in HMS Nelson &amp; surrender of Jap Commander Uozumi in Penang

6) Major Kit Maunsell MC – Gurkha Officer fought in Konfrontasi with L.Corporal Rambhadur Limbu VC

The Stubbs &amp; Paton Family Tree – see Muntok Peace Museum website - by kind permission of Vilma Howe

The Devil's Follower – Tsuji Masanobu – by Dave Croft MA

T.E. Lawrence and the Seletar Connection – with thanks to Dave Croft

30/12/2021 – 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle for Kampar – websites in Malaysian newspapers

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Photo of Bench in Menteng Pulo War Cemetery, Jakarta – donation given by MVG

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**Ms Teresa Guttensohn laying MBG's wreath in Kranji on 15/2/2022 – 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fall of Singapore****Editorial:** 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fall of Singapore remembered in Melbourne, Kranji, Muntok & the UK

Last Post Service from Melbourne – John Pollock lays a wreath

Service at Carlisle's War Memorial – Tony Parrini organizes a service

Private Ceremony in Kranji – organized by Michael Pether

Commemoration Ceremony in Kranji – organized by Jaya &amp; the Singapore History Consultants.

Asia Media Centre – review of the battles &amp; days leading up to the Fall of Singapore.

Banka Island Memorial Service – zoom service organized by Michael Noyce - Judy Balcombe gave address

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Rose – The Singapore Far East Moon Rose created in Australia for Banka Island Nurses

Letter to New Straits Times by Liz Moggie about state of Kuala Selangor War Memorial.

Collage of photos taken at Memorial Services

Diaries &amp; Other personal Accounts by Malayan Volunteers – by Jonathan Moffatt

Len Hygate – Accountant, Cricketer and Soldier – Part 2 - by Colin Hygate

Dr. Eslyn Marcar Marjoribanks AND Norman Alexander Marjoribanks - with thanks to Liz Moggie

Malayan Tales of a Grandfather – 1934 – 1942 – Part 2 – by Graham Lee

## Books:

"Women Interned in World War Two Sumatra – Faith, Hoipe and Survival." By Barbara Coombes

Escape from Penang – December 1941 – part 2 – by Tony Cave-Penney

Researching FEPOW History Announcement – Cancellation of 2022 Conference

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	c) Neale Consigliere – Australian MVG member. Father in 2/SSVF
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