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	f) <a href="http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/i-knew-he-was-a-fraud-in-three-seconds-20101221-1944.html">http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/i-knew-he-was-a-fraud-in-three-seconds-20101221-1944.html</a> - Lynette Ramsay Silver & Di Elliot expose "Rex" Crane's claim to be a Kedah Volunteer
	g) <a href="http://thestar.com.my/lifestyle/story.asp?file=%2F2010%2F8%2Flifefocus%2F6746729&amp;sec=lifefocus">http://thestar.com.my/lifestyle/story.asp?file=%2F2010%2F8%2Flifefocus%2F6746729&amp;sec=lifefocus</a> - story of how local Chinese, Malay & Indian drivers & mechanics were recruited to serve in China & Burma in 1939
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	d) Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 - V-J Day Service
	e) Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2011 - London Reunion and Lunch at the RAF Club, Piccadilly
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	b) <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wik/Tanjong_Pagar_railway_station">http://en.wikipedia.org/wik/Tanjong_Pagar_railway_station</a> - Info on Singapore Railway Station
	c) <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/fate-of-historic-train-station-stirs-nostalgia-in-singapore-2109127.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/fate-of-historic-train-station-stirs-nostalgia-in-singapore-2109127.html</a> - Article about keeping Singapore Keppel Road Railway Station
	d) <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3oy2Ag6QcE&amp;feature=related">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3oy2Ag6QcE&amp;feature=related</a> - Video about Singapore Railway Station
	e) <a href="http://www.captivememories.org.uk/">http://www.captivememories.org.uk/</a> - Meg Parkes' new website for Liverpool Dept. of Tropical Medicine
	f) <a href="http://www.otago.ac.nz/alumni">www.otago.ac.nz/alumni</a> - University of Otago - March copy of the University Magazine
	g) <a href="http://www.thestaronline.com/news/story.asp?file=/2011/1/5/nation/7734324&amp;sec=nation">http://www.thestaronline.com/news/story.asp?file=/2011/1/5/nation/7734324&amp;sec=nation</a> - Bandar Hilir School
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	c) Anthony Brooke - last member of the 'White Rajahs' to rule Sarawak
	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) Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London
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Page 15	Websites to visit:- a) <a href="http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/Japanese-prisoner-war-unveil-tribute-survivors/story-13520403-detail/story.htm">http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/Japanese-prisoner-war-unveil-tribute-survivors/story-13520403-detail/story.htm</a> - Maurice Naylor who spoke at the Dedication Service to unveil memorial to Repatriation Ships b) <a href="http://www.picasaweb.google.com/102179612329317550658/RepatriationMemorialDay?feat=flashalbum#">http://www.picasaweb.google.com/102179612329317550658/RepatriationMemorialDay?feat=flashalbum#</a> - Photos of above event c) <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/8894964/Dulcie-Gray.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/8894964/Dulcie-Gray.html</a> - Telegraph obit for Dulcie Gray d) <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/newstoppers/world-war-2/8940665/AST-last-a-memorial-to-the-forgottren-heroes-ofg-Britains-Pearl-Harbour.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/newstoppers/world-war-2/8940665/AST-last-a-memorial-to-the-forgottren-heroes-ofg-Britains-Pearl-Harbour.html</a> - Force Z memorial in NMA to men from the HMS Prince of Wales & HMS Repulse e) <a href="http://www.kinokuniya.com.sg/membersite/2c4c27991724d4d70b1a202580bef74d1211/review_frenchspore.html">http://www.kinokuniya.com.sg/membersite/2c4c27991724d4d70b1a202580bef74d1211/review_frenchspore.html</a> – details about the book "The French in Singapore reviewed on P.20

Information Exchange:-

- a) Gerald Bruce-Smith re: his father Donald Bruce-Smith's escape on the "Kuala" & rescue, & return to Singapore
- b) June Jackson re: her father E.G. Hebditch's memoirs & imprisonment by the Kempeitai on the "Double Tenth"
- c) Terry de Souza re: working for Captain David Nelson at the Singapore Improvement Trust
- d) Neal Hobbs re: the Grisoni badminton sketch showing his father in the final
- e) Pippa Schmiegelow re: correction to the article in Oct 2011 about her mother Anne Vanrenen
- f) George Hess's re: photo of George with the Communists before joining Force 136
- g) Ex-POW & RA News Bulletin re: George's escape from Changi & subsequent war experiences
- h) Susan Rutherford re: the Australian Ex-POW & RA Association's annual lunch.

Books:-

- a) "The Fight for Malaya. The Jungle War of Maurice Cottrill." – by R.W. Holder
- b) "Playing for Malaya. A Eurasian Family in the Pacific War." – by Rebecca Kenneison
- c) "Charles Joseph Pemberton Paglar." – by Chia Joseph Yoeng Jia
- d) "Escape from Hong Kong: Admiral Chan Chak's Christmas Day Dash, 1941." – by Tim Luard
- e) "The French in Singapore." – by Maxine Pilon & Daniele Weiler
- f) "Im Herzen Waren Wir Indonesier. The Diary of Gret Surbak."
- g) "Deadly Secrets. The Singapore Raids 1942 – 1945." – by Lynette Ramsey Silver
- h) "Keep the men alive. Australian POW doctors in Japanese Captivity." – by Rosalind Hearder
- i) "Unsung Ordinary Men. A Generation Like No Other." – by Sally Dingo
- j) "Scorpion on the Ceiling. A Scottish Colonial Family in South East Asia." – by Roddy Martine
- k) "An Awkward Truth. The Bombing of Darwin February 1942." – by Peter Grose
- l) "Healing in Hell. The memoirs of a Far Eastern POW Medic." – by Ken Adams
- m) "Captivity, Slavery and Survival as a Far East POW. The Conjuror on the Kwai." By Peter Fyans

Obituaries:-

- a) Richard Middleton-Smith – MCS, Veteran Volunteer (1/SSVF) Post-war helped to crack down on corruption
- b) Ismail bin Karana – Veteran Volunteer (2/FMSVF) father-in-law of Ian Richardson
- c) Rosemary Lloyd-Williams – MVG member & daughter of Thomas Edward Upton
- d) Shirley Joice – married an Australian tin miner in 1941
- e) Dulcie Gray – born in K.L. – actress and writer & married to actor Michael Dennison
- f) Peter Tindley – SOE saboteur & ISLD member
- g) John Pratt – FEPOW
- h) Ronald Searle – FEPOW, author and cartoonist extraordinaire
- i) Guy Madoc – FMS Police Force & Changi POW and Bird Watcher, publishing many papers and books.

Dates for your Diary:-

- a) 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore – 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Week of Events with Kranji Service 15/2/12
- b) Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – Service in Ely Cathedral to commemorate the Fall of Singapore.
- c) Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – V-J Day Service in MVG memorial Garden at the NMA
- d) Saturday & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – 4<sup>th</sup> International Researching FEOW History Conference
- e) Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – London Annual Reunion and Lunch at RAF Club Piccadilly
- f) Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012 – Remembrance Sunday in London

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 Australian Newspaper Reports relating to Singapore, the Bombing of Darwin and East Timor  
 The Story of 'Force Z' member Scobell McFerran-Rogers and "Operation Raven." – compiled by Jonathan Moffatt  
 Yorkshire Malaya & Borneo Veterans' Association – digitally recorded interviews with veterans  
 H.M.S. Tandjong Pinang print by David Wingate – for sale to MVG members with proceeds to MVG funds.  
 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Escape of 4 children from Singapore on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1941 on the Lyeemoon – by Yvonne Wurtzburg  
 Walter Peter Richard Allcock – the story of his war as Sgt. 1/FMSVF, & post-war work in South Africa.  
 Communication with Home – found in the Singapore NA, strange regulations to POWs about sending postcards home  
 The Last Days of Freedom, Singapore to Sumatra – 15<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> March by John Hedley JVE & 1st Mysore  
 Information Exchange:-

- a) Michael Pether re: the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the S.S. Kuala & Japanese invasion of Tanjong Pinang
- b) Penny Dembrey re: Her escape with her mother & brother from Singapore on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1942
- c) John Corner re: Chua Ho Ann, mentioned in his father's book "The Marquis – a tale of Syonan-to"
- d) Judy Balcombe re: an e-mail from a relative of an Australian nurse imprisoned on Bangka Island & Palembang
- e) Anne Hinam re: an article about her father featured in "Who do you think you are" by Midge Gillies
- f) Peter Bampton re: a report in the Daily Express about his grandparents who were imprisoned in Changi Jail
- g) Henry Langley re: the evacuation of his family on the USS West Point from Singapore

Did You Know? – Nick Clegg's mother was a child internee in Camp Tjideng with MVG member Pauline Berkhout  
 Obituaries:-

- a) Dr. Nowell Peach – medical officer in Batavia who kept notes on "Burning feet" syndrome & gave barium meals
- b) Maurice Humphrey – MVG member who helped MVG in the NMA with its plot & made 2 plaques for the plot
- c) John Chesshire – MC awarded in Burma working with the RAMC
- d) Capt. Peter Doresa – fought at Kohima & awarded an MC
- e) Raymond Hands – awarded an MC during the Malayan Emergency
- f) Lt.-Col Oscar Palmer – also awarded an MC in the Malayan Emergency
- g) 11<sup>th</sup> Lord Suffield – awarded an MC during the Malayan Emergency

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- a) "Deadly Secrets. The Singapore Raids 1942 – 1945" – by Lynette Ramsay Silver
- b) "Singapore at War. The Secrets from the Fall, Liberation and Aftermath of WW11" – by Romen Bose
- c) "The Emperor's Irish Slaves: Prisoners of the Japanese During the Second World War" – by Robert Widders
- d) "Love from Daddy. Messages from Singapore" – by Pamela Robinson Baillie
- e) "Fall of Singapore" – by Justin and Robin Corfield
- f) "70 Days to Hell" – by Arthur Lane



	g) "Battle for Singapore. Fall of the Impregnable Fortress" – Produced by the National Archives of Singapore
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	d) Peter Dunstan – Royal Marine PLY/X3813 & FEPOW
	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
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	e) Grp. Capt. Bill Farquharson – born Malacca – enlisted in RAF Bomber Command. Family POWs in Sumatra
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	g) James Thomas Dunk - 3 Malayan Field Ambulance, FMSVF POW in Thailand
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	c) <a href="http://www.britishpathe.com/video/meet-the-cambridge-crew/query/Mason">http://www.britishpathe.com/video/meet-the-cambridge-crew/query/Mason</a> - newsreel of Padre Duckworth as cox in the Cambridge boat in the Boat Race
	d) <a href="http://resilientlittlemuscle.blogspot.com.au/2011/03/three-came-home-1950.html">http://resilientlittlemuscle.blogspot.com.au/2011/03/three-came-home-1950.html</a> - 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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- d) Leonora Schmidt-Salomonson – 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
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	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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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  
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- "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
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- <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/research?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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"Escape on the S.S. Ulysses – February to May 1942 – Account by Patricia Rowell – later Mrs. T.P.M. Lewis  
"Captivity Memoirs. Part 2" – by Bill Pearson  
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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  
A Report in 'Nature' magazine in July 1946 – by E.J.H Corner  
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4) Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Private Conducted Tour of Women's Section of Sime Road Camp  
c) Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – Annual London Reunion & Luncheon at RAF Club, London  
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Singapore Visit - September - Unveiling of the Sime Road Plaque at the Changi Museum – report by Henry Langley  
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Visit to Sime Road Camp – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – report by Henry Langley  
A Third Visit of Discovery to Sumatra – September 2015 – report by Rosemary Fell  
Hugh Lawson's Diaries from 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1944 – Part 4 – by kind permission of Bob Davidson  
Excerpts from The Fishing Diaries of Eric S. Willbourn – FMSVF – by kind permission of Roger Willbourn  
"As I Remember It" – by P.M. Davies SRN – wife of Harley Boxall RAF – by kind permission of Sallie Hammond  
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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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Pages 9 & 10	Michael W.F. Tweedie - Camouflage Office RAFVR – Information sent by Dave Croft RAFBPA
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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.comsq/collections/others/products/tigers-in-the-park">http://www.ethosbooks.comsq/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.
- b) Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Cross Planting Ceremony – Westminster Abbey.
- c) Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Remembrance Sunday Service & March Past at the Cenotaph.
- 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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### **MVG & Malayan Volunteer Forces Crosses in the FEPOW Plot, Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey.**

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) Wymondham – 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.
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- m) NMA – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Anniversary of sinking of HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales.

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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 midgeet 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.

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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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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.

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“Prisoner of the Japanese. The Trials & Tribulations of William Munro – Pt. 2” – sent by Donald & late Diana Ruffell

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The Sinking of the SS Tandjong Pinang – 17/2/1942 – by kind permission of Sir David Lewis.

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“Legacies of far East Captivity” - a report on the RFH’s 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference by Rosemary Fell.

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“The Art of Survival in Far East POW Camps” – proposed Art Exhibition by the LSTM in 2019.

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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.
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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 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 – report by Jonathan Moffatt with input by Rosemary Fell.
	Cambridge University Library Visit – 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <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.
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	Report on Annual Reunion & Lunch on Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2017 & Roger Willbourn’s talk- report by R.Fell.
	November Lunch in Perth WA – report by Elizabeth Adamson.
	Cross Planting Ceremony 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 – report by Karen Harney.
	Remembrance Sunday Cenotaph Parade in Whitehall – Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 – report by Rosemary Fell.
	Report on the HMS Repulse & Prince of Wales Commemoration Service at the NMA, 10/12/17 – report by Bob Hall.
	Report on the Peace Museum in Muntok – by Judy Balcombe.
	Report by Capt. J.W. Smith on 6/11/1945 on an incident at Benkolen (sic) on 5/11/45.
	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."

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"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). Wymondham 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>  
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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 Alethea 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:  
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 Marilyn Hywel-Jones.  
c). Fergus Anckorn – Magician & Burma Railway Survivor.  
d). Belinda Corner – wife of MVG member John Corner.

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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-anckorn-the-conjuror-on-the-kwai/>  
b). <http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Mar2018/Community/4519/Remembering-heroism-and-sacrifice-of-Australian-Army-Nurses.htm#.Wq5JiEoSdKd.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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Dates for your Diary:



- a). Wymondham Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Annual FEPOW Service in FEPOW Chapel.
- b). NMA Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Annual Gardening & Plot Maintenance.
- c). NMA Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Annual V-J Day Service.
- 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.
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Bookmark photos. Designed by Donald Fell for distribution with the newsletter in April 2018  
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**Cartoon of Sime Road Camp on Liberation by Admiral Mountbatten – drawn by Robert W.E. Harper.**  
Editorial – Successful & well-attended MVG/BMS meeting. Volunteers commemorated at Wymondham Service.  
Report on BMS/MVG Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – by Jonathan Moffatt.  
“My Trip to Belum” by E.W. Birch – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.  
Message from Malaysia re: Seremban Memorial – sent by Major A.R. Ramachandran Iyer.  
Message from Keith Andrews re: Photo albums in the FEPOW Building at the NMA.  
The Diary of Sir Alastair & Esther Blair-Kerr about their escape from Singapore in 1942 – by Linda Hughes.  
Bataan Legacy Historical Society – Conference Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 on WW2 in the Philippines.  
“The Surveyor Surveyed. Eric Willbourn. OBE., ED., MA.” - Roger Willbourn’s talk at the MVG Lunch October 2017.  
Harold James & Gladys Isabel Page in World War 2 – Part 3 – by Judy Barradell-Smith.  
Proposed Visit to the National Army Museum – notice from Jonathan Moffatt.  
The Japanese Conquest of Malaya – Part 1 - by Mark Morrison.  
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.

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Forgotten Boys: Bid to take 828 POWs home – Newspaper reports sent by Robert Gray.  
Missing in Borneo. Private Norman Jackson SSVF – with thanks to Dave Croft RAFBPA.  
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.

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a). <a href="http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MC-RCMS-00103-00003-00012/269">http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MC-RCMS-00103-00003-00012/269</a> Cartoon "FREEDOM" A.K. 2018</li> <li>b). <a href="http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MS-RCMS-00103-00003-00012/262">http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MS-RCMS-00103-00003-00012/262</a> Cartoon "HUT 105"</li> <li>c). <a href="https://www.malaysia-chronicle.com/?p=130023">https://www.malaysia-chronicle.com/?p=130023</a> The Death Railway – article in the Malaysia Chronicle</li> <li>d). <a href="https://www.seas.harvard.edu/news/2016/09/smoke-from-2015-indonesian-fires-may-have-caused-100000-premature-deaths">https://www.seas.harvard.edu/news/2016/09/smoke-from-2015-indonesian-fires-may-have-caused-100000-premature-deaths</a> Article in Telegraph Magazine about Indonesian burning forest areas.</li> <li>e). <a href="https://www.shbss.org/portfolio-view/herdenking-2018">https://www.shbss.org/portfolio-view/herdenking-2018</a> Annual service for Dutch victims of WW2</li> <li>f). <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLffzoyzJXQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLffzoyzJXQ</a> – Interview with James Jeremiah in Penang.</li> <li>g). <a href="https://www.roll-of-honour.org.uk/.../html/c_database_67.htm">https://www.roll-of-honour.org.uk/.../html/c_database_67.htm</a> Labuan Cemetery Roll</li> </ul>
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- 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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