

Thanks to Bruce and Ross White for providing these notes of their late father Lt A H White.

### No. 3 Platoon Roll Sandakan Prisoner of War Camp

No. 3 Platoon Roll. { Torn from  
Sandakan P.O.W. Camp - British North Borneo  
(Now Sabah, East Malaysia) August - 1943.  
} homemade notebook

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Of the 31 names on this roll - 9 was the  
only one surviving as at August 1945,  
- having been transferred to Kuching  
P.O.W. Camp in September, 1943.

A.H. White.  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2003.

Anthony White had this list in his desk, wallet or pocket diary for over 60 years. In 2002 during a trip to his birthplace at South Yalgogrin and to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, I saw him looking at the list and asked him what it was. He said that it was his last platoon. In the event of a massacre being started by the Japanese, the Australian senior officers had planned that the prisoners of war in Sandakan were to form into platoons to try to inflict as many casualties as possible on their captors. By 1945, the burden of starvation and disease was so great on the prisoners that any retaliation would have been impossible. After he was returned to Australia, he visited many of the families of the soldiers from his platoon who did not return to tell them what he knew of their loved one's fate.

The following pages have some details about each of the 30 men of No 3 Platoon who died as prisoners of war. The information was obtained from the websites of the Australian War Memorial and the National Archives of Australia. Not all the service records have been digitised so their pre-enlistment occupations are not in

the table. The newspaper cuttings are from the digitised newspapers in the Trove section of the website of National Library of Australia. Roll of Honour notices in the Sydney Morning Herald archive were checked from 1 Aug 1945 to 31 Jan 1946.

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No 3 Pl		JRP No 129
NX 38100	Lt White A.H.	75
NX 50524	Sgt Galton D	141
56154	" Booth G. (2/19) 215	
52964	Cpl Hill A.E. (2/19) 151	
36222	Pte Hills L. (2/19) 210	
54968	" Brooker W. 211	
44104	" Byrne J. (2/19) 212	
<del>31973</del>	<del>" Brannoy R.</del>	
32502	" Clarke L.A. 213	
31993	" Brannoy R. 214	
51804	" Brumpton R. 215	
72865	" Fitzgerald L.N. 216	
58754	" Harris K. 217	

NX 53430	Pte Higham G.E.	218
73329	" James G.L.	219
46082	" Lee D.W.	220
71939	" Mackay J. ?	221
49712	" Marshall P.O.	222
7129	" Pickering J.D.	223
55361	" Rankin J.R.	224
19555	" Righette L.J.	225
59504	" Russell A. (2/19) 226	
57377	" Scollen J.P.	227
49915	" Ship E.C. (2/19) 228	
50421	" Smith J.S. (?)	229

51847	" Solomon J.W.	230
55051	" Steele R.H.	231
33004	" Storey G.J.	232
GX 23104	" Wilson S.B. (2/19) 233	
GX 15818	" Whinters J. (2/19) 234 (Wintershill)	
NX 60135	" Young J.F.	235
NX 33171	" Bolton E. (2/19) 236	

  

Feb 110	Bill 73
Mar 75	July 77
Apr 115	Jan 109
May 98	Oct 95
June 90	Nov 87