

A Philatelic walk through WW2 - a time line of Postal Stationery Items.

1940 20th July- Auckland to San Francisco
and onwards to England – 863 Items flown.
Short lived 6/-3d rate used from the 20th
July 1940 to the 9th September 1940

One penny postcard (Samuel 1988 Ed Type AE.3a) uprated with a 1935 3/- (CP cat L14d) and a 1d Centennial (CP cat S27) making up the correct postcard rate of 3/- 2d to the UK. Stamps tied with two Christchurch C.D.S 17th Jul 40 12 NOON, airmail etiquette and a green NZ-USA cachet that was only applied at Christchurch.

Route taken

1. Christchurch to Auckland by Union Airways (NZ) Ltd in a Lockheed Electra
2. Auckland to San Francisco by PAA in a Boeing 314 Flying Boat NC-18606 'American Clipper'
3. San Francisco to New York via the US trans-continental service
4. New York to Lisbon by PAA in a Boeing 314 Flying Boat NC-18605 'Dixie Clipper'
5. Lisbon to Poole by BOAC Flying Boat arriving in London on the 2nd August

Rare receiving C.D.S London 2nd Aug with a slogan cancellation reading 'SAVE WASTE PAPER METALS BONES RAGS' over three lines.

A very interesting contemporary account of the war to date on the reverse.

Ref

1. The Airmails of NZ Volume 2 (1986) pages 335 to 337
2. NZ Postal Stationery Catalogue Part 1 Page A.37



'July 16th My Dear, pleased to hear from you today. First letter for 5 weeks – delighted to know you are happy & liking Park P Hospital – our friend Colonel R expects to arrive in England & is looking forward to seeing you we gave him a small message for you. Everyone in NZ are doing their best to help England – people are marvellous, the money they give for the Red Cross funds. What a blow France collapsing brought about through treachery – Ted and I agree with you the bombs are awful – we heard them dropping in France & Last night listened into an air battle in the English Channel - very terrifying. Sorry to read in the press today that Niell Conneill is missing in France. Have forwarded parcels to you c/o St Bernado let me know is there anything you are wanting – take care of yourself. I hope you are well – all send their love, we are all praying for you & victory love Ane? XXXX'

July 16th My Dear, Pleased to hear from you 5th day
first letter for 5 weeks - delighted to know you
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1943 8th June 1/- unframed used Blue Aerogramme. Catalogue GA.3a

Addressed to a Lieutenant Latham at Campo PG 47 which was situated in Modena, Northern Italy and cancelled with a Hawera C.D.S 8th JE 43. New Zealand purple crowned DDA/3 censor marking applied together with an unknown purple boxed 77 over 'I' marking.

Ref

1. The Postage Stamps of NZ Volume IX page 330
2. NZ Postal Stationery Catalogue Part 3 Page G.2.
3. 'Treasured Letters' by B Scott and R Startup 2011

AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

PRISONER OF WAR POST
KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

POSTAGE
ONE SHILLING

(SURNAME—IN BLOCK LETTERS.) (INITIALS.) (RANK.)
British Prisoner of War. **LATHAM . D.** **2nd Lieut.**
N.Z.E.F.

British Prisoner of War No.: **no 31024**
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP.)

Camp Name & No.: **Camp T. G 44**

Country: **Posta Militaire 3200 Italy.**

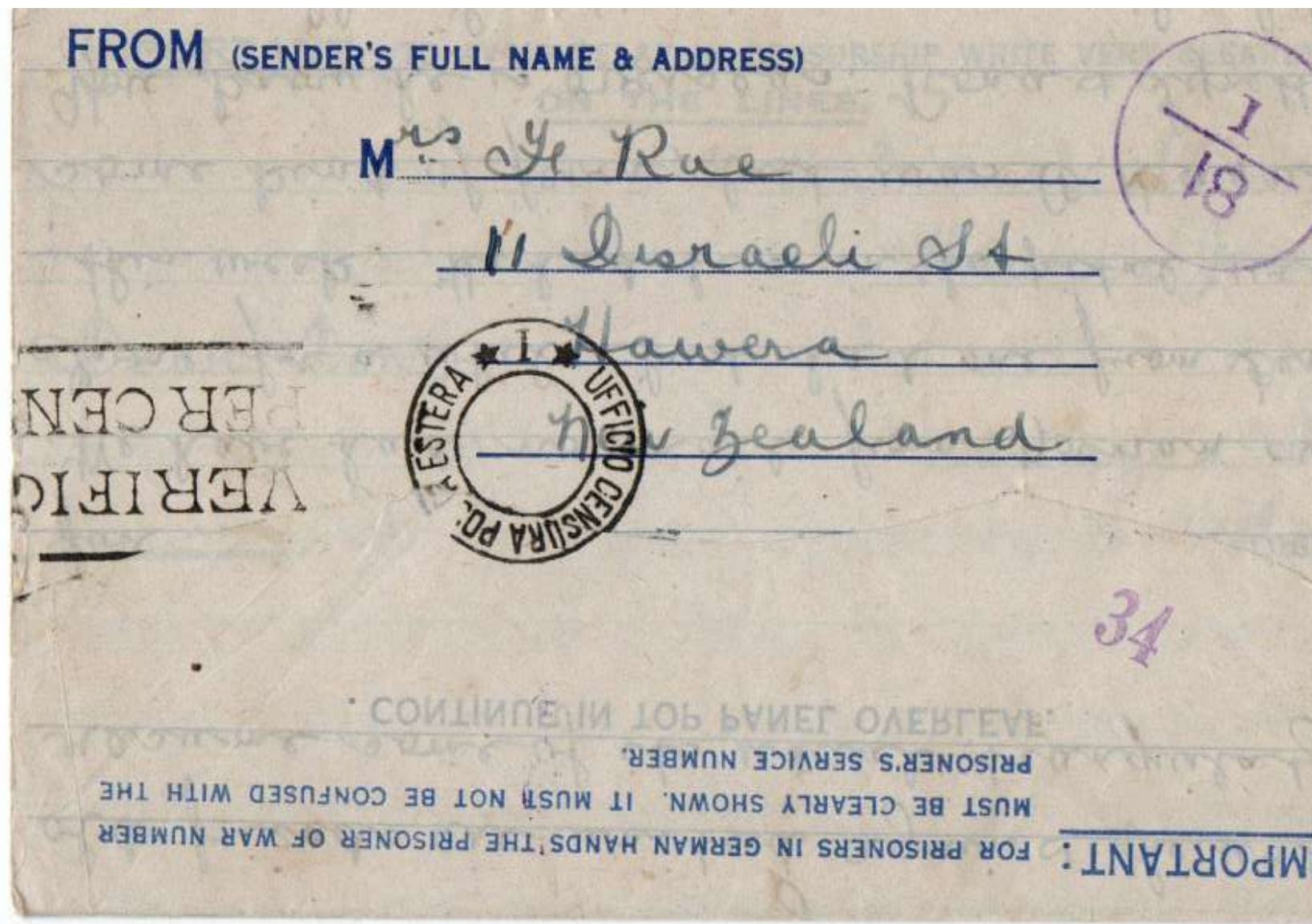
PASSED
DDA/ 8

1943 8th June 1/- unframed used Blue Aerogramme. Catalogue GA.3a

The reverse bears an Italian marking 'Ufficio Censura Posta Estera I' (Censorship Office Abroad) and a further cancellation 'Verificato Per Censura' (Verified By Censor) when passed. Two further unknown markings applied in purple '34' and an 81 over 'I' within a 23mm circle. Unrecorded flap cut type C as per 'treasured Letters' by B Scott and R Startup 2011 Page 140

The message within contains the following

1. Dear Don, I have just realised that we can write you a few lines. I thought it was only next of kin.
2. What a day it will be when old friends are united again and the world resumes some of its usual tranquillity.
3. Mr Mc Ree has been ill for about 9 months and is now resigning from the AA. That means that Frank will be No 1 Patrol . He has been kept very busy lately. They have another patrol , a retuned man who was with Ivor.
4. Well Don, this is rather hard to write as I don't want to put in anything I shouldn't



1945 20th May – Used POW
postcard addressed to Fukuoka No
2 camp on the Island of Koyagi
Shima in Nagasaki Bay, Japan. Cat
GB.1a

Postcard cancelled with a Timaru C.D.S 2? MAY 2-PM with the date annotated on the reverse noted as the 20th May 1945. Purple censor Cachet DDA/10 applied and addressed to Ian Francis Shipman an ordinary Signaller on HMS Exeter lost in the battle of Java sea in 1942.

The Postage Stamps of NZ Volume IX page 333/334 published by the RPSNZ in 2006 states that only four used covers are known to have survived of which two were not delivered. This is the best surviving example of the only two that were actually received by the POW.

Water damage due to the standard Japanese practice of soaking off the stamp to check that no notes had been written underneath. Ex J F Wilson collection.

Ref

1. The Postage Stamps of NZ Volume IX page 333/334
2. NZ Postal Stationery Catalogue Part 3 Page G.7.
3. 'Treasured Letters' by B Scott and R Startup 2011 Page 82/92

俘虜郵便

PRISONER OF WAR POST
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

TIMARU
2-PM
MAY
1945

PASSED
DDA/10

AFFIX
POSTAGE
HERE.

Service No. & Rank: 2171 Signaller.

Name: I. F. G. Shipman.
BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR

Camp: Fukuoka No 2.
(including No., if any.)

Country: Japan.

FROM: —

Name: E. Shipman

Address: 14 Rolleston St
Timaru
N.Z.

1945 20th May – Used POW
postcard addressed to Fukuoka
No 2 camp on the Island of
Koyagi Shima in Nagasaki Bay,
Japan. Cat GB.1a

Note – message instructions, must be TYPED
or written clearly in BLOCK LETTERS.
MESSAGES MUST NOT BE LONGER THAN 25
WORDS.

'20.5.45

Dear Son

All Well. Win home sick leave.

Returned to Christchurch.

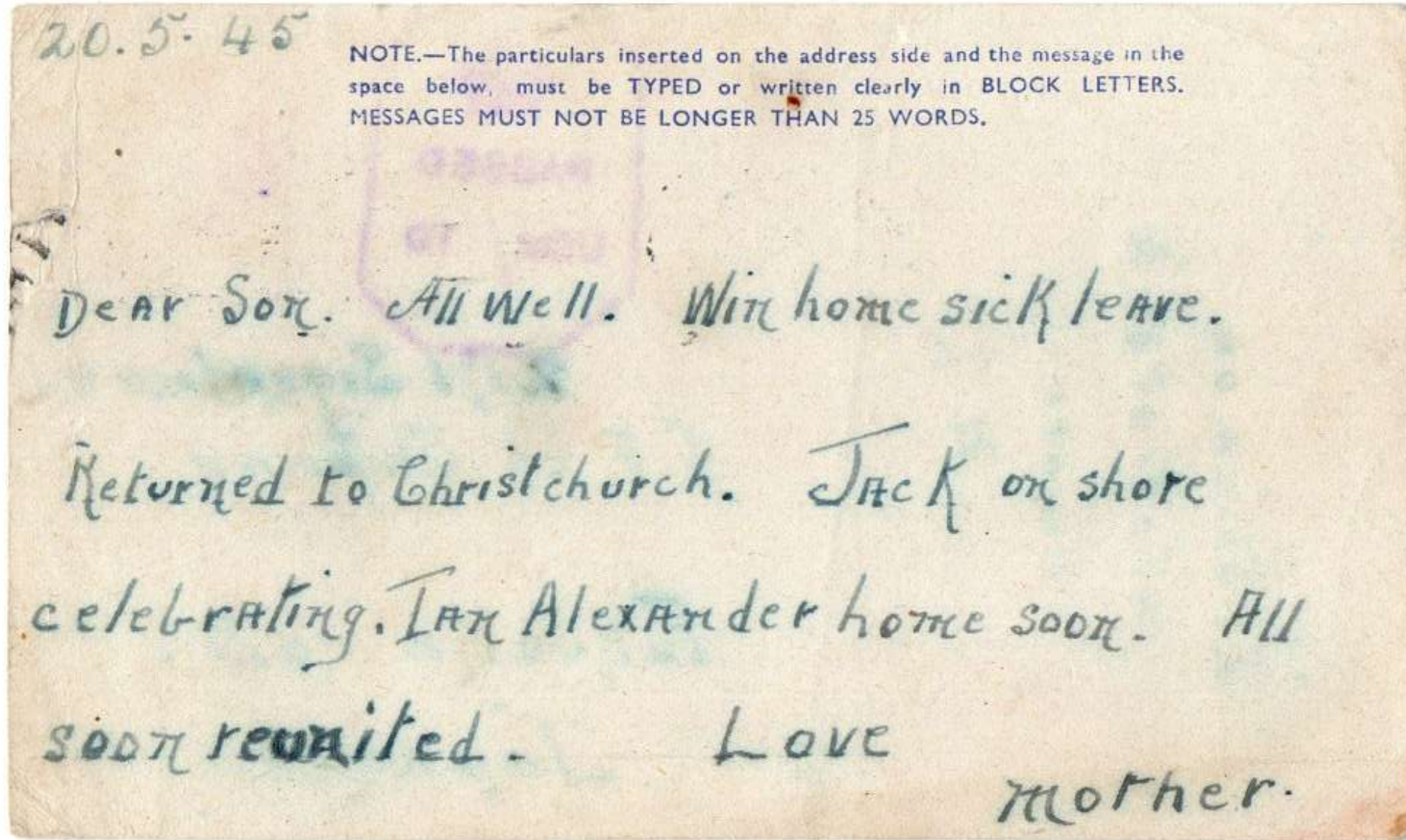
Jack on shore celebrating.

Ian Alexander home soon.

All soon reunited.

Love

Mother'



Fukuoka #2

Nagasaki (Kawanami)

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Fukuoka #2-B Nagasaki (Kawanami)



Prisoner of War Information Bureau states the camp was on the island of Koyagi Shima, five miles out in Nagasaki Bay [Nagasaki Ken, Nishisonoki Gun, Koyagi Mura]. **The results of the atom bomb were clearly visible to all.**

Location:

Fukuoka #2-B Nagasaki (Kawanami)
(KAWANAMI ZOSEN) [Kawanami Shipbuilding]
NAGASAKI-ken, NISHISONOKI-gun, KOYAGI-mura
[Relief Map](#) - shows relative position to other camps
[Satellite](#) - [Memorial location](#)
[Aerial](#) (May 1947; courtesy of Japan Map Archives)

Location Map: Map shows [Koyagi camp](#) area in the port of Nagasaki. Island has since been connected to mainland with landfill. A second camp was also originally called Fukuoka #2 but was later redesignated as Hiroshima #2D at UBE, due to the initial Japanese Fukuoka Group designation. Former site of the Kawanami Koyagi Shipbuilding Co. was purchased by **Mitsubishi Heavy Industries** in 1967.

Hell Ships:

First group of British, Dutch & 100 Yanks from Makassar (Celebes) on the **Asama Maru** departing 10 Oct 1942 Others from the **Asama Maru** were sent to Fukuoka #25, Yoshikuma (the Aso Mines for slave labor in its coal mines). Small group of Americans arrived on the **Tofuku Maru** (ex Celebes) and **Kamakura Maru** ex Changi ex Java (see Straughan affidavit below). 198 Aussies arrived 9 Sept 1944 on the **Rashin Maru**.

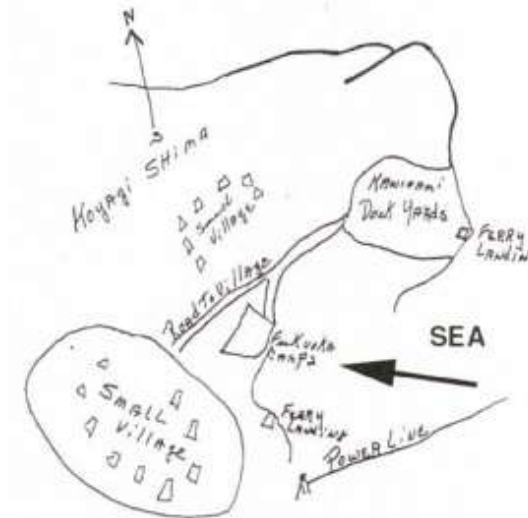
Primary Labor Use: Slaves for the Kawanami Shipyard [Kawanami Zosen, Seibu-gun, Keiri-fu]
Gibbs Report: [Fukuoka #2](#)
Map included in Gibbs Report: [Map](#)

[Orders to POWs](#) from the Camp Commandant

Fukuoka #2 Location Map

Following map was attached to the Gibbs Report- no attribution noted

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RECORD GROUP	ENTRY	BOX
407	P.A.C.	104
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION		
NA Form 1409 (4-85)		

RG 467 RECORDS OF THE ADJUTANT
General's Office

PHILIPPINE ARCHIVES COLLECTION

POWS/Civilian Internees

POW Camps, Japan Fukuoka, Manawa,
Hiroshima, Hokodate, Moten and
Nagoya

Box 104

Name	Unit	Rank	Serial No.
PICKERING, Arnold	Navy	Able seaman	100X-17099
PIRIE, John	RAF	Leading aircrewman	1054000
POTUNILLA, Albert	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	785710
PRINCE, Alfred William	RAF	Leading aircrewman	1160405
RAPPE, William Martin	RAF	Leading aircrewman	618019
RAITHBY, Christopher	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	1005638
RENGANATHAN, Vasudevan	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	785552
READE, William James	RAF	Leading aircrewman	1157046
REBERTS, Charles John	Navy	Chief Petty officer	1/XX-49997
REHINE, Joseph Clifford	Navy	Chief Petty officer	1/XX-57736
ROSE, Hajji Mohammed	RAF	Aircrewman 2nd.cl.	786218
ROSS, Stephen Campbell	Navy	Able seaman	1/XX-184660
SAMUEL, David Raj	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	785805
SANDHURST, Albert Edward	Army	Driver	5377846
SEAR, James	RAF	Leading aircrewman	615107
SEMPER, Ian Francis George	Navy	Ordinary seaman	825-2171
SINATHANET, Faithia Nathan	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	786019
SKEELTON, Rupert John	Navy	Chief Petty officer	1/XX-54890
SMART, Fred Bob	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	641746
SMITH, Alexander Freeman	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	1058006
SMITH, Lionel Edward	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	1015740
SMITH, Thomas	Navy	Stoker	0/XX-106239
SMITH, William George	RAF	Leading aircrewman	640024
SMITH, William McRory	Navy	Leading stoker	1/XX-87076
STOL, Robert Alexander	Navy	Telegraphist	0/JX-169711
STONHAM, William	Navy	Royal Marine	21X/1-1622
STOTT, Geoffrey Bolt	Navy	Ordinary seaman	0/JX-170952
TAN SEK SUN	RAF	Aircrewman 1st.cl.	765857
TAYLOR, Frank William	Navy	Leading signaller	0/JX-151604
TAYLOR, Thomas Tennant	Navy	Sickberth attendant	2/XX-62121

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117 Pepper	William James Jr.	AC	641309	62 Sqn	
118 Pert	William	Ord/S	D/JX153955	HMS Exeter	
119 Pickering	Arnold	AB	D/SSX17999	HMS Exeter	AB OO7; mentioned in dispatches: 22 Jan 1946 Pg 580
120 Pirie	John	LAC	1054000	242 Sqn	
121 Potumulla	Albert Kangango	AC1	785750	STC	
122 Prince	Albert William	L.A.C.	1189405	unk	
123 Rafter	William Martin	L.A.C.	612029	100 Sqn	
24 Ralithby	Christopher	A.C.I.	1005632	RAF Sungai Patani	
124 Renganathan	Vasydavan	AC1	785592	STC	Vasydavan last name?
125 Rhodes	William James	L.A.C.	1157846	unk	
126 Roberts	Charles J.	CPO	D/MX49997	HMS Exeter	ERA4c?
127 Robins	Joseph C.	CPO	D/MX57736	HMS Exeter	ERA?
128 Rose	J.M. (Haja)	AC2	786218	STC	
129 Ross	Stephen C.	O/SEA	D/JX184660	HMS Exeter	BOY1c?
144 San	Tan Seah	AC1	785857	STC	
130 Saunders	A.E.	D/MEC	5377846		
131 Shaw	James	L.A.C.	618197	unk	
132 Shipman	Ian Francis George	Ord Sig	M202171	HMS Exeter	
152 Sinnathamby	Vaitha Nathan	AC1	786019	STC	
133 Skelton	Rupert J.	CPO	D/MX54820	HMS Exeter	ERA3c?
134 Smart	Fred	L.A.C.	941746	RAF Sungai Patani	
135 Smith	Alexander Freeman	AC1	1368206	City of Canterbury Draft	
136 Smith	Alfred Robert		611887	36 Sqn	per Stubbs
137 Smith	Lionel Edward	AC1	1018740	84 Sqn	1917.09.17
138 Smith	Thomas	STO	C/KX128239	HMS Exeter	
139 Smith	William George	L.A.C.	960024	unk	
140 Smith	William McR.	Ldg Stoker	D/9X87075	HMS Exeter	
141 Steel	Robert Alexander	TEL	C/JX169711	HMS Encounter	
142 Stephenson	William	Marine	PLY G/X1822	HMS Exeter	
143 Stott	Geoffrey Holt	Ord/S	D/JX170952	HMS Exeter	BOY1c?
145 Syred	Deryck R.	Lt.SUR	R.N.V.R.	HMS Encounter	
146 Taylor	Frank William	LDG SIG	C/JX151634	HNLMS De Ruyter	Needs confirmation of Exeter
147 Taylor	Thomas T.	S.B. ATT.	D/MX62121	HMS Exeter	
149 Thompson	Frederick Whittaker	CPO	P/X938EB	HMS Encounter	
150 Tripp	Cyril	SIG	D/JX162761	HMS Exeter	
151 Tyler	G.O.	A/SEA	R.N.V.R. (SA) 68556		
153 Wearing	Leonard	AC1	1103025	unk	
154 Wells	Edgar Arthur Benjamin	AB(RDF)	P/JX236321	HMS Exeter	
155 Whitehall	Alfred	PO	D/MX73019	HMS Exeter	ERA4c?
156 Williams	Samuel	L.A.C.	649137	36 Sqn	
157 Wilsmore	Frank	SBPO	D/MX35484	HMS Exeter	
156 Wilson	Frederick C.	PO	D/MX51882	HMS Exeter	
159 Wilson	Henry C.	A/SEA	P/SSX21285	HMS Stronghold	
160 Wood	Charles	AB	D/SSX35798	HMS Exeter	
161 Woolford	Herbert William George	L.A.C.	747199	84 Sqn	
162 Yelland	Russell Edwin Richard	L/Cook	D/MX54856	HMS Encounter	