

# **The abandoned British graves of Muntok 1943-45**

My Mother, Mrs Shelagh Lea nee Brown (internee Sumatra 1942-45), apologized before she died in 2005 that she was leaving the problem of her Mother's grave in Muntok, Banka Island, unresolved. My Grandmother, Mrs Mary E Brown of Singapore had died on 17/1/1945 and was buried at Muntok.

I was wondering how to proceed after hearing that Alan Harfield had died.

On November 25th 2011 I received an email from Ralph Armstrong former child internees and (author of *'Short cruise on the Vyner Brooke'*).

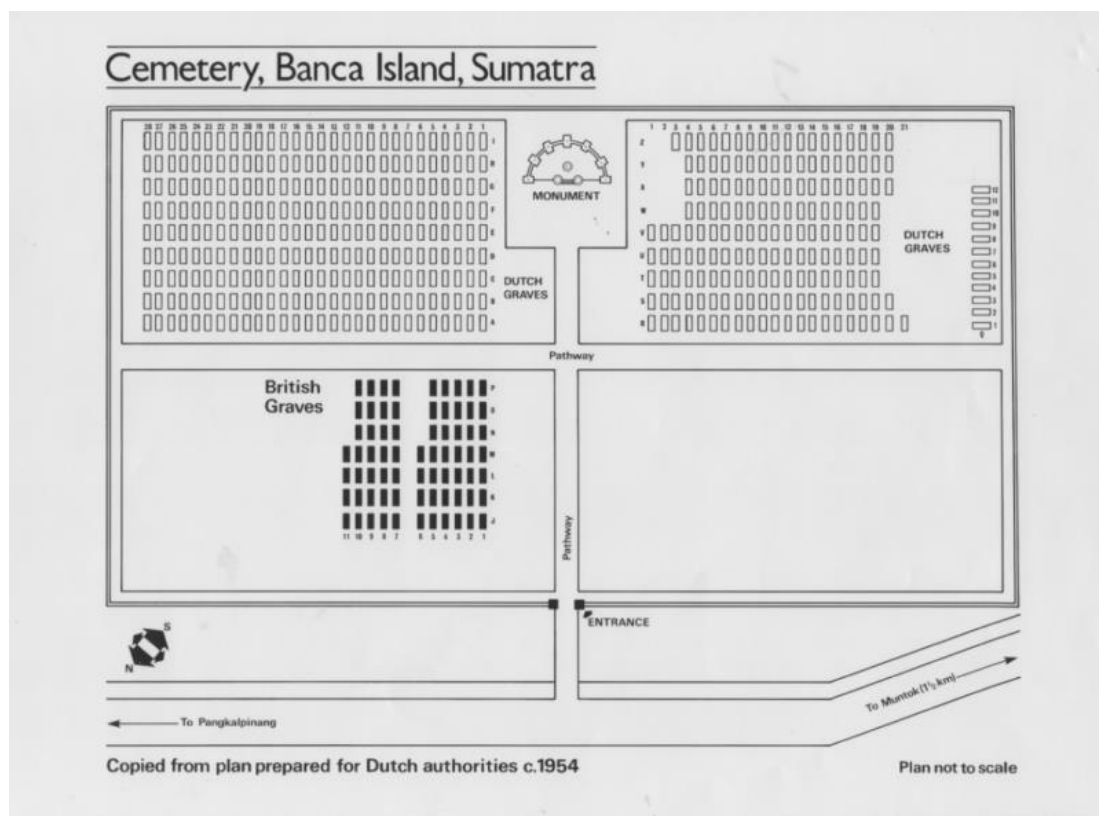
"I have only recently been told that only the Military graves at Muntok were moved to Jakarta, not the civilian ones. The civilian graves were abandoned apparently. Is this true? "

Unfortunately, I had to reply that as far as I knew from my Mother's years of correspondence with the CWGC, it was completely true. These British Civilian graves had been lost, due to the CWGC policy of having nothing to do with civilian war graves. I could tell Ralph was very upset by the news concerning his Mother and one of his sister's graves in Muntok. His other sister had died at Belalau, Sumatra (the 6<sup>th</sup> and final camp) and her grave together with all the other civilian graves there had been moved to Jakarta.

I discovered that Judy Balcombe (her Grandfather died and was buried in Muntok) had visited Muntok in 2011 with Anthony Pratt (his Father died and was buried in Muntok). Judy had written an article about their trip, and so I immediately started to correspond with her. Anthony's solicitor, Oswald de Sybel, had discovered my Mother's letters, written over many years to the CWGC, in the Archives at Kew. Anthony and Mr. de Sybel knew about my mother's efforts to get some form of memorial for the Muntok graves and had picked up the trail.

When my Mother had received no help from the CWGC in the 1990s, she then met Alan Harfield from BACS (British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia) He agreed to write a Memorial Booklet for the Muntok graves, which would give families some memorial to treasure. Unfortunately, the years went by and Alan became ill and died 2 years after my mother, without finishing the booklet.

Judy and Anthony were planning to visit Muntok again in February 2012 and so Stephen (my husband) and I joined the party. Alan Harfield's widow, June, returned all the information about the graves that my Mother and Alan had collected. We then set off with the plan and photographs to discover the fate of the graves!

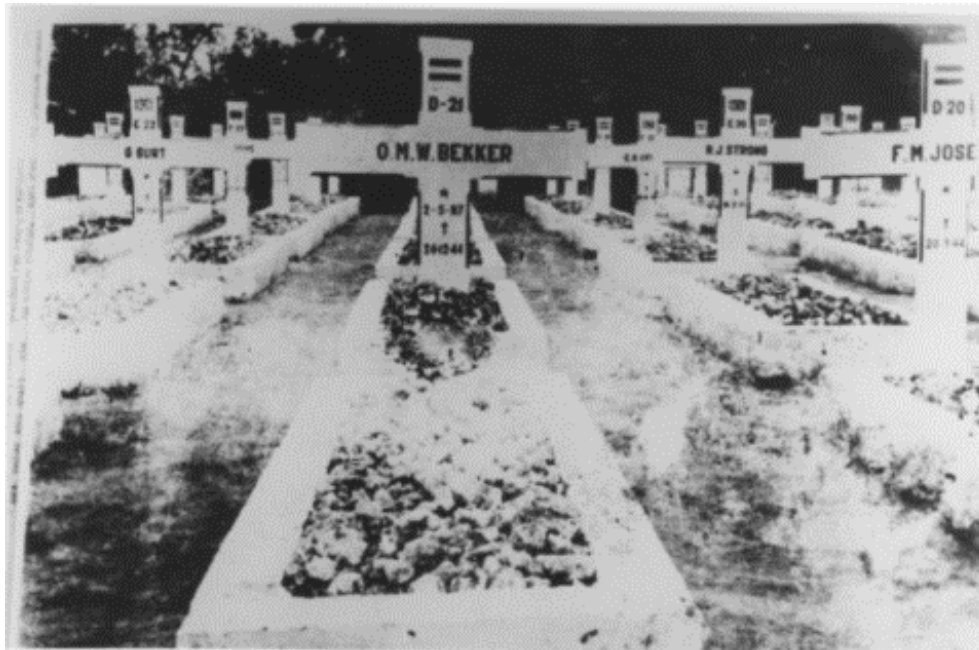


After the war, The Dutch moved all the Women internees' graves to this Cemetery from the shallow graves at the back of their camp at Kampong Menjelang.

The Men had been buried in this cemetery by their friends when they died. Around 1948, families were able to request photographs of their relations' graves from the Dutch authorities in Singapore.



Women internees' graves, Muntok Town Cemetery above, showing their married and maiden names, on wooden crosses. The Men's graves with less decorative crosses can be seen behind the Women's graves.



Grave of the the Muntok Catholic priest, Father Bekker

In 1961, the Indonesian government requested that smaller war cemeteries be closed. The Dutch authorities moved all their military and civilian graves to Jakarta. The Dutch informed the British but the British only moved their military and a few 'service' graves, leaving the British civilian graves of 31 women and 58 men behind.

By the late 1960s the remains of this cemetery now looked a mess. The remaining crosses were falling down, overgrown by weeds and long grass. Several reports were given to the British Foreign Office, stating the deteriorating condition of these graves, and yet nothing was done, and the graves were eventually lost.

The following photos were taken by a Indonesian religious minister from Palembang who visited Muntok in 1968. He also wrote detailed lists of the names still visible on the crosses.



**“Let us not forget”** was discovered amongst Margie Caldicott’s parents’ papers, dating from the 1960s.

"LET US NOT FORGET".  
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Scripture  
and

"Volunteers to dig a grave". So the word went round. XX has died, her body no longer able to withstand the great demands made upon it, her Spirit ready for her Master. Her last words were "I will pray for you all in Heaven". She had had typhus, and then there was no food to build up her strength. In the so called hospital, there was only enough water to allow one cupful per person per day for washing purposes. This in the tropics in sweltering fever heat and those nursing the sick, themselves in need of rest and care. And now the call for "Volunteers to dig a grave". When will the rough coffin be sent or will the body have to lie in the open for 24 hours and quiet vigil be kept, as on a previous occasion? Out of the barbed wire they go, those able at the time and with the strength for the digging. Peace? Quietness at any rate. No longer the noisy, dusty, dirty squalor behind the barbed wire. Human bodies, skin and bones, struggling for existence, struggling to help each other - orphaned children in a bewildered small world - sad sights - only silent happier memories of a past existence. The task is finished, back they come weary, silent - no water to wash off the dirt, the sweat, but triumph only that a need has been met, a task accomplished. A rough box is brought; will the boards hold? The small procession forms, how heavy the load, how slow the pace. The Camp is silenced, another body laid to rest. The way was steep, the clay heavy, the service simple, the prayers sincere. The Hymn 'O God our Help in Ages Past' never more appropriate, and favourite ~~more~~ more inspiring. One broken body now triumphant - for her Faith was Sure and her life of Service Witness Supreme in her Death. Women honoured woman.

There is no one now to care for her Grave, no one is responsible for her last resting place. The end came soon for her, but there were many more like her, both men and women. Is she Chinese, is she English, Eurasian or Scotch? Is she Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Church of England or a Plymouth Brethren? She had loved Malaya, in her work or in her home. It was only the sad fate of War that caused her to die so soon and in such hardship in an Allied Territory, now Indonesia. She was proud to be British in 1943.

No tombstone or cross now marks the spot of her last resting place - no neat mown grass covers the site. No, for all she did, all she was - only the tropical growth of twenty-three years covers the ~~site~~ <sup>grave</sup>. The birds will be singing, the sunrises and the sunsets will lighten the spot, and the sun give warmth. Will there be buildings erected here in years to come or more battles fought?

She was just one of God's children, but let us not forget.....

Local people in Muntok tell us that houses started to be built in the cemetery area from the end of the 1960s, and then the Pertamina Petrol Station was built on the land in 1981. (The red and white bollards show the original cemetery entrance).



Human remains were found during building of the houses and petrol station.  
25 Bodies were discovered during excavation for the garage, and the Catholic priest was asked if these could be reburied in the Catholic Cemetery.

In the Catholic Cemetery at Kampong Menjelang, near the former Women's prison camp, they lie in a grave with the inscription (translated by Mr. Mohammad Rizki)

***"Here rest 25 British victims of the WW2 (1942-1945). Died in Muntok. Reburied at Muntok Catholic Cemetery on 19 March 1981".***



Surely these are some of the Women internees? Their graves were on the plan where the garage now stands at the front of the cemetery.

We have lists of the remaining British Civilian graves with letters and numbers. There are one or two discrepancies, which we now have to investigate, but 2 of these lists relate to the cemetery plan (above).

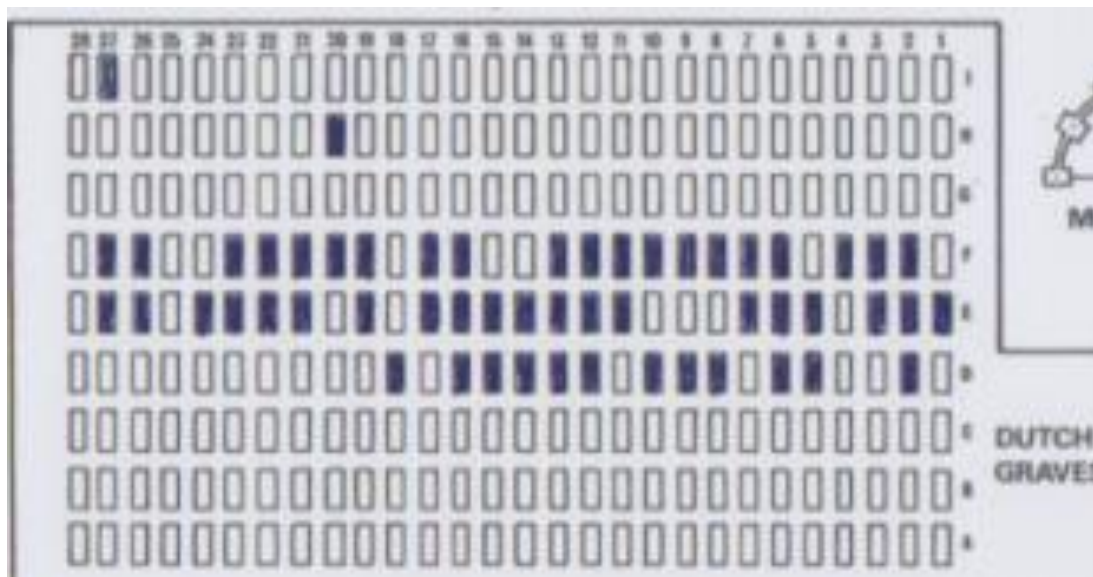


Margie's grandmother Mrs. ME Brown Hobbins (the Dutch liked to put the maiden name after the surname) is in Plot 3 Row K No 10.

Anthony Pratt's father, Mr. Donald Frederick Pratt is in Plot 1 Row E No 15.

Judy's Grandfather, Mr. Colin Douglas Campbell is in Plot 1 Row E No 7.

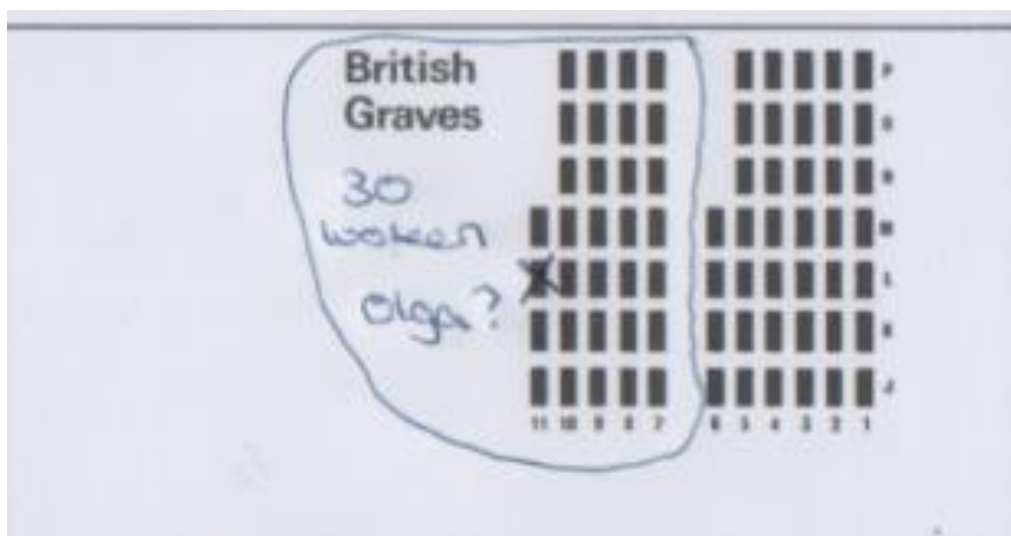
And there are so many more people, buried near the friends with whom they had shared and endured so much for so long.



Men's cemetery area, behind the Women's graves.

Note the edge of the semi-circular memorial wall, which formed front of Mr. Herman's garden (it is now pulled down but shape can be seen on the ground)

x=1 grave is empty in the women's plot



Site of Women's graves, where they were placed around 1948. Now under the Pertamina petrol station.

This cemetery was known as the Muntok Dutch, Town or Civil cemetery.

Below is **LIST NO.1** of 3 lists in Margie Caldicott's possession. Studying the lists, correspondence from the Netherlands War Graves Foundation and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (formerly the Imperial War Graves Commission) and interviewing local people leads us to believe that 58 men's graves and 31 women's graves were abandoned in Muntok Cemetery.

#### Dutch War Cemetery, Muntok, Bangka Island

The list is in order of plot numbering as shown on the plan on page 12.

<u>Location of Grave</u>	<u>Name and Forenames or Initials</u>	<u>Date of death</u>
Plot 1, Row D, No 2	Mr Algernon Neville Laybourne Aged 54. <sup>1</sup>	28 July 1944.
Plot 1, Row D, No 5	Mr Michael Francis Enright <sup>2</sup> of Bankstown, New South Wales, Australia.	30 June 1945.
Plot 1, Row D, No 6	Sir John Bruce Stuart Campbell, DSO & Bar, Croix de Guerre, St John's Ambulance Brigade, Perlis, Malaya. Aged 66.	14 October 1943
Plot 1, Row D, No 8	Mr G.C. Spandaw <sup>3</sup>	30 May 1944.
Plot 1, Row D, No 9	Mr L.G. Jeffrey <sup>4</sup>	2 May 1944.
Plot 1, Row D, No 10	Mr George Basil Warburton Gray <sup>5</sup>	12 February 1944.
Plot 1, Row D, No 12	Mr Hubert Victor Miles Woods of 23 Leigh Street, Ghant, Penang. Aged 43.	21 November 1943.
Plot 1, Row D, No 13	Mr G. Holderness, of Batu Anam Estate, North Johore.	28 May 1944.
Plot 1, Row D, No 14	Mr Robert Wallace Morris, of East Molesey, Surrey. Aged 42.	8 June 1944.
Plot 1, Row D, No 15	Mr Frederick Fletcher, of Walton-on-Naze, Essex. Aged 70.	9 June 1944.
Plot 1, Row D, No 16	Mr Frederick Langharne Llewellyn BSc. AMIEE. Aged 48. <sup>6</sup>	13 May 1944.
Plot 1, Row D, No 18	Mr Charles John Arnold, of Norwich. Aged 70.	3 January 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 1	Mr F.V. Boswell <sup>7</sup> Aged 51.	10 July 1944.

- Notes:
1. Husband of Gladys Irene Laybourne who died Palembang October 1944.
  2. IWGC publication Civilian War Dead 1939-1945, Vol VII, London, 1957, shows date of death as being 24 January 1942 which is a date prior to the setting up of the Civilian POW camps at Muntok. The Australian and Dutch cemetery lists give the date as '30 June 1945'.
  3. G.C. Spandaw is not included on the Dutch Cemetery List.
  4. Shown as 'L.C. Jeffery' in the Dutch cemetery list.
  5. The Dutch Cemetery List gives the date of death as being '12 February 1945'. Husband of Majory Gray who died at Muntok on 13 January 1945.
  6. The Dutch Cemetery List gives the date of death as being '13 May 1944'.
  7. The Dutch Cemetery List gives the date of death as being '10 July 1944'.



<u>Location of Grave</u>	<u>Name and Initials</u>	<u>Date of death</u>
Plot 1, Row E, No 2	Mr George Henry Hallam	18 July 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 3	Mr John Samuel Evans, of Austral Malay Tin Ltd, Puchong, Federal Malay States. Aged 37.	17 July 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 5	Mr Walter Penrice, of Singapore. Aged 47.	20 July 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 6	Mr David Richard Evans, of Baulkham Hills, New South Wales, Australia. Aged 60.	30 July 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 7	Mr Colin Douglas Campbell Aged 53.	2 August 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 11	Mr Francis Grainger Brown <sup>8</sup>	5 November 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 12	Mr Vincent Bristow Pybus Aged 57.	11 November 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 13	Mr Robert Stephenson. MM <sup>9</sup>	8 April 1945.
Plot 1, Row E, No 14	Mr W. Vorlauf <sup>10</sup>	5 February 1945.
Plot 1, Row E, No 15	Mr Donald Frederick Pratt Aged 37.	1 May 1945.
Plot 1, Row E, No 16	Mr James Henry Stanners, of Grangemouth, Stirlingshire.	22 January 1945.
Plot 1, Row E, No 17	Mr John C.H. Aitken, of West Cults, Aberdeen. Aged 54.	25 November 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 19	Mr Riley Lewellyn Morgan, of Devonport, Devonshire. Aged 28.	24 March 1945.
Plot 1, Row E, No 21	Mr John McGuffin, of Mosman Park, Western Australia. Aged 52.	8 March 1945.
Plot 1, Row E, No 22	Mr Gordon Burt, OBE, of Dunedin, New Zealand. Aged 46.	28 January 1945.
Plot 1, Row E, No 23	Mr C.H. Adam	5 October 1944.
Plot 1, Row E, No 24	Mr L.R. Blake, of Hove, Sussex. Aged 47.	23 February 1945.

Notes: 8. IWGC publication Civilian War Dead 1939-1945, Vol VII, London, 1957 gives the date of death as being '15 November 1944'.  
9. The Dutch Cemetery List gives the surname as 'Stevenson'.  
10. The Dutch Cemetery List gives the date of death as being '9 February 1945'.

**Please note**, one page of this list is missing but the following Men's graves are listed in LIST NO. 2 of internee Shelagh Brown's lists and are shown to have been buried in the Muntok Town/Dutch/Civil Cemetery:

**ROW F:-**

**No 2** Reverend A V Wardle d. 4.01.1945

**No 3** Mr. R Meldrum d. 13.12.1944

**No 4** Mr. F Thompson d. 27.11.1944

**No 6** Mr. G S Reis d. 2.11.1944

**No 7** Mr. H S Tisshaw d.24.11.1944

**No 9** Mr. W P Douglas d. 23.11.1944

**No 10** Mr. R J P Clark d.19/23?Nov.1944

**No 11** Mr. T K Wilson d. 22.11.1944

**No 12** Mr. H L Watson d.2/20 Nov 1944

**No 13** Mr. C M Jenkin d.17.11.1944

- No 16 Mr. C G Rebel d. 10.11.1944
- No 17 Mr. L Burn d.8/14? Nov. 1944.
- No19 Mr. J S Messenger 1? Nov 1944.
- No 20 Mr. C F Grixoni d.28.10.1944
- No 21 Mr. K G A Dohoo d.25/26? Oct 1944.
- No 22 Mr. T Burns d.22/23? Oct 1944.
- No 23 Mr. V S Connelly d. 17.10.1944
- No 26 Mr. J G Dominguez d.11.09.1944.
- No 27 Mr. R H Prior d. 15/16 8.1944

Although adequate food and medical care were not provided, meticulous lists of deaths were kept by the Japanese and also recorded by internee American journalist Willian McDougall in the Men’s Camps, who was given a typewriter.

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抑留者銘々票

收容所 Camp 收容年月日 Date Interned	スマトラ第12号外人拘留所 昭和 年 月 日	番 号 No.	わろい 1
氏 名 Name	CAMPBELL, COLIN DOUGLAS	生 年 月 日 Date of Birth	18th May, 1890
國 籍 Nationality	AUSTRALIAN	本 籍 地 Place of Origin	MUAR, JOHORE
身 分 職 業 Position or Occupation	PLANTER, MANAGER	抑留前ノ住 所又ハ居所 Address before Internment	TEICK ANSON, PERAK MALAYA
父 ノ 名 Father's name	CAMPBELL, JOHN COLIN	通 報 先 Destination of Report	MRS. ANN CAMPBELL, 16 BELGRAVE ROAD EAST MALVERN, MELBOURNE
母 ノ 名 Mother's name	CAMPBELL, ELISABETH, Nee GREY	特 技 Speciality	
妻 (夫) ノ 名 Wife's (Husband's) name	CAMPBELL, ANN, Nee McGRILLEN	特 記 事 項 Remarks	死亡

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補修欄 Other Informations

昭和19年8月2日 脚気兼大腸炎=死亡 (Pm 8:30)

昭和19年5月28日 発病

死亡場所 スマトラ島バンカピリト州 ムントノ半捕留所

埋葬場所 ムントノバンカ 外人墓地 (ZAF=後ノ補修)

<u>Location of Grave</u>	<u>Name and Forename or Initials</u>	<u>Date of death</u>
Plot 1, Row E, No 26	Mr Alfred Herbert Wright, AMIMechE, AMIEE, FRSA., of Griffnock, Glasgow. Aged 44.	9 February 1945.
Plot 1, Row E, No 27	Mr Herbert Zimmerman	11 June 1944.
Plot 1, Row H, No 20	Mr E.H.M. Manden	23 July 1944.
Plot 1, Row I, No 27	Mr E.A.G.A. Dumas	1 December 1944.
Plot 2.	There is no record of British or Australian burials in this plot.	
Plot 3, Row J, No 7	Mrs Mary Louise Day Aged 53. <sup>11</sup>	16 December 1944
Plot 3, Row J, No 8	Mrs Marjory Gray <sup>12</sup>	13 January 1945.
Plot 3, Row J, No 9	Mrs Rena Rosie Haynes Aged 49.	10 January 1945
Plot 3, Row J, No 10	Mrs Resie Armstrong	7 February 1945.
Plot 3, Row J, No 11	Mrs Louise Sinnatt wife of Lieutenant J.A.H. Sinnatt, Royal Artillery. Aged about 32.	23 February 1945
Plot 3, Row K, No 7	Mrs Esme Barbara Skinner, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Aged 38.	22 March 1945
Plot 3, Row K, No 8	Mrs Amy Alexandra Mary Simmons Aged 30.	26 February 1945
Plot 3, Row K, No 9	Mrs Edith Florence Bedell, <sup>13</sup> Nurse, of Batang-Kali Estate, Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S. Aged 65.	19 January 1945.
Plot 3, Row K, No 10	Mrs Mary Elizabeth Brown, <sup>14</sup> of Grove Court, Katong, Singapore. Aged 67.	17 January 1945.
Plot 3, Row K, No 11	Mrs Helen Dixey <sup>15</sup> Aged 48.	28 February 1945.

- Notes:
11. The date of death recorded in a 'Camp List' is given as '17 December 1944'.
  12. Wife of George Basil Warburton Gray who died in the Male Internment Camp, Muntok on 12 February 1944. [Plot 1, Row D, Grave No 10 - see page 12].
  13. Wife of Doctor A.E. Bedell.
  14. Wife of Edwin A. Brown, OBE, VD, JP. [Her daughter Miss Shelagh Brown, later Mrs Shelagh Lea, was also interned in the Womens POW Camp at Muntok].
  15. The wife of A.C.N. Dixey. The date of death is shown as '27 February 1945' in the Dutch and Australian Lists of burials and as '26 February 1945' in the 'Camp List'.

<u>Location of Grave</u>	<u>Name &amp; Forenames or Initials</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Plot 3, Row L, No 7	Mrs Lilian Rodrigues	1 January 1945.
Plot 3, Row L, No 8	Mrs Agnes G. Dominguez <sup>16</sup>	9 November 1944.
Plot 3, Row L, No 9	Mrs Marion Galloway Langdon Williams. <sup>17</sup> Aged 46.	7 February 1945.
Plot 3, Row L, No 10	Mrs Dorothy MacLeod <sup>18</sup> Aged 59.	1 April 1945.
Plot 3, Row M, No 7	Mrs Evelyn Mary Parr, <sup>19</sup> Red Cross Nurse, of Singapore. Aged 38.	11 January 1945.
Plot 3, Row M, No 8	Mrs Edith Evangeline Castle, <sup>20</sup> of Doncaster, Yorkshire. Aged 50.	19 November 1944.
Plot 3, Row M, No 9	Miss Eva Prouse, of Bukit Bintang Road, Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S. and Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia. Aged 49.	2 February 1945
Plot 3, Row M, No 10	Miss Dixie Resie Armstrong. Aged 32.	5 April 1945.
Plot 3, Row M, No 11	Mrs Kathleen Mary Hutchings <sup>21</sup> of 12 Balmoral Road, Singapore. Aged 46.	12 April 1945.
Plot 3, Row N, No 7	Mrs Olga Mary Neubronner, CMB., SRN, Senior Superintendent, St John's Ambulance Brigade, Singapore. <sup>22</sup> Aged 39.	2 March 1945.
Plot 3, Row N, No 8	Mrs Mary Awmack Battensby <sup>23</sup> (known as Mona) of Tapah Rubber Estate Ltd., Tapa Road, Perak, F.M.S. Aged 51.	11 February 1945.

- Notes:
16. Wife of J.C. Domingues who died at Muntok on 11 September 1944.
  17. Widow of L. Langdon Williams of Singapore. Shown in the Imperial War Graves Commission publication Civilian War Dead 1939-1945, Vol VII, under the surname of 'Williams'. She was, however, always known as 'Mrs Langdon Williams' in the POW Camp at Muntok.
  18. Wife of Lieutenant Colonel D.G. MacLeod.
  19. Widow of the late Reverend A.C. Parr, of St Andrews School, Singapore.
  20. Mrs E.E. Castle is shown on the 'Camp List' as having died on '18 November 1944'.
  21. Wife of Major Philip Townshend Hutchings of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Reserve who also died in captivity.
  22. Wife of Captain Guy Vivian Neubronner of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force. It has been reported that Mrs Neubronner was exhumed and moved probably to a Dutch Cemetery when the Dutch nationals were exhumed and reburied in a war cemetery at Jakarta, Java
  23. Wife of Eric William Battensby.

Page 17 follows with further Women's graves follows:

- Plot 3, Row N, No 9 Mrs. Isobel Veronica Pennefather,  
Sebrong Estate, Layang Layang, Johore, Malaya, 48,  
15/3/1945
- Plot 3, Row N, No 10 Mrs. Emily Elizabeth Smith, 13 Simon Lane, Singapore,  
19/11/1944
- Plot 3, Row O, No 7 Miss Lottie Regina Reginald Wales, 86 Cairnhill Rd,

Singapore, 3/1/1945

Plot 3, Row 0, No 8, Mrs. Joan May Maddams, BA, 36, 19/12/1944

Plot 3, Row 0, No 9, Mrs. Ruth Russell-Roberts, 36, 20/1/1945

Plot 3, Row 0, No 10, Mrs. Muriel Gregory, MA (Wales), B.Lit. (Oxon.), 43,  
15/11/1944

Plot 3, Row P, No 7 Miss Sabine Elizabeth Mackintosh, Alton, Hampshire,  
57, 27/12/1944

Plot 3, Row P, No 8 Mrs. Blanche Lucy Jones, 88 Circular Rd, Kuala Lumpur,  
F.M.S. 58, 8/12/1944

Plot 3, Row P, No 9 Mrs. Nellie Ellen Tay, 61 Rockshore Road, Singapore, 40,  
21/11 1944

Plot 3, Row P, No 10 Mrs. Sylvia Plummer, 42, 19/11/1944

<u>Details of additional Prisoners of War who died and were buried</u> <u>at Muntok</u>		
The following is a list of prisoners of war who were known to have died during their captivity at Muntok, and who were buried in the cemetery, but for whom there are no known grave markers or grave details:		
<u>Name &amp; Forenames or Initials</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	
Plot 1, Row D Mrs Claire Sammy Aged 52.	18 November 1944.	
Plot 1, Row D Mr Frederick Marshall Adam of Singapore. Aged 38. Husband of Joan Adam.	25 January 1945.	
Plot 1, Row D Mrs Marjorie Hindnaugh Cocke Nurse, St John's Ambulance Brigade. Aged 53. Wife of Morris Hayward Cocke.	5 March 1945.	
Plot 1, Row D, No 16 Mr George East Warburton Gray	12 February 1944	
Plot 1, Row D, No 17 Mr Hubert Victor Miles Woods of 23 Leigh Street, Ghent, Belgium. Aged 40.	21 November 1943.	
Plot 1, Row D, No 13 Mr G. Holderness, of East Angles Estate, North Johore.	28 May 1944.	
Plot 1, Row D, No 14 Mr Robert Walker Morris of East Angles, Surrey. Aged 42.	8 June 1944.	
Plot 1, Row D, No 15 Mr Frederick Fletcher, of Whitmore-Nase, Essex. Aged 70.	9 June 1944.	
Plot 1, Row D, No 15 Mr Frederick Langham, Liverpool Hd. AMB. Aged 44.	13 May 1944.	
Plot 1, Row D, No 18 Mr Charles John Arnold of Norwich. Aged 70.	3 January 1944.	
Plot 1, Row E, No 1 Mr P. V. Brown	10 July 1944.	
<p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Husband of Gladys Irene Lockman who died Prisoner of War October 1944.</li> <li>2. R.A.C. publication Circular 202 1938-1942, Vol. VII, London, 1957, shows date of death as being 24 January 1942 which is the date given in the setting up of the German POW camps at Muntok. The Australian and Dutch records, however, give the date as "10 July 1944".</li> <li>3. G.L. Spurlin is not included on the Dutch Cemetery List.</li> <li>4. Shown as "A.C. Jeffery" on the Dutch cemetery list.</li> <li>5. The Dutch Cemetery list gives the date of death as being "12 February 1945". Husband of Muriel Gray who died at Muntok on 13 January 1945.</li> <li>6. The Dutch Cemetery list gives the date of death as being "12 May 1944".</li> <li>7. The Dutch Cemetery list gives the date of death as being "10 July 1944".</li> </ol>		

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See Note 22 above, Plot 3 Row N No 7. Olga Neubronner was moved to the Jakarta War Cemetery after the War. She was Sister-in Charge of Changi Hospital and Senior Superintendent of Singapore John's Ambulance brigade. She was a close friend of the Brown family. Olga wrote beautiful poetry in the camps, despite not only having had a miscarriage on Muntok pier after shipwreck having been later imprisoned with 3 other British nurses in Palembang Jail for 6 months. They never discovered the reason for their imprisonment.

Mrs. C Sammy- von Salehn, reburied Leuwigayah/Cimahi.

I am indebted to Anthony Pratt and his solicitor, who have done so much work and research about these interned civilians of Muntok 1942-1945. I am also indebted to Judy Balcombe for her knowledge, and for the wording and planning of the 4 plaques, which made our trip in 2010 very poignant. Without the Malayan Volunteer Group website (please visit it), we would never have known about Judy's article. Thank you to the MVG members for their work and for the plaques.

The people of Muntok have been very helpful and respectful of our plight, and not only gave us a very warm welcome but also looked after us during our stay. We now have many new friends and we hope to return to Muntok when the Muntok Museum is open.

### **The deceased in alphabetical order**

#### **British and Australian Civilian Internees who died in Muntok Camps**

##### **WOMEN (name/age/date of death)**

Mrs Theresia 'Resie' Armstrong (51), 7 February 1945

Miss Dixie Armstrong (32), 5 April 1945

Mrs Mary Awmack Battensby (51), 11 February 1945

Mrs Edith Florence Bedell (65), 19 January 1945

Mrs Mary Elizabeth Brown (67), 17 January 1945

Mrs Edith Evangeline Castle (50), 19 November 1944

Mrs Marjorie Hindaugh Cocke (53), 5 March 1945 (Moved to Jakarta)

Mrs Mary Louise Day, 53, 16 December 1944

Mrs Helen Dixey, 48, 28 February 1945

Mrs Agnes Gertrude Dominguez, 63, 9 November 1944

Mrs Marjory Gray, 55, 13 January 1945

Mrs Muriel Gregory, 43, 5 November 1944

Mrs Rena Rosie Haynes, 49, 10 January 1945

Mrs Kathleen Mary Hutchings, 46, 12 April 1945

Mrs Blanche Lucy Jones, 58, 8 December 1944

Miss Sabine Elizabeth Mackintosh, 57, 27 December 1944

Mrs Dorothy MacLeod, 59, 1 April 1945

Mrs Joan May Maddams, 36, 19 December 1944

Mrs Olga Mary Neubronner, 39, 2 March 1945 (Moved to Jakarta)

Mrs Evelyn Mary Parr, 38, 11 January 1945  
 Mrs Isobel Veronica Pennefather, 48, 15 March 1945  
 Mrs Sylvia Plummer, 42, 19 November 1944  
 Miss Eva Prouse, 49, 2 February 1945  
 Mrs Lillian Rodrigues, 46, 1 January 1945  
 Mrs Ruth Russell-Roberts, 36, 20 January 1945  
 Mrs Claire Sammy, 52, 18 November 1944 (Moved to Jakarta)  
 Mrs Amy Alexandra Mary Simmons, 30, 26 February 1945  
 Mrs Louise Sinnatt, 32, 23 February 1945 (Moved to Jakarta)  
 Mrs Esme Barbara Skinner, 38, 27 March 1945  
 Mrs Emily Elizabeth Smith, 72, 9 November 1944  
 Mrs Nellie Ellen Tay, 40, 21 November 1944  
 Miss Lottie Regina Wales, 48, 3 January 1945  
 Mrs Cevia Deitch Warman, 25, 9 March 1942  
 Mrs Marion Galloway Langdon Williams, 46, 7 February 1945

**MEN (name/age/date of death) 55 men**

Mr C. H. Adam, 5 October 1944  
 Mr Frederick Marshall Adam, 38, 25 January 1945 ARP, Singapore  
 Mr John C. H. Aitken, 54, 25 November 1944 LDC  
 Mr Charles John Arnold, 70, 9 June 1944 WW1 Pte to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt MSVR 1917  
 Mr L. R. Blake, 47, 23 February 1945 Sub Lt SS RNVR 1939 to early 1941  
 Mr F. V. Boswell, 51, 10 July 1944  
 Mr Francis Grainger Brown, 44, 5 November 1944  
 Mr Lindsay Burn, 58, 8 November 1944  
 Mr Thomas Burns, 50, 22 October 1944  
 Mr Gordon Burt O.B.E., 46, 28 January 1945 Formerly Lt/Cpl ISSVF Armoured Cars  
 Mr Colin Douglas Campbell, 53, 2 August 1944 MSVR 1915 -  
 Sir John Bruce Stuart Campbell, 66, 14 October 1943 WW1 Croix de Guerre  
 Mr Richard James Potter Clarke, 56, 19 November 1944  
 Mr Vernon Rowe Connolly, 49, 17 October 1944  
 Mr John Gallagher Dominguez, 65, 11 September 1944  
 Mr Kenneth Godfrey Arthur Dohoo, 38, 25 October 1944  
 Mr Walter Pattinson Douglas, 55, 23 November 1944  
 Mr E. A. M. Dumas, 1 December 1944  
 Mr Thomas Efford, 59, 24 November 1944  
 Mr Michael Francis Enright, 63, 24 January 1945 Chief Motor Mechanic RVNR  
 WW1  
 Mr David Richard Evans, 60, 30 July 1944  
 Mr John Samuel Evans, 37, 17 July 1944  
 Mr Frederick Fletcher, 70, 9 June 1944

Mr George Basil Warburton Gray, 62, 12 February 1944  
 Mr Cecil Reynold Grixoni, 43, 28 October 1944  
 Mr George Henry Hallam, 18 July 1944  
 Mr Geoffrey Holderness, 45, 28 May 1944  
 Mr Leslie Gordon Gemmell Jeffrey, 53, 2 May 1944  
 Mr Charles Martin Jenkin, 51, 17 November 1944  
 Mr Algernon Neville Laybourne, 54, 28 July 1944  
 Mr Frederick Langharne Llewellyn, 48, 13 May 1944  
 Mr E. H. M. Manden, 23 July 1944  
 Mr John McGuffin, 52, 8 March 1945  
 Mr Robert Meldrum, 49, 13 December 1944 Sgt 529 JVE to 101 STS  
 Mr Jack Stephenson Messenger, 45, 2 November 1944  
 Mr Riley Llewellyn Morgan, 24 March 1945  
 Mr Robert Wallace Morris, 42, 8 June 1944  
 Mr Walter Penrice, 47, 20 July 1944 Major 2SSVF  
 Mr Richard Henry Cozens Prior, 61, 15 August 1944  
 Mr Donald Frederick Pratt, 37, 1 May 1945 1930's. Member Johore Volunteer Engineers  
 Mr Vincent Bristow Pybus, 11 November 1944  
 Mr C. G. Rebel, 10 November 1944  
 Mr Gordon Stanley Reis, 55, 2 November 1944  
 Mr John Sharpe - Elliot, 55, 4 July 1944  
 Mr G. C. Spandaw, 30 May 1944  
 Mr James Henry Stanners, 32, 22 January 1945  
 Mr Robert Stephenson, 47, 8 April 1945  
 Mr Reginald Joseph Strong, 55, 21 February 1945  
 Mr Frederick Thompson, 36, 27 November 1944  
 Mr Henry Stanley Tisshaw, 56, 24 November 1944  
 Mr W. Vorlauf, 5 February 1945  
 Reverend Albert Victor Wardle, 47, 4 January 1945  
 Mr Harry Leonard Watson, 31, 2 November 1944  
 Mr Hubert Victor Miles Woods, 43, 21 November 1943  
 Mr Thomas Kinnear Wilson, 53, 22 November 1944  
 Mr Alfred Herbert Wright, 44, 9 February 1945  
 Mr Herbert Zimmerman, 43, 11 June 1944  
  
 Mr Vivian Gordon Bowden, 57, Australia's Official Representative to Singapore, killed by two Japanese guards outside the Muntok cinema, 17 February 1942