

TIMOR 1942.

SAILED DARWIN P.M. 10 DEC. 1941.

"WESTRALIA" "ZEALANDIA"
U.S.S. "PIRIE" AUS. CORVETTE ESCORT.
"SPARROW FORCE."

2/40th INF BTN, MOSTLY TASSIE
SUPPLEMENTARY TROOPS
SIGS. PIONEERS. TRANSPORT 2/12 FD
AMB. ARTY. NO. 2 AUST. INDEP. COY
SQDN. HUDSON F/B's AIRCRAFT.
APPROX 1500 ALL UP.

ARRIVED KOEPANG 12/12.

AFTER DISCUSSION - CONSUL (ROSS)
GOVERNOR (UNDER PROTEST)
AGREED TO OCCUPATION, MAINLY
TO PROTECT AIRSTRIP.

2 A.I.C. DETACHED 15/16 18/19 DEC.
"BATAYIA" "CANDIUS"

LANDING UNIQUE.

NEUTRAL COLONY - UNLOADED
WEAPONS. HQ. 2 PLATOONS.

CAMPED IN OPEN, ABOUT 10 DAYS
COCONUT PLANTATION.

"MOSSIES PICNIC" CITRONELLA
MALARIA SOON EVIDENT

SHIRTS & SHORTS UNSUITABLE
RECCE PATROLS - MAPPING

XMAS EVE - XMAS DAY,

2 SECTION-SIGS-GAPPERS, AIRSTRIP
MOVES OUT-EAST-WEST. SOUTH.
LETAFONO, TIBAR, ERAMERA, 3 SPURS.
MOVED INTO FOOTHILLS-1000'

RECCE - CACHES SUPPLIES, AMMO.
50 REINFORCEMENTS MID JANUARY 42.
DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS. TRAINED.
FOOD O.K. ARMY-LOCAL
WATER NOT GOOD-DYSENTRY.
GETTING TO KNOW & COMMUNICATE
WITH LOCAL PEOPLE,
HAPPY-SINGERS-KIDS-MARKETS,
TREATED WELL-BARTER-TRADE.

JAPS RAPID MOVEMENT, DEC-MAR
CHINA-SINGAPORE, PHILIPPINES
JAVA, AMBON, RABAUL DARWIN
TIMOR 19/20 FEB, 7 SECTION. 14 KIA.
N.E.I. SURRENDER ORDER-NO WAY!

JAP PATROLS-COMPANY STRENGTH
APPROX. 100-MOTORISED
TACTICS. AMBUSH-TSMG.
GRENADES BLOW UP ROADS
HIT HARD & DISAPPEAR

THE TIMOR EXPERIENCE - MEDIC.

EST. 1 MO. DR C.R. DUNKLEY

1 SGT. C.V. PAFF, H.Q.

3 CORPORALS - 1 PER PLATOON

CLOTHING UNSUITABLE MOSSIES

CITRONELLA N.B.G.

MALARIA RAYAGED.

MOVE INTO HILL COUNTRY,

SET UP R.A.P. NASUTA.

JAP INVASION 19/20 FEB.

AIRSTRIPE BLOWN - 2 SECTION
DEFENCE. 2 K.I.A. 2 WOUNDED.

RATION TRUCK AMBUSH.

1 SECT. - 14 K.I.A. 1 P.O.W.

K. HAYES SURV. 3 DAYS TIMOR SSF.

4 SECTION BEZARTETE ATTACK

2 K.I.A. 3 WOUNDED HOLLOW
CRAGHILL, MORGAN.

GUILANO RIVER - NISBET

3 DAYS/NIGHTS TO HQ, RAILACO.

CAMPBELL, DOOK - ALERT

FOOD, FEEDING, TIMORS HELP

STEEL HELMET.

ATSABE, AINORO. HATA-UDU

M.O. HATOLIA, HQ BOBONARIA

RADIO CONTACT LOST 2 MONTHS

SUPPLIES DIMINISHING

LOCAL VARIED IN AREAS.

MALARIA, DYSENTRY, BERA BERA
WEIGHT LOSS TROPIC ULCERS

JERRY WAILEY - TURTO, DOC.

KNEE. THOMAS SPLINT 6 MONTHS.

EVAC. CATALINA END MAY

BRIG YEAL, DOC, DEMAND!

R.A.N. KURU, ARMIDALE VOYAGER
CASTLEMAINE

R.A.A.F. SUPPLY DROPS, MEDICAL
HUDSONS, MITCHELL, BEALIFITEN
SUPPORT.

MANY HOSP. CAMP MOYES

AS WITH OTHERS - 150 sq. m.

NO MAJOR EMERGENCIES
NO DEATHS NATURAL CAUSES
NO MAJOR FRACTURES
ESPECIALLY NIGHT MOVES
NO LOSSES, LANDING / LEVAC.
K. RICHARDS - RETURN AUS.

"T JERK HIDDEN" AUS / DUTCH
DARWIN - WINELLIE
LARRIMAN - HOSP? CHECK
HOME LEAVE.

UNIT CASUALTIES 26 K.I.A.,
CREDITED WITH 1800+ TAPS.