

Hong Kong Signal Company
Royal Canadian Corps of Signals of 'C' Force
Fortress Signal Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps
and Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Signals

This roll of those who served with the Hong Kong Signal Company, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, the British NCOs of the Fortress Signal Company and all ranks of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Signals has been compiled from the war diary and records of Lieutenant Colonel E. O. Levett,¹ from information provided by Tony Banham at [Hong Kong War Diary](#), from contributors (particularly the work of Elizabeth Ride) to [Gwulo: Old Hong Hong](#) and [POW Research Network Japan](#), and from the original roll of prisoners of war in Hong Kong and their fate compiled by the immensely courageous Tse Dickuan (you can read his story [here](#)). For his bravery in undertaking this work, Tse Dickuan was awarded the British Empire Medal for '*special services during the enemy occupation of Hong Kong*'.²

Those who died prior to 25 December 1941, or in the date range 8-25 December, are recorded as 'killed in action' or 'died of wounds' where that is known, otherwise they are indicated as 'died'. The men indicated as 'wounded' were wounded in December 1941 unless stated otherwise.

The sailing of the *Lisbon Maru* was the 2nd transportation to Japan. Those who died on 2 October 1942 when it sank and who have no known grave are commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong. The men who survived the sinking are indicated as having done so. Note that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records the date of death of many men as 1 October or as 1/2 October; in fact, most casualties occurred on 2 October. All who died in Hong Kong during the fighting in December 1941 or later as prisoners of war and who have a known grave are buried in Stanley Military Cemetery and Sai Wan War Cemetery. Those who died in Japan and whose remains (ashes) were identified are interred in Yokohama War Cemetery. All with no known grave are commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.

Finally, the honours and medals earned are annotated and citations provided in the footnotes; they amounted to one OBE, one MBE, six Military Medals and four mentions in despatches for the defence of Hong Kong and one Distinguished Conduct Medal and two British Empire Medals earned as prisoners of war.

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Hong Kong Signal Company Summary of Casualties

Hong Kong Signal Company Strength, December 1941	185 ¹
Killed in action or died of wounds up to 25 December 1941	15
Transported on the SS <i>Lisbon Maru</i>	129
Transported to Japan on the other five transports	23
Remained in Hong Kong	18
Died as a prisoner of war in Hong Kong after 25 December 1941	7
Died when the <i>Lisbon Maru</i> sank	50
<i>Lisbon Maru</i> survivors died in Shanghai	2
<i>Lisbon Maru</i> survivors died in Japan	16
Other transports died in Japan	1
Survived captivity having remained in Hong Kong	11
Survived captivity in Japan	83
Died in an air crash after release from captivity in Japan	2
Hong Kong Signal Company killed in action, died of wounds, died in captivity or died en route to freedom	93
Hong Kong Signal Company survived	92

Note:

1. Including Lieutenant Colonel E. O. Levett.

Royal Canadian Corps of Signals Summary of Casualties

Royal Canadian Corps of Signals Strength, December 1941	33
Killed in action or died of wounds up to 25 December 1941	5
Transported to Japan	17
Remained in Hong Kong	11
Died as a prisoner of war in Hong Kong after 25 December 1941	4
Survived captivity having remained in Hong Kong	7
Survived captivity in Japan	17
Royal Canadian Corps of Signals killed in action, died of wounds or died in captivity	9
Royal Canadian Corps of Signals survived	24

Hong Kong Signal Company

Chief Signals Officer

LEVETT	Lt Col	Eustace Oliver	Awarded OBE. ³
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ALLEN	2975172 Sig	Alfred	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
ALLIN	2589561 Sig	Bernard Lester	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
AMOTT	2323402 Sig	Thomas Henry	Wounded. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
ATKINSON	2325182 L/Cpl	Edwin	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
BARRITT	2310677 Sig	Leslie	1 st transportation to Japan.
BATES	2350743 Sig	Harold Medwell	Wounded. 5 th transportation to Japan.
BEDFORD	2323921 Cpl	George	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 2 October 1942.
BENNETT	2323504 Sig	Sidney	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of diphtheria at Osaka, Japan, 17 February 1943. Yokohama War Cemetery.
BEVAN	2325210 Sig	William Thomas Edward	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
BIGGS	23302 L/Cpl52	Reginald E.	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
BIRKETT	2323542 Sig	Gerald Anthony	Killed in action in Hong Kong, 8 December 1941. His body was found by Chaplain H. L. O. Davis and buried near St. Albert's convent; his grave was not found, and he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial.
BLOUNT	2318812 Cpl	Walter Henry	3 rd transportation to Japan.
BRACKENBURY	2319478 Cpl	Bernard	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
BROWN	Lt	Charles Dixon	Officer Commanding No. 3 Infantry Brigade Section (East Infantry Brigade). <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
BROWN	2324377 Cpl	George Kenneth	Wounded at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. 5 th transportation to Japan.
BUCKE	Lt	Cyril Edward	Officer Commanding No. 1 Operating Section. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
BUNDY	2319902 Sgt	Cecil	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of dysentery at Osaka, Japan, 28 October 1942. ⁴ Yokohama War Cemetery.
BUSBY	2326081 Sig	George Temple	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
BUTLER	2323332 Sig	William Alfred	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
CARROLL	2326548 Sig	George	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
CARTER	2320707 Cpl	Fred Augustus Henry	Wounded.
CARTWRIGHT	2325662 Sig	Leslie George	Wounded. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
CLARKE	2325061 Sig	Harry	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
CLARKE	2350848 Sig	Henry William	Died of poisoning in Hong Kong, 6 February 1942. ⁵ Originally buried on the rifle range at Sham Shui Po Camp, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery on 12 December 1946.
CLEGGETT	2323569 Sig	Albert Ernest	Wounded. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1 October 1942.
CLOVER	2323406 Sig	Peter William	Killed in action in Hong Kong, 15 December 1941. Sai Wan Memorial.

COGBILL	2326543 Sig	Robert George	6 th transportation to Japan.
COOK	2324228 Sig	Peter Harold	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1 October 1942.
COOK	2350854 Sig	William James	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
COATES	2330292 Sig	Ernest	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died at Osaka, 26 November 1942. ⁶ Yokohama War Cemetery.
COOKE	Sgt 2316204	Reginald John	Died of wounds 19 December 1941 in Hong Kong. ⁷ Originally buried at No. 1 Crater, Bowen Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 10 January 1947.
COOMBE	2321834 Sig	Lionel	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
COPSEY	2323556 L/Sgt	Harold Edwin	Wounded at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. 5 th transportation to Japan.
CORNISH	2362237 Sig	Frederick David	Killed in action at Wanchai Gap between 8 & 25 December 1941. Originally buried at No. 1 Crater, Bowen Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 10 January 1947.
COTTON	2324263 Sig	Raymond David	5 th transportation to Japan.
CRAWLEY	2330255 Sig	Frederick William	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
CRUMP	5381830 Sig	Edwin Herbert	5 th transportation to Japan. Died of beri beri & malnutrition at Narumi, Japan, 18 October 1944. Yokohama War Cemetery.
DANNAN	2323003 L/Cpl	Stephen John	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
DEVLIN	2324023	William	
DIGNAM	2324067 L/Cpl	James	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
DIXON	2324289 L/Cpl	Henry Villiers	Killed in action at Stanley, Hong Kong between 8 & 25 December 1941. Stanley Military Cemetery.
DOVE	2335489 L/Cpl	James William	3 rd transportation to Japan.
EDEN	232561 Sig	John Charles	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
EVENETT	2330259 Sig	Alan George	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of dysentery at Osaka, Japan, 20 October 1942. ⁸ Yokohama War Cemetery.
FERRIE	2326553 Sig	Gordon	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
FIELDHOUSE	2353991 Sig	Stanley	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of pneumonia at Osaka, Japan, 4 March 1943. Yokohama War Cemetery.
FLEET	2324029 Sig	Alfred	Killed in action in Hong Kong, 8 December 1941. His body was found by Chaplain H. L. O. Davis and buried near St. Albert's convent; his grave was not found, and he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial.
FOX	2325079 Sig	Henry	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
FRAZER	2323240 L/Cpl	Matthew	Wounded.
GALE	2331384 Sig	Edward George	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
GILBERT	2325023 L/Cpl	Donald Arthur	Wounded. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of pneumonia at Moji, Japan, 21 October 1942. Yokohama War Cemetery.
GOLDING	2325699 L/Cpl	William Charles	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
GORDON	2570900 L/Cpl	Frank Norman	1 st transportation to Japan.
GORMAN	2319515 Sgt	James Thomas	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
GOUDIE	2353843 Sig	Harold	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
GREAVES	2322243 Cpl	William Henry	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.

GRACEY	Capt	Peter Douglas	Area Signal Officer. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
GREEN	2317132 Sgt	Ernest Edward	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
GRIFFITHS	2324460 L/Cpl	Owen	Died in Hong Kong, 19 December 1941. Sai Wan Memorial.
GROVE	2324059 L/Cpl	Norman	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of dysentery at Osaka, Japan, 6 November 1942. Yokohama War Cemetery.
HALL	2324196 L/Cpl	Douglas James	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
HALSTEAD	2323426 Sig	Tom Heap	Died of diphtheria in Hong Kong, 29 August 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 6 July 1947.
HANNAM	5498217 Sig	Alfred Derick	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HARKINSON	3312404 Sig	William John	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
HARRINGTON	2323399 Sig	Desmond M.	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died in an air crash en route to freedom on 10 September 1945. ⁹ Sai Wan Memorial.
HAYES	Maj	Leonard	Officer Commanding.
HEDGES	2356947 Sig	Leslie Haig	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HEWER	2324099 Sig	Edward Henry John	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
HILL	2325988 Sig	Godfrey Allan	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HODGE	2330299 Sig	John Henry	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
HODGE	726718 Cpl	Walter Resolution George.	Wounded at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
HODGES	2330265 Sig	Nichol	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HODGSON	2323199 Sig	Colin	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Mention in Despatches. ¹⁰
HODSON	2341094 Sig	Harry Stacey	Killed in action at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. Originally buried at 526 Coombe Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 27 November 1946.
HOGAN	2352639 Sig	Joseph	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HOLLAND	6083230 Cpl	William John	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HONEYBOURNE	2351837 Sig	Douglas Victor	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HORNBY	2352071 Sig	Jack	5 th transportation to Japan.
HOSKEN	2370460 Sig	Ernest John	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HOWELL	2330261 Sig	David	
HOWELL	2346981 Sig	Joseph Edward	Killed in action by shellfire at Stanley, Hong Kong between 8 & 25 December 1941. Sai Wan Memorial.
HUNT	2325084 Sig	Alec R.	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
HUSBAND	2022101 Cpl	Edwin	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
HUTCHISON	4450399 Sig	Edward	1 st transportation to Japan.
IENT	6653403 Sgt	Albert Victor	3 rd transportation to Japan. Wounded at Shikoku in 1944.
JACK	2820153 L/Cpl	James	Died of diphtheria in Hong Kong, 6 July 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 6 July 1947.

JAMIE	2323415 L/Cpl	Montague	5 th transportation to Japan.
JOHNSON	2321687 L/Cpl	Frank	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
JORDAN-BOWDITCH	2333643 Sig	Horace	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
KENNARD	768835 L/Sgt	Harold Leslie	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of dysentery at Osaka, Japan, 28 December 1942. Yokohama War Cemetery.
KENNEDY	2570888 Cpl	Tom	Wounded. 3 rd transportation to Japan.
KLOT	2350000 Sig	Aaron Lewis	Wounded. 1 st transportation to Japan.
LAING	2318785 Sig	David	1 st transportation to Japan.
LANDER	2322446 Sig	Edward	Wounded. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
LANGLEY	2314216 Sgt	Cecil Alec	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
LATTER	2322447 Sig	Fred Charles	
LAWTON	2324220 Sig	Albert	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of dysentery at Osaka, Japan, 30 November 1942. Yokohama War Cemetery.
LEES	2325743 Sig	John	Died of diphtheria and pericarditis in Hong Kong, 20 July 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery 30 May 1947.
LEITH	2319998 Sig	Harry Lauder	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of pneumonia at Moji, Japan, 11 October 1942. ¹¹ Yokohama War Cemetery.
LESTER	846642 Sig	Norman	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
LEWIS	419577 Sig	Arthur	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
LILEY	2325667 L/Cpl	Harry	1 st transportation to Japan.
LITHAUER	2325527 L/Cpl	Ronald Louis	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of dysentery at Osaka, Japan, 1 January 1943. Yokohama War Cemetery.
LOMAX	2320467 Sgt	Eli Elijah Walter	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
LORD	2353654 Sig	Harold H.	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of dysentery at Osaka, Japan, 1 December 1942. ¹² Yokohama War Cemetery.
LOVE	2322181 L/Cpl	Ken Walter	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
MacDONALD	2355279 Sig	Archibald	3 rd transportation to Japan.
MacDONALD	2321689 L/Cpl	Thomas	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
McCANN	2343481 Sig	James	Wounded. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
McCARTHY	2318436 Sgt	Ernest Frank	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
McCORMICK	2324111 Sig	William Thomas	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
McENEANEY	2323476 Sig	James	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
McLAREN	2325781 Sig	John Dryburgh	Killed in action at North Point, Hong Kong 19/20 December 1941. ¹³ Sai Wan Memorial.
MILDREN	2569621 Sig	Leslie Ernest	1 st transportation to Japan.
MILROSE	2350958 Sig	James Alfred	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died at Osaka Military Hospital, Japan, 1-31 December 1942. ¹⁴ Yokohama War Cemetery.
MODDREL	2323440 Sig	Peter	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
MORGAN	2323570 L/Cpl	Trevor Kenneth	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
MURPHY	2325101 L/Cpl	James	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.

NEWBOLD	2324193 Sig	William James	Wounded. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died in Shanghai, 26 December 1942. Woosung (Wusong) Cemetery, reinterred in Yokohama War Cemetery.
NEWNHAM	837990 L/Cpl	Bertram C.	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
O'LEARY	850983 Sig	Strangeways E.	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
PAGE	2316934 Sgt	Charles Albert	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942. Military Medal. ¹⁵
PALMER	2323603 L/Cpl	Herbert Slader	Wounded at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. Died of wounds in Bowen Road Hospital, Hong Kong, 25 December 1941. Originally buried at No. 1 Crater, Bowen Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 10 January 1947.
PARIS	2318864 Sig	Charles Roy	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
PARSONS	2323514 Cpl	Arthur John	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
PATERSON	Lt	Thomas	No. 2 Maintenance Section.
PEARSON	2317200 Sgt	Harry	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
PENNINGTON	2325509 Sig	Ron George	
PHIPPS	2323912 Sig	John	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
PICKSTON	2353661 Sig	Leslie	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
PITCHER	2323200 Sig	Wilfred	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
PLAYER	2323209 Sig	Arthur Howard	Died of malnutrition in Hong Kong, 26 August 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery 30 May 1947.
POTTER	2325012 Sig	John Henry	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
PREECE	2324242 Sig	Bernard Victor	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of pneumonia in Osaka, Japan, 12 December 1942. Yokohama War Cemetery.
PRICE	2324244 L/Cpl	Charles Henry	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died in an air crash en route to freedom on 10 September 1945. ¹⁶ Sai Wan Memorial.
RANSFORD	2353860 Sig	Charles	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of acute colitis in Osaka, Japan, 22 March 1943. Yokohama War Cemetery.
REDFERN	2353662 Sig	George Stanley	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
ROBERTSON	2333539 L/Cpl	Peter Ian Northen	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
ROBINSON	2353612 Sig	Joseph	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
RODGERS	2353858 Sig	Herbert Henry	Died of diphtheria in Hong Kong, 25 July 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 6 July 1947.
ROELICH	2324268 Sig	Harold Eric	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
ROGERS	6340597 CQMS (FofS)	John Francis	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
RUMFORD	2323857 L/Cpl	Eric	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
SAYERS	2306621 CQMS	Albert Francis	
SCULLY	2323331 Cpl	John Patrick	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
SHEPHERD	2323228 Sig	Thomas W.	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
SKINNER	2347217 Sig	Maynard	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
SLEIGHT	2325157 Sig	Victor	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.

SMITH	2324218 Cpl	William Arthur	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
SOMERVILLE	2320528 Sgt	George	NCO in charge No. 4 Section. Killed in action in a bombing attack (with Lt F. J. Southwell) in Hong Kong, 23 December 1941. Originally buried in the War Memorial Hospital cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery on 21 April 1946. ¹⁷
SOUTHWELL	Lt	Frederick Jesse	Attached from Singapore and joined in early December 1941. Killed in action in a bombing attack (with Sgt G. Somerville) in Hong Kong, 23 December 1941. ¹⁸ Originally buried in the War Memorial Hospital cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery on 21 April 1946.
SPARE	2319390 Cpl	Dermot	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
SPENDELOW	2325828 Sig	George W.	Wounded (leg amputated).
SPINKS	2323490 Sig	George Henry	Killed in action at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. Originally buried at 526 Coombe Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 27 November 1946.
SPONG	Lt (IPC)	Harry Charles	Officer Commanding No. 2 Maintenance Section. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died of dysentery in Osaka, Japan, 11 December 1942. Yokohama War Cemetery. Awarded MBE. ¹⁹
SPROUL	844310 Sig	William Lamont	Wounded. Died of wounds in Hong Kong between 8 & 25 December 1941. Sai Wan Memorial.
STOTT	2323463 Cpl	James Black	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942. Military Medal. ²⁰
SUGGITT	2351049 Sig	Robert	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
SWAINE	2351613 Sig	Arnold	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
TALKS	2324091 Dvr	Vernon	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
TAYLOR	2323735 Sig	Cecil John	1 st transportation to Japan.
TAYLOR	2324365 L/Cpl	William Arthur	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
TEMPLE	2323472 Sig	Arthur Edward	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
THORP	2347792 Sig	Wilfred	1 st transportation to Japan.
TOMLINSON	2322410 Cpl	John Bramley	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
TOPLIFF ²¹	2330282 Sig	Arnold	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. British Empire Medal for Gallantry. ²²
TRUSCOTT	6746367 Cpl	Montague Edward Ephraim	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
TURNER	2352608 Sig	Frederick Charles	Died of malnutrition and heart failure in Hong Kong, 14 October 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery on 30 May 1947.
VENNER	6396412 Cpl	Fred Albert	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
WALLWORK	2322318 Sig	Harold	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
WARREN	2330321 Sig	Christopher	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
WATHEN	2314610 L/Sgt	Walter Norman	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , died, 1/2 October 1942.
WATKINS	2325037 Sig	Fred Aidney	<i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived.
WATTS	2321582 Cpl	Joseph Henry	Wounded. <i>Lisbon Maru</i> , survived. Died in Shanghai, 2 October 1942. Woosung (Wusong) Cemetery, reinterred in Yokohama War Cemetery.

WEEKS	2324122 Sig	Douglas Reginald	<i>Lisbon Maru, died, 1/2 October 1942.</i>
WHITEFIELD	2318017 Sgt	Charles A.	<i>Lisbon Maru, died, 1/2 October 1942.</i>
WHITEHEAD	2322490 L/Cpl	John William Mathias	<i>Lisbon Maru, survived.</i>
WHITTENHAM	2321823 Sig	Ken Edward	<i>Lisbon Maru, survived.</i>
WIGZELL	2311126 CSM	Wallace Frank	<i>Lisbon Maru, died, 1/2 October 1942.</i>
WILKINS	2325220 Sig	Alfred Robinson	<i>Lisbon Maru, survived.</i>
WILLIAMS	2323927 Sig	Herbert James	<i>Lisbon Maru, survived.</i>
WILLIAMS	5826323 L/Cpl	Jack Ronald	5 th transportation to Japan.
WILLIS	2321824 L/Cpl	Francis	<i>Lisbon Maru, died, 1/2 October 1942.</i>
WRIGHT	2324229 Sig	Thomas William	<i>Lisbon Maru, survived.</i>

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ACTON	K/35409 L/Cpl	Robert William	3 rd transportation to Japan.
ALLISTER	D/116327 Sig	William	3 rd transportation to Japan.
BEATON	K/35438 Sig	John Donald	6 th transportation to Japan.
BILLINGS	Capt	George Michael	Wounded at Wong Nei Chong Gap. Officer Commanding.
DAMANT	D/3385 Sig	Robert	Killed in action at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. Originally buried at 526 Coombe Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 27 November 1946. Mention in Despatches. ²³
D'AMOURS	K/34935 Sig	Roland N.	4 th transportation to Japan.
DAYTON	K/34722 Sig	Ernest Arthur	4 th transportation to Japan.
DOUGLAS	K/34017 Sig	John Taylor	3 rd transportation to Japan.
DOWLING	B/32015 Sig	Lawrence Fred	
FAIRLEY	K/34910 Sig	John Lloyd F.	Died of wounds in Hong Kong, 22 December 1941. Originally buried at No. 2 Crater, Bowen Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 10 January 1947.
GERRARD	P/7563 Sig	Horrace	3 rd transportation to Japan.
GRANT	K/34730 Sig	George Charles	3 rd transportation to Japan.
GREENBERG	H/38860 Sig	'Hank' Hymie	Killed in action at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. Originally buried at 526 Coombe Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 27 November 1946.
GRIMSTON	K/35476 Sig	Anthony Frank	
HORVATH	H/38902 Sig	James E.	Wounded at Wanchai Gap. Died of wounds in Hong Kong between 1 & 31 January 1942. Originally buried at the Royal Naval Hospital, his remains were not identified subsequently, and he is commemorated on the Sai Wan Memorial.
JENKINS	K/36026 Sig	Walter George	
KEYWORTH	K/11054 L/Cpl	Charles M.	Wounded. 4 th transportation to Japan.
KURLUK	K/36009 Sig	Theodore	4 th transportation to Japan.
LITTLE	K/34073 Sig	John Samuel	Died in Hong Kong, 3 June 1942. ²⁴ Originally buried in part of Stanley Military cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 16 June 1947.
MITCHELL	B/31782 L/Cpl	James Fraser	3 rd transportation to Japan.
NAYLOR	P/7575 Sig	Howard Edward	4 th transportation to Japan.
NORMAND	D/3389 Sig	Wallace George	
PENNY	K/34027 Cpl	Donald Alfred	3 rd transportation to Japan.
REDHEAD	K/83057 Sig	Thomas	Died in Hong Kong, 30 September 1942. Originally buried in part of Stanley Military cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 16 June 1947.
ROBINSON	K/74567 Sig	Arthur Thomas	3 rd transportation to Japan.
ROSE	K/34771 Sig	Jack	3 rd transportation to Japan.

ROUTLEDGE	R/7541 Sgt	Ronald John	Wounded. Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. ²⁵
SHARP	K/35468 Sgt	Charles John	Killed in action at Coombe Road, Wanchai Gap, 19 December 1941. Originally buried at 526 Coombe Road, his remains were reinterred at Stanley Military Cemetery on 27 November 1946. Mention in Despatches. ²⁶
SPELLER	K/83926 Sig	Lionel Curtis	3 rd transportation to Japan. Military Medal. ²⁷
SQUIRES	K/80593 Sig	Arthur Raymond	British Empire Medal. ²⁸
THOMAS	K/34801 Sig	Ernest R.	Killed in action in Hong Kong, 19 December 1941. Sai Wan Memorial.
VERRAULT	D/116314 Sig	Joseph	3 rd transportation to Japan.
WHITE	K/34757 L/Sgt	Wesley James	Died in Hong Kong, 25 September 1942. Originally buried in part of Stanley Military cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 16 June 1947.

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CLARKE	Capt	Walter Charles	(Assistant Manager, Hong Kong Telephone Company.) Second-in-Command, Fortress Signal Company.
DALZIEL	3802 Sgt	James Macdonald	5 th transportation to Japan.
DAVIS	4289 Sgt	Thomas	5 th transportation to Japan. Mention in Despatches. ²⁹
FARRELL	3803 Sgt	Robert Emmet	(Chief Engineer, Hong Kong Telephone Company.) Irish citizen. Repatriated November 1942. Commissioned General List 1 January 1945.
FISHER	3804 Sgt	Arthur Leslie	
GEALL	3805 Sgt	William James	
GRIFFIN	3806 Sgt	William George	
HATT	4513 Sgt	Charles	
JEFFREYS	3807 Sgt	Arthur Charles	
KIRKWOOD	3808 CSM	Robert	5 th transportation to Japan.
NEEDHAM	2818 Sgt	Charles Francis	5 th transportation to Japan.
SHERRY	Maj	John Patrick	(Managing Director, Hong Kong Telephone Company.) Officer Commanding Fortress Signal Company.
SIMMONS	3809 Sgt	Ben William	
SKINNER	3810 Sgt	Leslie Douglas	Missing at North Point 19/20 December 1941; declared killed in action. ³⁰ Sai Wan Memorial.
TOLLAN	4398 Sgt	Duncan	

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ALLTREE	2225 Sig	Leonard	5 th transportation to Japan.
BARNES	DR298 Sig	Robert Joseph	6 th transportation to Japan.
BAXTER	2680 Sig	Kenneth Mackenzie	
BOOKER	3159 Sgt	Neville John	5 th transportation to Japan.
BORINEVITCH	3378 Sig	Valentine Gabriel	Alias 'Bourne'.
BRAUDÉ	Capt	Arthur Nathaniel	
BROWN	3866 Sig	John William MacIntyre	
COPPIN	2Lt	Alan Dudley	Wounded 18 December 1941.
ENGELBRECHT	4499 Sig	Paul John	Transported to Japan.
FLEMING	4840 Pte	William	3 rd transportation to Japan. Died at Innoshima, Japan, on 4 December 1944. Yokohama War Cemetery.
FOUNTAIN	1705 L/Cpl	Herbert John	Wounded on 18 December 1941.
GEGG	3141 Sig	William Stanley	3 rd transportation to Japan.
GLENDENNING	3715 L/Cpl	Lyell James Scott	3 rd transportation to Japan.
HIRST	1359 L/Cpl	William Henry George	Wounded 19 December 1941. 3 rd transportation to Japan.

JOHNSON	1971 Sig	Ivor George	Died of beriberi on 5 April 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery on 29 May 1947.
KING	5524 Sig	James Joseph.	3 rd transportation to Japan.
LABRUM	2612 CQMS	Victor Charles	
LE PATOUREL	4727 Sig	Charles Barry	3 rd transportation to Japan.
MATHIAS	DR293 L/Cpl	Edgar George	3 rd transportation to Japan.
MEADOWS	1471 Sgt	Robert Samuel	6 th transportation to Japan.
MITCHELL	3229 Sig	John Vanham Green	5 th transportation to Japan.
POY	2563 Cpl	William George	Military Medal. ³¹
RATHMELL	2231 CSM	Richard	Died of undernourishment-catarrah and jaundice on 26 October 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery on 29 May 1947.
ROWE	5243 Sig	Albert William.	Hospitalised (War Memorial Hospital). 3 rd transportation to Japan.
SALTER	3356 Sig	Cedric Lawrence	Military Medal. ³² 3 rd transportation to Japan.
SEMMELMAN	3205 Sig	Conrad Juel	
SLOAN	2219 Sig	Charles McConnel	5 th transportation to Japan.
SMITH	3305 Sig	Norman Leo	
SUITER	3139 Sig	Thomas Harold	5 th transportation to Japan.
THOMPSON	2354 L/Cpl	William J.	Died of dysentery and beriberi on 9 April 1942. Originally buried at Argyle Street Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Stanley Military Cemetery on 29 May 1947.
WALKER	3548 CQMS	George Findley	5 th transportation to Japan.
WHITLEY	1321 Sig	Tomas Sydney Douglas	5 th transportation to Japan.
WILSON	2954 Sig	Brendan Stephen	
WONG	4439 Sig	Kam Pui	
YEE	3058 L/Cpl	David William	Military Medal. ³³
YOONG YEW MOY	5183 Sig	George	Died 8 September 1942. He has no known grave and is not commemorated by the Commonwealth war Graves Commission. Hong Kong University awarded him a posthumous BSc (Engineering).

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Signals

(Very little information is known about these men whose names appear on earlier photographs of Corps Signals. Some of whom may not have been in Hong Kong, or not serving, or not serving with Corps Signals in December 1941.)

CARR	Pte	George Wynfield	Died 24 December 1941. Sai Wan Memorial.
CARSON			
CHAN	Sig	Francisco	
CHEN	Sig	J P	
EU	Sig	Edward	
EU	L/Cpl	William	

MAY	Sig	George	
MACNIDER	Sig	Stanley Marion	
ROGERS			
ROSE	Sig	J.	
TAM	Sig	R	
TAN	Sig	S. B.	
TCHENG	Sig	'Frenchy'	
WARNOCK			
YEE	Sig	James Waymond	
YIP	Sig	B. K.	

Royal Signals Soldiers Died Elsewhere & Buried in Hong Kong

DONOGHUE	2343411 L/Cpl	Joseph	11 th Indian Divisional Signals. Died in China, 13 July 1942. Buried originally at Tungku Hsien (Tonggu Xian), Jiangxi, China, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 26 October 1947.
McGOWRAN	2313758 Sgt	George Logan	Malaya Command Signals. Died in Chongqing, China, 24 March 1943. Buried originally in Chongqing Foreign Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 29 December 1947.
PARKER	Dvr	Ernest	No. 27 Line Section. Captured in Malaya, 15 February 1942. Died in Formosa (Taiwan), 26 September 1944. Originally buried in Rinrakutomon Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 21 July 1947.
VICKERS	Maj	John	11 th Indian Divisional Signals. Captured in Malaya, February 1942. Died in Formosa (Taiwan), 8 March 1943. Originally buried in Rinrakutomon Cemetery, his remains were reinterred in Sai Wan War Cemetery on 21 July 1947.

¹ Levett, E.O. (1941-1945). *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer, China Command, Hong Kong 1941*. (Transcribed copy.) Royal Signals Museum Archive. The original document was given to Lieutenant Colonel M. E. E. Truscott, Royal Signals, one of the surviving members of the Company, after Levett's death in 1972. It was subsequently donated by Truscott to the Imperial War Museum. Copies were also provided to surviving members of the Company.

² London Gazette 21 January 1947; [37858](#).

³ London Gazette 4 April 1946; [37521](#). Citation: The National Archives (TNA). Public Record Office (PRO). (1946). *Recommendation for Award for Levett, Eustace*. WO 373/87/243.

For outstanding ability in organizing and controlling the Royal Corps of Signals during a very tense period. Damage caused by enemy shell fire mortars and air bombardment was severe and incessant yet repairs were always carried out and no call made on the Corps was ever disregarded or unaccomplished. He was always cool, cheerful and prepared to undertake at short notice any demand upon him. His personal example was an inspiration to his whole Corps.

⁴ Banham's research indicates that he died on 23 October 1942.

⁵ *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer*. Recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as dying on 7 February 1942.

⁶ Banham's research indicates that he died on 2 November 1942.

⁷ *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer*. Recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as being killed between 8 & 25 December 1941.

⁸ Banham's research indicates that he died on 10 October 1942.

⁹ United States Army Air Force B24-J, Serial 44-40491, 'Ginny'.

¹⁰ London Gazette 29 August 1946; [37704](#). Citation: *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer*. (Also recommended with this citation but not awarded a mention in despatches were Lt T. Paterson, Cpl W. H. Greaves, Cpl M.E.E. Truscott and L/Cpl T. K. Morgan.)

For consistent good work and devotion to duty frequently under fire in maintaining communications on the Island of Hong Kong in the period 13th to 25th December, and for their loyalty, cheerfulness and example to others. Due to their example and efforts, communications in the areas and sectors for which they were responsible were maintained as long as it was humanly possible to do so.

¹¹ Banham's research indicates that he died in December 1943.

¹² Banham's research indicates that he died on 7 December 1942.

¹³ *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer*. Recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as dying between 8 and 25 December 1941.

¹⁴ Banham's research indicates that he died in November 1942.

¹⁵ London Gazette 4 April 1946; [37521](#). Citation: TNA. PRO. (1946). *Recommendation for Award for Page, C A*. WO 373/47/360.

For indefatigable devotion to duty on the Mainland during the period 8th to 12th December 1941. His energy, willingness and encouraging example under adverse circumstances not only enabled the communications to be maintained but also enabled stores and equipment which would otherwise have fallen into enemy hands to be successfully evacuated to the Island.

¹⁶ United States Army Air Force B24-J, Serial 44-40491, 'Ginny'.

¹⁷ *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer*. Recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as being killed between 8 & 25 December 1941.

¹⁸ *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer*.

¹⁹ London Gazette 4 April 1946 (to be dated 20 October 1942); [37521](#). Citation: TNA. PRO. (1946). *Recommendation for Award for Spong, Harry*. WO 373/87/247.

As Officer in charge of lines on the Mainland between 8th and 12th December this officer was practically without sleep in his indefatigable efforts to maintain the existing communications, complete the new Mainland contract then in progress and salvage administrative equipment no longer in use.

Due to his efforts and those of his line detachment not only were those communications maintained intact, this assisting the evacuation of the Mainland that many lives were saved but every item of signal equipment, reserve stores, cable and equipment and transport were evacuated to the Island. This involved the loading of several tons of equipment by a tired out detachment and speaks highly of their discipline and devotion to duty.

Later this officer was in charge of the lines in East Brigade Group and the East area of the Island generally. His work, cheerfulness and devotion to duty under exceptionally difficult circumstances and frequently under fire were an example to all with whom he came in contact and earned the highest praise from the Brigade Commander.

²⁰ London Gazette 4 April 1946; [37521](#). Citation: TNA. PRO. (1946). *Recommendation for Award for Stott, J B.* WO 373/47/361.

For indefatigable devotion to duty on the Mainland during the period 8th to 12th December 1941. His energy, willingness and encouraging example under adverse circumstances not only enabled the communications to be maintained but also enabled stores and equipment which would otherwise have fallen into enemy hands to be successfully evacuated to the Island.

²¹ Incorrectly recorded in some places as 'Topcliffe'.

²² LG 15 March 1946; [37500](#). Citation: TNA. PRO. (1945-1946). *Recommendation for Award for Topliff, Arnold Osmond.* WO 373/69/830.

Signalman Topliff was a prisoner of war aboard the Japanese Army transport 'Lisbon Maru' when the ship was torpedoed by a United States submarine on 1st October, 1942. He was one of a small number of survivors who escaped by swimming to an island about eight miles distant, despite the ruthless efforts of the Japanese to destroy them by machine gun fire and other means. Another survivor was Captain C. M. M. Man of the Middlesex Regiment, and this officer had almost reached the same island when a change of current began to carry him out to sea. Seeing that Captain Man was in imminent danger, Signalman Topliff, himself in an almost exhausted condition, immediately re-entered the water, swam to the officer and brought him safely to land.

²³ London Gazette 2 April 1946; [37528](#).

²⁴ Banham's research indicates that he died on 5 June 1942.

²⁵ London Gazette 25 July 1946 (to be dated 15 June 1946); [37664](#). *In recognition of gallant and distinguished services whilst a prisoner of war in the Far East.* Citation: Canada Gazette 15 June 1946; No. 24, Vol. 80, p.3849.

Recommendation: Sergeant Routledge was taken prisoner of war at Hong Kong in December 1941, and displayed unusual devotion to duty and conspicuous bravery while on special service during his period of captivity in the hands of the Japanese. From the middle of October 1942, contact had been established and communications exchanged between officers of Shamshuipo Camp and British intelligence officers at Waichow, through the medium of Chungking agents. About the middle of May 1943, when the method of sending and receiving messages was through the medium of Chinese drivers of the ration lorries, it became necessary to replace the contact who had been dropped from the ration party, and consequently was no longer in a position to continue the service. Sergeant Routledge, who was a member of this ration party, without hesitation volunteered to fill the vacancy. He showed considerable initiative and intelligence in performing the extremely difficult and hazardous duty of passing the messages under the eye of the Japanese guards, when the slightest slip would have resulted in exposure leading to severe punishment even to the loss of life. He performed this service competently until the channel of communications was closed about the middle of June. This work was of the utmost value to the camp, ensuring as it did the vital supply of medicine for the many sick in hospital, and providing important information to the outside which was urgently required. On 1st July he was sent for by the Japanese military authorities, and suspecting the reason, showed great initiative and presence of mind by giving the alarm to his fellow workers en route. He was removed from the camp and taken to the Gendarmerie Headquarters and charged with communicating with the enemy. He was brutally beaten and suffered a variety of tortures, including the Japanese "water torture", to endeavour to compel him to disclose the names of the officers directing these operations. In spite of incredible suffering he resolutely refused to divulge any information and showed great courage and fortitude in enduring these repeated tortures for several hours before finally being removed to Stanley Prison to wait court martial for espionage. The court sat on 1 December, and after the statements were read the prosecutor demanded the death penalty but the court awarded a sentence of fifteen years imprisonment.

He was confined to Stanley Prison until 22nd June 1945, when he was removed to a military prison in Canton. He was returned to Hong Kong on 21st August and set free. During his imprisonment he came into contact with Major Boxer, the Lincolnshire Regiment, a fellow prisoner, whose statement is attached hereto. The resolute courage of this Non-Commissioned Officer in spite of indescribable suffering and his devotion to duty provide an example in the highest tradition of the service.

The statement by Major C.R. Boxer, made at Hong Kong on 24th August 1945, was addressed to Lieutenant-Colonel J.H. Price, MC, Commanding Officer, Royal Rifles of Canada, and read as follows:

I request that you should bring to the notice of the competent superior authority the behaviour of Number P.7541 Sergeant R.J. Routledge, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, during his imprisonment in the Japanese military prisons at Hong Kong and Canton from 1st July 1943 to 21st August 1945, which, in my considered opinion merits official recognition and reward. I can personally vouch for the period from 21st October 1943 to 21st August 1945, since I was closely associated with him during that time, and as regards the preceding four months, my observations are based on what was told me by Colonel Newnham, late GSO 1 China Command, Captain D. Ford, 2nd Royal Scots, and Flight Lieutenant Gray, Royal Air Force, before their trial and execution in December 1943.

Sergeant Routledge was subjected to very severe beating and physical torture (including the `notorious Japanese form of "water torture") on 1st July 1943, with the object of forcing him to give away the names and details of the personnel involved with him in the secret liaison maintained between the Prisoner of War camps at Hong Kong and the British military intelligence authorities at Waichow and which were in fact known by him in considerable detail although he had only been employed in the work for two months. Despite the severity of the ordeal, he resolutely declined to mention any officers' names, although particularly pressed regarding your own name and those of Brigadier Home, Captain Crewe (sic-Crew), Royal Army Service Corps, and Captain Bush, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. This conduct saved their lives or health of officers who would otherwise have been involved and inevitably tortured and subjected to trial by court-martial for espionage.

During the period of our incarceration, particularly the first six months, when the whole party was fed on totally inadequate rations and subjected to severe disciplinary punishment with the object of undermining our health and morale, Sergeant Routledge remained unfailingly cheerful and resolute, giving an outstanding example of fortitude under exceptionally difficult conditions. He was at all times ready and willing to help the physically weaker members of the party and his careful and conscientious nursing of Sergeant Hardy, Royal Air Force, during the latter's critical illness in the winter of 1944-45 was largely instrumental in saving his life according to the testimony of Doctor Selwyn-Clarke who was a prisoner at this period.

Throughout the two years of his imprisonment he displayed qualities of initiative, courage and resource, which in my opinion merit official recognition and reward, whether in the form of promotion to Warrant Officer or commissioned rank, or in whatever manner considered suitable by superior authority. If further details are required I can supply them at any time.

(Note: Of those referred to, Colonel L. A. Newnham MC, Captain D. Ford and Flight Lieutenant H. B. Grey AFM were awarded the George Cross posthumously for their conduct as prisoners and Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Price was made OBE.)

²⁶ London Gazette 2 April 1946; [37528](#).

²⁷ London Gazette 2 April 1946; [37528](#). Incorrectly records his name as 'Spelier'. Citation: TNA. PRO. (1946). *Recommendation for Award for Spelier, Lionel Curtis*. WO 373/47/395.

Corporal Spelier deserves the highest praise for his performance during the engagement at Hong Kong. On 19th December 1941, he carried out his duties as dispatch rider on the Island between various headquarters, often through fire swept areas. His main concern was the delivery of messages, and he showed utter lack of regard for his personal safety. He volunteered during his time off duty to accompany other riders to ensure messages getting through. During the course of his trips he often travelled over strange ground which was occupied by guerrillas friendly to the enemy. Despite the fact that one dispatch rider was killed on the same road Corporal Spelier travelled on several occasions, he continued to traverse this road on which he came under direct observation and fire of the enemy for more than a mile. Throughout the operation he carried out all his duties and volunteered for additional difficult and dangerous tasks. He showed courage and devotion to duty above the ordinary and was an inspiration to all who came into contact with him.

²⁸ London Gazette 25 July 1946 (to be dated 15 June 1946); [37664](#). *For gallant and distinguished services whilst a prisoner of war in the Far East.*

²⁹ London Gazette 29 August 1946; [37704](#). Citation: *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer*. (Also recommended with this citation but not awarded a mention in despatches was Sgt C. F. Needham.)

For devotion to duty in maintenance of cable routes. On 23rd December these NCOs working in an exposed position and subject to machine-gun fire and mortar fire in an endeavor to restore service on a civil line to Rosary Hill Hospital only desisted in their efforts when ordered by an officer to do so. In addition Sergeant Davis displayed extreme devotion to duty in repairing a main route cable near the Upper Peak Tram Station when heavy shelling was in progress in the vicinity.

³⁰ *War Diary of Chief Signal Officer.* Recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as being killed on 21 December 1941.

³¹ LG 29 August 1946; [37704](#). Citation: TNA. PRO. (1946). *Recommendation for Award for Poy, W G.* WO 373/47/411.

For gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order. This Chinese NCO was a dispatch rider of the volunteer signal unit. Both on the mainland and on the island he was indefatigable in delivering messages although his routes were usually being subjected to bombing from the air, shell and mortar fire. Throughout he was always cheerful, continually volunteering to undertake another delivery and an example to all of a great devotion to duty.

³² London Gazette 4 April 1946; [37521](#). Citation: TNA. PRO. (1946). *Recommendation for Award for Salter, C. E.* WO 373/47/371.

For devotion to duty and exemplary conduct under fire. Throughout the operations he volunteered for dangerous tasks without hesitation and his superior officers both Regular and Volunteers spoke very highly of his courage and daring. Armed with a Thompson sub-machine gun he carried out a number of hazardous tasks at Wong Nei Chong and Tytam Gaps. He accompanied Captain Fielden [sic] RA on a hazardous recon of the enemy lines when the latter was killed. He was a member of the Fortress observation post on the Peak which continually had the enemy's attention but was maintained throughout. He was always the first to volunteer for any hazardous task and his conduct was outstanding.

³³ London Gazette 4 April 1946; [37521](#). Citation: TNA. PRO. (1946). *Recommendation for Award for Yee, W D.* WO 373/47/370.

For devotion to duty and exemplary conduct under fire. This gallant dispatch rider, though suffering from a septic foot, performed his duties on the Mainland with great devotion. On the Island throughout the operations he continued to carry out every task required of him in the most gallant manner, frequently short of sleep and without food. When attached to the Winnipeg Grenadiers he undertook to go forward alone to contact the enemy at Middle Gap. This he did, located a large concentration of the enemy and brought back the necessary information which resulted in the decimation of the enemy.