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HARRY ASHLEY HUGAIL.

My name is Harry Ashley Hugall. My home address is Margaret River: Western Australia.

I was captured on 9 March 1942 and the first camp I was in was at Loles, Java.

I went to Changi on 7 January 1943 and remained there till 21 January 1943.

From Changi I went to Thailand jungle camp; I was in "D" Force. Our first camp was at Konu, where we remained for six weeks. We built the camp there. Food was terrible and quite insufficient. There were about 100 prisoners there.

The next camp was at Mintok, where I remained about six months. The food there was very bad and quite insufficient. We all suffered from malnutrition and disease there was very prevalent, including cholora, dysentery and tropical ulcers, malaria and beri beri. We were engaged cutting a siding there. We worked mostly from daylight to dark and had to walk about three miles to camp over very rough country. Clothing was very scarce; many of the prisoners went to work without boots and I had no boots for a long time. The Japanese allowed only a certain percentage of sick which meant that many who were sick and unfit for work were forced to work. We were living in tents there. We had our own doctors there but medical supplies were short; we received some quinine. About 800 Australians went to that camp; a fair number died. Ever 100 Australians died at that camp; others were sent away to the hospital after the worst of the work was completed in about August 1943.

I then went to Kinsio camp, where I remained for three weeks. We were doing railway and road work there. This camp was better than the other camps; the food had improved but was still insufficient. The position was the same with regard to diseases as at the other camps. We received no Red Cross parcels while we were on the railway.

We then went back to Hintok and remined there for two months, doing road work. Conditions had improved then; food was better and work was fairly light. The treatment was quite all right.

while I was at Hintok camp, mentioned above, I saw five prisoners—
of-war beaten by members of the Jap Engineer Unit in charge of the railway construction at that camp. These five men were not in a good enough state to work,
which was exceptionally hard, and instead of going to work they returned to
camp. The Japs lined them up and beat them with bamboos, wooden clogs, fists
and belts, repeatedly knocking them down and kicking them in all parts of the
body with heavy boots. When they had finished all the men were covered in
bruises and were swellen and sore and none was in a fit state to work for some
time, Private Hallan, S.R., of 2/3 M/G. Pattalion, was one of these five men,
and he died next day as a result of his beating.

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