

'C' FORCE PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Battle of Hong Kong and Japanese Prisoners of War, 1941 to 1945

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Regiment

1st Bn The Winnipeg Grenadiers

Regt No

H6235

Rank

Corporal

Last Name

RIX

First Name

Derek

Second Names

Everard

Appointment

Section Commander

Company

D

Platoon

18

Original Town from

Winnipeg

MB

Enlistment Region

Manitoba

Decorations

DCM

Previous Unit

The Winnipeg Grenadiers

Date of transfer**Previous tours**

British West Indies - Jamaica

Dates of tour

20 Jun 40 to 29 Aug 41

2. TRANSPORTATION - HOME BASE TO VANCOUVER

Mode of Travel: CPR Troop Train

Stations:

Winnipeg, MB; 41 Oct 25, 0900 hrs

Banff, AB; 41 Oct 26, 1500hrs; route march

Vancouver, BC; 41 Oct 27, 0330 hrs; arrived

Vancouver, BC, Oct 27, 0900 hrs; pulled away from wharf



H6235 Pte DE Rix

3. TRANSPORTATION - VANCOUVER TO HONG KONG

Troop Ship: HM Transport Awatea

Vancouver, BC: 41 Oct 27, 2130 hr

Honolulu, Hawaii: 41 Nov 02, 0900 hrs 41 Nov 02, 1730 hrs

Manila, Phillipines: 41 Nov 14, 0930 hrs 41 Nov 14, 1630 hrs

Kowloon, Hong Kong: Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, 41 Nov 16, 0930 hrs

4. CAMPS BEFORE THE BATTLE

Name of Barracks

Hankow Barracks

Camp

Sham Shui Po Camp

Location

Kowloon

Dates

1A. FIELD PROMOTIONS

Rank Corporal	Appointment Section Commander	(Rank and appointment held when left Canada)
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Promotion 1 41 November	Date	Appointment
Comments		

Promotion	Date	Appointment
Comments		

Promotion	Date	Appointment
Comments		

5. BATTLE INFORMATION

Date of Capture 41/12/25

Dates of Action 41 Dec 06

Name of location Hankow Barracks, Shamshuipo Military Camp

Comments In the evening, China Command orders a general mobilization and all units to man battle positions

Dates of Action 41 Dec 07

Name of location Hankow Barracks, Shamshuipo Military Camp

Comments At 1000 hrs Battalion leaves barracks and march to Bamboo Pier to board ferry

Dates of Action 41 Dec 07

Name of location RASC Chamber Docks, Victoria, Island of Hong Kong

Comments Arrive at dock on Island of Hong Kong and proceed to Company Battle positions

Dates of Action 41 Dec 07

Name of location Wong Nei Chong Gap, across the Repulse Bay Road from Bde HQ

Comments Battle positions

Dates of Action 41 Dec 09

Name of location Wong Nei Chong Gap, across the Repulse Bay Road from Bde HQ

Comments Ordered at 2300 hrs to move as Mainland Reserve to 2nd Royal Scots

Dates of Action 41 Dec 10

Name of location Hong Kong Polo Club, Kowloon

Comments Moved from island position to Mainland; arrive at 0400 hrs and are dispersed around grounds by 0430 hrs

Dates of Action 41 Dec 11

Name of location 2 Platoons at Golden Hill, 1 Platoon at Castle Peak Road

Comments Rearguard action to allow Royal Scots to evacuate their positions; Order given at approximately 1100 hrs

Dates of Action 41 Dec 11

Name of location 2 Platoons at Golden Hill, 1 Platoon at Castle Peak Road

Comments At 1200 hrs held the position while a general withdrawal took place.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 12
Name of location Mount Austin Barracks, near Victoria Peak
Comments Company retires from mainland via Lye Mun Ferry to this position.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 13
Name of location North Gap, between Stubbs Road and Sir Cecil's Ride.
Comments Position on return from the Mainland

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location North Gap, between Stubbs Road and Sir Cecil's Ride
Comments At 0800 hrs, platoons engaged the enemy. Formations were surrounded fighting independently and eventually overrun. Survivors retreated to Bn HQ.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 22
Name of location D Coy shelters, across from Bde HQ
Comments D Coy surrendered to Japanese at between 0730 and 0800 hrs.

Dates of Action
Name of location
Comments

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Comments

6. WOUNDED INFORMATION

Date Wounded **Type of wound and cause**
41/12/19

7. DEATH INFORMATION

Date of Death **Age** **Type of Death** **Location of battle death**

Cause of Death

8. CEMETERY INFORMATION

Cemetery Name **Grave Number**

City **Province** **Country**

9. GEOGRAPHIC NAME COMEMORATIVE

Commemorative **Location** **Province**

Latitude - Longitude **Date Named**

10. HOSPITALS CONVULSISED AT

a. Hospital	Location	Country
Bowen Road Military Hospital	Bowen Road, Hong Kong Island	Hong Kong
Type of Facility	Entry Date	Discharge Date
Military hospital	20-Jun-42	20-Jul-42
Comment		

b. Hospital	Location	Country
Type of facility	Entry Date	Discharge Date
Comment		

c. Hospital	Location	Country
Type of Facility	Entry Date	Discharge Date
Comment		

d. Hospital	Location	Country
Type of Facility	Entry Date	Discharge Date
Comment		

11. PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS

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| a. Camp Code | Name of Camp | Dates of Camp |
| HK-Np | North Point POW Camp | |
| Location of Camp | | Company worked for |
| North Point, Hong Kong Island | | |
| Nature of work | | |
| | | |
| b. Camp Code | Name of Camp | Dates of Camp |
| HK-Sh | Shamshuipo POW Camp | Capture to 42 Jan 22 |
| Location of Camp | | Company worked for |
| Kowloon, Hong Kong | | |
| Nature of work | | |
| | | |
| c. Camp Code | Name of Camp | Dates of Camp³ |
| HK-Np | North Point POW Camp | 42 Jan 22 to 42 Sep 26 |
| Location of Camp | | Company worked for |
| North Point, Hong Kong Island | | |
| Nature of work | | |
| | | |
| d. Camp Code | Name of Camp | Dates of Camp |
| HK-Sh | Shamshuipo POW Camp | 42 Sep 26 to 44 Apr 29 |
| Location of Camp | | Company worked for |
| Kowloon, Hong Kong | | |
| Nature of work | | |

e. Camp Code	Name of Camp	Dates of Camp
JP-Se 2B	Yoshima POW Camp	45 Sep 09
Location of Camp	Company worked for	
Fukushima-ken, Iwaki-gun, Yoshima-mura, Kamyoshima, Japa	Furukawa Mining Company	
Nature of work		
Coal mining		

f. Camp Code	Name of Camp	Dates of Camp
Location of Camp	Company worked for	
Nature of work		

g. Camp Code	Name of Camp	Dates of Camp
Location of Camp	Company worked for	
Nature of work		

12. TRANSPORT TO JAPAN

Prisoner Transport Ship	Departure Date	
Naura Maru	44 Apr 29	
Arrival Port	Arrival Date	Camp Arrival Date and Time
Moji, Japan	44 May 27	44 May 27
Comments		
Stopped over in Formosa, went through Nagasaki and Hiroshima to POW camp		

13. TRANSPORT VEHICLES FROM SOUTH-EAST ASIA TO CANADA

Transport Vehicle
Departing Port **Departure Date / Time**
Arrival Port **Arrival Date / Time**
Comments

Transport Vehicle
Departing Port **Departure Date / Time**
Arrival Port **Arrival Date / Time**
Comments

Transport Vehicle
Departing Port **Departure Date / Time**
Arrival Port **Arrival Date / Time**
Comments

Transport Vehicle
Departing Port **Departure Date / Time**
Arrival Port **Arrival Date / Time**
Comments

Transport Vehicle US Navy Air Transport
Departing Port **Departure Date / Time**
Arrival Port Oakland, CA **Arrival Date / Time** 45 Sep 21
Comments

Transport Vehicle Train
Departing Port Oakland, CA **Departure Date / Time** 45 Sep 24
Arrival Port Vancouver, BC **Arrival date / Time** 45 Sep 25
Comments

14. RECEIVING DEPOTS

Receiving Depot
Location Tokyo, Japan **Dates**
Nature of stopover

Receiving Depot Guam Recovery Depot
Location Guam, USA **Dates**
Nature of Stopover Canadian Recovery Team located here to process liberated POWs for their trip home.

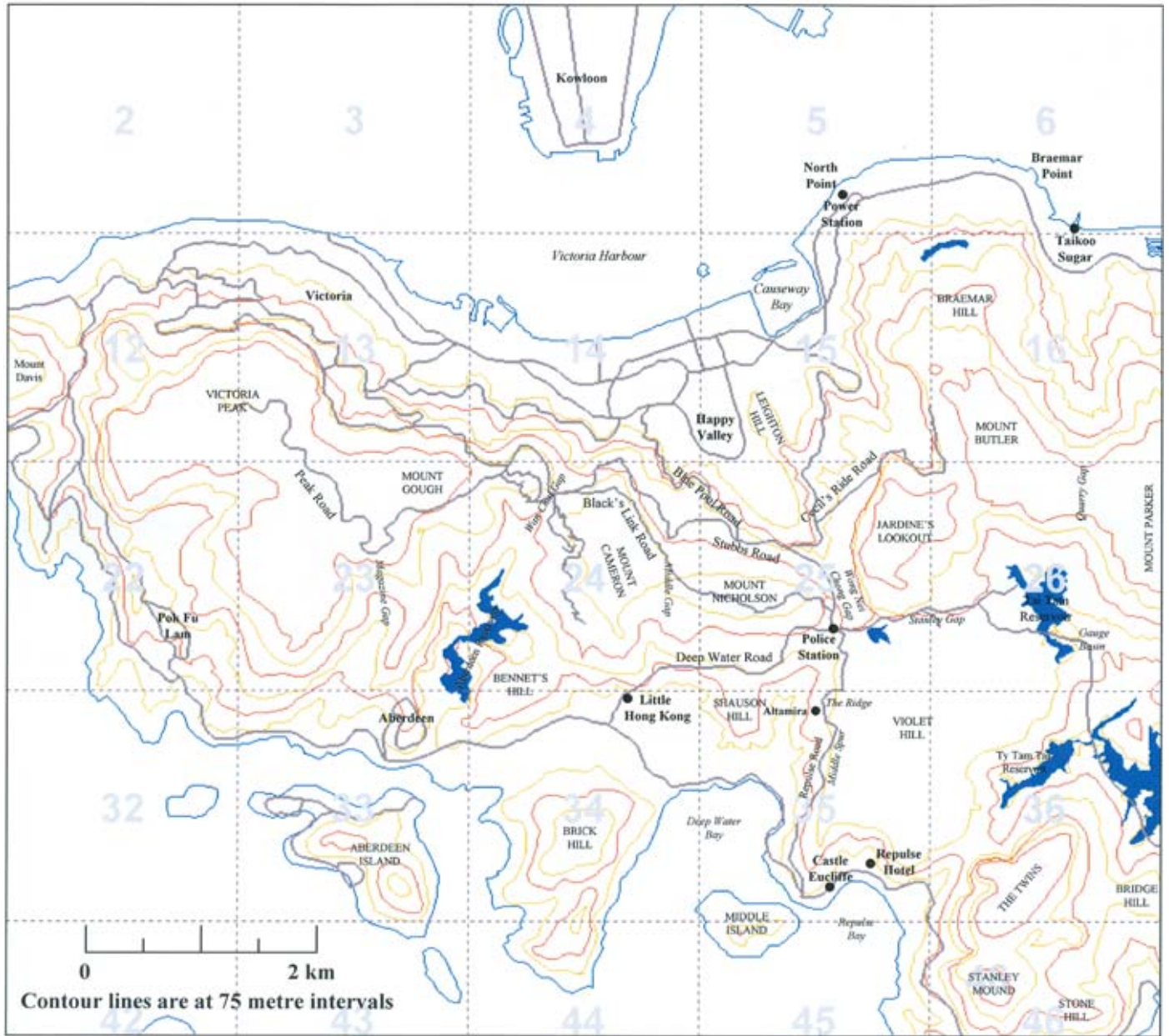
Receiving Depot
Location Honolulu, Hawaii **Dates**
Nature of Stopover

Receiving Depot Fort McDowell
Location San Francisco CA **Dates** 45 Sep 21 to Sep 24
Nature of Stopover

Receiving Depot
Location **Dates**
Nature of Stopover

15. VANCOUVER TO HOME BASE

Vehicle
Owner
Departure Date / Time **Comment**
Arrival Date / Time **Comment**



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DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

RIX, Derek Everard

Corporal, DCM (H.6235)

The Winnipeg Grenadiers

Canada Gazette dated 6 April 1946 (No. 14, Vol. 80, p. 2066) and CARO/6522 dated 18 April 1946.

Corporal Rix was in command of a section of the Winnipeg Grenadiers at Hong Kong in December 1941. At dawn on 19 December when the Japanese attacked the Wong Nei Chong area, Corporal Rix and his section were cut off from their platoon. They worked their way from their open position on the hillside above the Blue Pool Valley to join a section of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps who were holding Pill Box No. 2 on the slopes of Jardine's Lookout, and co-operated in the defence of the pillbox during the remainder of the morning. At about noon a patrol of Japanese succeeded in reaching pill box No. 1 (about fifty yards further up the steep hillside) and heavily engaged the crew, who were soon in a very difficult situation. After an unsuccessful relief attack by some of the crew of Pill Box No. 2, Corporal Rix, with a mixed party of Winnipeg Grenadiers and Hong Kong Volunteers, made another attempt. They were under fire from across the valley and had to climb a steep hillside in the face of the enemy, but succeeded in wiping out the surviving Japanese around Pill Box No. 1, thereby retaining control of both pill boxes for some hours longer. As Pill Box No. 1 was no longer of use due to the machine guns being damaged, and the loopholes being under continuous close range rifle fire, Corporal Rix took up a very precarious position close to Pill Box No. 1 until he was wounded in the right hand when he returned to Pill Box No. 2 for treatment. Later when enemy pressure increased and there was no sign of relief, the Hong Kong Defence Corps officer in command gave leave to walking wounded to retire, but Corporal Rix preferred to stay and see the action through to a finish. Corporal Rix proved himself an able and courageous Non-Commissioned Officer and his conduct throughout was a credit to his unit and the Canadian Army.