

## Rangoon Images

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Report on Sumatra Camp

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Many pics of Rangoon Jail- dated June 1945 (not all scanned)

Rangoon\_jail\_1 Rangoon-Corridor leading to cell blocks SEAC-45-1404

Rangoon\_jail\_2 Latrine in cell block SEAC 45-1395

Rangoon\_jail\_3 Name for buildings is Kempstal Special Prisoners SEAC 45-1396

Rangoon\_jail\_4 Cooking Facilities 304-28-G

Rangoon\_jail\_5 Latrine building 304-29-G

Rangoon\_jail\_6 Looking down on cell building SEAC-45-1399

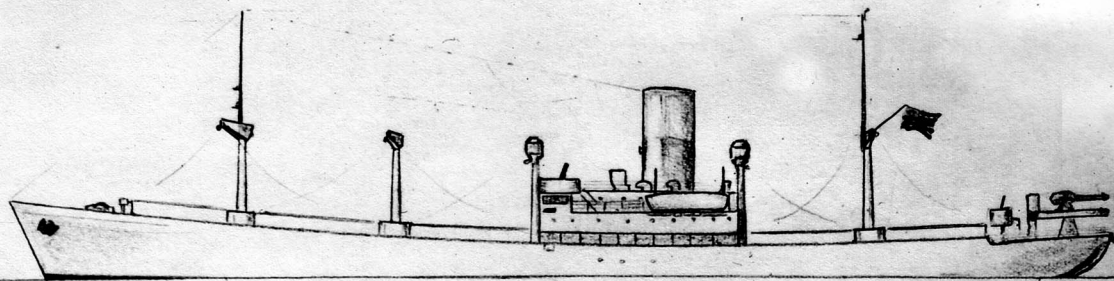
Rangoon\_jail\_7 Cell Blocks central jail 208647

Rangoon\_jail\_8 Cell Block SC-208643

Rangoon\_jail\_9 Interior of barracks SEAC-45-1405

Map-paken Baru-Ship sinking 18 Sep 1944 with 2000 POWs

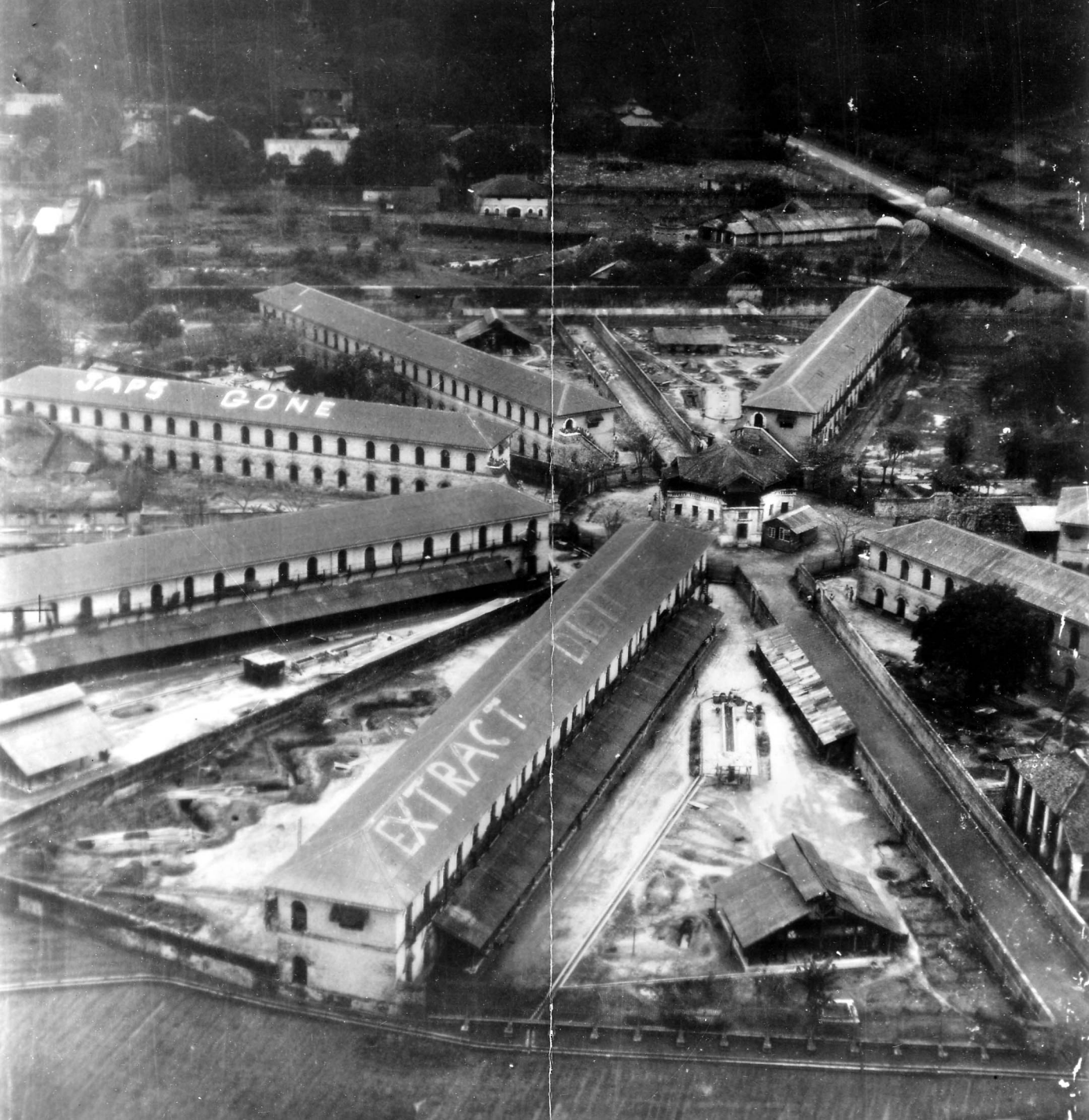
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THE RANGOON CENTRAL JAIL ON COMMISSION ROAD.....  
THIS JAIL WAS USED BY THE JAPS TO HOUSE ALLIED POW. WHEN  
THE JAPS FIRST OCCUPIED RANGOON, CIVILIANS WERE HELD IN THIS  
JAIL, LATER IT BECAME A JAIL FOR POW. CAPTAIN MEALIKFATEH  
-KHAN, 2/9 J.A.T., THE NEW CAMP COMMANDANT SINCE THE JAPS  
HAVE LEFT GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION; THE JAPS LEFT  
THE JAIL ON THE 29TH OF APRIL 1945, BRITISH TROOPS ENTERED  
THE 30TH APRIL AND FOUND 1000 PRISONERS UNDER THE LEADER  
-SHIP OF WING COMMANDER HUDSON, AN AUSTRALIAN, HE WAS  
SENIOR OFFICER PRESENT AT THE JAIL, HIS ADJUTANT WAS LT.  
KERR OF THE BURMA RIFLES. CLOTHING AND FOOD WERE BROUGHT  
TO THE PRISONERS IMMEDIATELY AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL THE  
3RD OF MAY WHEN BRITISH TOOK OVER THE CHARGE OF THE JAIL.  
THE PRISONERS LEFT THE JAIL ON THE MORNING OF THE 4TH OF  
MAY 1945. THE PRISONERS NEEDED CLOTHING, FOOD, MEDICAL  
ATTENTION, MOST OF THE PRISONERS HAD SKIN DISEASES,  
SCABIES, ETC. THEIR FOOD WAS BAD UNDER JAP DOMINATION,  
CONSISTING OF RICE, DRIED FISH, AND PUMPKINS AND A LITTLE  
SALT, CONDITIONS WERE PASSABLE, SANITARY CONDITIONS WERE  
FAIR, THE PRISONERS DID THEIR OWN COOKING, WATER TO WASH  
AND BATHE WITH AND FURNISHED FROM WELLS IN THE JAIL YARD.  
DURING THE TIME THEY WERE JAP PRISONERS THEY WOULD BE  
TAKEN OUT IN LARGE GROUPS TO FORM WORK BATTALIONS, TO BE  
RETURNED TO THEIR CELL BLOCKS AT NIGHT. MOST OF THE  
AMERICAN AND BRITISH PRISONERS WERE KEPT IN SOLITARY CELLS  
AND DID HAVE WOODEN BEDS.

Photographer: Cpl. Lloyd S. Jones SEAC Photo Unit (US)

Date: May 25 thru 26, 1945

304-28-G Cooking facilities that the prisoners had excess  
to.

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Cooking facilities that the prisoners had access to

The Rangoon Central jail on Commission Road:

This jail was used by the Japs to house Allied POWs when the Japs first occupied Rangoon.

Civilians were held in this jail. Later, it became a jail for POW.

Captain Mealikfateh-Khan, 2/9 J.A.T., the new commandant since the Japs have left gave the following information: The Japs left the jail on the 29th of April 1945. British troops entered the 30th of April 1945 and found 1000 prisoners under the leadership of Wing Commander Hudson, an Australian. He was Senior Officer present at the jail. His adjutant was Lt. Kerr of the Burma Rifles.

Clothing and food was brought to the prisoners immediately and remained there until the 3rd of May when British took over the charge of the jail.

The prisoners left the jail on the morning of the 4th of May 1945. The prisoners needed clothing, food, medical attention, most of the prisoners had skin diseases, scabies, etc. There food was bad under Jap domination, consisting of rice, dried fish, and pumpkins and a little salt. Conditions were passable, sanitary conditions were fair, the prisoners did their own cooking, water to wash and bathe with and furnished from wells in the jail yard.

During the time they were Jap prisoners they would be taken out in large groups to form work battalions, to be returned to their cells at night. Most of the American and British prisoners were kept in solitary cells and did have wooden beds.

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