

'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

H20820

Rank

Private

Last Name

MACPHERSON

First Name

John

Second Names

C.

Appointment**Company**

HQ Coy

Platoon**Original Town from**

Roseisle

MB

Enlistment Region

Manitoba

Decorations**Previous Unit**

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada

Date of transfer

41 Oct 09

Previous tours**Dates of tour**

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



H20820 Pte JC MacPherson

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	Appointment	(Rank and appointment held when left Canada)
Private		

Promotion 1	Date	Appointment
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Comments

Promotion	Date	Appointment
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Comments

Promotion	Date	Appointment
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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 Wan Chai Gap

Comments Take up battle positions, complete by 1600 hours

Dates of Action 41 Dec 18

Name of location Three houses on Cameron Road, Wan Chai Gap

Comments The flying columns consisted of 3 platoons HQ Company

Dates of Action 41 Dec 18

Name of location Gap between Mount Butler and Jardine's Lookout

Comments Brig Lawson sends platoon at 2240hrs; takes up position in a broken catchment using it as a trench

Dates of Action 41 Dec 18

Name of location Summit of Jardine's Lookout

Comments Brig Lawson sends platoon at 2240 hrs.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 18

Name of location Pill-boxes, south slope of Jardine's Lookout

Comments At 2300 hrs, platoon takes up position at Pill Box 1. Shortly before dawn he moves into position on summit.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Summit of Jardine's Lookout
Comments Lieut GA Birkett's platoon, arrived just before first light

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Summit of Jardine's Lookout
Comments Japanese attack summit of Jardine's Lookout just after sunrise.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Summit of Jardine's Lookout
Comments Japanese attack is overwhelming, many Grenadiers are wounded or killed

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Gap between Mount Butler and Jardine's Lookout
Comments Lieut CD French's platoon, attack repelled

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Wong Nei Chong Gap ('D' Coy position)
Comments Lieut CD French's platoon, withdrawal

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Middle Gap
Comments Rendezvous scheduled for 1530 hrs, Maj Hodgkinson in command

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Black's Link
Comments Moved off along Black's Link to Wong Nei Chong Gap

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Mount Nicholson
Comments Moved over Mount Nicholson suffering heavy casualties to a point 300 yds from road through Gap. Engaged enemy until dusk.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Black's Link
Comments Surprised a party of approximately 500 enemy, inflicting heavy casualties with light machine gun fire.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location 100 yds short of Repulse Bay Road
Comments At 1745 hrs force was held up

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location South-east spur of Mount Nicholson
Comments Maj Hodgkinson and 4 Ors moved over southeast spur of Mount Nicholson through evacuated Bde HQ on left flank and launched an attack from the north

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Wong Nei Chong Gap (Bde HQ)
Comments Roadblock cleared, footing gained and held. Contact made with 'D' Coy HQ.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 19
Name of location Police Station, Wong Nei Chong Gap
Comments At 2200 hrs attack on Police Station began. Attack was broken up by enemy machine gun fire. Plan partially succeeded allowing the flanking company to bring damage to the enemy.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 20
Name of location Slope of Jardine's Lookout
Comments Surrender to Japanese in the early morning

Dates of Action 41 Dec 20
Name of location Wan Chai Gap
Comments Remnants retired around north slope of hill, returned to Wan Chai at 0200 hrs

Dates of Action 41 Dec 25
Name of location Wan Chai Gap
Comments Coy surrenders to Japanese

Dates of Action 41 Dec 26
Name of location Peak Mansion
Comments At 2200 hrs ordered to fall in and moved to Peak Mansions

Dates of Action 41 Dec 27
Name of location University of Hong Kong
Comments Morning: walked for two hours with only one halt for rest. Men carrying 80 to 90 pounds of clothes, food, etc. On arrival, to down on the lawn at the university. Feed some tined bully beef and biscuits.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 30

Name of location China Command Headquarters

Comments Feed troops at 0530 hrs, packed the rations and distributed among troops. Started march at 0730 hrs. Stayed at location for two hours before ordered to move again. Picked up more rations.

Dates of Action 41 Dec 30

Name of location Grassy square, centre of Victoria

Comments Stayed at this location for two hours before moving on. Harassed by fifth columnists who looked and laughed at the soldiers

Dates of Action 41 Dec 30

Name of location Shamshuipo POW Camp

Comments Marched down to ferry, taken to Kowloon and marched six miles to camps. Arrived at approximately 1700 hrs at Nanking Barracks.

Dates of Action

Name of location

Comments

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Comments

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	11-Aug-42	23-Sep-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 |
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| Location of Camp | | Company worked for |
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| Nature of work | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| c. Camp Code | Name of Camp | Dates of Camp |
| 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 | | |
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| d. Camp Code | Name of Camp | Dates of Camp |
| HK-Sh | Shamshuipo POW Camp | 42 Sep 26 to 43 Jan 19 |
| Location of Camp | | Company worked for |
| Kowloon, Hong Kong | | |
| Nature of work | | |
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e. Camp Code	Name of Camp	Dates of Camp
JP-To 3D	Tsurumi POW Camp	43 Jan 19 to
Location of Camp		Company worked for
Yokohama-shi, Tsurumi-ku, Suyehiro-cho, 1-chome, Japan		Nihon Ironworks - Tsurumi Shipyards
Nature of work	Variety of jobs related to ship building	

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	
Tatsuta Maru	43 Jan 19, left Shamsuipo Camp, 0500 hrs; left Hong Kong 1300hrs	
Arrival Port	Arrival Date	Camp Arrival Date and Time
Nagasaki, Japan	43 Jan 22, 0400 hrs	43 Jan 24, 0700 hrs
Comments	Boarded train, arrived in Tokyo on 43 Jan 24 at 0700 hrs, boarded electric train for 10 mile ride to 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 USS Ozark

Departing Port Tokyo, Japan

Departure Date / Time 45 Sep 08 1200 hrs

Arrival Port San Francisco, CA

Arrival Date / Time 45 Oct 02, 1200 hrs

Comments Guam (45 Sep 12, 0700 hrs to Sep 16) medical examination, clothing; Honolulu stopover (45 Sep 25 to Sep 26)

Transport Vehicle Train

Departing Port Oakland, CA

Departure Date / Time 45 Oct 04

Arrival Port Vancouver, BC

Arrival Date / Time 45 Oct 05

Comments

Transport Vehicle

Departing Port

Departure Date / Time

Arrival Port

Arrival date / Time

Comments

14. RECEIVING DEPOTS

Receiving Depot

Location Tokyo, Japan **Dates**

Nature of stopover

Receiving Depot 5th Replacement Depot

Location Manila, Philippines **Dates**

Nature of Stopover Mail, telegrams, advance on pay, medical inspection, interrogation on POW conditions

Receiving Depot

Location **Dates**

Nature of Stopover

Receiving Depot Fort McDowell

Location San Francisco CA **Dates** 45 Oct 02 to Oct 04

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**

