



PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET



**Edmund in Shanghai Rugby
Club Strip**

Name: John Edmund JUPP

DOB: 08 October 1901

Rank: Warrant Officer (Minewatcher)

Service Identity Number: Not recorded

Service/Regiment/Corps: Royal Navy

Unit: Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer
Reserve/Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force

Died: 12 October 1942

Personal history before the war:

Known as Edmund rather than John, he was born in Hong Kong and educated at Tonbridge School. He trained in London for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, joining the staff in 1924 and serving in Shanghai and Beijing. He married Faith Drakeford in 1932 in Shanghai and the following year joined the merchants J.D. Humphreys and Sons in Hong Kong, a firm with strong family connections.

With the Japanese threat developing he joined the HKRNVF on 29 June 1939, and was allocated to mine watching duties at Chung Hom Kot fort on the south side of Hong Kong island. His wife Faith and daughters Susannah and Philippa were evacuated to Australia.

Wartime experience:

As Japanese forces swept over the island, orders were received on the 19 December 1941, to destroy the defence installations and their advanced technology. The sailors were told to join the fight as foot soldiers. Edmund's unit were amongst those holding out in the Repulse Bay Hotel, 20-23 December. After a stout fight the defenders retreated from the hotel to protect the lives of the 200 or so civilians crammed into the building. Edmund and his fellow sailors were eventually taken from Stanley to Aberdeen by launch. The colony surrendered on Christmas Day.

Edmund was first imprisoned at Shamshuipo barracks before being moved to North Point camp on 25 January 1942. On 27 September 1942 he was included in the batch of prisoners dispatched to Japan on the *Lisbon Maru*.



Personal history post war (if survived):

Whilst Edmund survived the sinking, he sadly died at Kobe (Osaka 2b) a few days later on 12 October 1942; the stated cause of death being recorded as cardiac asthenia. His ashes are now interred in the CWGC cemetery at Yokohama.

Additional photos:



The Jupp children, Edmund (standing) with John Cooper's mother (Stella) and brother Arthur.

The above information was provided by John Cooper who is the nephew of John Edmund Jupp.



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