

1 MX PERSONNEL MISSING FROM S.S. "LISBON MARU"

*Transcription of handwritten entries by Frank Waldron in a notebook maintained by
Capt C M M Man of 1st Bn The Middlesex Regt*

Lieut L.A. Wood

Seen by Sgt. Gilham about 3 pm (2.10.42) in a very weak condition holding onto a hatch batten.

2/Lt J.P. Whitham

Was holding onto a hatch batten with Pte O'Donnell for some time. Latter had no life belt and he thinks 2/Lt Whitham was trying to take his off when he left go and disappeared _ Later was seen floating drowned, by Pte Viner.

C/Sgt Little

Was last seen by Sgt Waldron swimming about half a mile from the ship.

L/Cpl Commerford – Seen by Sgt Gilham in very bad way – in the water.

L/Cpl Joslin – Seen by Pte Puddifoot about 11.30 AM (2.10.42) holding onto a hatch batten. He seemed very weak.

Pte Stickley – Fell down the hold. Later, seen in the water holding onto a hatch batten, by Capt. Man.

Pte Wooley – Seen by Pte Jackson 49 on a raft about 200 yards from the ship.

Pte Tucker Seen by Pte Plumridge in the water near the ship. Believed to be put on a raft by Maj. Officer.

Pte Robertson 88 Seen by Pte Goodair about 11 AM (2/10/42) swimming towards the Islands. Later seen by Pte Jackson 49 near the Islands and swimming well – Pte Jennings (A Coy) afterwards saw him drown.

Pte Pearson Fell down the hold. Was later seen by Capt Man, holding onto a hatch batten.

Pte Sansum Last seen in the hold which he refused to leave.

L/Cpl Rooker Seen by Pte Dewberry swimming with lifebelt on.

Pte Carrell - Shot through wrist. Seen by Pte Plumridge swimming about 50 yds from the ship.

Bds Bradford – Seen in the sea by Pte Jennings (A Coy) – very bad – seemed to be suffering from cramp.

Pte Valentine – Seen holding onto a hatch batten about 9.30 Am (2/10/42) by Pte Barnes 40.

C.S.M. Ramsey Last seen on deck by C.Q.M.S. Lomax just as the vessel sank.

L/Sgt Walker Seen by Pte Hanshaw swimming towards the Islands. Had no life belt on.

Pte Connolly (A Coy) Seen by Pte Lindores about one o'clock (2/10/42) holding onto a hatch batten – in very bad way.

Sgt Crowley – Seen almost drowned beside a rescue ship by Pte Stevens. Very little hope of his surviving.

Pte Hope – last seen by Pte Barnes 40 about 200 yds from an Island.

Pte Tait A. 24 Seen by C/S Poulter – caught in a rescue ship's rope and strangled.

Pte Matthews – Seen floating drowned by Pte Lipscombe.

Pte Norton – Seen in the water, in very bad way, holding onto a hatch batten by Sgt Gilham.

Pte Penny – Last seen by Q.M.S. Chaplin holding onto a hatch batten about 50 yds from an Island.

Pte Vallance Seen by C/Sgt Lomax struggling in the water, with a hatch batten, about 200 yds from where the ship sank.

Pte Watkins Seen to drown by Sgt Major Soden.

Cpl Bennett – Last seen by L/Cpl Bishop in the sea beside the Lisbon Maru.

L/Cpl Issard – Last seen by L/C Shore on a raft near an Island. Probably left the raft and got drowned when trying to swim ashore.

Pte Hatchett – Seen drowned by Sgt Waldron.

Pte Hayward Seen near a rescue ship with a piece of wood from which he disappeared – by Pte Keeler.

Pte Jones (B Coy) Disappeared from a raft. Last seen by Pte Betts (B Coy).

Pte Maynard Last seen by L/Cpl Shore on a hatch cover quite near an Island. He was probably drowned in trying to swim ashore.

C/Sgt Naylor – Seen by Sgt Gilham about 3 PM (2/10/42) holding onto a hatch batten. He was in a very bad way.

Pte Chick Last seen by Pte Betts (B Coy). He let go of a raft and disappeared trying to reach shore.

Pte Eaton 19 – Disappeared from a hatch cover when near a rescue ship. Last seen by Pte Brown 99.

Pte Metcalfe – Seen to drown by L/Cpl Bishop.

Pte Rule – Seen floating on a hatch batten about 200 yds from the "Lisbon Maru" by Pte Plumridge.

Pte Thomas 63 J. Seen on a raft about 200 yds from the "Lisbon Maru" by Pte Jackson 49.

Cpl Caslake – Seen by Pte Coomer swimming towards the Islands. About half way there.

L/Cpl Hatfield Last seen by Cpl Bright in the water not far from a rescue ship. He never came aboard.

Pte Thomas C. 51 (C Coy) Seen by Pte long swimming quite strongly, early on 2/10/42.

Pte James 62 Last seen by Pte Fawcett hanging onto a piece of wood. He seemed very weak and in a bad way.

Cpl Pearce – Seen by C.S.M. Soden floating on a hatch batten about noon 2.10.42.

Pte Campbell – Seen By CSM Soden floating out to sea, on a water tank – about 6 PM (2/10/42).

Pte Mendelson – Seen to drown near the ship by L/Cpl Poulter.

Sgt Smith – Last seen by Pte Fawcett holding onto a piece of wood – He seemed very weak and was vomiting very hard.

Pte Lee _____ Died in the hold of the Lisbon Maru 1/10/42

Pte Baker 82 J.J. Last seen in a raft near a rescue ship. He refused to leave it. Seen by Cpl Bright and Sgt Quick.

Lieut. P.A. Newton

Cpl Panting

Pte Chalgrave

Pte W. Barnes 48

Bds Short

Bds Tunmer

Pte Bath

Pte Davis J. 34

L/Cpl Gordon

Pte Lawler

Pte Littlefield

L/Cpl Whitty

Pte Ridden

Pte Murrell

L/Cpl Parker

Pte Gibson

Pte Taylor 90

Bds Smalley

Pte Webster 63 ("HQ" Coy)

L/Cpl Glover

Pte Summers H. *pencilled addition by Capt Man* " Reported safe at Shanghai. Source QMS Baily, Kobe Hospital".

Cpl Pelham

Pte Pacey

Pte Clifford *pencilled addition by Capt Man* " Reported died at Shanghai. Source QMS Baily, Kobe Hospital".

Pte Elliott

Pte Jackson 24. A.

L/Cpl Culpeck

Pte Grist

Pte Gentry

Cpl Reeves *pencilled addition by Capt Man* " Reported died at Shanghai. Source QMS Baily, Kobe Hospital".

Pte Bull

Pte Jennings 43

Pte c Haines 50 – Last seen by Pte Bush alongside a rescue ship. He was very weak, and probably too weak to get on board.

Pte French 76

Pte Barratt "A" Coy – Seen by Pte Bush to leave a raft beside a rescue ship with the intention of swimming to an Island.

Pte Palmer

Pte Melbourne *pencilled addition by Capt Man* " Seen on board by Pte Lipscombe shortly before vessel sank".

Pte Whitehouse

Pte Frenchum

L/Sgt Simpson

L/Cpl Tivey

Pte Andrews L. 53

Pte Clark 77

Pte Gale

Pte R. Hall 66

Pte Langdell

Pte Spiers

C/Sgt Bond *pencilled addition by Capt Man* " Seen on board by Lipscombe shortly before vessel sank".

Pte Samuels *pencilled addition by Capt Man* " Seen on board by Lipscombe shortly before vessel sank".

Pte Baker 19

Pte Bowey

Pte Walters

Pte Macey

Pte Stewart

L/Cpl Aikman

L/Cpl Payne

Pte Barratt B Coy

Pte Gray 19

Pte Probert

Pte Schorson

Cpl Goodman – Seen drowned by Pte Bush

L/Cpl Pennick

Pte Harris C.

Pte Murphy 10

Pte Sinclair

Pte Clarke 90

Pte Gubb

Pte Houghton

L/Sgt Green

Pte Harvey 300

Pte Roberts

Pte Phillips

Pte Chapman

Pte Baker 24

Dmr Murray

PTE LEE

from diphtheria”.

addition by Capt Man “ died on “LISBON MARU” NIGHT 1 Oct