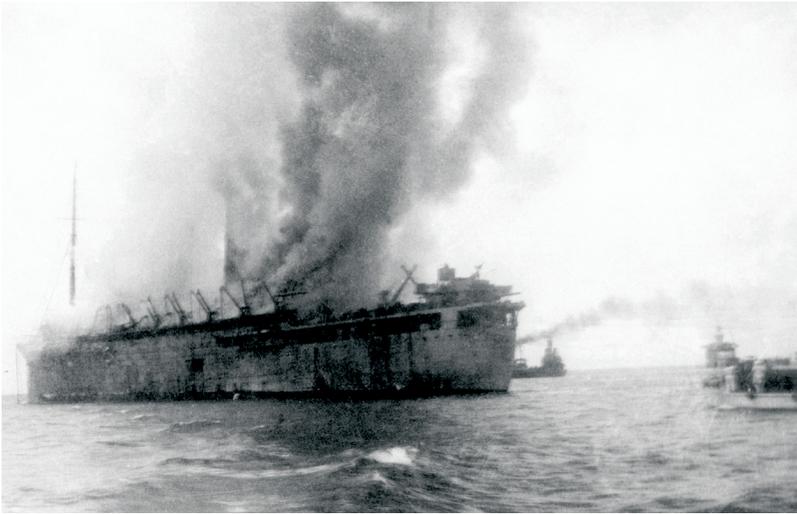


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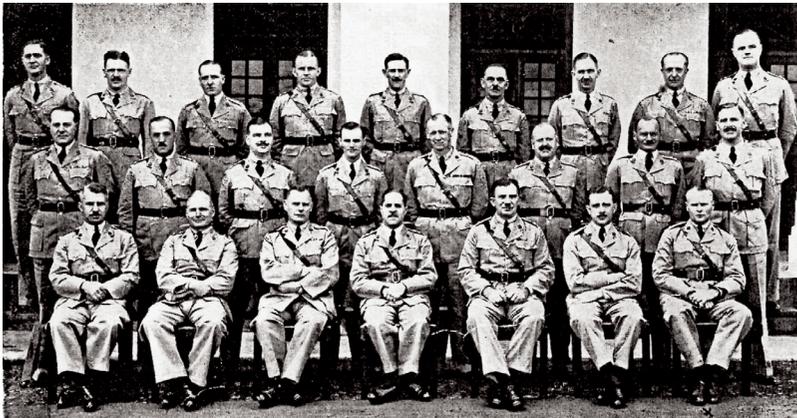


Artist's impression of Lieutenant Colonel John Douglas Dalley,
Commander, Dalforce, and Director, Malayan Security Service (MSS).
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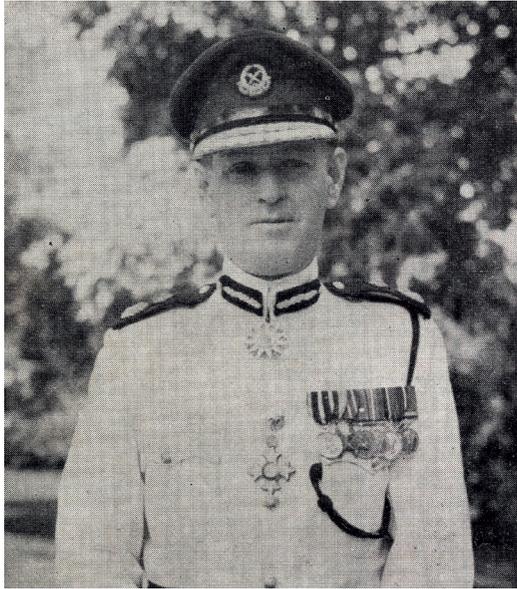
The end of the troopship *Empress of Asia* after a determined Japanese bombing attack on 5 February 1942, just eight kilometres from Singapore. The ship sailed from Liverpool in November 1941 carrying troops and supplies for Africa, Bombay and Singapore. The supplies intended for Dalley's "Dalforce" went down with it. Singapore surrendered ten days later.

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Photograph from the Straits Settlement's Police Officers' Mess. Major K.S. Morgan, Head, Japanese Section of the Singapore Special Branch, can be seen in the second row, fifth from the left.

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G.C. Madoc, former Dy. Director MSS and Director of Intelligence, Malaya (appointed in 1954).

Image courtesy of Singapore Police Force.



Nigel G. Morris, Acting Dy. Director MSS and Commissioner of Police, Singapore, 1953–57.

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Alan E.G. Blades, Assistant Director MSS and Commissioner of Police, Singapore, 1958–63.

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WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS IN PENCIL

No. ? Rank **LT. COL** Surname **DALLEY**
 Christian Names **JOHN DOUGLAS** Decorations
 Ship (R.N., U.S.N. or Merchant Navy) Unit & Div. **GENERAL LIST**
 (Army) **COMMANDED DALFORCE IN MALAYA**
 Squadron and Command (R.A.F., A.A.F.)
 Date of Birth **DEC. 6th 1900** Date of Enlistment **DECEMBER 1941**
 Private Address and Telephone No. **MARSTON HOUSE, MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.**
 Place and Date of Original Capture **17th FEB. 1942 AT SEA.**
 (Aircrew R.A.F. to give place and date of a/c crash).

1. What camps, detachments or hospitals were you in? Give dates and names of the British Camp Leaders, Detachment (or Block) Leaders or, in the case of hospitals, the Senior British Medical Officers.

Camp or Hospital.	Dates.	Camp Leader.	Detachment or Block Leader (if any).
MUNTOK, BANKA	17/2/42 - 7/3/42	AR-COM. MODIN	
TANJONG-PRIOK GLODOIK	APRIL - MAY 1942	G. CAPT. NOBLE	
TANJONG-PRIOK	MAY 1942 - SEPT 1943	COL. C.M. LAWE	
CHANGI (SINGAPORE)	SEPT 1943 - OCT. 1943		
SHIRAKAWA, TAIWAN	NOV. 1943 - FEB 1945		
MIYATA, JAPAN	MARCH 1945 - APRIL 1945		
MUKDEN	APRIL 1945 - SEPT. 1945		

2. ESCAPES OR ATTEMPTED ESCAPES. (Additional paper will be supplied on request if required).

(a) Give full description and approx. date of each attempt you made to escape, showing how you left the camp, and from which camp each attempt was made. State whether there was an air-raid in progress at the time or not. If an escape was made from a train or vehicle the approx. speed and how it was guarded should be included.

① 7th March 1942, left Muntok. Went through the wire at night and travelled by land and sea to Java. Recaptured there on 24th April 1942. 27 April

② Made several attempts from camps in Java but attempts either detected by Japanese or unsuccessful. (Dates of Escapes)

(b) Were you physically fit when you made these attempts?

Yes

(c) Give Regimental particulars of anyone who accompanied you on each attempt.

Lt. A.E. ENO, GENERAL LIST (attached to Dalforce in Malaya)

Lt. Seaman T. PARSONS

Sgt. K. WHARTON, A.I.F.

What happened to them?

Recaptured on 24th April 1942. Present whereabouts unknown. 24 April

(d) Give briefly your experiences during periods of freedom.

① First 2 days chased on land by bands of natives & Japanese. Acquired a small boat & set away to sea. Landed in Java & given away by natives.

② No suitable boat available.

(e) How were you recaptured and on what date?

Landed in Java and immediately surrounded by natives. Took some time to persuade them not to kill us. Japanese arrived after being informed of our whereabouts by natives - 24th April 1942. 24 April P.T.O.

Document relating to Dalley's capture by the Japanese during the Pacific War.

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