

79<sup>th</sup> L.A.A. BATTERY of 21<sup>st</sup> L.A.A. REGIMENT, A & C TROOPS, ROYAL ARTILLERY  
*on Timor - Detachment & Rank Order*

Duty	Rank	Name	Regt no.	Notes
O-i-c	major	Dempsey, John Patrick Heyward	122934	Airkom 23.2.42
2-i-c	capt	Craig, William Marshall	107689	Airkom 23.2.42
	2/lieut	Bell, Robert Peter Mangin	190915	Airkom 23.2.42 'Peter'
bty sgt.maj	wo2	White, Reginald Ron	1552454	Airkom 23.2.42 'Abdul'
qm/sgt	sgt	Collett, William Joseph	1454094	Airkom 23.2.42 'Bill'
bty sgt. fitter	sgt	Birdhead, Richard Walter	1481021	Airkom 23.2.42 'Dickie'
	s/sgt	Lucas, Henry	1456030	Airkom 23.2.42
	sgt	Lucas, Alfred	1459863	Airkom 23.2.42
	a/l/sgt	Yorke-Johnson, Dennis Godfrey	6401762	
	l/sgt	Abel, Gordon Duguid	1548510	Airkom 23.2.42
	l/sgt	Munday, Clifford John	1459745	Airkom 23.2.42 BHQ clerk
	gnr	Connell, Walter	6584372	Airkom 23.2.42
	l/bdr	Quennell, William J.H.	1453708	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Riggs, Roy Herbert	6401589	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Buckingham, Frederick Seymour	1653997	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Warwick, George	1497138	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Wright, James Frederick	1806998	Airkom 23.2.42 'Jimmy'
<b>A troop</b> o-c	2/lieut	Scott, Charles	197729	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Bailey, Frederick Charles	4344644	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Clipson, James Edward	1654009	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Cunliffe, Calvert	1809144	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness Moji 24.2.45
	gnr	Gillan, James	1735667	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Hills, Nelson John	1653876	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness Moji 14.3.45
	gnr	Hooker, Edward Davis	1549378	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Warriss, Sidney George	1781413	Airkom 23.2.42
A1 detachm't	l/sgt	Jones, Albert Aubrey	3955456	Airkom 23.2.42 'Bob' ?reg. no.1653983?
	bdr	Aldridge, Sidney Bertram	1460764	Airkom 23.2.42
	l/bdr	Burton, Edmund David	1548410	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness UsapaBesar 23.6.42
	l/bdr	Pascoe, Michael Bennett	1555980	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness Fukuoka #1 4.3.43
	gnr	Aldridge, George Sidney	1614693	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Bates, Benjamin	1653983	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Bennett, Albert Sidney George	1653987	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness Kanburi 26.9.43
	gnr	Coleman, Harold James	1654032	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Massingham, William George	1735602	Airkom 23.2.42 'Bill'
	gnr	Miller, Frederick	1826698	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Monckton, Edward Trevor	1438846	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Ruebens, Samuel	1787487	Airkom 23.2.42 'Sammy'
	gnr	Wright, Alfred Randolph	1781386	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness Kumamoto 01.05.43
A2 detachm't	sgt	Weston, Ronald James	1452499	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness Fukuoka #1, 09.12.42
	bdr	Ketcher, Leslie Edward	1555905	Airkom 23.2.42
	l/bdr	Jarvis, Dennis Arthur Claud(e)?	1556170	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness Fukuoka #1, 12.03.45
	l/bdr	Dagnall, Harold	819214	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Brawls, Andrew	1826540	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Brown, Vivian Percy	6401643	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Burnett, Reginald John	1548346	Airkom 23.2.42 d. illness Kanburi 25.06.43
	gnr	Caines, Archibald Carlisle	1614709	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Davis, William John	1547590	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Hadland, Walter Henry	1592368	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Knowles, John	1807216	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Vessey, Eric	1821778	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Webb, Ernest Robert	1543708	Airkom 23.2.42
	gnr	Wright, James	1735786	Airkom 23.2.42 dr. 24.06.33 Tamahoko Maru

A3 detachm't	sgt	Brockway, Roy Frederick	1549593	Airkom 23.2.42	'Knobby'	
	bdr	Smith, Charles Cecil	1548046	Airkom 23.2.42		
	bdr	Horne, Harold Victor	1653878	Airkom 23.2.42		
	l/bdr	Gallucci, Adolphus	1654030	Airkom 23.2.42		d. illness Java 23.1.43
	l/bdr	Sanders, Philip	1490216	Airkom 23.2.42		reg no. 1492316?
	gnr	Adams, David Francis	1614691	Airkom 23.2.42		d. illness Fukuoka 6B 28.12.44
	gnr	Andrews, Henry Albert	1653979	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Bentley, Thomas James	1653988	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Hodges, Allan Watts	1549345	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Lowe, Frank	1547432	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Medlar, Sidney Ernest	1735606	Airkom 23.2.42		d. illness Kumamoto 12.10.45
	gnr	Newman, Albert Henry Jess		Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Robinson, William Harold	1781460	Airkom 23.2.42		
	A4 detachm't	sgt	Storey, James Matthew	1548344		Airkom 23.2.42
l/sgt		Sawyer, Harold Edward George John	1550565	Airkom 23.2.42		
bdr		Charman, Wilfred Harry	1616543	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Mitsushima 06.04.43	
l/bdr		Chilton, Frederick	1614712	Airkom 23.2.42		
l/bdr		Collins, Edwin Ernest	1614715	Airkom 23.2.42		
gnr		Bridger, Kenneth Arthur	1614705	Airkom 23.2.42	Jap p-o-w #1214	
gnr		Brown, William Henry	1530926	Airkom 23.2.42		
gnr		Casey, Albert Edward	1654002	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Mitsushima 09.12.42	
gnr		Chandler, Harold	1735808	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Mitsushima 24.02.43	
gnr		Cockaday, William Bob	1735528	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Kumamoto 18.12.42	
gnr		Cooper, Harry	1825963	Airkom 23.2.42		
gnr		Desert, George	1745485	Airkom 23.2.42		
gnr		Stokoe, Harry Henry	1453209	Airkom 23.2.42		
gnr		Telford, John Edward	1826640	Airkom 23.2.42		
<i>C troop</i> o-c		2/lieut	Baillie, Andrew	158525	Airkom 23.2.42	'Jim'
	sgt	Hepburn, James R.	1427448	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Bartlett, William Nathaniel	1826535	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Palembang 07.02.45	
	gnr	Cunningham, Walter Pendreich	1826556	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Kanburi 10.08.43	
	gnr	Mellor, Cecil Henry	1826634	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Reed, Thomas Joseph	1807324	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Sparke, John James	1817355	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Webb, Ashby Seymour Warren	1818929	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Wilkinson, James Leonard (Bluey)	1807869	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Kanburi 02.07.43	
	gnr	Wilson, John	1826757	Airkom 23.2.42		
C1 detachm't	sgt	Kember, Denis George	1524585	Airkom 23.2.42		
	bdr	Hale, William Thomas	6400634	Airkom 23.2.42		
	bdr	Seton, Thomas Arthur	4447988	Airkom 23.2.42		
	l/bdr	Cartland, Charles Albert William	1614711	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Cashman, Daniel	1807066	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Fridd, Percy William	1614642	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Gilbert, Joseph Francis George	1614646	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Haynes, Eric Stanley	1807155	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Hoy, Herbert Sidney	1807183	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Paige, Stanley Walter	1807288	Airkom 23.2.42		
	gnr	Rushon, William	1106096	Airkom 23.2.42		d. illness Kumamoto 19.02.43
	gnr	Vincent, Eric William	1807418	Airkom 23.2.42		
	C2 detachm't	sgt	Brown, Gibson Harrison	4445669		Airkom 23.2.42
bdr		Adams, Frederick	1614692	Airkom 23.2.42		
l/bdr		Baker, Ronald Bernard Hartley	1514694	Airkom 23.2.42		
l/bdr		Beaken, Walter Herbert	1653985	Airkom 23.2.42		
gnr		Cowell, George Bert Alfred	1614631	Airkom 23.2.42		
gnr		Doolan, Michael John Anthony	1779694	Airkom 23.2.42		
gnr		Mills, Jack	1456029	wounded Airkom, dow Usapar Besar 10.3.42		
gnr		Mills, John	1653895	Airkom 23.2.42		

	gnr	Murray, Gerald	1826666	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Webster, James	2880269	Airkom 23.2.42	Jap pow #RA 1225
	gnr	Weeden, John	1807433	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Woodgate, William George	1555814	Airkom 23.2.42	
C3 detachm't	sgt	Evans, Henry	1545870	wounded Airkom, dow Usapa Besar, 2.7.42	
	bdr	Compton, Arthur Frank 'Jock'	1552186	Airkom 23.2.42	d. air accident Manilla 10.9.45
	bdr	Fowler, James	1614640	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Coe, Albert James	1654010	Airkom 23.2.42	d. Mitsushima 04.03.43
	gnr	Culshaw, Stanley	1825991	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Flindall, Eric George	1807018	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Mansell, Percy Stewart John	1548785	Airkom 23.2.42	dr. 24.6.44 <i>Tamahoko Maru</i>
	gnr	Marshall, Gavin	1826695	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Okinoyama 27.02.45
	gnr	Martin, Harold Lawrence John	6401712	Airkom 23.2.42	escaped, exec Kupang 16.6.43
	gnr	McLachlan, Charles	1826689	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Pedder, Edward James	1549187	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Reed, Albert Howard	1653948	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Watkins, Frederick James	1818926	kia Babau 22.2.42	
C4 detachm't to Tjamplong on 23/2/42	sgt	King, George Herbert	1453589	Airkom 23.2.42	d. Japan 17.8.43
	bdr	Potter, Harry James	1460763	Airkom 23.2.42	
	l/bdr	Angel, John Lindsay	1552212	Airkom 23.2.42	
	l/bdr	Wallace, John	1456027	wounded Airkom, dow Usapa Besar 1.6.42	
	gnr	Berry, Frederick C.	1547598	Airkom 23.2.42	escape Timor, Jap sub to Sarawak
	gnr	Boswell, Ernest Henry	1807104	Airkom 23.2.42	'Ernie'
	gnr	Brenchley, Harry	1614706	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Buchan, John Ford	1653996	Airkom 23.2.42	d. accident, Kanose 11.3.45
	gnr	Crowdell, Oliver 'Jack'	1511317	Airkom 23.2.42	d. accident, Kanose 28.3.45
	gnr	Foster, John	1826509	Airkom 23.2.42	d. burns accid. Kanose, 28.3.45
	gnr	Mackie, Andrew 'Sandy'	1774706	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Mitsushima 06.12.42
	gnr	Mitchell, Robert	1826700	Airkom 23.2.42	d. illness Mitsushima 04.02.43
	gnr	Watson, Kenneth McLeod	1826752	Airkom 23.2.42	
	gnr	Wells, Gordon James	1556203	Airkom 23.2.42	dr. 24.6.44 <i>Tamahoko Maru</i>
	gnr	Cottrell, ?			Sent home from Capetown, angina problems

*Abbreviations:* d. died                      pow      prisoner of war  
dow                      died of wounds      kia      killed in action  
dr.                      drowned

<i>Name</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Cause</i>	<i>Remains</i>
Watkins, Frederick James	22 February 1942	Timor	k.i.a.	Ambon
Mills, J ack	10 March 1942	Timor	Wounds	Ambon
Wallace, John	1 June 1942	Timor	Wounds	Ambon
H. Evans	2 July 1942	Timor	Wounds	Ambon
A. Mackie	6 December 1942	Japan	Illness	
A.E. Casey	9 December 1942	Japan	Illness	
R.J. Weston	9 December 1942	Japan	Illness	
W. Cockaday	18 December 1942	Japan	Illness	
R. Mitchell	4 February 1943	Japan	Illness	
H. Chandler	23 February 1943	Japan	Illness	
A.J Coe	4 March 1943	Japan	Illness	
M.B. Pascoe	4 March 1943	Japan	Illness	
W.F. Charman	6 April 1943	Japan	Illness	
H.L.J. Martin	16 June 1943	Timor	Executed	
R.J. Burnett	25 June 1943	Siam	Illness	Kanchanaburi 8E.73
G.H. King	17 August 1943	Japan	Illness	
G. Marshall	27 February 1945	Japan	Illness	

J.F. Buchan	11 March 1945	Japan	Accident
O. Crowdell	11 March 1945	Japan	Accident
D.A.C. Jarvis	12 March 1945	Japan	Illness
J. Foster	28 March 1945	Japan	Accident
A.F. Compton	10 September 1945		Accident

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A & C Troops of the 79<sup>th</sup> L.A.A. arrived on the 'Ban Hong Leong' (armed merchantman crewed by Malay & Chinese with British officers)

- 8x Bofors guns
- 8x tractors (3-seaters across front)
- 3x 15cwt trucks
- 2x water trucks
- 5x motor cycles