

- The British 21st L.A.A. Regiment, 79th Light Anti-Aircraft battery of Bofors gunners arrived from Java only a few days before the Japanese invaded Timor on 20th February 1942. Veterans of the Battle of Britain, they proved their mettle by downing up to 20 aircraft in only a few days. See Grant McLachlan's new site <http://www.sparrowbook.com> and his book.

- Peter Winstanley's website at www.pows-of-japan.net is regularly updated and a good source for material. Lieut.-Col. Peter Winstanley OAM RFT (retd.) was initially the key to contacting Sparrow Force members, making our documentary much more comprehensive.

- D.M. Wyatt OAM RFD has another great site at www.dmwyatt.com which is primarily dedicated to Tasmanian Military History. A retired Lt.-Col. Tasmanian infantry, Doug is well placed to advise of books, photographs and CDs. Other useful links are found on his site.

- Peter Dunn's www.ozatwar.com has pages devoted to some Sparrow Force units, eg 2/12th Field Ambulance. The site covers many other topics, a great resource for WW2 history.

- Rod Beattie's Thai Burma Railway museum at Kanchanaburi hosts a site on prisoners of war in South-East Asia, including Sparrow Force. Remains of those who died on the Death Railway are interred at the adjacent war cemetery. Research facilities are available; this museum, adjacent War Cemetery and Hellfire Pass is a must-see. www.tbronline.com

- Official sites and the Australian War Memorial are sources for details on Sparrow Force as well. Go to: www.awm.gov.au/atwar/remembering1942/timor/transcript.asp as well as www.w2australia.gov.au/japadvance/timor.html has an overview of the events. Other links will be found there for further studies. Also check <http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au>

- Nominal rolls for details of all servicemen and women are found at www.w2roll.gov.au One needs to choose the service (Army, Navy, Air Force, &c.) and enter the person's family name and christian name initials. Or the service number if known. Details can also be accessed via the place and date of enlistment however there is less likelihood knowing these.

- Palmerston (N.T.) Sub-branch of the RSL has a page on Sparrow Force on West Timor. www.palmerston.rslsa.org.au, click on Sparrow Force, Henke's bayonet, Photo Gallery links.

- Our own page on Sparrow Force is found at www.skennerton.com/sparrow.htm and serves as an introduction. The Sparrow Force record is an ongoing project with another DVD and CD disc now available, '*Guns & Gear of Sparrow Force*'. Early in 2013, we commenced development of a specific site at www.sparrowforce.com which continues to be expanded as more material comes to hand.

- From a perhaps more Dutch viewpoint, www.dutcheastindies.webs.com/timor_dutch.html is another source for information on the action in West Timor. Netherlands and Japanese forces are contained in the footnotes.

- Japanese atrocities during WW2 continue to pop up in the course of our Sparrow Force research. Excuses are offered today by others than Japanese officials and government; such events are expunged from the Japanese school curriculum. Any doubters should visit http://members.iinet.net.au/~gduncan/massacres_pacific.html
- Trove is a National Library of Australia website containing newspapers of the day. Go to: www.trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper for a continuously expanding site with newspapers from as far back as colonial days.
- Wikipedia of course has a broad ranging array of material linked to related topics and subjects. Go to: <http://en.wikipedia.org> and then key in the required subject in the search box. Note that some details may require correction, *e.g.* issues to Sparrow Force on the Wikipedia Order of Battle page was corrected at our instigation, where firearms that had not even been issued in 1941-1944 were listed as being general issue to the British 79th L.A.A. Bofors units.
- On Timor, the Kupang Klubhouse is run by an expat Australian who organises dive tours there. A page on his site is worth checking: www.kupangklubhouse.com/warmemorial.htm

The Australian War Memorial likely has the largest collection of 2/40th and Sparrow Force records now. Some can be downloaded as .pdf files from their website, some may still be closed and require an application for the file to be inspected, made open and copied, while others are yet to be digitised. The 2/40th War Diaries have been digitised and are available: AWM52 Item 8/3/34 which covers July 1940 to January 1942. Go to the AWM internet website: www.awm.gov.au/collection/records/awm52/diary.asp?levelID=1066 Some of these bi-monthly files are large and require a fast connection and/or a long wait.

More websites are likely to appear as interest in Sparrow Force grows. With a good search engine and keying in relevant words such as 'Sparrow Force', 'Timor', the years '1941' or '1942' along with any other words or names will reveal more detail. However, some figures and information may not necessarily agree with other records because of the different sources and ageing recollections of those men who served there.

U-tube is an ever expanding source for film records and it is another avenue for information on Sparrow Force. Again, keying appropriate words in the search engine can lead to many more hours of interesting viewing. Grant McLachlan has posted some interviews he did with Sparrow Force members, on U-tube.

Guided tours of East Timor are available now to follow the 2nd Independent Company's action from and after Dili. The former Dutch West Timor will also be more on the tour agenda after there is further interest in Sparrow Force history and its operations. On West Timor, action covered a distance of little more than 30 miles over a few months whereas the commandos on East Timor operated for about 10 months and covered a much larger area.

Updates on contacts for guided tours of West Timor from Kupang can be advised by contacting idskennerton@hotmail.com Our interpreter in Timor on a few occasions, Mr. Stanis Wanti, is an ideal guide as he was with us when we located and visited many of the original sites. See the notes in the 'Tours' folder of this CD.

