

C Force Hong Kong - RCCS Record Sheet Compiled by Burke Penny

Name: Allister, William

Date of Birth: October 5, 1919

Regimental #:D 116327

When enlisted: June 1941

Where: Montreal

Occupation/situation before enlisting: Commercial artist; actor

Hometown when enlisted: Montreal

Training location(s) and dates: Debert, Nova Scotia (Sept-Oct, 1941)

Trained as: Operator Lineman Dispatch Rider

At departure (Oct 29/41) – Marital status: S M Rank: Signalman

HONG KONG

In December assigned to any other unit?

HQ Kowloon Infantry Brigade

Location on morning of December 8th when war began:

Bowen Road Hospital

Movement/units/locations during December 8-12 (when evacuation to island took place):

Kowloon foothills; Gin Drinkers Line;

Movement/units/locations during December 13-19 period:

Victoria Barracks; Casa Bianca near Deep Water Bay; Wong Nei Chong Gap;

Location during last days of the battle (Dec 20-25):

Aberdeen; Sushin Hill; Wan Chai Gap; Victoria Barracks

Location when surrender or capture took place:

Victoria Barracks

Comments on surrender/capture:

No surrender to Japanese soldiers

Death/Illness:

Ordered to Bowen Road Hospital by Medical Officer on Dec 28 suffering from dysentery

YEARS AS P.O.W.

Prison camps where held:

Hong Kong:

North Point; Shamshuipo

To Japan:

Date: Jan 19, 1943

Ship: Tatuta Marua

Camp(s) in Japan:

Camp: Kawasaki 3D
Sumidagawa

January, 1943 – March 30, 1945
April 1 – August 29, 1945

Labour:

Painting ships (3D); unloading train cars (Sumidagawa)

Sickness/injury:

Malaria; beri beri

Location/comments when end of war announced:

Sumidagawa, August 15; announced by an American Captain

Date of liberation (and by who):

August 29, 1945 – US Marines

TRIP HOME

Locations/dates/transportation during trip back to Canada

US hospital ship, British warship to Manila (Sept 10); USS Joseph T. Dickman (left Manila Sept 25, arrived San Francisco October 16); train to Seattle (Oct 18); boat to Victoria (Oct 19)

Date of arrival back in Canada:

October 19

Date of arrival in home town:

October 30 (train from Vancouver to Montreal)

Other comments:

Author of *Where Life and Death Hold Hands*