



POST FORMOSA-PACIFIC SHELLHOLE



2025 Taiwan Remembrance Season

Remembrance Day Service



Post Formosa-Pacific Shellhole

Join Us to Remember Our Allied POWs
& to Honour Our Pacific War Fallen

11:00

Sunday, 9th November 2025

National POW Memorial & Peace Park

Buses leave from the Grand Hyatt Taipei at 09:00

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SGT	HEATON	CURTIS E.	USA
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SGT.	HEAVER	WARD A.	UK
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PFC.	HECKEL	NE	USA
PVT.	HECKMAN	LYDE L.	USA
PVT.	HEER	ROBERT B.	USA
CA	HEINBACH	WILFRED F.	USA
SP4	HEINRICH	HENRY	USA
SGM	HEINRICH	ROBBIE W.	USA
	HEINRICH	ROBERT	UK

LEST WE FORGET

PTE

HENDERSON

JOHN M.

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Remembrance Day Service, 9th November 2025, National POW Memorial Park

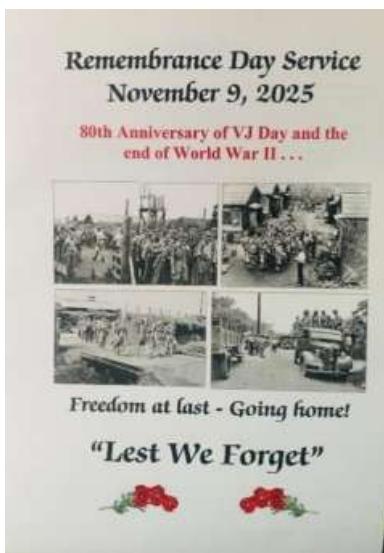
Fifteen members and associates/supporters of Post *Formosa-Pacific Shellhole*, along with members of the US *Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9957 (The Flying Tigers)*, and the *ROC Veterans Association* participated in the Remembrance Day Service at the National POW Memorial Park on the site of the former Imperial Japanese Army's Kinkaseki POW Camp (1942-1945) in Jinguashi, New Taipei City, on Sunday, 9th November.

Taiwan, a Japanese colony from 1895-1945, was the location that Imperial Japan chose to intern their most valuable POWs. Almost all the captured Allied senior officers, colonel and above, were held on Taiwan. Additionally, the most skilled technicians among Allied POWs were also sent to Taiwan. Later, additional POWs were sent to the island for use as slave labour. Ten South Africans were among the POWs held on Taiwan. Between October 1944 and August 1945, air and sea battles were fought over and around the island. Around one hundred SANF sailors and airmen serving in the British Pacific Fleet and SA Merchant Navy participated in Operation Iceberg, the Battle of Okinawa.

Tropical storms moving through the Philippines, meant rain was expected, but fortunately it held off until the end of the service. Despite the weather, over 160 people attended for the service. Members of the shellhole played significant parts during the service. OB Mark Wilkie acted as Remembrance Day emcee. DOB Scott Ellinger laid the wreath on behalf of all veterans. PFP SH Trumpeter Eric Hsu played the Last Post. Remembrance Day was hosted by the *Taiwan POW Camps Memorial Society* and *New Taipei*

City Government. The *Australian Office* was the Commonwealth co-host this year. The diplomatic corps from Australia, Canada, The Netherlands, New Zealand, and The United Kingdom were present. The United States was not present this year due to the US Government shut-down. Also present were, Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs, LT Gen. (RT) Fu Cheng-Cheng, and LT Gen. (RT) Wu Chi Liang, Vice President of the *World Veterans Federation* and Chair of the *ROC Veterans Association*.

Remembrance of Allied POWs held in Japanese POW camps on the island is very much part of our shellhole's identity. As such, the shellhole works with various Far East POW associations in the UK and Commonwealth and places dedications and remembrance messages on behalf of family members of former Allied POWs at memorials. Remembrance dedications are also done on behalf of the families of Allied aircrew lost over Taiwan.



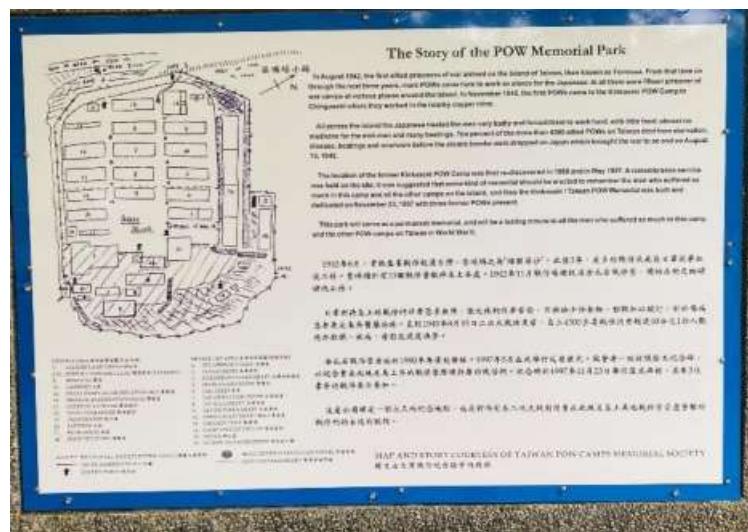






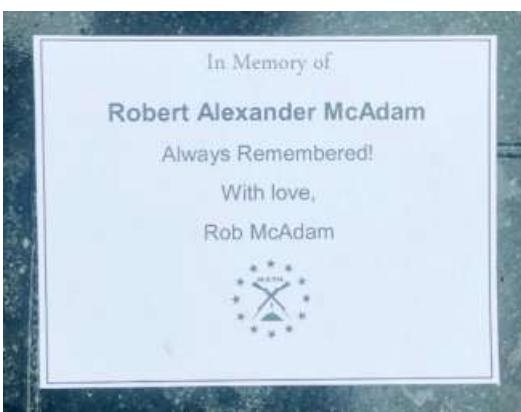






Remembrance Dedications placed on behalf of Family of Former Allied POWS

Examples of Remembrance Dedications

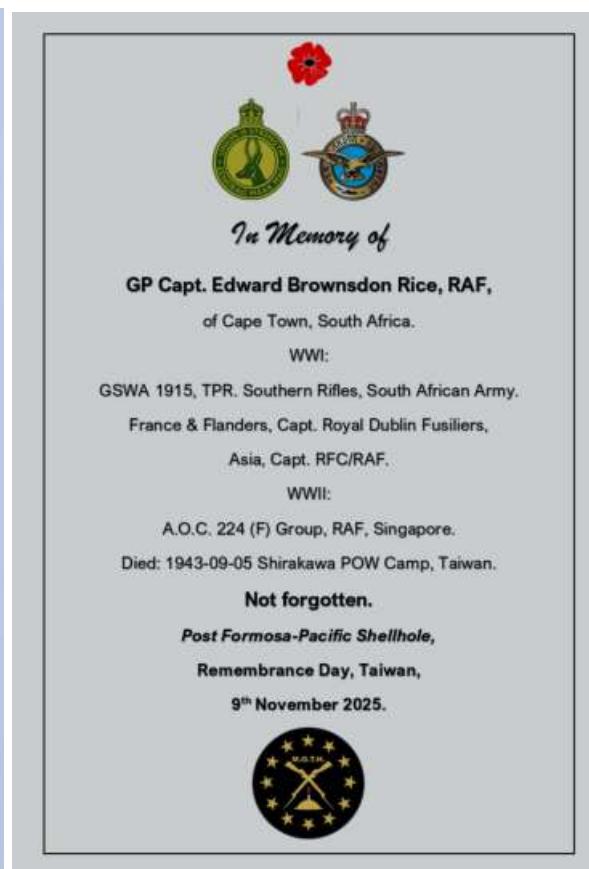
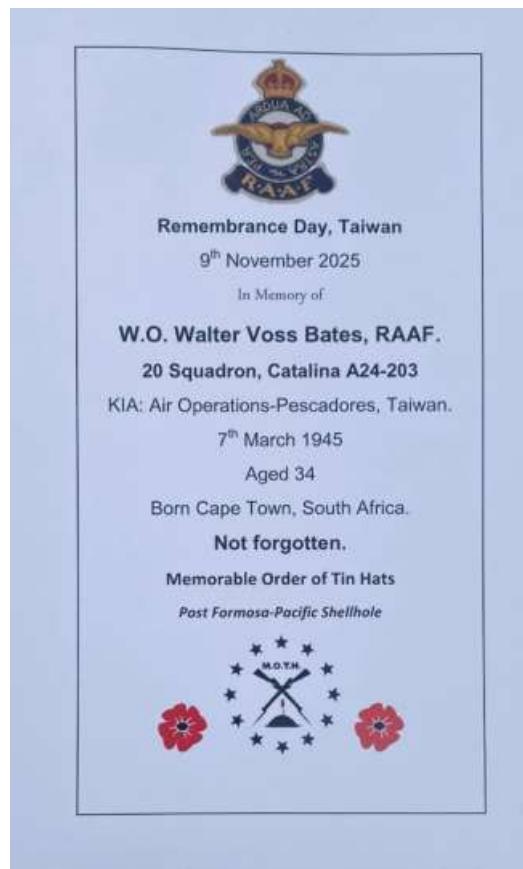
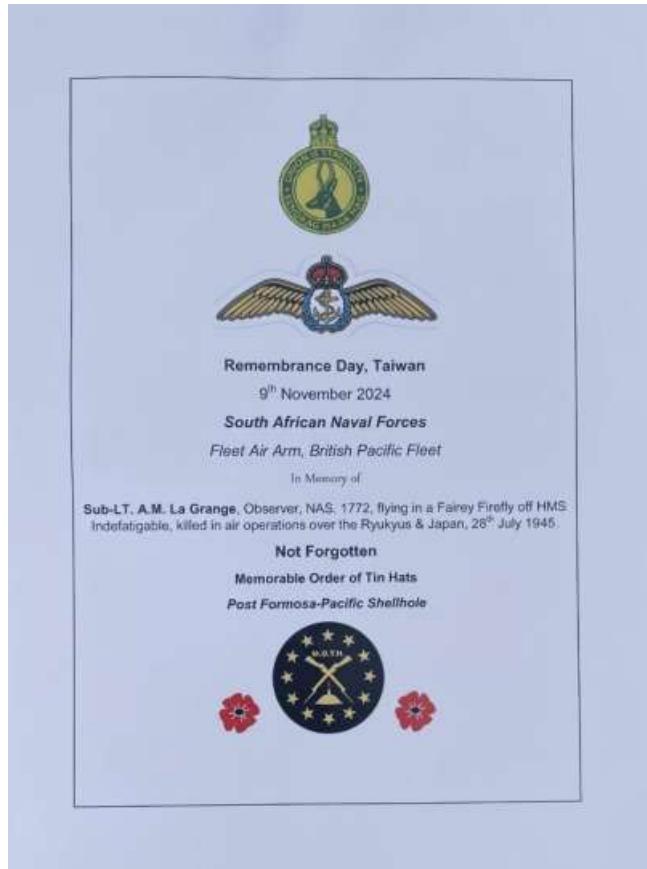


SGMN.	MAY	DENNIS L.	UK
BDR.	MAY	FRANK W.	UK
GNR.	MAY	ROY	UK
L/BDR.	MAY	STEPHEN A.	UK
PVT.	MAYHUE	LUTHER F.	USA
L/BDR.	MAYNARD	ARTHUR H.	UK
CPL.	MAYNARD	BENJAMIN	UK
CM3C	MAZE	ELVIN L.	USA
PTE.	McADAM	ROBERT A.	UK
SM2C	McAFOOS	CHARLES B.	USA
PTE.	McALLEY	ROBERT D. B.	UK
GNR.	McALLISTER	JOHN	UK
SPR.	McALPINE	GORDON	UK

Rob Mcadam

Hi Mark, would you please place a message for me remembering my dad, Robert Alexander McAdam who was in Kinkaseki for 2 and a half years. Many thanks.

Remembrance of South African Pacific War Casualties in and around Taiwan



Taichu POW Camp Remembrance Service,

10th November 2025

On the morning of 10th November, OB Mark Wilkie emceed a Remembrance Day Service in Taichung, west-central Taiwan at the Taichu POW Camp Memorial. Five family members of former Allied POWs travelled down to Taichung for the service. Four had flown out from the UK, and one from Australia. Three were children, and two grandchildren of former Taiwan POWs.





Armistice Day Service, Keelung French Military Cemetery, 11th November 2025

Deputy Old Bill Scott Ellinger represented the Shellhole at the *Bureau Français de Taipei*'s Armistice Day Service at the Keelung French Military Cemetery. Also present were *Le Souvenir Français* (The French War Graves Commission) and the British and European diplomatic corps.



Remembrance Trip to Singapore, Kranji Military Cemetery and Memorial, 25th November 2025

Moth Glenn de Villiers visited Battle of Singapore locations including the *Kranji Military Cemetery and Memorial* on 25th November. OB Wilkie compiled a list of thirty-eight South African and Rhodesian commemorations and graves in Singapore. Moth de Villiers placed remembrance wreaths on these on behalf of the Shellhole.



