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FW: POW information

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From: lynette silver [mailto:lynettersilver@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, 16 April 2011 6:31 PM
To: peter1oc@bigpond.net.au
Subject: RE: POW information

Dear Peter

I am in Borneo.

Alfred Crane died on the 2nd death march somewhere in the vicinity of Mile 62. This spot is a long way from the present day road linking sandakan to ranau.

However, this is irrelevant, as post-war search teams moved along the track, recovering the remains of those who had died on the marches.

Not **everyone** was found along this section of the track, because no one was buried. Monsoonal floods carried some away and others were scattered by wild animals. However, if Alfred Crane's remains **were** among those found, he will now lie in a grave marked 'Known unto God', in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, on Labuan Island. (off Sabah's west coast - you need to fly there from Kota Kinabalu or take a ferry - 3.25 hrs)

The relevant graves (holding bodies found between mile 60-65) are 14 D 1-2, 3-5; 23 E 6, 9; 17 C 12-14.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to **'officially'** place/bury scatter the ashes of family members of a soldier in a CWGC cemetery.

The grave markers are low concrete plinths with bronze plaques. The cemetery lawns are of fine, very short grass. However, behind each row of headstones is quite a good sized garden, planted with various flowers/shrubs.

Please email me your phone number (land line number)

I have a mobile here, and can give you a quick call.

Best wishes

Lynette

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My family will be attending Sandakan day this year at my mother's last request to spread her ashes at my grandfathers last known site his information is below

Are you able to assist with any information

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Alfred Bruce Edward Crane

NX52023

Born 9/4/01 – Glebe Sydney

Death 9/6/45 – Sandakan Borneo

Acting Corporal in 8th Division supply column