The Bridge On The River Kwai

The Man – The Movie
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Suspense and sabotage behind the Jap lines

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LtCol Nicholson
*Bridge on the River Kwai*

The *Real* LtCol Nicholson

Sir Alec Guinness

LtCol Philip Toosey
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From: [Name]

3-16. 6-30 Liverpool. 87.

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To: [Name]

Mrs. M. A. Toosey, Heath Care, Hooton Wirral, Cheshire.

Official report received that Lieutenant Colonel P. J. D. Toosey, Royal Artillery, is a prisoner of war. Letter follows shortly.

Under Secretary of State for War

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Train to Tamarkan
Guards at Tamarkan
Tamarkan Camp
ACE CONNOLLY and his KINGS OF SWING
Bobby Gale  Les Kent  Jack Biit
Eric Gibbons  Harry Prins
Jim Wildeboer  Bunny Austin

WIZARDUS  Magic & Mystery
JACK and JUDY  Memories

Les Cox  Comper:

CARSON (Sam) Edwards and his HILL BILLIES
Les Kent  Vic Livermore  George Davidson
Bob Christian  Freddie Halbard  Buck Morton
Len French  Tommy Burton  George Eaves
George Greathurst  George Templey

"On the Spot"
A play in two acts
by Bob Gale

Ben Diamond  Ronnie Parr
Ray Faircloth  Bob Gale
Les Cox  Bob Christian
Oscar Stonson  Darkie Pinnock
Albert Ryan  Vic Livermore
Norman Pritchard  Tommy Kirk
Jack Frazer  Sam Jackson
Eric Gibbons  Accordion

JOE HILL
Freddie Halbard
'Any more for Sailing'
'If I had my way'
Was it Roy?'s

BANJO BOB with Les Kent and Jim Wildeboer

'HELLFIRE'
A farcical sketch
CAPT. Martin  Lt. Hunteriss
Lt. Lowden  Lt. Chisholm

Stage Manager
Props by
Producer
John Lowden
Cameron and Co.
J. D. V. Allum
Noel Woods
Barracks
“We only have a very limited amount of food. Why should the officers eat more than the men? And indeed why should the officers sleep in officers’ sleeping quarters? They too will sleep with the men in their huts.”

LtCol Philip Toosey
Cooking
“If I have better food, fewer men will go sick and therefore you will have more workforce.”

LtCol Philip Toosey
Bathing in the Mae Khlong
Boon Pong
Diseases

Beri-beri
Cholera
Dysentery
Pellagra
Malaria

Tropical Ulcer
# Malaria Incidence/1000

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## Tamarkan Hospital

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Railway Inspection
"Either you are going to work and we will try to get the best terms we can or you are not going to work and you are going to stand there if necessary until they shoot you."

but added

"If you refuse I will stand and get shot with you."

LtCoi Philip Toosey
Working Party
Malay Workers
Major
Yoshihiko
Futamatsu
Wooden Bridge
Under Construction
“The primitive nature of the tools and the sheer numbers of men slaving away—some digging, some in long snaking queues carrying baskets of earth, some chaining sand and stone from the river bed – made for a positively biblical scene.”

Lt. Stephen Alexander
After Storm
“Well, you can perfectly easily make a proper Charlie of mixing concrete if you want to.”

LtCol Philip Toosey
A U.S. B-24 Liberator flies over the wreckage of the wooden bridge at Tamarkan.

Paul Picerni
Steel Bridge Today
THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI
“That was never like that. You could never have confronted the Japanese and caused them to lose face. That would have been fatal, I would not have survived.”

LtCol Philip Toosey
Sessue Hayakawa

Sergeant Major Teruo Saito, 1934.
"Saito was hard but he was fair and could be trusted - and you could not say that about many of them. I remember Colonel Toosey once called a strike by the prisoners because a guard beat me up. Saito got hold of the guard and beat the daylights out of him "

Capt David Boyle
Brigadier Sir Philip Toosey
“I especially remember in 1945 when the war ended and when our situations were completely reversed. I was gravely shocked and delighted when you came to shake me by the hand as only the day before you were prisoner. You exchanged friendly words with me and I discovered what a great man you were. Even after winning you were not arrogant or proud. You are the type of man who is a real bridge over the battlefield.”

Teruo Saito
Letter to Philip Toosey, 1974