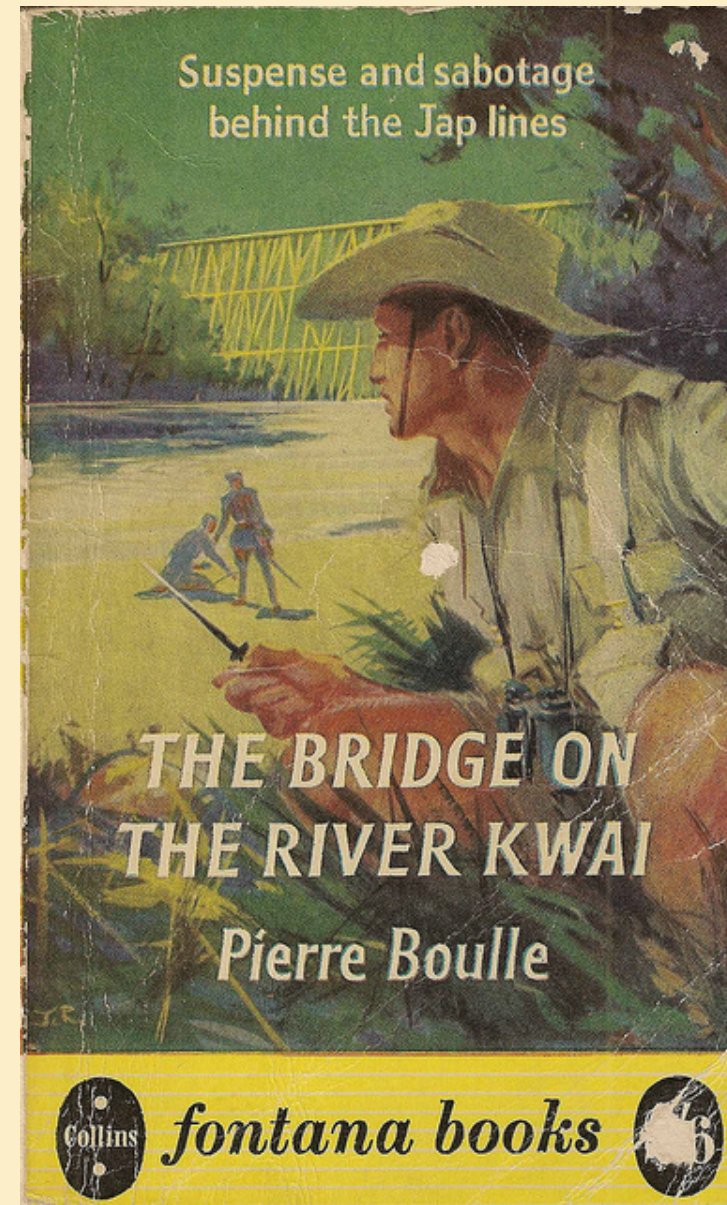


## **The Bridge On The River Kwai**

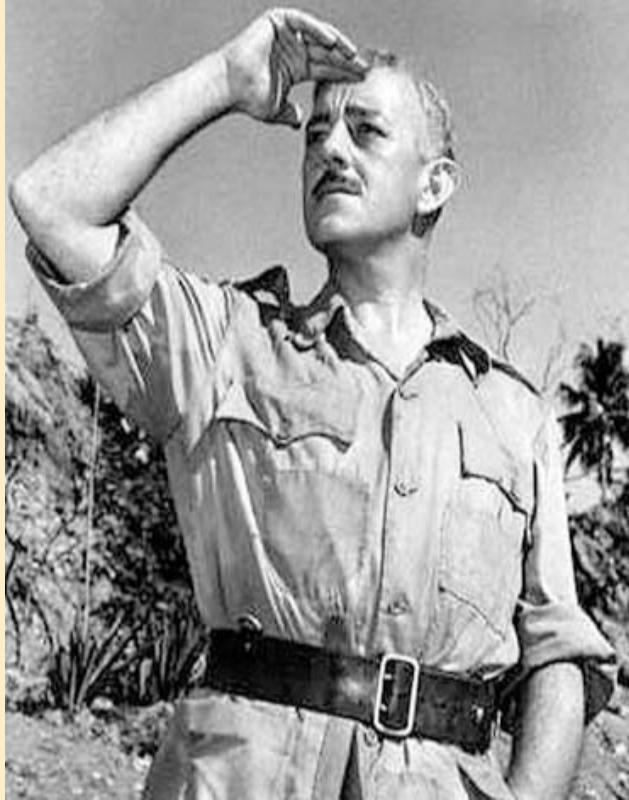
**The Man – The Movie**



# Pierre Boulle



**LtCol Nicholson**  
*Bridge on the River Kwai*



**Sir Alec Guinness**

**The *Real* LtCol Nicholson**



**LtCol Philip Toosey**



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# LOST BATTALION ASSOCIATION













# Train to Tamarkan





# Guards at Tamarkan





# Tamarkan Camp





ACE CONNOLLY and his KINGS of SWING

BOB GALE LES KENT JACK BIET  
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'Magic & Mystery'

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LES COX

COMPERE

CARSON (SAM) EDWARDS and his HILL BILLIES  
LES KENT VIC LIVERMORE GEORGE DAVIDSON  
BOB CHRISTIAN FREDDIE HALBARD BUCK MORTON  
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"On the Spot"

with

A play in two acts  
by Bob Gale

BEN DIAMOND RONNIE PARR  
RAY FAIRCLOTH BOB GALE  
LES COX BOB CHRISTIAN  
OSCAR STINSON DARKIE PINNOCK  
ALBERT RYAN VIC LIVERMORE  
NORMAN PRITCHARD TOMMY KIRK  
JACK FRAZER SAM JACKSON  
ERIC GIBBONS — ACCORDEON

JOE HILL FREDDIE HALBARD

'Any more for  
Sailing'

'If I had my way'  
Was it Romi

BANJO BOB with LES KENT and JIM WILDEBOER

HELLFIRE

with

CAPT. MARTIN  
LT. LOWDEN

Sketch

LT. HUNTRISS  
LT. CHISHOLM

Stage Manager

Props by

Producer

Assistant Producer

JOHN LOWDEN

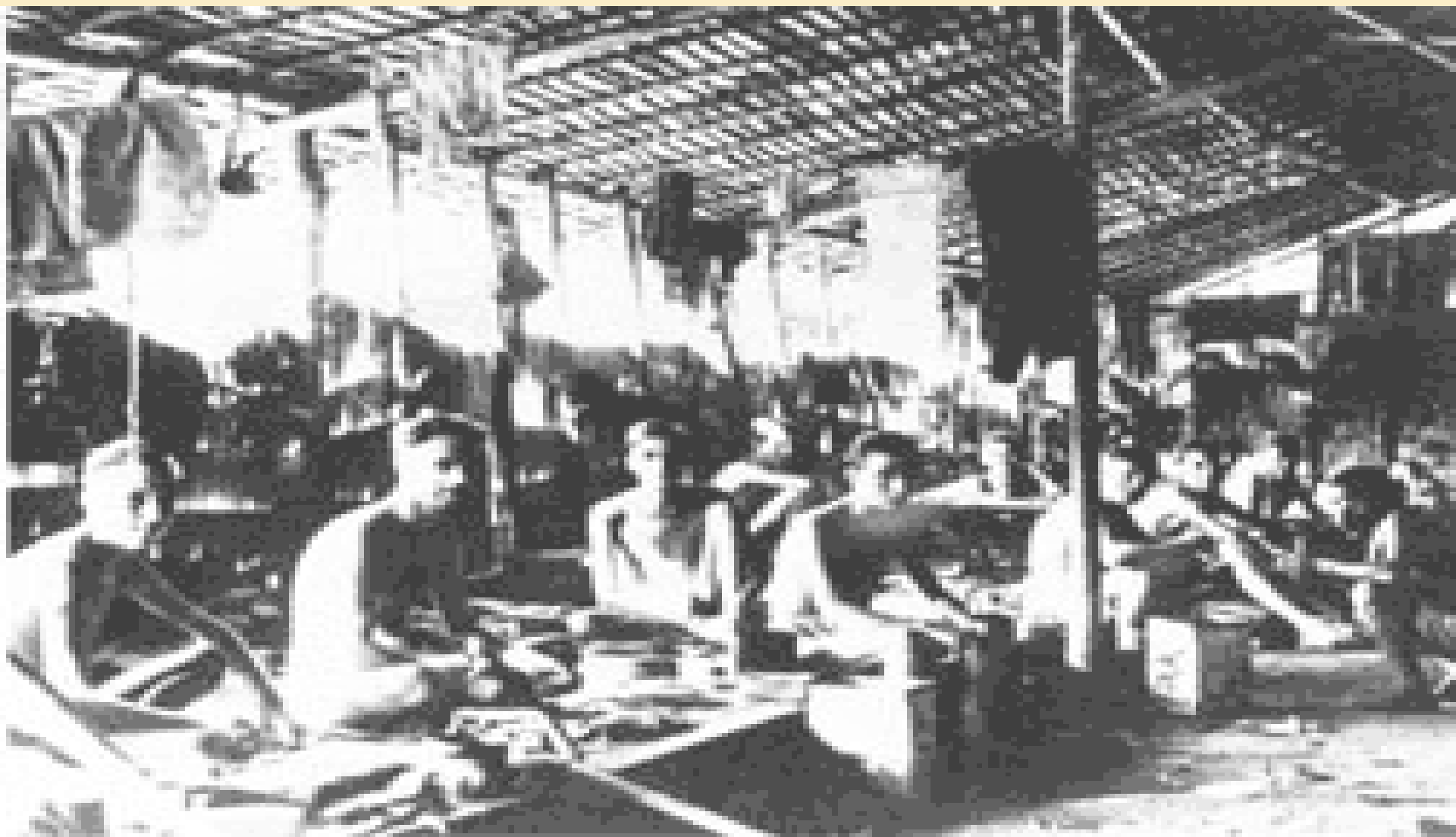
CAMERON and Co.

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





Hong Kong  
Kowloon  
Mong Kok





# Boon Pong



# Diseases

**Beri-beri**

**Cholera**

**Dysentery**

**Pellagra**

**Malaria**

**Tropical Ulcer**





# Malaria Incidence/1000

Command	1942	1943	1944	1945	Ranks
Southeast Asia Command	395	492	329	63	All
British Troops	327	560	364	108	All
	262	221	124	30	Officers
	335	628	406	128	Enlisted
Indian Troops	418	479	316	61	All
African Troops			62	12	All
US Army	123	231	156	33	All



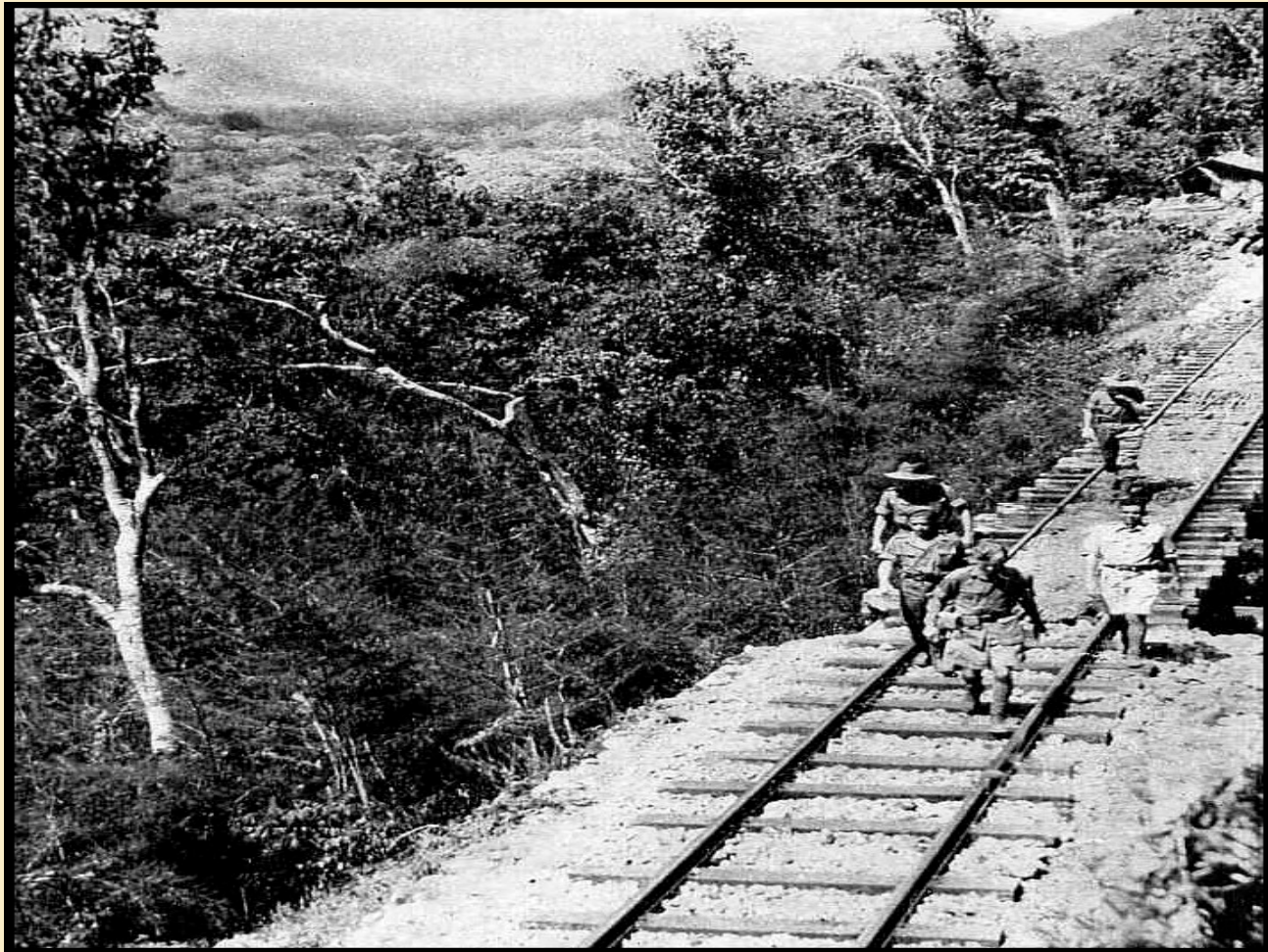
# Tamarkan Hospital

	1943		1944	
	Cases	Mortality	Cases	Mortality
Malaria	3,336	2.0%	1,753	0.7%
Tropical Ulcer	1,353	2.7%	1,129	0.0%
Amoebic Ulcer	1,309	20.3%	1,113	4.1%
Dysentery	734	17.5%	139	1.4%
Beri-beri	1,298	54.1%	559	14.7%
Cholera	134	40.3%	8	0.0%
Pneumonia	58	82.8%	19	47.4%
Other	3,349	3.6%	2,073	1.7%
Total	11,572	10.9%	6,793	2.8%

<b>Military</b>	<b># Of POWs</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
British	30,131	6,904
Dutch	17,990	2,782
Australian	13,004	2,802
American	686	131
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,811</b>	<b>12,619</b>

<b>Civilian</b>	<b># Of Slaves</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
Malayan	75,000	42,000
Burmese	90,000	40,000
Javanese	7,500	2,900
Singapore	5,200	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,700</b>	<b>85,400</b>

# 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







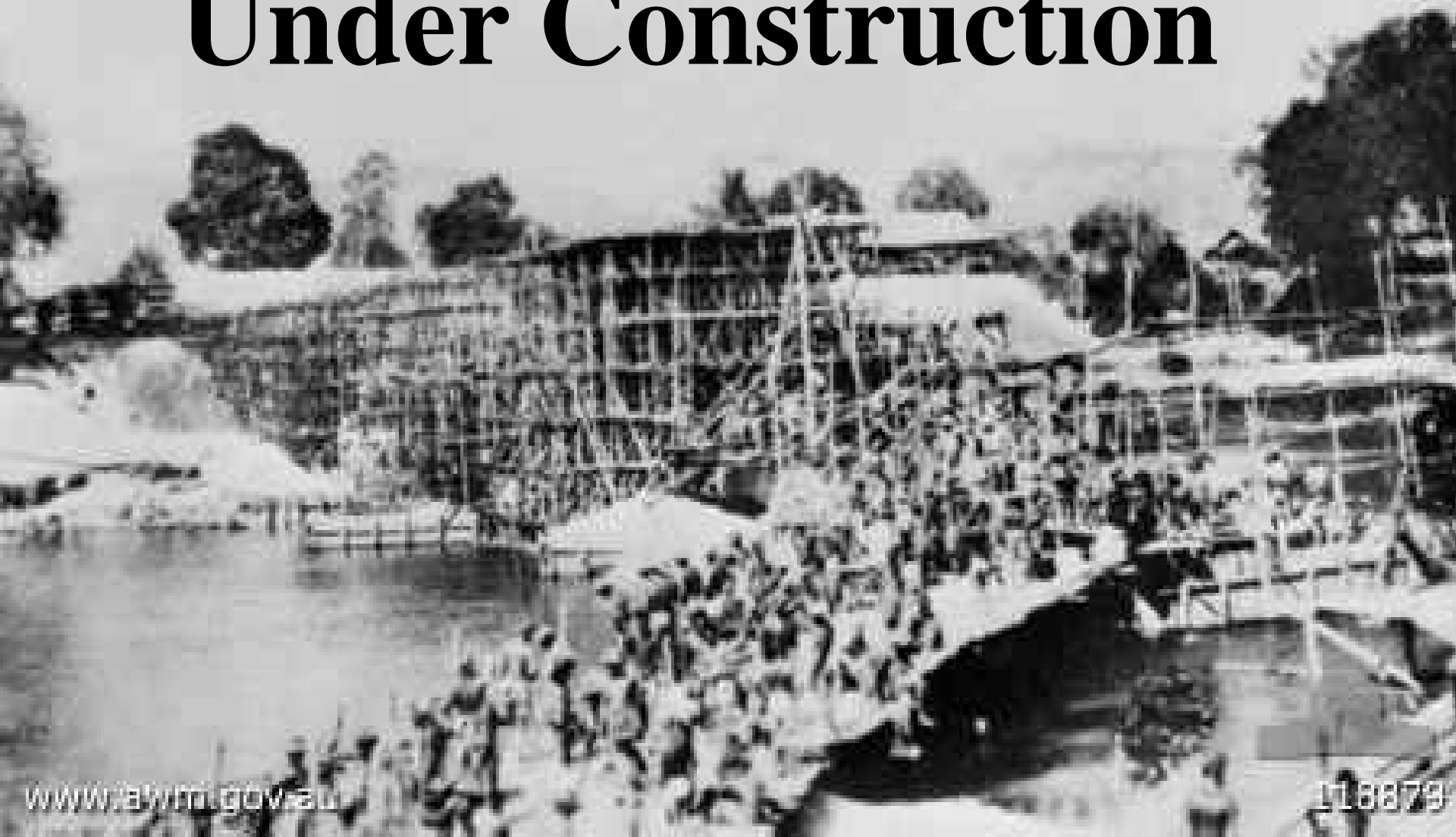
# Malay Workers



# **Major Yoshihiko Futamatsu**



# Wooden Bridge Under Construction

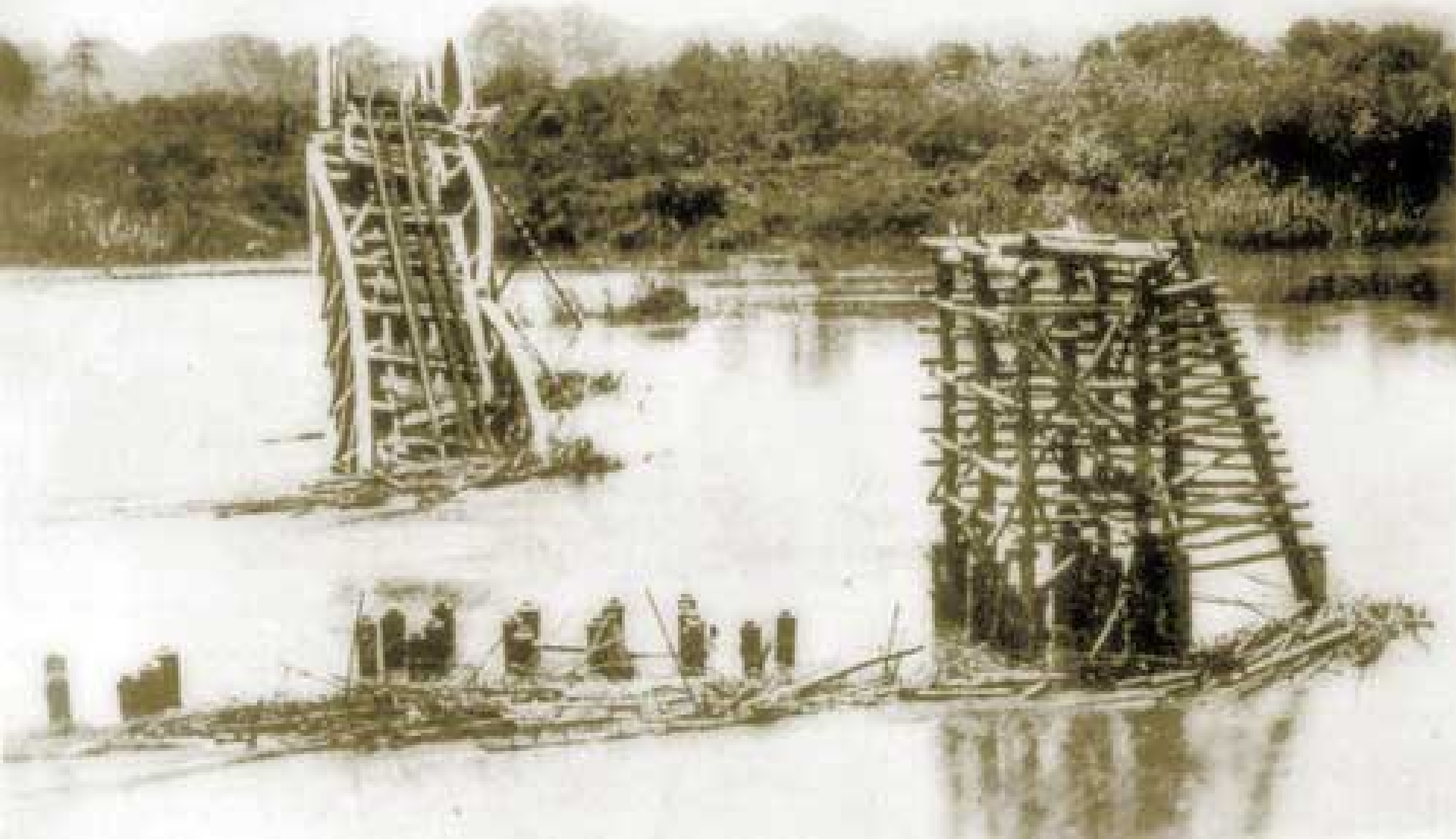




**“The primitive nature of the tools and the sheer numbers of men slaving away—some digging, some in long snaking queues carrying baskets of earth, some chaining sand and stone from the river bed – made for a positively biblical scene.”**

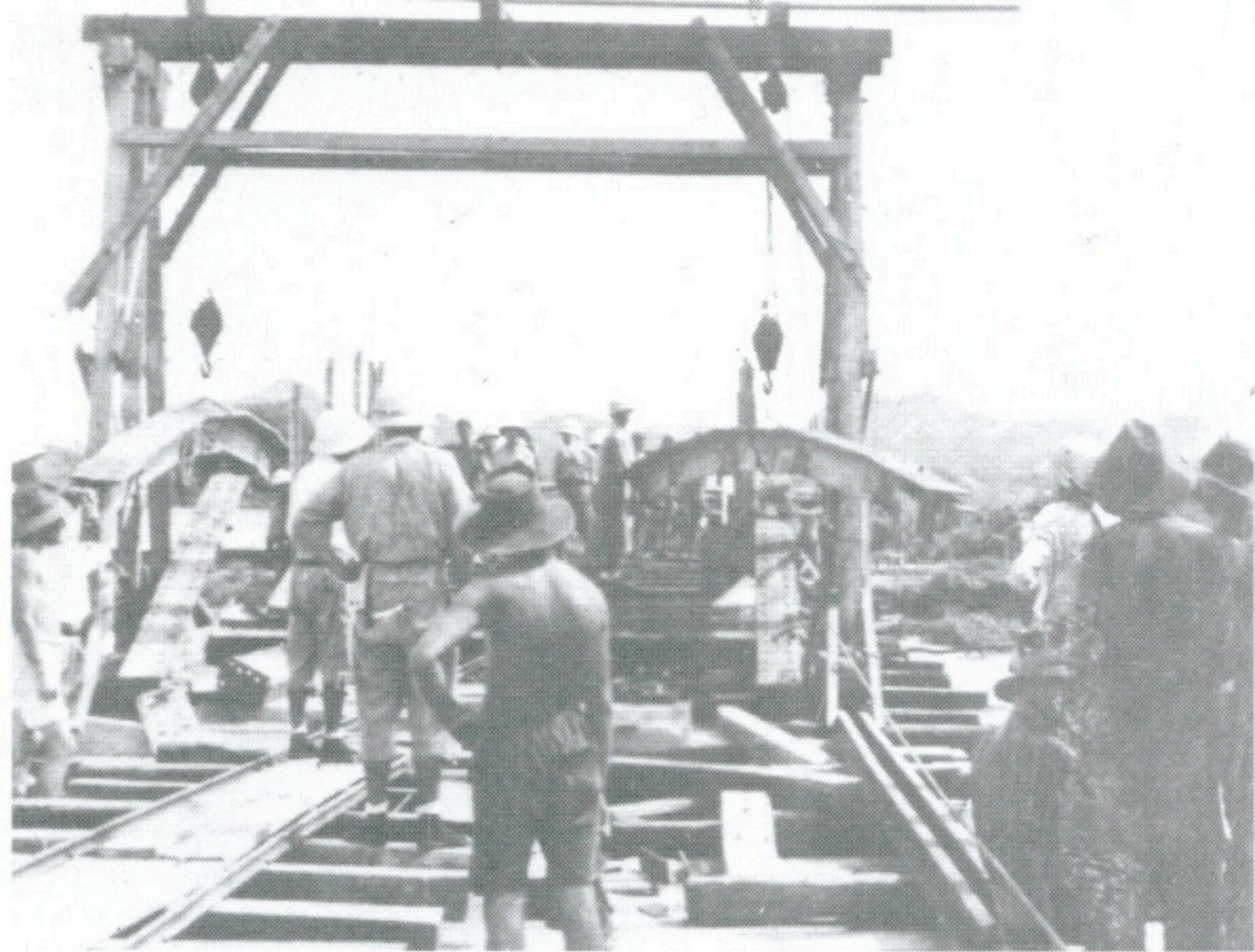
**Lt. Stephen Alexander**

# After Storm





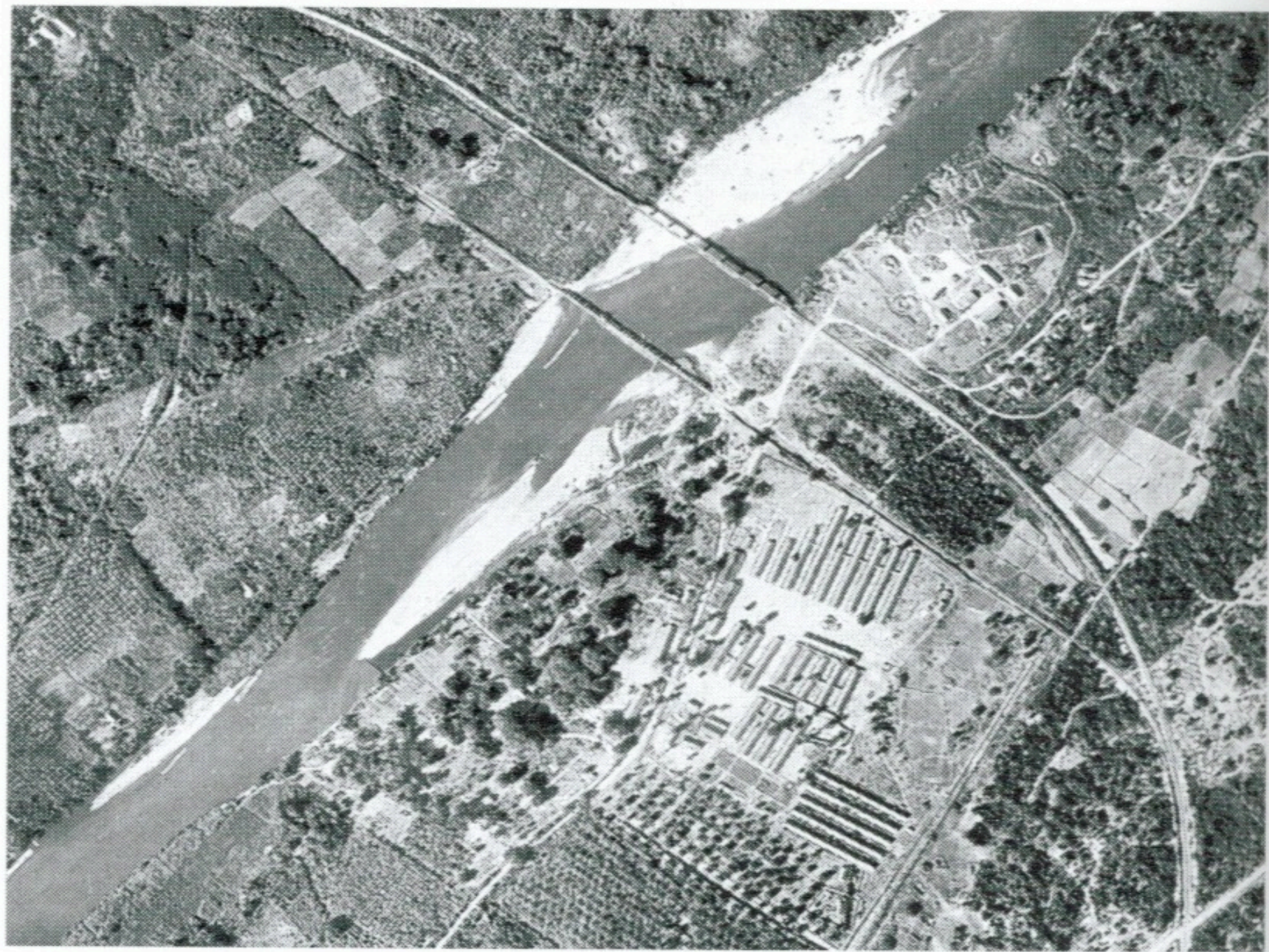





**“Well, you can perfectly easily  
make a proper Charlie of mixing  
concrete if you want to.”**

**LtCol Philip  
Toosey**







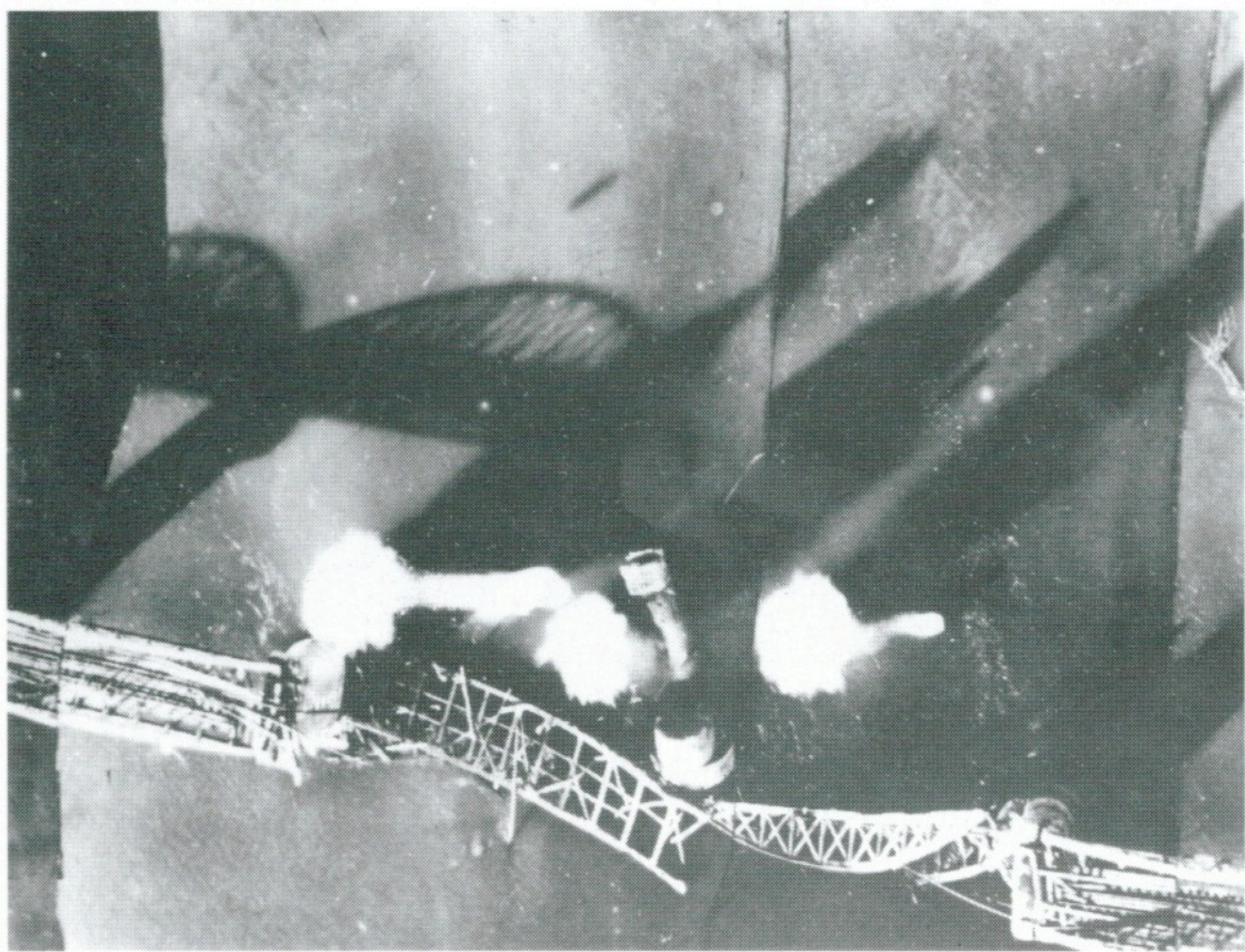
A black and white aerial photograph showing a B-24 Liberator bomber in flight. The aircraft is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame. Below it, a large plume of white smoke or dust rises from the ground, obscuring parts of the landscape. The ground appears to be a mix of dark, possibly forested areas and lighter, possibly damaged or cleared land. The overall scene suggests a military operation or a bombing raid.

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



**Paul Picerni**







# After Bombing



# 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**





**Geoffrey Horne**

**LT Joyce**

**Alec Guinness**

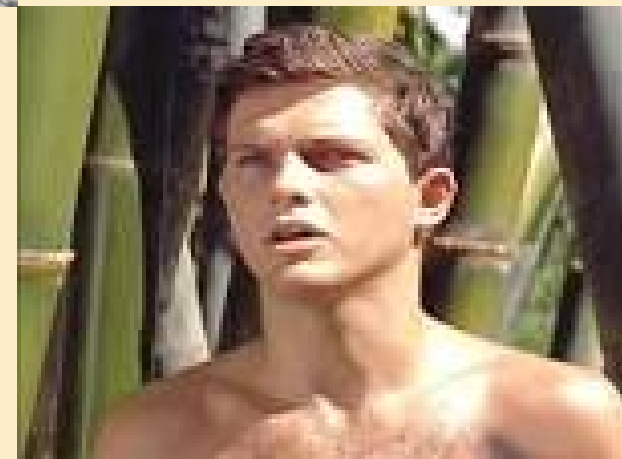
**William Holden**

**Jack Hawkins**

**LtCol  
Nicholson**

**CDR Shears**

**Major Warden**













**Ian Watt**





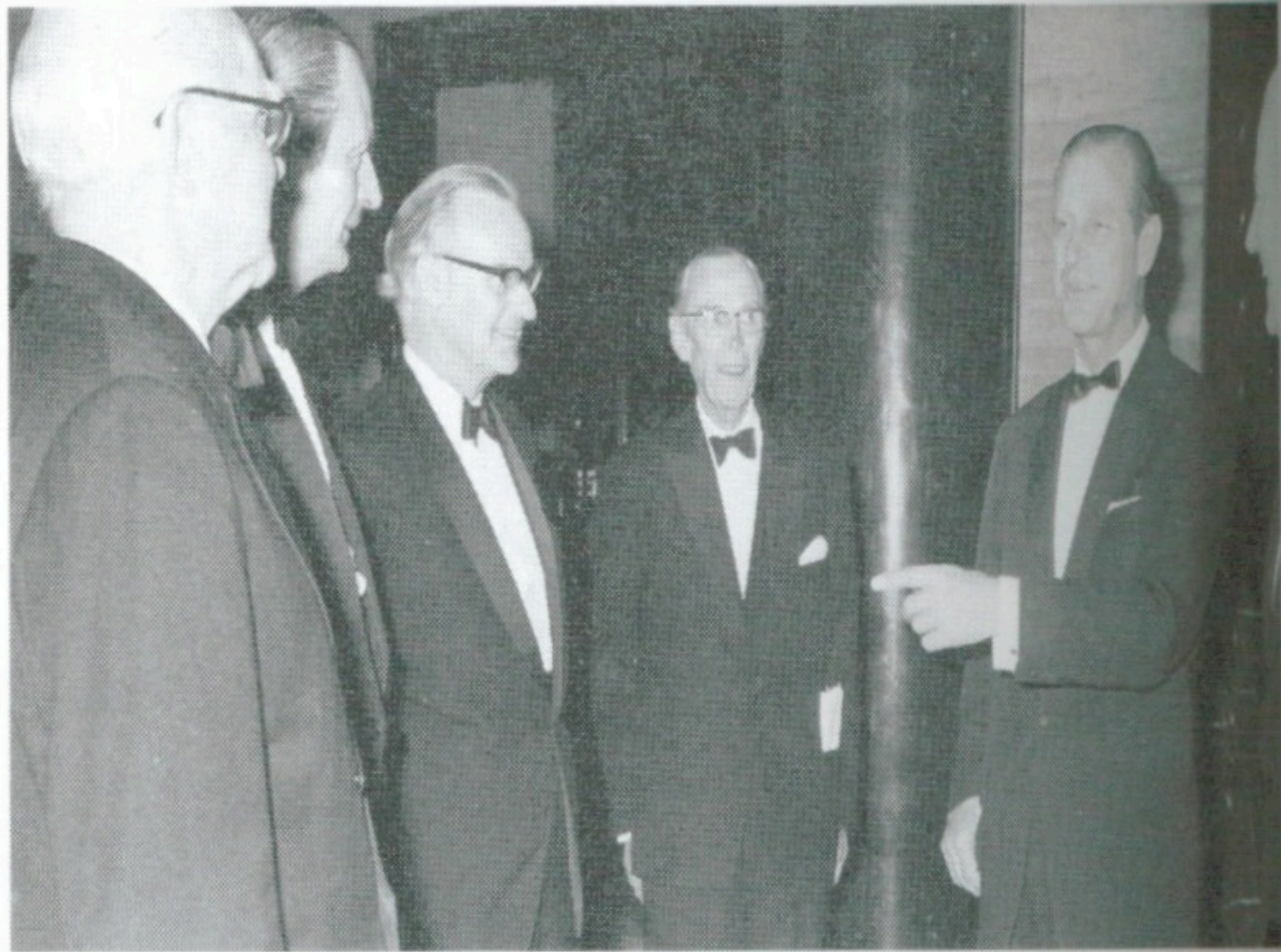








**Brigadier Sir Philip Toosey**







IN  
LOVING  
MEMORY OF  
CATHERINE DIXON  
BORN 3TH JUNE 1908  
DIED 13TH JAN 1974  
BELOVED WIFE OF JIM  
CHERISHED MOTHER OF  
ANN, LILY, PAT AND FAMILIES  
JIM DIXON  
BORN 1ST FEB 1909  
DIED 11TH JULY 1976  
OUR BELOVED PARENTS  
RE-UNITED

IN  
LOVING  
MEMORY OF  
PHILIP JOHN  
DENTON TOOSEY  
12 AUGUST 1904  
22 DECEMBER 1975  
FROM ALL HIS FAMILY  
MURIEL ALEXANDRA TOOSEY  
13 OCTOBER 1903  
MARCH 1978  
TOGETHER AGAIN

IN  
LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
ETHEL GRACE ROYLE  
DIED 8TH FEB

**“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**



