

THREE PAGODA PASS

Burma Border

KILO. 226 (?)

Small working camp. Officers only. July - Oct. 43. Railway finished. Oct. Continuous rain. Working conditions very bad. Here I worked for a month in Jap cook house. Had first go of malaria. Only 36 officers left out of original officers working party of over 300.

KILO. 224

Oct. 43 - March 44.

Good camp in huts. Railway finished. Very little work. Very good Xmas here. Small camp. 40 officers 300 men. First heard Allied planes in large numbers here.

TAKANUN

Furthest north base camp for Group 2.

Gp. 2 came up to finish this section of line in May 1943. I was here May - July 43. Didn't do much work as I was laid up with ulcers. Monsoon began here & made conditions very bad. Cholera broke out in June. Living in tents. Worst camp we were in. The Japs at this stage began a big drive to finish railway early, so we worked much harder - dawn till after dark building bridges.

KINSAYOK

KANYI

From Tarsao to Takanun - 100 kilometres. We marched this at one stretch. It took a week. My ulcer developed here.

TARSAO

Base camp. Group 4. Stayed here 2 days end April 43 on way up.

WANTO April 43 Worked a month here: most difficult section of railway round cliff face. We were cutting timber etc for viaducts. Lived in tents.

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Did this stretch up river by barge. as I was sick

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CHONGKAI

KAMBURI

Officers Camp. Mar 45 - June 45.

By lorry ↑

BAMPONG

Arrived. 11-11-43

→ Bangkok

(Nakhon Nyok - east of Bangkok)

Feb. 43 + Mar 43.

Did no work here. Sick with jaundice

Nov. 42 - Feb 43

Began working on railway end of Dec. 42. Bridge building. Lived in huts

I passed through here in Nov. 42

- returned in Mar 44, when it had expanded into very large camp holding over 10000. Left here in Mar 45 for Kamburi.

Bombing became heavy towards end of 44.

Kamburi & bridge over river raided several times

Planes came straight over Chong Kai. One bomb fell inside camp at Kamburi.