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Subject: FW: Public Hearing - WW2 Far East Prisoners of War - Keith Dickinson [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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Hi Frank and Val

It was great to have a chat and catch up on newsyou are formally rebuked for coming to Bunbury and NOT catching up with us. We would love to see you both and talk bullshit as well as catch up on the good old days. You have been warned.

I am glad that I send the email nominating Val's uncle Keith as we would not have known that he has already been awarded the Commendation for Gallantry as per the email below. I just believe that it is a sign of respect for these Diggers that perished in terrible conditions far from home and family. That they are still remembered to today (and on the Internet for ever) is true Lest we Forget.

Look forward to catching up soon.

Cheers

Gary

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From: Kopplemann, Jay MR [<mailto:jay.kopplemann@defence.gov.au>] **On Behalf Of** DHA Tribunal
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Subject: RE: Public Hearing - WW2 Far East Prisoners of War - Keith Dickinson [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear Mr Martin

Thank you for your submission in support of the late Gunner Keith Dickinson.

You may wish to note that Gunner Dickinson has already been recognised with a Commendation for Gallantry, following an earlier Inquiry by the Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal.

The Tribunal's report can be found here: <https://defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au/inquiries/completed-inquiries/far-east-pow/>

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards

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Hi

I only saw the public notice of the Tribunal Hearings in Perth when I saw the notice in Saturday 3 December 2016 West Australian newspaper. As I live in the country and due to the short notice I cannot attend the hearing in Perth this morning.

However, if not already under consideration, I wish to nominate Gnr Keith Johnson Dickinson VX 57167 2/15 Aust.Fld. Regt who was executed in Burma on or about 15 March 1943 after being recaptured after an escape attempt.

I have attached an extract that relates to this issue.

I became aware of Dickinson some years ago through a niece of his and for whom I undertook to do some research as she only knew he had died as a POW. I have since located his burial site in the War Cemetery in Thailand and my son has visited the grave while attending Anzac Day services on the Burma Railway.

I believe this is an integral part of the Lest we Forget duty we have, and that Diggers like Dickinson could never in their wildest dreams imagine that we could sit back in our homes and research and learn about their service and sacrifice. His suffering and his final terrifying moments can never be fully appreciated, but we can make sure he is remembered.

I trust his escape and subsequent execution is recognised by an appropriate Award.

Thank you

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