

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society, Roseangle Gallery, Dundee  
on 8 October 2015**

**Terence Pickering FRPSL 'Japanese Military & POW Mail'**

**Welcome:** The president welcomed members and visitors to the meeting

**Apologies for absence:** Ron Goodfellow, David Dobson, George Soutar, Peter Dix, Doug Howkins and David Cree

**Attendance:** 15 Members and 4 Visitors

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> September were approved on the proposal by Peter Taylor and seconded by Dennis Collins.

**Display:** The meeting saw members receive a display of Japanese Military and POW Mail from Terence Pickering which consisted of letters and postcards where all items on display were related in some way to the Thai-Burma Railway. The display began with a brief history of why the railway was built. The initial letters on display were related to Japanese Military Mail followed by Prisoner of War mail for the British, Australian and Dutch prisoners held in the camps in Burma. These included a few letters sent from a Sgt Pike to his family indicating he was well. The second part of the display was a continuation of Prisoner of War mail but this time for those prisoners held in camps in Thailand, including one letter sent to an escaped prisoner whom the Japanese were requesting to return due to an outbreak of malaria. Rules did not allow for prisoners to send letters from camp to camp but Terence displayed one which managed to be sent out using one of the couriers. Another postcard on display sent by a prisoner included a pencil drawn self portrait. Next on display were a set of letters for the civilian internees i.e the Tamils and Malays. The display was rounded with some correspondence telling the story of Douglas Bolton from the time of his capture till his release and repatriation which included airgrams and telegrams.

**Business:**

President: Videos of the 5pm displays at 'The Royal' can be found on Youtube.

Secretary: Copies of ABPS News and some ABPS pamphlets are available on the desk.

Packet Secy: Packet Nos 98 and 99 issued, Numbers 100 and 101 are imminent.

Librarian: Work still continuing. New Horizon labels are on sale and allowed members to see what they looked like,

Webmaster: Updates to website have recommenced.

ASPS Rep: A delegates meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> October during Scotex.

**Vote of Thanks:** The vote of thanks was given by Charles Lloyd who complimented Terence on an excellent display.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Morning Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> November 10am till Noon  
Evening Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> October (**Queens Hotel**)  
Surprises in GB by Jean & Crawford Alexander