

TASMANIAN PRISONERS AT SAIGON

MELBOURNE, Sun. — The names of four Tasmanian prisoners of war were mentioned in a broadcast from Saigon, Indo-China, last night.

They were TX3344 Cpl L. A. Dwyer, TX3354 Cpl W. Imlach, TX3574 Cpl G. E. Lloyd (all of the 2/40 Battalion), and TX4477 Dvr R. C. Taylor (3/2 Motor Ambulance Convoy).

The broadcast, picked up by the Dept. of Information's listening post in Melbourne, was made by Padre Frank Kellow, a Victorian, speaking in the name of 164 Australian prisoners in camp at Saigon.

It was made possible by the co-operation of French officers landed by parachute in Indo-China a few days ago.

Most of the Australians, Padre Kellow said, were captured in Singapore in February, 1942. Since then they had travelled and worked in many countries.

The resources of Saigon had been placed at the disposal of the prisoners, who were deeply grateful for the consideration they had received since their emancipation.

The health of the troops is fair, and food is good. Right throughout their captivity the morale of the Australians had been high, Padre Kellow said.

Most of them had received only two batches of mail in 3½ years and were anxious to know how their people were faring in Australia.