

MESSAGE FROM ROY DUNDON

PRISONER OF WAR IN JAVA

Great joy was experienced in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dundon, of Beach street, Frankston, this week, when they received the following message in a letter from the Navy Office.

The message is as follows:—

Dear Mother,—Well, I suppose this letter will be a bit of a surprise, as I don't suppose you have heard if I am alive or not. I was very lucky, and got off ship without any serious injury. I cannot tell you much about how we are getting on, as we are only allowed to write a one-page letter. We go out on working parties for which we are now getting paid. This helps the funds along and also gives us a good deal of physical exercise. We get a canteen twice a week. We are eating rice and stew three times a day. It took a little getting used to at first, but when we got used to it, it is not as bad as you think. How are the family getting along, also Maisie and Les? I suppose the baby has grown a lot since I last saw him. How is Ted getting along? I suppose he is (active) by now. Give Sylvia my love and tell Muriel not to worry. When you answer this letter be sure that you get the right address, which is at the top of the letter. I do not want yours to go astray. The weather in Java is quite different to that in Australia. Here we have two seasons, wet and dry. We are in the midst of the wet season, and it is far too hot for my liking, and I hope it won't be long before I return to Australia, where we do not have the one humid heat all the time. If you want any photos of me, taken just before we left Australia, you can get them from Miss

tralia, you can get them from Miss Dorothy Salmon, 14a Homeberry St, Croydon, Sydney. Also send her my best wishes. We have been having concerts once a week and they are quite good, considering that there is not much material to make garments for the actors. Some of the best artists are Wilbur Clarke from Sorrento, also Mick Towers and Ernie Hough from Frankston, both of them in the A.I.F. Remember me to the Meehans and Landmans. As this is all I can write, I must close now, hoping to hear from you soon. Love to all, Roy.