

SURVIVING THE SWORD

LEN HYGATE'S STORY OF SURVIVAL AS A P.O.W. IN SARAWAK

Len Hygate, left England in 1935 to work for accountants in Singapore. He was captured when Singapore fell on 15th February 1942 and was held in Changi as well as work camps on Singapore Island. In March 1943 he was sent to Kuching with a group of 1,000 fellow prisoners, briefly staying in Batu Lintang before being sent, with a group of around 150 of his fellow Malayan Volunteers, to a work camp on the Dahan Rubber Estate near Bau. The work was to open the road to the old Tegora mercury mine. The camp was located near Kampong Puak, reported to be in the "Coolie compound" of the Dahan Estate.

TELANG USAN HOTEL, KUCHING

WEDNESDAY, 1ST MARCH, 2023 AT 5:30PM



Colin Hygate

Colin Hygate, son of Len Hygate, will be sharing his father's story when he was captured and held as a Prisoner of War in 1942 till his release in 1945.

He will explain the circumstances of his father's good fortune in surviving Japanese captivity, some of the stories surrounding his captivity. He hopes you find his talk of interest but also that someone may have further information that can locate the exact site of the Puak camp.



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