

## ***The Sudden Storm Part 1: Comprehension worksheet - modified***

Listen to Part 1 of *The Sudden Storm* and answer the following questions. Approximate time indications have been provided.

1. What year did the ship called the Vyner Brook leave Singapore? (8:27)
2. How many nurses were on board the ship? (8:41)
3. How many soldiers from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Brigade of the 8<sup>th</sup> Division left Sydney on the ship called the Queen Mary in February 1941? (9:38)
4. What is AANS stand for? (10:00) Circle the correct response:  
Australian Army Nursing Scheme  
Australian Army Nursing Service  
Australian Army Naval Service
5. How many nurses left Australia in September 1941? (10:20)
6. When did the real move to bring home Australian troops from the Middle East begin? (11:59)
7. What did Professor Christina Twomey say life was like for the nurses at first? (12:48)  
Circle the correct response:  
An adventure  
A terrible time
8. Malaya was part of Britain, a British colony? (15:02)  
Circle the correct response: True False
9. The nurses moved to Singapore after the Japanese attacked? (17:37)  
Circle the correct response: True False

10. Who was the commander of the Australian forces in Singapore? (18:42)

Circle the correct response:

Major General Gordon Bennett

Major General Harry Green

11. The nurses did not want to leave the men they were looking after behind (19:28 – 19:57)

Circle the correct response: True False

12. What was the Empire Star? (20:17)

Circle the correct response:

A ship that people escaped Singapore on

A ship that sunk

13. Listen carefully and fill in the missing words and numbers? (21:07)

*The final group of \_\_\_\_ nurses were loaded aboard the smaller SS Vyner Brooke, a cargo steamship and sometime Royal Yacht of the then British Raj of Sarawak. Having been requisitioned by the Royal \_\_\_\_, it was now crammed with nearly \_\_\_\_ evacuees, defence personnel and civilians -- many of whom \_\_\_\_ and children. It left Singapore on the evening of Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 19\_\_.*

14. How long did it take for the Vyner Brooke to sink? (23:38)

Circle the correct response:

½ hour (30 minutes)

1 hour

15. How many survived the sinking of the ship (the Vyner Brooke) and made it to Bangka Island? (24:07)

16. What happened to the surviving men on the beach? (25:14)

17. How many women were shot on the Beach? (25:37)

18. What did Irene Drummond say to her nurses? (26:58) Fill in the blanks:

Chin \_\_\_\_, girls, I'm proud of you, and I \_\_\_\_ you all.