

The Sudden Storm Part 2: Comprehension worksheet - modified

Listen to Part 2 of *The Sudden Storm* and answer the following questions. Approximate time indications have been provided.

1. The other people who survived the sinking of the ship called the Vyner Brooke became prisoners of the Japanese ? (0:48)

Circle the correct response: True False

2. Where were the nurses found after the war had ended? (1:09)

Circle the correct response:

Rubber plantation in Sumatra

Australia

On the ship called the Vyner Brooke

3. How many of the nurses died while a prisoner of the Japanese? (1:25)

4. The nurses were sent to Singapore to rest after they were found? (1:35)

Circle the correct response: True False

5. According to Ian Shaw who wrote the book of *On Radji Beach* the rescued nurses weighed 30kg ? (1:46)

Circle the correct response: True False

6. The nurses were wearing Red Cross arm bands (3:16)

Circle the correct response: True False

7. Listen carefully and fill in the blanks:

Yeah, in September 1945, when Matron-in-Chief of the _____ Nurses, Colonel Annie Sage went to meet newly liberated women on the tarmac of Lahat airport... Expecting to meet the _____ nurses from the Vyner Brooke, reportedly she took _____ lipsticks with her for their journey back to Singapore. She was shocked to discover that only _____ out of the 65 women had survived the war, only recognisable from their uniforms which they had valiantly patched together. She said it was “_____ of the most moving experiences” of her life.

8. Some of the men in hospital wanted to get out of bed to punish the Japanese for what they had done to the nurses (9:12)

Circle the correct response: True False

9. Vivian Bullwinkel survived on the beach because she could swim really well (10:20)

Circle the correct response: True False

10. Where were the Japanese on Bangka Island a few weeks earlier? (16:24)

Circle the correct response:

Hong Kong

Jakarta

Australia

11. Professor Christina Twomey hopes that if people find out about how bad war is, that it will stop them from fighting in the future? (36:30 – 37:40)

Circle the correct response: True False

