

CORPORAL JOSEPH CLIFFORD BOESE - POW 33295
7th REINFORCEMENTS NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES REG: 19661
INFANTRY BURNHAM, BLENHEIM, NEW ZEALAND
d.o.b. 17.10.1905

I obtained a copy of my Grandfathers New Zealand Military Forces File. I don't recall him talking about the war and any details or stories I have are from the generation above me, and from those in his file.

Embarked for Egypt 15 SEPTEMBER 1941. Disembarked Egypt 20th Oct 1941. Reported missing and POW 15 July 1942.
19th October 1942 Rome cables @ POW Camp.

WWII POW Transit Camps on way to Stalag VIII B Łambinowice, Poland.
Vatican Radio 12 Feb 1943 states at Campo 66 PM 3400 Italy.
8th March 1943 transferred to Grupignano Campo PG57 PM Italy
3200

POW Stalag VIII B Łambinowice, Poland.
Notes say Teschen POW No 33295.
4 Jan 1944 Transferred to Stalag 344 Germany POW 33295.
File notes state address 27 Jan to 2 June 1944 is Stalag VIII B.
My Grandfather came back with scars on his chest from where he had been deliberately cigarette burnt by the German Nazis. I remember being told my Grandfather was force-marched on The Long March through the snow. Along the way he found a cross on a chain in the snow. Safe in UK 12 May 1945. He gave his "great coat" to a family in England to use to make clothing for their children before embarking home for New Zealand.

He received the:

Africa Star
1939-45 Star
War Medal 1939-45
NZ War Service Medal