EXPANDED SPARROW FORCE COMMAND to Timor - Duty & Rank Order

Reinforcements were proposed to strengthen Sparrow Force on Dutch West Timor to a Brigade strength, the 2/4th Pioneer Btn. & US 148th Artillery Regiment. This group left Darwin on 15.02.1942 but the convoy was bombed *en route* and returned to Darwin. Some of these ships were then sunk in Darwin harbour a few days later.

	Duty	Rank	Name	Regt no.	Notes
A M party	arr. 12.2.42	brig	Veale, William Charles D.	VX 43445	Commander enlarged Sparrow Force
		maj	Cape, Timothy Frederick	VX 74788	previously VP7430
		capt	Arnold, George John	VX 40601	HQ Sparrow Force
		capt	Parker, George Edwin	NX 34821	Sig 1
		capt	Scott, Edward Thomas T.	VX 46714	Bde AASC officer
		lieut	Speight, Sydney Carton	NX 52123	
			Elwood, Alfred James	VX 67548	later 'Z' unit
		lieut	Fitzgerald, Arthur Joseph	VX 39357	Brigade Amenities officer
		lieut	Rose, Robert Turner McInt.	VX 46432	OC Def. Pl.
		lieut	Silvester, Alexander Noel H.	VX 40589	Sig 2
		cpl	Cooper, Philip Owen	NX 10607	
		cpl	Gregg, Ernest Harry	NX 7435	later 'Z' unit
		cpl	Morrisey, Joseph William	NX 60209	stayed on, joined 2 nd Ind. Coy.
		cpl	Stewart, Frederick Augustus	NX 73149	
		cpl	Young, Joseph William	VX 31771	HQ Sparrow Force
		pte	Cloutt, James Heathcote		2/3rd Pioneer Btn.
		pte	Freeman, Johnny	NX 41543	stayed on, joined 2 nd Ind. Coy.
		pte	Gould, Albert Goulding	VX 7553	Communications
		pte	Long, Alexander James	QX 19746	
		sig	Heywood, Edwin	TX 1690	
		sig	Jasper, William Roy		later 'Z' unit
		spr		VX 58073	stayed on, joined 2 nd Ind. Coy.
		spr	Barnier, Arnold Ray	NX 7116	
		cfts	Smith, George James	VX 25105	
		pte	Pearson, Warick	NX 51468	
		pte	Simpson, George Charles	NX 10939	Supply Coy.
		pte	Thompson, Jack	NX 49771	stayed on, joined 2 nd Ind. Coy.
		pte	Williams, David Roy	NX 53551	stayed on, joined 2 nd Ind. Coy.

Arrived by Empire flying boat from Darwin on 11 Feb. 1942, Captains Arnold, Parker, Callaghan (2/4th Pioneer Btn) and Lt.-Col. Phillips (CO US Field Regt.)