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To R.A.F. Museum
Hendon.

Dear General.

In the hope that it will be of use to you I am sending what is thought to be one of only two copies in existence of a magazine "Mark Time". The other copy is with Sir Laurens Van der Post who refers to it in his book 'The night of the Full Moon' which relates life in a Java P.O.W. camp.

One of the chiefly responsible people for the limited production of this magazine was Capt Tom Blake of Bardonia-in-Dunelm, of the R.A.F. medics. He was later awarded MBE for his services to R.N.L.I. This copy was produced in early days of internment and survived many searches etc.

The caricature on the front is of Col E. C. Dunlop of Australian A.M.C. who has since become Sir Dunlop OBE for his

service to Australian Medicine.

Only a few editions were published and only about four copies of each - this being the first edition. After being passed around the troops - lots were drawn to decide owners. This copy was given to me by the widow of Capt Blake on Jans passing.

I have not as yet visited Khandar museum but as I am given to understand that you have a section for such items I hope that this can be preserved as an insight into the ingenuity of British troops at such times.

Yours very sincerely

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