

Just a note to say I found out that Tom Mitchell brought back the 'Krait' sign from Singapore, after being released from Changi: - on his way home – looks like he probable ripped it off the side of the boat!!

It stayed in the Scout Hall in Corryong until the 1970's (Tom was District Scout Commissioner for many years). When the Scouts were thinking of going into recess (and the 'Krait' was getting a lot of publicity in the national press), the locals contacted Canberra (War?) Memorial and told them they had the sign. They were astonished and said they wondered where it had been for years! Corryong asked that Tom Mitchell be given credit for bringing it back and the Scouts for preserving it all these years. Canberra was not amused! They said they would do no such thing – they wondered where it had been all these years!

The Corryong spokesperson told Canberra not to worry – they would give it to the local Museum - and that was the first I had ever heard of it!

The rest they say is history! We are delighted to have it – our display is as big as Canberra's, if not bigger!

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