

HERITAGE

ACTIVITY SHEET 3

SENTOSA'S ROLE IN SINGAPORE DEFENCE

The island of Sentosa (formerly known as **Pulau Blakang Mati**) was one of the coastal forts that the British armed to defend Singapore during the Fall of Singapore. Fort Siloso is the only one on the island which can still be seen today.



FILL IN THE WORDS

8 February 1942

The Japanese landed in the of Singapore.

11 February 1942

Fort Siloso's fired landwards at targets in the West Coast Road area.

12 February 1942

Guns at Fort Siloso destroyed on Pulau Bukom to prevent them from falling into Japanese hands.

13 February 1942

The guns at Fort Siloso fired on the Japanese troops invading Singapore.

14 February 1942

The British the fort's assets, including its guns and bullets.

15 February 1942

The British were unable to continue defending Singapore and .

(Fun fact: A fort is a building that soldiers use to hide in and protect themselves!)

oil tanks

guns

towards the land

northwest

destroyed

surrendered



FORT SILOSO'S ROLE DURING THE FALL OF SINGAPORE

The Japanese travelled **by land** down Malaya and attacked Singapore. In February 1942, the island came under heavy Japanese attack and the guns of Fort Siloso played an important role in defending Singapore.



CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

How did the Japanese soldiers arrive in Singapore?

(Circle one)



Bicycle



Boat



Walk



Parachute

GUNS IN ACTION AT FORT SILOSO

Although the British destroyed all their weapons on the island during **World War 2**, some of the guns were saved. Others that you see placed around the Fort were purchased, donated by museums, or found in other gun batteries in Singapore.



6-Inch BL Gun

Gun Crew: **13**

Firing Range: **12,893** metres

Did you know?

These 6-inch guns were used to fire on approaching Japanese troops during the Battle for Singapore.

Did you know that Japanese guns were measured in mm (as opposed to the British system of using inches) because they used a different measurement system?



12-Pounder QF Gun

Gun Crew: **7**

Firing Range: **914** metres

Did you know?

The 12-pounder, placed on Siloso Point in 1941, was fired during the Fall for Singapore and helped to sink a Japanese ship.

Facts:

The guns were facing the correct way, as they were originally meant to fire at sea targets. When the enemy invaded Singapore on land, the guns were rotated to shoot towards the land.

TICK THE CORRECT ANSWER

Were the guns really facing the wrong way?
(Tick one)

Yes

No

You may tick more than one answer

The guns were never fired.

The guns were pointed towards the sea to fire at the sea targets.

When the enemy invaded Singapore, the guns were rotated to fire towards the land.



THOUGHTS ON WORLD WAR 2



What are some things you learnt from your experience today ?

If there is a war today, what would you do for your country?

