

## Researching FEPOW History Group



### **Unveiling of the Liverpool Pier Head Repatriation Memorial**

A granite plaque to the memory of the FEPOW and internees who returned to Liverpool from captivity in the Far East during the autumn of 1945, is to be unveiled following a Service of Dedication on:

**Saturday 15 October 2011**

**11am**

**on the waterfront on Liverpool Pier Head**

The memorial is a large engraved light grey granite plaque which will have the names of the 21 repatriation ships which docked in Liverpool between 8 October and early December 1945. The ships are listed in two columns, either side of a central dedication.

The first repatriation ship to reach Liverpool was the *Monowai* a New Zealand Hospital ship, on 8 October 1945. Another twenty repatriation ships sailed into the port in the following eight weeks, bringing home over 20,000 FEPOW and civilians. The day of the unveiling will be the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the docking of the Dutch ship, *Nieuw Holland*, carrying a number of young Merseyside merchant seaman who had been internees in Changi Gaol in Singapore for over three and a half years.

The plaque provides a lasting memorial to all those – men, women and children – who survived captivity in the Far East and returned home through the port of Liverpool. For many, the battle to survive did not end when they returned home.

The plaque will be situated alongside other Second World War maritime memorials on a raised stone structure facing the River Mersey, near to the newly-opened Liverpool Museum.

No tickets are required, the service is open to all, but in order to gauge numbers we would be grateful if you could contact us if you are planning to attend.

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