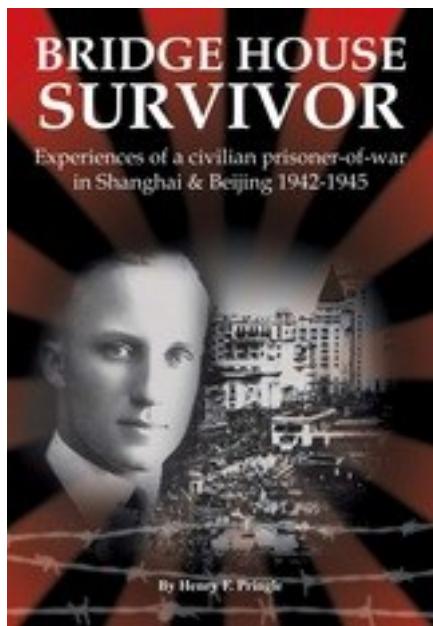


Bridge House Survivor



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Henry F. Pringle, imprisoned by Japanese forces from October 1942 to August 1945, wrote *Bridge House Survivor*, an account of prison life under the Japanese, available and published by Earnshaw Books.

Pringle (1902-1987) was born in China of British parentage in 1902. Pringle's first language was Chinese, but he left for England at the age of 16.

He returned to China in December 1922 and worked in the British and American Tobacco Company, and finally the Shanghai Telephone Company, where he remained for over 22 years.

The book is prefaced by Pringle's daughter, F. Eileen Gray. In the Preface she says:

Notwithstanding his rehabilitation over the years, tragically, even in the last few weeks of his life, his experiences under the Japanese Kempeitai were to return to him with all their horror. My father was hospitalised once again during this time. One morning a call was placed by the medical staff on his ward to the school where I was teaching, asking me to please come immediately as my father was in deep distress and was calling for me. As I emerged from the elevator I heard his distraught voice screaming my name. When I entered the ward I found him with the sides of his bed up, his legs through the bars, shaking them frantically and calling out that the Japanese had imprisoned him again. Earlier that morning he had woken from a deep sleep, found himself in that same situation and had thrown himself over the side onto the floor, opening up his forehead. All I could do at the time, after my initial shock, was to hold and comfort him, assuring him that he was safe, that I was there and that no one could harm him any more. Those memories have never left me.

Below is an extract from Chapter III, which centers on how he was tortured for a confession that his company was involved in a "spy ring". At this point Pringle has already been taken from his office at the Shanghai Telephone Company to Bridge House prison. For other reading on Bridge House prison in Shanghai, see this *Time* article, *Insufficient Evidence*, from 1948.

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