

## Henry (Pappy) Strickland Yates Letter Requesting Construction Equipment

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There is no date on this letter,  
but my speculation is that it was  
written immediately after the  
POW camp control was taken over  
from the Japanese to the Allied  
forces.

This would not have been a  
request to the Japanese while  
still interned in the POW camp.

Pappy expressed concern in  
other documents about the  
living conditions of other (non-  
military) residents in the area.  
However brief that he remained  
on the Indonesian island, he  
took charge to attend to the  
needs of the local residents.