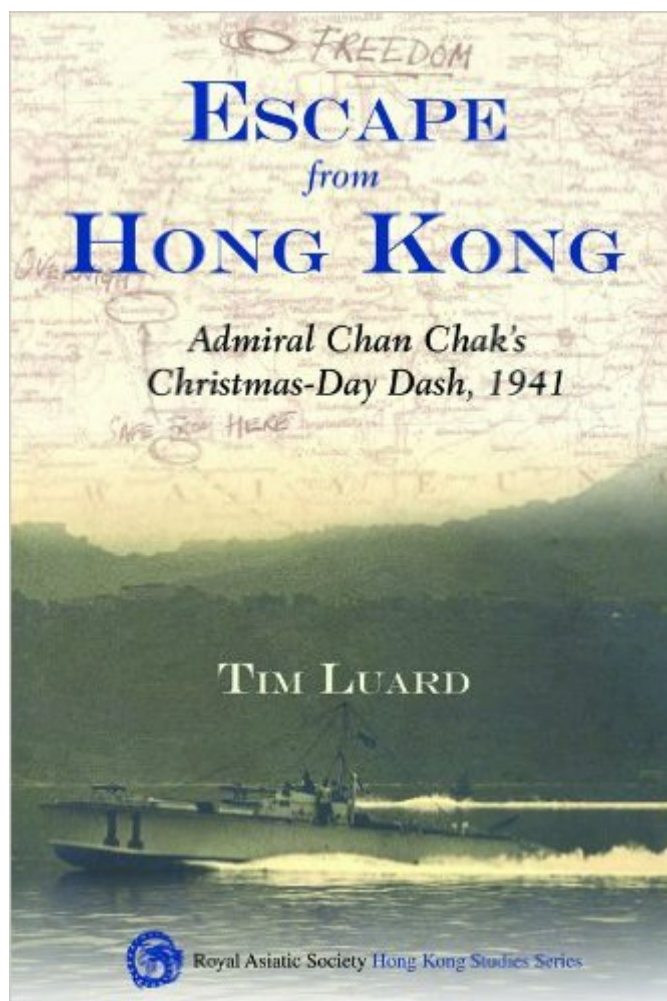


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# Escape From Hong Kong: Admiral Chan Chak's Christmas Day Dash, 1941



## Synopsis

Escape from Hong Kong offers a full account of the Great Sino- British Escape of Christmas Day, 1941—the day Hong Kong surrendered to the Japanese, less than three weeks after Pearl Harbour. It combines meticulous research and a fast-paced narrative.

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This is one of the most exciting stories to come out of the Pacific during WWII: a British Navy fleet, a one-legged Chinese Admiral, his 6 foot 3 Chinese aide-de-camp, and loyal bodyguard escaped Hong Kong as the Japanese invaded on Christmas Day. This group jumped ship at Apleichau, was rescued by five torpedo motor boats, and made its way to Mirs Bay up near the China border. From there, Chinese guerillas—who worshipped one-legged Admiral Chan Chak—helped the group move past Japanese-occupied China into Free China. Most of the British Navy group eventually made it to Burma, thousands of miles from southern China. Tim Luard writes in such a way that the book seems less than a history text and more like a spy thriller. What a story!

Tim Luard's book brings this little known story of a Chinese-led British escape from the occupying Japanese forces engulfing Hong Kong during the largest war in our history — “World War II.Christmas Day 1941, Hong Kong’s Admiral Chan Chak, the Chinese government’s chief agent in Hong Kong surrendered to the invading Japanese army. He then led more than 60 Chinese, British and Danish intelligence, naval and marine personnel made a dramatic escape under fire as the Japanese Army engulfed Hong Kong. This story has been told in parts through individual diaries, letters and memoirs, but now Tim has massed them into a well balanced and

entrilling adventure story â “ that will interest military historians of all wars. WFAs reviewed in the July/August 2014 issue of An CosantÃ ir (The Defender) The Irish Defence Forces Magazine by Sgt Wayne Fitzgerald - dfmagazine.ie - military.ie

Iâ™ve been meaning to read this book since it first came out, and having finally read it, I wish I hadnâ™t waited so long. This is a gripping, fascinating tale, wonderfully told. Itâ™s more than just a boys' adventure story, as some reviews suggest. Itâ™s moving, funny, and exhilarating. This is nonfiction as it should be written. Itâ™s an escape story full of great characters, each one painted as a real person, set against a dramatic background of super-interesting history. Of course, there's Chan Chak, the one-legged admiral. But thereâ™s also the American woman journalist who keeps a pet gibbon and smokes cigars and opium. Thereâ™s the former cavalry officer who tried to shoot a cobra and missed, bringing down a localâ™s hut instead. Thereâ™s âœTwo-Gun Cohen,â • son of a Polish Jew who was born in London, moved to Canada, became a general in the Chinese Army, and then moved on to arms-dealing, and poker-playing, while wearing a trademark white suit. These characters are made for a big Hollywood blockbuster. George Clooney, buy the rights to this immediately! It has all the makings of a fantastic, old-school buddy movie.

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