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Norman Pritchard and Fergus Anckorn remembers their liberation.

PRITCHARD: To start with it was silence . . . after the horror came silence, as soon as we were told it was all over, we just did nothing, just sat down, and just thought, and there was no hilarity, there was no cheering, no shouting—it came later.

0.31 ANCKORN: The moment we were told we were free, that was, you know, after we'd been called out of those huts, and the Japanese officer told us—I'd been longing for this day, and I could visualize us chucking our hats up in the air and dancing around. It broke us completely. We just stood there and drizzled . . . we just couldn't believe . . . and when we found it was true, the Union Jack went up and all the rest of it. We just stood there, we didn't speak, and we felt—I felt awful. I wanted to burst [into tears]—something. Nothing came out. And I couldn't believe that we are free, the war is over; you've survived. It couldn't get into me. And it was a terrible-- Everyone was the same—we just stood there like zombies. Here we'd just been told, “It's all over.” And, you know, just couldn't get it. That was the worst moment of the lot.