

IDENTIFICATION OF WAR PRISONERS DIFFICULT

SYDNEY, Friday.

The identification of the 1800 bodies of A.I.F. men, recovered along the route of the death march from Sandakan to Ranau, was very difficult, said Private L. J. Blair, who returned to Australia to-day.

Only 100 of the 1800 had been identified.

Two thousand men were forced to march by the Japanese and only five reached Ranau.

One of the five, W/O W. Stahpwich, is assisting to recover the bodies, which are not hard to find—they lay beside the track.