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Report of Inspection of Oeyama POW Camp, Br. No. 3 of Osaka Main Camp. Title:

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REC TMS ATCHD 136 INF

29 Sept 45

Subject: Report of Inspection of Oeyama PW camp (Branch No. 3 of Osaka Main camp.)

To : 0.0. Recovered Personnel Div AGO, GHQ, AFPAC (Thru Channels).

- 1. On 27 Sept. 45 Recovery Team 16 (with atchd allied officers and Recovery Team 26 plus Maj. Foster U.S. Signal Corp 6th Army PRO and camerman visited 3rd Local Branch of Osaka Prisoners of War Camp at Miyazu 72 miles N.W. of Kyoto, Coord. 35° 34'N 135° 09'E.
- 2. Arrangements made for visit by Mr. Aoki, Commissioner of Police Kyoto Prefecture, HQs. Kyoto and teams accompanied by a representative of that office Mr. Fujikawa, Foreign section of Police Dept. Kyoto Prefecture.
- Chief of that city who is now in charge of the camp. Proceeded to make preliminary inspection of camp, conducted by former Lt. Kosaku Hazama, Japaneese Army who commanded camp during Period of occupancy, now a civilian. Lt. Hazama conducted me through all the buildings which included quarters, supply rooms, kitchen, Med. buildings, and latrines. Buildings were in fairly good shape, some slightly damaged by a recent typhoon in that area. Supply rooms contained clothing and food (rice and barley) which were made available to PW's, according to Lt. Hazama. Presence of parachutes and boxes indicated Red Cross supplies had been received there and Lt. Hazama stated they were made available to PW's. Accompanying documents will shed considerable light on statements of Lt. Hazama and observations by inspector. Latrines were unsafitary as they were filled well beyond the proper level yet facilities were same as those afforded Japaneese troops.

During my inspection with Lt. Hazama other officers and EM made personnel inspections of buildings and secured many documents forwarded with this report. They indicate conditions of prisoners poor, majority in to weakened a condition to do heavy labor, (note medical documents). Next inspected grave of an American Soldier.

Pvt. Russell G. Chips ASN 15017249
60th CA
Born 3 Apr. 1921
Died 3 Sept. 1945
Next of kin Lillian Neighbors
RR# 1 Morgantown, W. Virginia.

Others who died there were cremated and ashes sent to Japanesse Army HQs. Osaka. Their names are listed in accompanying documents. Grave in good condition and identification posted. Lt. Hazama then gave me many documents listing men and camp conditions that are enclosed. Evaluationg the remarks of Lt. Hazama and Police of Miyazu and Kyoto and documents this appears to be one of the better conducted camps. Arrangements were made to take pictures the following day of camp area, grave and factories where PW's worked.

- 4. Sept 28, 1945 party returned to camp, grave and factories to take photos. Copies will be forwarded as soon as available. Photos of camp show general size and location, type buildings and latrines. Others show grave of U.S. Soldier, and general view of nickel and ore factories where PW's worked.
- 5. General attitude of Japs was cooperative. They kept telling about the American PW's who were given armes and ammution and helped local police quell riot by Chinese Coolie workers at factory. Made statements of good conduct of Amer. PW's and "wished to express many thanks for their cooperation." Statements by officials and those in documents will of course, necesitate confirmation by PW's themselves. Medical care was in hands of U.S. Medical Officers and was as good as existing supplies would permit. (Note Medical Records).

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Report No. 2.

REC THS ATCHD 136 INF 33 DIV

2 Oct 1945

Subject: Inspection of Nodda PW Capp, Osaka Branch No. 8

To : C. O. Recovered Personnel Div AGO, GHQ, AFFAC (Thru channels)

### INCLOSURES

(a) Document No. 1 supplied by Col. Murata Jap Army of Osaka PW Hqs.. Lists roster of PW's.

(b) Doument No. 2 obtained by Jap Cpl. Fukuda who worked in camp gives camp plan.

(c) Other documents picked up by Rec. Pers. searching camp area.

### LOCATION

Osaka camp No. 8 (Nodda) nearest village Hyozu

## DATE ESTABLISHED

иау 18, 1945

## JAP OCI

W. O. Sakamoto (Not present, sick in Osaka, camp Cpl. representing him present)

## DATE CLOSED

10 Sept. 45

### DATE INSPECTED

1 oct. 45

## GENERAR SITUATION

I. Information from Jap Opl. Fukuda and Jap Army Col.

(a) Roster of Prisoners remained same throughout camps occupancy, 196 Dutch.

(b) No deaths at camp.

(c) Prisoners sent to Yokohama from camp, 10

(d) Prisoners performed manual laborlie

digging ditches, worked in rice fields)

(e) Red Cross supplies gotten from Kobe and made available to PW's.

(f) Dutch Med. Capt. handled sick-stated no major

sickness.

Prisoners taken from Java.

(g) Prisoners taken from Java.
(h) Arrived in weakened condition, Cpl. Fukuda says. Good weather (sunshine) and swimming plus additional food from lake kept sick rate down.

(1) Had swimming and fishing daily according to Cpl.

Fukuda.

j) Ploice now in charge of camp.

(k) Had trouble with water supply. New well dug which produced sufficient pure water.

(1) Cpl. Fukuda states there were adequate clothing and Med. supplies. PW given as much rations as Jap Army plus fish they caught.

(m) Had three solitary confinement cells, claimed

none were used.

### COMMENTS

Statements by PW's themselves only assurance of truthfulness of facts listed under General Situation.

2. Camp appeares clean and the crowded with 100 men in each barracks. Conditions appeared better than normal. Camp site in good location. Latrines, the not Sanitary under our specifications better than normal. Photos taken of mess, latrines, and camp in general

will be forwarded as soon as available.

Capt. Akkerman N. I. E. officer atchd Rec. Tm. 16 Due previous appointment was unable to accompany us. A copy of this report plus all documents made available to him.

Rec. Tms. 16, 27, 28, made trip. 5.

> Lawrence A. Yearsley 1st Lt. Inf. 01056953 R. T. 16

Capt. Carl Akkerman N. E. I. (Dutch representitive with R. T. 16)

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Report on Frisoner of War Camps at Ikuno and Akenobe, Japan.

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Recovery Teams #25 and 29.

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GHQ-AFPAC-AGO OVERED PERSONELL DIVI APO 500 %PM San Francisco, California

SUBJECT: Report on Brisoner of War Camps at Ikuno and Akenobe.

Commanding Officer, GHQ#AFPAC-AGO. Atten; Recovered Personell Division.

Acting on instructions from the 33rd Division Liaison Officer, Recovery Teams 25 and 29 proceeded to Ikuno to investigate two PW camps located in the area. Interpreters furnished by I Corps, were picked up at Himeji prior to departure from 130th Infantry. The Recovery Teams departed from Himeji at 1300, arriving on the outskirts of Ikuno at 1430, where met by guides and escorted to the PW camp. Here the recovery teams were met by officials of the mines in which the PWs had worked and by Capt. Naruwa, Japanese Commandant of both PW Camps. These men were the principal source of information concerning the two camps.

Both Ikuno #4 and Akinobe #6 PW Camps were under the Command of Captain Naruwa who informed us that prisoners confined in both camps worked in the Mitsubishi Kogyo Kalrisiki Kalsha, a copper and zinc mining concern. Both officer and enlisted prisoner personnel worked in the mines or mills connected therewith. Personnel employed above ground worked 7 hours a day. Those employed in the shafts worked from four to five hours a day, the length of time depending on the difficulty of the work. These short hours were due to extreme

temperatures in the shafts.

Officers were paid the same salary as equivalent grade Japanese army officers. Enlisted men were paid one Yen a day. Payments were made to PW officers, who distributed the money to the men. Records of payments made to PW workers wereincluded in the complete rostors and records of the camp which were sent to Major Mitchell at 6th Army Headquarters in Kobe, according to the Commandant, no duplicate copies of any records were kept at the Camps. A copy of an incomplete pay record from Ikuno #4 PW Camp is enclosed with this report. This was the only evidence of payments that was available in either camp.

According to the Commandant of these camps, all prisoners, both officers and EM, worked willingly. No disciplinary action was necessary at either camp to force prisoners to work. When questioned, the Commandant further stated that at no time were Pw's in either

camp punished or mistreated.

A Japanese medical officer visited each camp once aweek. Any prisoner injured at work who required immediateattention was taken to a hospital at the mine. According to the camp officials there were no serious injuries or illnesses, and no prisoners died during their internment at either camp.

In both camps, prisoners were allowed to send out one letter a month. In neither camp did prisoners receive mail more than

once or twice during their entire stay.

Camp officials stated that any Red Cross packages received were given to the prisoners and that none of these supplies were witheld by the Japanese. PX facilities were abailable at Ikuno. Prisoners could purchase currey powder, tooth paste and three cigarettes a day. No PX facilities were available at Akenobe.

According to our informants, rations received were of a standard set by the Japanese PW camp quartermaster and were the same in a all camps. He further stated that the rations received by prisoners in these two camps were larger than the amounts allotted to the Japanese guards. In both camps prisoners did their own cooking. Kitchen facilities in both camps seemed to be adequate, but were quite primitive according to american standards. Water was piped into both kitchens. A typical days menu, as reported by Japanese officials, follows:

Breakfast- Soup, rice, pickled vegetables. Supper- Various vegetables, meat, and rice.

For the noon meal the prisoners made lunches to be carried to the mines. These consisted of various Japanese foods which could stand the high temperature of the working areas.

In addition to rations issued by the Japanese government, flour

was furnished by mine officials for the use of PW's in baking.

According to Captain Naruwa, the food was more than adequate according to Japanese standards, but not up to American army standard Following is a description of each camp.

Ikuno #4

This camp is located 2 6/10 miles north of the town of Ikuno a few hundred yards from the main buildings of the mine. Barracks were sufficient for the adequate housing of the prisoners. Most prisoners were housed in small three or four man rooms which contained sleeping mats and shelves for personal effects. All quarters were equipped with electric lights. Latrines and washing facilities were adequate. These facilities had the appearance of having been freshly cleaned prior to our arrival.

The camp is surrounded by a ten foot board fence topped with wire. The guard consisted of nine Japanese enlisted men who had special quarters within the enclosure. In addition to the guards there were five Japanese NCO's who handled camp administration.

The camp was opened on 28 March 1945. Buildings were completed just prior the arrival of the prisoners. Three hundred and ninety six prisoners arrived on 29 March and forty three arrived on 31 March. Twenty seven of these prisoners came from the Tanagawawi camp at Kobe. All other prisoners were sent here from Wakayama. The camp contained the following prisoner personnel;

Officers		Enlisted Men	Civilians	
American English Australian	17 17 8	365	1	
Dutch Canadian New Zealand	43	2 2 396	T	

Prisoner camp commander was an American LT Colonel. Since all copies of prisoner rosters were sent to 6th army headquarters

in Kobe, his name was not available.

With the signing of the truce, evacuation of the camp started. Six officers were sent to Kove on 22 Aufust. Four officers were went to Tsuruga, two to Akenove, four to Noda, three to Notogawa, one to Maibara, and four to Hirohata, all leaving on 31 August. The balance of the prisoners left for Yokohama on 2 September. These men were furnished rations for the trip by Japanese officials. The trip was made by train. These men were under Major Pitt, a prisoner officer, and other officers selected by the prisoners. Major Pitt collected the arms of the Japanese guards and the prisoners. took these to Yokohama with them. The Commandant stated that several officers departed on their own during the last week of August, but since the camp was entirely under prisoner supervision after the signing of the truce, he was unable to keep accurate account of these irregular departures.

Akinobe #6

This camp is located in an unfavorable apot on the steep side of the canyon of a small mountain stream. Due to this poor location, about half of the camp was completly washed away during recent heavy rains. The camp is situated twenty kilometers west of Ikuno.

The camp was surrounded by a ten foot board fence topped with wire. Since the stream was included in the prison compound, a large portion of this has been destroyed by flood. High water completely destroyed the main barracks, one latrine, and several small buildings. The remaining buildings include a dispensary which contained a small pharmacy, an examining room, and a thirty six bed rest room for those slightly ill. There was one kitchen building containing the kitchen itself and quarters for those PW's who worked as cooks. Kitchen facilities were crude from an American standpoint. Water was piped into the building.

Contained in one small building were the orderly room of the PW's, a barber shop, and quarters for prisoners working in each.

The body of the prisoners was housed in one large barracks which was destroyed by floods. According to the Commandant it had a Capacity of 250 men. Beds were arranged in tiers three high. From his description, it would appear that the building was greatly over-crowded.

There were two letrines for all prisoners which seemed to be reasonably sanitary, but hardly adequate for the large number of prisoners.

Prisoners were allowed to produce their own entertainments and we were informed that they received musical instruments from the International YMCA.

The camp was guarded by nine Japanese enlisted men. Their arms and ammunition are at present stored in the police station at Yoga, about two kilometers from the camp. The Commandant stated that he had received no instructions on their disposition. We instructed him to continue to hold the arms until further orders.

The camp was opened on 15 May 1945, shortly after the completion of the buildings and on 17 May 284 prisoners arrived. Three PW's were sent here from the Taisho camp in Osaka, 256 came from the Sakurijuma camp at Osaka,

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and 27 came from Yodogawa. On 9 july one American Medical officer arrived from Osaka and on 15 July an Australian enlisted man arrived from Osaka. On 31 August-two British Warrant Officers arrived.

The PW's included the following personnel.

American	Officers 4	Enlisted Men	Civilians
English Australian	2	146	17
Mediation	6	265	17

With the signing of the truce, the disposition of the PW's started. The Commandant stated4 that their departure was under the direction of PW officers and that therefor his information on their

departure is incomplete.

On 5 September, 25 PW's were sent to the Osaka hospital as patients. The Commandant informed us that these patients were sent on the recommendation of the American PW medical officer to prepare them for the trip to Manila and to their homes. When questioned, he stated that they were not seriously ill and that they had not required hospitalization prior to the truce. Six prisoners went along with the patients as escorts.

The body of the prisoners left on 9 September. The departure was arranged by a committee of five PW officers. An American medical Captain was in charge. The PW's left by truck and travelled

to the railroad station, going to Yokohama by train.

The Commandant stated that thirty five prisoners left on their own and that he doesn't know where they went. Apparently the prisoners were left completly alone after the signing of the truce and therefor our information on their departure is not complete, since Japanese authorities kept very informal records of their departure.

Both of these PW camps are relatively new and therefor probably much better than the average. According to Japanese standards they are probably more than adequate, but in our opinion, they fall far below American standards for the adequate housing of prisoners

of war.

MARVIN T CHENEY 1st Lt. Inf Recovery Team 29

ROBERT L BRODBECK lat Lt, Inf Recovery Team 25

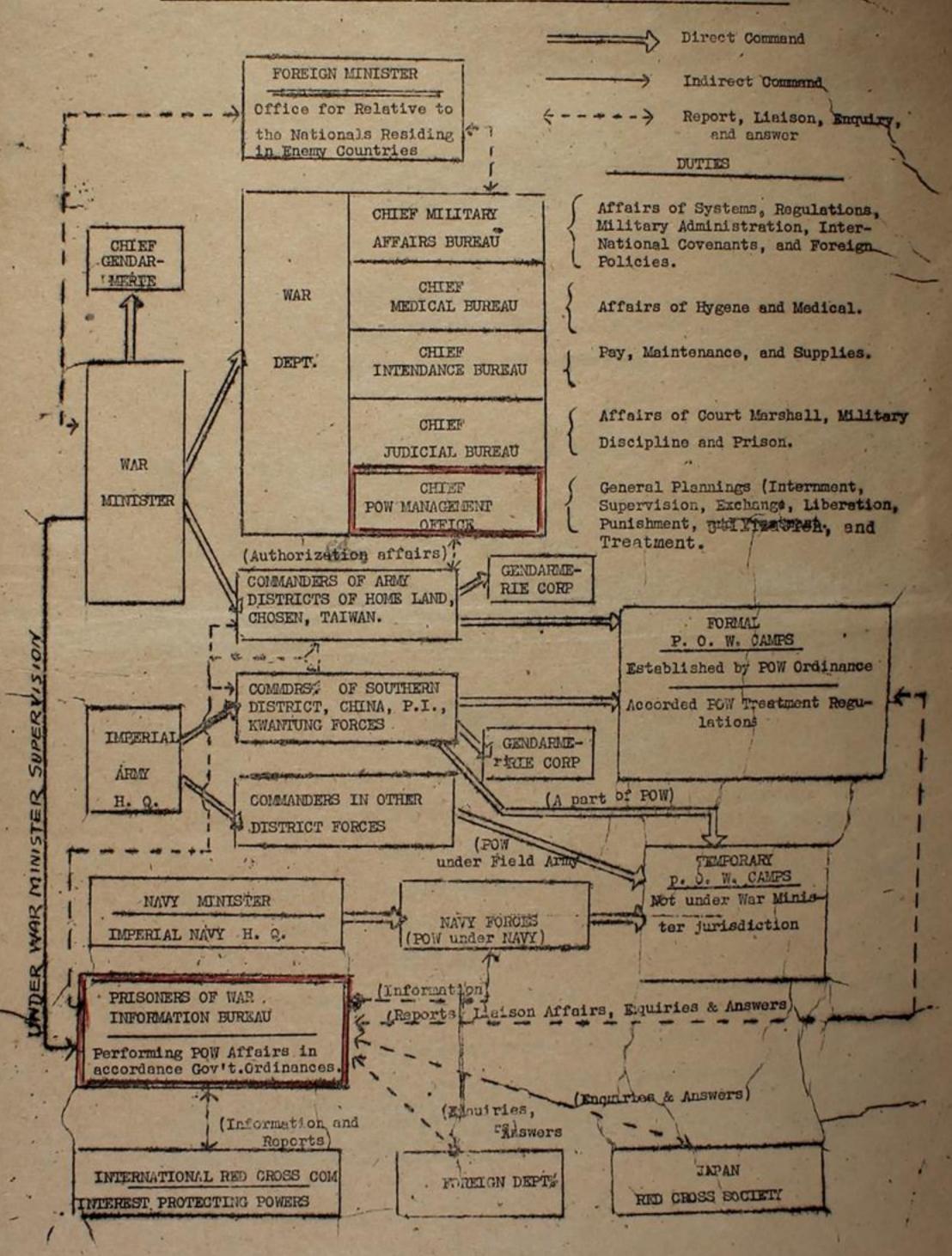
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### OBAKA PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMP Hirohata Sub-Camp Hirohate, Japan

September 1, 1985

International Red Gross

AIP Craftman WILLIAM HARRY BLACKMAN, R. A. A. F. FROM

Request to be Transported to America

1. I request that under the heading "Remarks" on the data card submitted a few days proviously in my case the following notation be entered: ---

"I desire to be transported to the Continental limits of the United States of America rather than being returned to my own domicile in Australia."

2. I agree to defray the expenses of further transportation from the United States to Australia from my personal funds, if so required. 日本製鐵株式會社廣畑製鐵所

William Harry Blackman

William Berry Klackson Air Craftsman First Class Royal Australian Air Force

#### 1st Endorsement

OSAKA POW CAMP, Mirchata Sub-Camp, Hirchata, Japan Sept. 1, 1945.

TO:

Interna tional Red Gross

PROME

Commanding Officer

SUBJECT: Request to be Transported to America in case of Australian subject.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

2. Subject man has been held in the Camp as one of the only two British subjects present. The remainder of the men, numbering approximately ASO, are all United States subjects. From his associations with this large group of Americans he has formed commadeships which he naturally desires to continue.

J. le. Fline

Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army

SEP - 3 1945 SEP - 3 1945 Lkuno Sub-Cump, Osaka P.O. V. Camps. End September 1945 TO:- SEVIOR ALLIED CONCANDER, Occupying Military Forces. Sir. There are in this sub-comp 85 (sighty-three) cases of Medical Supplies, received from the American Red Cross through the International Red Cross Committee for the use of prisoners of war in the Osaka Prisoner of Jar Area. If transport is available, it is bighly desirable that these supplies be removed from this came prior to the evucuation of the personnel detained here. It will be almost impossible for these personnel to darry this quantity of supplies on lesving this camp and if abandoned have they will not easily be retrievable. Sand Truck I wobe be handed over to J. R. C. 37
representative SWISE CONSULATE, KOBE
SECTION TON TON FORESTE CONSULAT DE SUISSE

SECTION DES INTÉRÊTS ÉTRANGERS

Osaka Hq.

No. 8 YAMAMOTO-DORI 2-CHOME TEL. FUKIAI 2858

Memo.

KOBE.

Swins begation desines information on Philip Allis Hubert SAMUEL Whereabouts unknown.

Please let me have a Statement exonerating Im. Max Brigel ( furior, Interpreter) from the motor can accident of 5th Lept. 9 am at wakinshama, when a girl was killed on Highway. Henning of Camp II was driving.

SWISS CONSULATE, KOBE SECTION POR FOREIGN INTERESTS

#### CHAKA PRISCHER OF WAR CAMP Hirohata Sub-Camp Hirohata, Japan

September 1, 1945.

Tor

International Red Cross, Kobe, Japan.

From:

Commanding Officer.

Subjects

Requesting the Transmittal of Information to Next of Kin, via Radio.

It is requested that the entire rostor of American Officers and men held as Prisoners of War in this camp, which is embodied in a separate report, be transmitted by radio to:

Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Washington 25, D.C.

- It is desired that a message accompany this transmittal by radio of the camp rostor to the effect that the Prisoner of War Information Bureau take the necessary steps to inform the next of kin of each Officer and man concerned that these men are alive and well, and expect to be returned to their homeland in the immediate future.
- Data concerning the next of kin, and home address of all Prisoners of war are on file in the Prisoner of War I formation Bureau and need not be included as part of the radio message.

J. My. Heinen F.M. FLINIAU

Lieut. Colonel, U.S. Army

Commanding.

### CHARA PRISONER OF WAR CAMP Hirohata Sub-Camp Hirohata, Japan

September 1, 1945.

To:

International R.d Gross, Kobs, Apan.

From

Commanding Officer.

Subject:

Donations in case received in this camp during the period

October 6, 1943 - September 1, 1945.

About February 1944, this camp was informed that a certain sum of money had been donated by the Vatican City for the use of welfare activities of all prisoner of war camps in the Caka district. No information was furnished Prisoner of War authorities at this camp as to the amount of such donations, or the manner in which the funds would be used. Local representatives of the Prisoners of War were caused to submit in writing, letters to the Vatioan City expressing appreciation for their gift. No disposition of the fund is known, and no amount in each has been received in this camp.

The above constitutes only such donations of which this camp was informed.

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I. W. Alinian F. M. PLINIAU

Lieut. Colonel, U.S. Army,

Commanding.

## Subject:- Evacuation of Prisoners of War (British).

To:- Officer Commanding, Evacuation Operations, OSAKA. / MAGGIA.

Herewith enclosed the following reports and rolls in respect of troops in this Camp:-

1. Nominal Roll of 284 Officers and men.

2. General Report on Health of Camp. 3. Brief Report of Medical Officer.

4. Report of Entertainments.

It is pointed out that no delegate of Allied forces or Red X has visited us yet, nor have any Red X supplies been dropped by sircraft.

However, the Commanding Officer, Captain J. Thornhill, proceeded to Osaka

to-day with a view to obtaining information.

Nagoya No 4 Sub Camp, (Iruka), Japan. Adjutant, British Troops, No 4 Sub Camp,

5 Sep, 45.

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## REPORT ON ENTERTAINMENTS AT IRUKA SUB-CAMP, Aug 17 - Sep 5, 45.

Sir,

On 17 Aug we learnt officially that the war was over. It was realised immediately that the first consideration would be to keep the minds and bodies of the men fully occupied until such time as we were evacuated. I accordingly appointed Sgt P.A. Warner, Royal Corps of Signals, RCO i/c Entertainments. This RCO had already done exceptionally useful work during our POW life in turning out first class Plays, Revues and Concerts for one of the best amateur concert parties it has been my lot to meet throughout my POW life, and I have been in many camps of far greater strength than this. Together we discussed many ideas and then Sgt Warner was left to draught out his own programme, subject to medical and my approval. Prizes were allotted in the shape of surplus Red X Boots etc, and a useful doubtion of C2O by the C'mdg Officer and myself.

0600 hrs. ) PT (Voluntary) - Civilian and army methods, including Programme:-Atlas, marealding and Longnurst Systems:-1645 turnout. Dancing classes - first rate individual tuition. 1000 experimental dances - members of concert party acting as women and playing Hostess. Harmonics Bend & Guitar. Swimming Classes: - Learners and advanced. These took 1030 - 1100 place in the camp reservoirs (15' A 7' A 4') and were quite a success. Citizen's Advice Bureau - to solve men's post-war problems:-1400 Subjects: - Marriage, Divorce, Buying a Home, Purchasing clothes, cars, motor cycles, taking holidays at nome and sproad, opportunities in commerce. Some answers given in forms of lectures. 1500 Lectures and Boxing lessons on alternate days. On one occasion, a 3 round exhibition match, and later a burlesque on same, and later whist and Tombols on alternate afternoons.

Concerts, Tombola, Talent Competitions, Sports, etc. Very popular.
In addition there were musical competitions, essay competitions, drawing competitions, all attracting big entries.

A Race Meeting was held - complete to the race-cards - with horse and jockey pick-a-back. This was very successful.

Drill, organised marches, walks and swimming, were very popular. There have been no incidents outside, and the behaviour of the British Troops has been exemplary. Lack of news and contact with the outside world (a Red X Representative here would have done wonders for the morale of the camp) was, and is, our greatest problem. Eventually maxxex after two failures we have obtained a small radio, which by a 24 hour watch and super-delicate tuning received snatches of broadcasts from Hawaii and KSAI. News-sheets were published.

A sweepstake was held on the time of arrival of the Red X plane, but sad to say it is long overdue; The Japanese supplied us with a film, a harmonium, a gramophone and records.

It is proposed to fill the remainder of our time here with morning runs for P.T. classes, walks, drill, hill-climbing, talks, swimming, cards and concerts. Naturally the men are bound to get impatient as the days go by and no real news is forthcoming. Twice we have been going to move, twice it has been cancelled, however, up to the moment there has been no untoward incident. The men are reasonably contented, but the difficulty will be maintaining the same if the stay is to be much longer protracted. Finally, I cannot commend Sgt. Warner too highly on the amount of good work he has put in on this Entertainment Programme.

5th Sept. 1945.

Adjutant, (Entertainments Officer), British Troops, Iruke.



Sir,

Iruke POW Camp opened on the 29th. of Jun, 44 with the arrival of 300 British Troops (including 5 Officers). from the working camps of Theiland. Major F. E. McLaughlin IMS was the medical Officer. The following is a brief summery of the nealth of the Camp described under 4 headings:-

1. Serious Sickness (July to Dec, 44). The health of the men on errival in Japan was bad; most of them were riddled with malaria and many of them had beri-beri. These two main diseases together with sporadic diarhoea, various small illnesses and a multitude of small work injuries prodided a dignty sick parade of over a hundred men. In addition there were a few cases of black water fever and pneumonia. The drugs provided by the mining company were, on the whole, satisfactory, but for the first two months there was a shortage of quinine and stabrin, also plasmequin - this shortage was later rectified by the Red X.

The satisfactory treatment of disease was generally hampered by the Nipponese authorities permitting only a limited number of men to remain sick in No scope was allowed for the observation of doubtful cases, with the result that every day several men developed malaris at work and had to remain in the work rest room until the party returned in the evening. possible the mining coy doctor visited these patients and administered the There was no such thing as convalescence, owing to the necessary treatment. rapid turnover - many sick, who were improving but still not medically fit for work, had to be returned to their jobs to allow the necessary vacancies in the sick figures for the more serious cases of the fresh sick. A case of malaria had to be very bad to get more than three complete days off work. of limiting the sick is to be greatly deplored, it not only increased the suffering of the Prisoner; of War but prolonged his illness and in many cases During this period Major McLaughlan had many fights undermined his health. with the Nipponese authorities over sick figures etc; his efforts in this respect did much to improve the lot of the sick man in the future. here from Kobe POW Camp on 11 Nov. The sick rate was still high but Major McLeughlin was gradually getting the situation under control and up to the end of December 15 men had died (including two accident cases).

2. Improvement (Jan to Apr. 45). Coinciding with the arrival of large supplies of Red X rood parcels and medicines, the former in December and the latter in January, the nealth of the Camp improved, first slowly then rapidly reaching its neight in April. The average weight increased to 59 kilos, beri-beri subsided, the relapses incidence of relapses of malaria decreased and in spite of the

winter there were only a few cases of pneumonia.

Major McLaughlin was transferred to Kobe on the 15th Feb and since then

I have been Officer in medical charge of the camp.

During this period the camp suffered as Decline (May to August, 45). Vegetables were almost non-existent, fresh s result of a reduction in rations. mest had not been supplied since February and fish only in small quantities. Red X food stocks, therefore, had to be used in large quantities in an endeavour to supplement this deficiency until the Nipponese would provide a more substantial The health or the camp declined. These stocks were speedily exhausted. General weakness and debility became a prominent complaint. Commandant was informed about this state of affairs. He stated that he was endeavouring to obtain vegetables etc, but that the rood situation throughout Japan was acute and transport difficulties made matters worse. of beri-beri threatened the camp, but the energetic use of the adequate supplies or Hed A Thismine and multiple vitamins kept this deficiency disease quiescent. The symptoms of general weakness and debility, however, continued owing to the shortage of food, but fortunately the war ended before it became really serious. During this period the Nipponese sttitude to sickness in general and to sick figures in particular greatly improved.

4. Return to Normal (Aug 15 - onwards). The weigning of the personnel of the camp on the 17th inst, revealed the fact that the average weight of the camp had dropped to 54.700 kilos. The rest from work and the increase in the rations to include adequate quantities of mest and vegetables and more than enough rice had a dremtic effect in the Camp. Both the general health and spirit of the men improved rapidly by the 28th, the average weight had risen to 57,400 kilos. The main trouble at the moment is an increase in the incidence of malarial

relapses.

Generally speaking the health or the majority of the men is satisfactory, there is between 12 and 15% suffering from various forms of sickness, but there are only two men seriously sick. Since the beginning of this year there has been only one death and this was due to accidental causes at work.

Iruka, 5 Sep. 45.

Nagoya No 4 Subdamp: H. Sigs, Adjutant, Br. Troops. Flight Lieut, RafvR.

### PRESENT SICKNESS & TREATMENT:

After cessation of hostilities a rapid but very complete survey of the health of the men of this camp was carried out. A large percentage of the camp was complaining from general weakness and other symptoms of malnutrition, but fortunately in most cases are of only mild severity and will rapidly recover with a change of condition. In this classification I disregarded these cases.

Out of the total of 284 men, 294 were found to be reasonably fit physically; 36 men were below average and the remaining 24 unfit. The average

weight of the camp on the 17th inst, was 54,700 kilos.

The rest from work and the increased rations have produced a wonderful alround improvement in the men both physically and mentally. A weigh in of the camp on the 28th instant showed an increase to 57.400 kilos. Since the 1st of September there has been a steady increase in the incidence of malaria, relapses. Anticipate some trouble from this disease on the journey to port of emperkation.

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2.	Malnutrition:		10	
2.	Retrobulbar		5	77 19 20 20 20
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There are three cases which will require a transfer to hospital after arrival at detraining point; one is a case of anorexia nervosa who has been in the Camp Hospital for the past nine months: he is now in a very weakened condition. The other two cases are clinically pthisis. With regard to malaria no estimate can be made of the number of cases which may arrive between now and leaving this camp; it would be wise to be prepared for 2 or three at least. From the rest of the camp I do not anticipate much trouble on the journey to the port of embarkation.

Treatment:

I have still adequate supplies of Red X drugs including quinine, stabrin sulphadiazine, sulphaguanidine, thiamine tablets and multiple vitamin tablets, etc. I am running sheat of concentrated solution of thiamine hydrochloride, having now five vials each of 5 cc. The hospital supply of milk is now only two tins.

The letter received requesting these reports did not state clearly the details required, I therefore hope that the above will meet with your requirements.

5th Sep. 1945.

F/Lieut. RAF VR., Medical Officer, Iruka Sub-Camp.

#### MEMORANDUM

September 18, 1945.

To: Col. Marcus

From: U. Alexis Johnson

Subject: Report of Colonel S. Murata, former commander of the Prisoner of War Camps in the Osaka area.

There is attached a copy of a report on conditions in the Prisoner of War camps in the Osaka area said to have been prepared by &xxx Col. S. Murata former commander of the camps in that area. This was handed to me by a Japanese Government interpreter just before my departure from Osaka and it is transmitted without comment.

On the previous evening I was present at an interview during which Captain Mason, Signal Corps, USA and former prisoner of war requested that Col. Murata deliver to him complete personnel records of all employees and personnel assigned to the prisoner of war camps in the Osaka area. It is my understanding that Capt. Mason desired to do everything possible to assure that such records were not destroyed prior to the occupation of the area by American forces.

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## REPORT OF CONDITIONS OF THE OSA-KA P.O.W. CAMP

1. Conditions during the first stages of the establishment of the Comp.

The Osaka P.O.W. Camb was established during the letter part of September 1942 and received the first Prisoners for interment during the middle part of October. The total number of Prisoners interned eventually increased and excooded the figure 10,000. The Prisoners interned first were from the Lisbon Heru. 500 of which were scheduled to be interned in the Osaka P. O. W. Camp and the remaining 500 in the Tokyo Camp, but due to the sinking of the ship and the resulting hardships, they were suffering from dysentery, acute intestinal inflammation and diptheria when they arrived. This made the removal of the 500 who were scheduled to go to Tokyo impossible and were interned in the Csaka P.O.W. Camp upon order from the Higher Authorities. I received 500 in the Nobe Camp and immediately returned to Osaka to receive the remaining 500 into the Osaka Camp. During the short distance from the Pier to the Camp much time was taken and many fainted as soon as reaching the Camp Grounds and one Prisoner died in spite of all first aid treatment and hypodermic injections. I immediately suggested to the Higher Authorities and received a large party of medical orderlies from the Osaka Army Hospital including an Army Doctor, and started the treatment. Since the 1000 men received for interment were literally all patients, there was immediately a shortage of medical supplies. There was no flinching on the part of the Hipponese in the treatment of the epidemia cases. I recall now that some Hipponese who were on duty at the time including myself brought our own household medical supplies like gause and medicines and also benjo paper to be used in the treatment of the sick.

There was one death on the first day of arrival. This death grieved me very much because this honourable soldier had died after safely arriving at our shores after surviving many fatal hardships on the way after being sunk on the Lisbon Maru. A Preacher was called in the next day and a fitting funeral service was held to honour the dead with all of our personnel and the Senior Staff Officer of the Army Hdg of the Central Region Army in attendance.

hospitalized in the Army Hespital and since there were many more such patients unable to be hospitalized one of the Army buildings were negotiated for and the patients were hospitalized with the Dipponese Army Doctors and the Prisoners Doctors in attendance. Prisoners not being used to the climate and the atmospheric conditions and furthermore the time of the year was such that there were sadden weather changes which all in all unfortunately caused many deaths through the winter period of 1942 till the Spring of 1943. All the personnel from myself down took up our quarters in the office and endeavored to such an extent that at time; we worked on even forgetting our meels. During this periodd the Medical let Lieutemant Kishimoto became ill due to too strenuous a duty and had to be hospitalized and eventually had to be discharged from the Army.

The detailed record of Camp doings were kept but were destroyed in the fire resulting from the bombing of June 1st, 1945.

### 2. Establishment of the Hospital.

Realizing that a hospital would be required if more Prisoners were to be interned I put in an application to the Central Region Army Headquarters for a Prisoner Hospital and the Ministery of the Army were also very helpful and found a statable sight for us in Eumoucha-che, Kobe. The location was such that there were mountains to the north and the sea on the southward sidemidst fresh air and good view, all contributing to the hygiene conditions of the camp.

The facilities were complete and it was able to accomdate

150 patients. Internal medicine, surgery, car nose and throat, Kray, dental and microscopic departments were established making it equal to if not better than our own Army Hospitals. We were very fortunate in being able to muster the services let Lieutenant Chashi a renowned Professor of Surgery formerly on the Professor Staff of the Osaka Imperial University Medical Department. The said Professor is one of the foremost Doctors of surgery in Hippon with an examplary character. He had the complete trust of the patients. Adding to this the foremost Prisoner Doctors were selected including the Medical Lieutenant Commander Page of the British Mavy. These forementioned Doctors cooperated with each other in such a way that the health records improved immensely and there were classe of recovered patients refusing to leave the Hospital even after their focovery.

3. Murtaring and Hygiene.

We were the very first in actablishing a hospital of its kind in the country. Whenever the Prisoners were intermed the suggestion of the Prisoner Doctor were followed to give the men rice grack, soup and other soft food th help in the quick recoveryof the men from their fatigue of the journey. It was unfortunate that many men were lost due to illness from the winter of 1942 tillthe Spring of 1943.

From among those disembarked from the Liebon Maru the worst cases were left in the care of Kokura and Hiroshima Army Hospitals.

4. Rations of the Prinoners.

Since the living conditions, types of food and circumstances were different bean cards were made among other things to have the men assimilate their food properly for its calorific dains and each of the Camp Commanders were made to compete with each other in obtaining rich vitamin fruits like the mandarinoranges.

After the beginning of the Summer of 1943 the Prisoners became used to the rations, and spiritual relaxation were adjusted in such a way that they eventually became very bealthy.

In bettering the health conditions and general camp conditions. Remarks and latters of commendations were given to the Sub-Camp Commender whose camp had made the best inprovement during the month.

5. Removel of the Sub-Comp to the Interior.

Osaka, Kobe and Hagoya bombings begun to increase from the beginning of this year. If the camps in the Osaka and Kobe areas continue it became inimminent that most of our Sub-Camps would suffer resulting in making general prisoner life difficult. Therefore in March I immediately drew up plans for evacuating the camps to a sefer area and submitted the plans to the Commander of the Central Regional Army and also to the Ministery of the Army. The Higher Authorities permitted the execution of the plans and evacuation was immediately begin and completed in May thus saving many Prisoner lives. The camps in the Osaka area namely? Chikke, Kobe, Tedegawa, Narue camps Thishe, Sakurajima and Umeda camps all suffered explosive and incendiary bomb attacks and all were barned but due to the timely evacuations not a single Prisoner was injured.

The Kobe Respital received heavy raids and three men were dest.

In the raid on the Chikko Camp one Hippeness H.C.O. received ball burns on face and in the raid on the Kobe Camp three Hippeness guards were killed by bomb explosion while evacuation

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It could not be helped but intern the Prisoners of the Chikko Camp in a temporary place after the raid of June 1st.

#### 6. Remorial Services

During the early stages funeral services were held each time there was a death occurring but since there were many deaths due to the epidemical diseases collective funeral services were held on December 2nd 1942. Since then a committee was organized to hold similar services each year in December picking a good day. In these funeral services all the Sipponess personnel all the Cjikke Camp Prisoners, representatives from the different ranks of the Prisoners in each of the Sub-Camps, reprisentatives from theCentral Regional Army Readquarters, and representatives from civilian and civic organizations all attended the service very solemnly and the services themselves were conducted by the foremost preachers and fathers of the Protestant and Catholic Faiths each Teith taking turns with each other every other time. Those dead were honored and remembered in the most solemnity and honor befitting servicemen who had died in service.

#### 7. Religious Services.

Estigious services were left to the free will of the Prisoners.

In some camps permanent places of worship were built. In order to satisfy the spiritual feeling of the Prisoners I obtained the services of the foremost preachers and fathers of both the Protestant and Catholic Caiths and appointed the Steward 1st Lisutement Sukunaga to make the necessary arrangements and the services were held in each of the comps and I am sure that these services were appreciated by the Prisoners.

Especially the many visitations by the Archbishop Paul Marels and his many generosities were warmly received by the Prisoners.

#### 8. Storing of the ashes.

The ashes of the level soldiers were handled most respectfully. I have a friend who is in charge of one of the temples of the Housanji haddhist Sect, called the Juganji. I entracted the ashes to this kindly Priest and had him appointed quard a worshippers of the ashes, the ashes being placed in front of the main main Hall of Worship.

It may seem strange why Christian ashes should be left in to cored of a Buddhist Temple, but the reason was that I myself am a Buddhist and I further believed that although religions may differ, the basic spirit is the same. Each Spring and on my Equinocal Week I asked the Priest to have an impressive ceremony conducted for the Spirits of the deceased. The Priest being a personal friend of mine for one reason I visited the Temple many times to offer prayers in memory of the dead. In the major air raid of June 1st of this year the fire came to the next house but fortunately the Temple and the ashes entrusted there suffered no mishap.

### 9. Recreation and Comfort for the Prisoners

The International Red Cross Committees sympathy and kind aid was a great comfort to the Prisoners. The books donated by the Y.M.C.A. went a long way to satisfy the Prisoners' in their thist for knowledge and also to comfort them. We on our part in order to assure fair distribution of the books appoints a Prisoner to take charge of the books as he or the others saw fit.

10. Moeting with Prisoner Representatives

Rectings were held occasionally in each of the camps with the Prisoner Representatives. The requests of the Prisoners were put forth at these meetings and if it was within our limits of power requests were estisfied. In the Chikko Camp I've had meetings with the Representatives such as the Doctor Chief Boatswain's Ente Sanders (American), and W.O.1 Matheson (British) once a month in order to listen to and have their demands fulfilled.

11. Food supplies.

The food supplied according to the Begulations, was equal to that of our reserve forces. It was equal in all respects if not better. Besides this, in order to satisfy the Prisoners the companies for which the Primores were working for were forced to give substantial amounts of additional food. As one illustration, the extra amount received from the companies for the Chikko Prisoners were equal to that of a whole day Hipponese civilian ration, and as a result they enjoyed vigorous health.

### 12. Conclusion

quarters of the Camp so that Prisoners would not suffer mishaps. During the bombing raids I was always on hand in spite of the fact that I might have lost my life in order to protect the Prisoners. I also save talks to the Prisoners occasionally to five them spirit and hope.

The comp staff and I did our best within our possible limits

I respectfully submit the summarized report of comp empitions.

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DETACHMENT OF ALLIED FORCES HELD AS PRISONERS OF WAR Osaka Prisoner of War Camp Hirohata Sub-Camp Hirohata, Japan August 30, 1945 Captain Sidney E. Seid, Medical Corps, U.S. Army, Camp Surgeon. International Red Cross Representatives. Subject: Report of Treatment while held as Prisoner of War. From our arrival in Japan on October 6, 1943, until February 1, 1944, prisoners in this camp were badly starved. After sixty per cent of the men were reported as being too sick to work, the ration was investigated and pronounced inadequate by a Japanese Army Medical officer. One month later the camp was put on the Japanese army ration. Most of the deaths in this camp were due directly or indirectly to this starvation period. Many men will have weak hearts, loss of vision, partial paralysis, and other disabilities which may be permanent because of this starvation period. 2. Prisoner Medical Corpsmen were set to work shoveling coal and iron ore instead of working as medical corpsmen. Army Inspectors checked the currermster accounts and inventoried the storerooms, but failed to check and see if food, soap, et cetera were actually issued to prisoners as reported on the books or were diverted to private use. Sick men were sent to work at the factory and subjected to beatings if they did not work hard, or if they were unable to run long distances when so commanded. When the men were sickest in the winter of 1943-1944, they were not permitted to rest, even on rest days. They were made to run to the river and beaten if they fell exhausted. They were mide to stand in formations which took up the largest part of the rest day and left no time for rest. They were harrassed, exercised, and burnt by "Moxibusion" for their health, when their illness was known to be caused by starvation and could only be restored by proper food, vitamin therapy, and rest. The soldiers and the Seitetsu guards directly and indirectly forbade us to report their misconduct and injustices to Osaka Headquarters officers, or to the Camp Superintendent, under threat of revenge on the entire prisoner camp. For example: We told Mr. Heyashi of the Osaka Headquarters that Seitetsu guards were beating the men at work and ordering them not to report punishment in camp. He thought this was wrong and gave orders to stop it. For the two weeks after Mr. Hayashi's departure, the Scitetsu guards harried the prisoners and beat them on the flimsiest excuses. They taught us not to report injustices to higher authorities because they would take a revenge worse than the injustices complained of and there was nothing we could do about it. I have signed receipts for Red Cross supplies that were never received, for supplies that were partly received, and for supplies that were given and them taken back. The medical corpsman, Miyazaki came to this camp when our health was worst, and stated that he would reduce the number of men on the sick list. He did so by sending men to work when he knew they were sick. In his short stay in camp he never did one thing to help the sick to regain their health. He did much to harm them. For example: Private James A. Cole had a fractured spine. Private Miyazaki chased him out of bed and forced him to malk about, although his fractured spine had not healed. Now, one-and-one-half years later, Private Cole is incapacitated, and this incapacity may be permanent. The medical corps Tsujino did many things which helped the sick men in this camp. Part of the time he cooperated to help the sick. However, he also wilfully did many things which harmed the siek. He took medicine out of camp in large quantities (see appendix) so that many prisoners who needed these medicines could not have them. The quantities he took were too large for personal or family use. I believe they must have been taken for sale. Even last night, August 29, 1945, he took a bottle of one thousand Sulfadiazine tablets. This is enough to treat twenty-five different cases of pneumonia. He took for himself large portions of the Red Cross food issued especially for the sick. For example: In July, 1945, ten Red Cross

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boxes were issued for the use of the sick. He took two whole boxes out of camp under cover of darkness, at four o'clock in the morning, August 10, 1945. Them, of the remaining eight boxes, he took all the chocolate, jam, sugar, and cigarettes, some of the coffee, some of the milk, and all of the unspoiled fruit. The moldy fruit and the remaining foods in the boxes were turned over to the doctor for issue to the sick men. Captain Narewa, while he was camp superintendent, discovered that Private Tsujino was stealing sick men's food and thereafter, until Captain Marewa left, food thefts were reduced, but the theft of medicine continued. On several occasions he ignorantly and peremptorily ordered harmful treatment against the advice of the prisoner doctor. For example: He forebade that a bleed transferior. be given to corporal colm b. Moderts, stating that Corporal Roberts would die anyway. It was a physician's opinion that Corporal Roberts needed the transfusion, and an American had volunteered to give his blood to his comrade, but this ignorant Japanese private forbade it. Secretly, and in fear of punishment, the transfusion was given, and Roberts' life was saved. For several months he held sick call himself, and decided which of the sick men should rest and which should work. He was uneducated, unable to diagnose disease, and mable to converse with the men who appeared before him for sick call, but he persisted in maintaining this farce for several months. A snappy salme rather than the degree or type of illness often decided whether or not a sick man could rest. However, during the greater part of his stay here he would permit the prisoner doctor to decide who should rest and how the sick should be treated. On every inspection of personal belongings in which he took part, he would confiscate some of the men's possessions, such as soap, cigarettes, and Red Cross foods and keep them for his personal use. On many occasions he punished the prisoners singly or as a group to cover up his own mistakes, or to impress the Camp Superintendent with his efficiency.

Two other medical Corpsmen, Mr. Nishio and Mr. Yamanaka, have served at I have no complaints to make of their conduct.

Captain, United States Army Medical Corps

Camp Surgeon .

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Appendix A (List of Red Cross Medicines taken by Private Tsujino).

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## APPENDIX A

### LIST OF RED CROSS MEDICINES TAKEN BY PRIVATE TSUJINO

2000	Sulfadiazone tablets	0.5	gram each
1500	Codeine tablets	0.032	gram each
. 4	lbs. Sulfaguanidine powder		
3000	Thiamin Chloride tablets	0.001	gram each
2000	Thiamin Chloride tablets	0.003	gram each
2000	Thiamin Chloride tablets	0.005	gram each
50	Bandage, assorted widths		0
800	Multiple Vitamin tablets		70 100
2/10	Morphine Sulfate tablets	14	grain sach
2011	(100 tabs taken on December 13,		
60	Emetine tablets	1/3	grain each
500	Aspirin tablets		
6	Ether, 1/4 1b. cans		
5	Adhesive Plaster rolls		10000000
96	Pertussin Cough Syrup, bottl	es, of	4 02 each

By various subterfuges, and by ordering us not to keep inventory records, he succeeded in keeping us from knowing exactly how much he took. However, I am certain that he took at least the above-listed amounts, and I really believe that he took more than the amounts listed.

Private Tsujino also took large amounts of medicines issued by the Seitetsu Hospital and by the Japanese Army, but I cannot state any definite amounts. I believe that the Seitetsu medical representative, Mr. Oeyama, was aware of Private Tsujino's misappropriations of medicine, but did not dare complain to higher authority.

Sidney E. Seid

Captain (Medical Corps, Reserve) U.S. Army Camp Surgeon.

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