

FUKUOKA POW CAMP
MANAGEMENT OF POW LABOUR
IN PRISONERS OF WAR CAMPS

NAME OF BRANCH CAMP (NAME OF COMPANY)	KINDS OF WORK	AVERAGE NUMBER OF POW WORKERS	PERCENT- AGE OF POW WORK- ERS AS COMPARED WITH TO- TAL	MODIFICATION ACCORDING TO PHYSICAL CON- DITION OF POW
(2) Branch Camp, Kayakijima The Kawanami Indus- try Company (Ko- gyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Kayaki- jima Ship-Build- ing Yard.	Installation, rivet- ing, filling up cre- vice, Perforation, scaffolding, ruled writing, welding, Steel materials, ad- justment, Storehouse Assemblage Finishing Ship-Building, Machine Manufacture, Design. Machine, Welding, Riveting Iron Casting, Steel casting Frame Work, Welding, Installation Timber - Manufacture, carpenter, Crane In- stallation Cooking, Nursing, Shoe Maker, Tailor, Carpen- ter, Miscellaneous Work.	} 500 } 140 } 20 } 40 } 40 } 120 } 60 } 100	89%	<p>As for the POW who have a physical trouble, let them engage in light labour in every working place. And in the Timber Factory, the special party were formed, putting a mark on the left arm of them; as they engaged in the light labour. After their physical condition recovered, the method that let them return to their previous occupation, was adopted. This movement to their previous occupation were decided by the opinion of the Japanese Medical Officer, POW Medical Officer and Medical Staff, considering the wish of POW. In case of the serious trouble of body, we recognized the liberty of changing the working place, and we let them to the mental renovation, and we let the physical cheerfulness display on their health.</p>
(4) Branch Camp, Moji. The Corpora- tion of transporta- tion Business of Kwanmon Dis- trict Harbours (Kwanmon Chiku Kowan Unsogyo- Kai)	Loading and unloading of Cargo, loading and unloading work at wharf, Storehouse, and the same of goods of Freight-Car	200	60-70%	<p>Consulting the Medical Officer, POW who is healthy and has robust Physical strength shall labour, men who healthy and have weak Physical strength shall work in the camp (Cleaning, Miscellaneous work). And when they engaged in rather heavy labour for</p>

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(5) Branch Camp, Soeda. The Furukawa Mining Industry Company (Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha)	Burning, Throwing away the waste of ore:	15 40		
	Transportation of Mine-Pillars	20		
	Farming	30		
	Coal-Mining	300	94%	
	Sinking	210		
	Miscellaneous Works	10		
	Cooking	13		
	Medical Affairs	14		
(6) Branch Camp, Mizumaki. The Nihon-Coal Mining Company (Nihon Tanko Kabushiki Gaisha), Takamatsu Colliery.	Coal-Carrying, Coal-Digging, Management of Work, Transport, Track, Peace Preservation, machine repairer, belt preparatory cleaning, repair of coal-truck, electric workman, Central Foundry (Casting Factory, axle making, farm for self-supply (The work in the Camp)	917	88.5%	Considering the health condition of POW all the time, we let the unhealthy POW. Considering the health condition of POW all the time, we let the unhealthy POW transfer to the light labour, Factory of miniature coal, and others outside the mine from heavy labour work. When the number of workman in the mine decreased, we combined one working place with another. And we modified their labour after consultation with Camp-Commander to avoid overwork. When an urgent case broke out on the spot, we elevated them to the outside of the mine by the coal truck, etc. When a light case broke out, we let them take rest till the work finished at the spot. And we have never assigned labour to them compulsorily.

(8) Branch Camp, Inazuki Yamano. The Mitsui Mining Company (Mitsui Kozan Kabushiki Gaisha) Yamano Mining Office.	Coal-Digging	60	As for Labour in the Mine, the POW who was robust, engaged in it. (They received the Medical examination. As for labour outside the mine the POW who was a little healthy namely, the POW who was unfit for the service in the mine and had experience Machine, Architecture, etc., engaged in the labour outside the Mine. As the using the labour of POW, Camp Commander and employer conferred about it, and after the preliminary training for about one month they are used. The POW who were fatigued due to the inexperience of labour were diagnosed by the doctor immediately. And when they needed the rest, they took the rest in the squad; The POW who needed Hospitalization, entered hospital. And they were diagnosed in the morning and afternoon, twice each day and received the medical treatment. And the man who recovered from illness could change the working place gradually and engaged in the service fit for their body.
	Coal-Carrying	60	
	Miscellaneous work	80	
	Machine Repair		
	Machine Miscellaneous work		
	Farming	100%	
	POW Cooking, Medical Office Room, Miscellaneous Work	100%	
(9) Branch Camp, Onoura. The Kajibima Coal-Mining Company (Kajibima Tanko Kabushiki Gaisha).	Coal-Carrying, Coal-Digging, Miscellaneous Work.	70%	Considering the Health condition of every POW by the Medical examination of Doctor, we let the labour in general by the following division (A) POW who is in good health
	Electricity, Machine	80%	
	Miscellaneous Work, Farm and Stock-Farm		

(14) Branch Camp, Installation, gas and Nagasaki, The Mit- subishi heavy ind- ustry Company (Mitsubishi Jyuk- ogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Nagasaki Ship-Building yard.		electric welding, per- foration, riveting, Iron machine, mould, washing sand away, welding, repair of motor car, finish- ing of propeller, can manufacture	300 (at the end of the war)	95%	condition ----- The work in the mine (B) POW whose health condition is next to (A) -----The work outside the mine. (C) POW whose health condition is next to (B) -----Far and Stock-Farm Considering the health condition of POW and the kinds of work, the camp author- ities put the right person in the right place
(21) Branch Camp, Nakama Nakaguru. The Taisho Min- ing Industry Company (Taisho Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Nakazuru Mining Office.		Collier who throw away the waste of ore, Carriage-way carpen- ter, electricity re- pair workman, lathe- man, engine driver in the mine, Coal-digger, Coal-carrier, work managing Collier, Block coiling man, Engineering Collier in the Mine.	188	80%	As we could ob- tain the infor- mation from the POW Camp all the time, we let the POW who were in bad health con- dition transfer to the light labor outside the mine or the work in the POW Camp. Even though we could not obtain information from the POW Camp, we recognized them to be ill we let them to rest or let them transfer to the light labor. (For example: Bamboo-ware, farming)
(22) Branch Camp, Tadakuma The Sum- itomo Mining In- dustry Company (Sumitomo Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Tadakuma Mining Office.		Coal-Carrying Coal-Digging Prop Filling-up Farming The construction and repair of anti-air- craft shelter Bamboo Ware Manu- facture	130 200 (after June) 15 30 -- 40 20 -- 25	75-80% 80 -- 85%	As we let them labour follow- ing the Military in- structions, the details were un- known. Judging from the fact that there were a good many POWs who engaged in the very slight room work, it was presumed that POWs were treat- ed very care- fully.
(24) Branch Camp, Emukae. The Sum- itomo Mining In- dustry Company (Sumitomo Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Senryu Mining Office		Coal-Mining Miscellaneous work	170 -- 180	65 -- 70%	We let the POW who were in bad health condition etc., take a holiday.

(26) Branch Camp, Yoshikuma. The Aso Mining Industry Company (Aso Kogyo Kaishiki Gaisha), Yoshikuma Colliery	Coal-mining work	230	92%	The degree of health condition of POWs are divided into A, B, C. The POW who belongs to A, works the Mine; B cultivates the land; C works in the POW camp and the others take a rest in the recreation room or enter hospital. The Japanese medical officer, PO Medical officer and the detail leader decide which class the POW belongs to upon deliberation.
	Farming, care of the Farm	85		
	Digging work of Anti-aircraft shelter, Miscellaneous work, cooking in the Camp	34		
(27) Branch Camp, Tagawa. The Mitsui Mining Company Tagawa Mining Office.	Earthwork, the Earthwork of coal-station piled earth	265	85%	The POW who were in good health condition, engaged in the mine and outside the mine. As for the POW who were unhealthy, we let them tell the effect through the PO officer and the head of squad, and let them transfer to the miscellaneous work and the light labour work in the camp. And it is presumed that the sick and wounded were accommodated in the Hospital and given a rest.
	Cutting down of Coal seam, and coal digging work. Machine repair work, and other light labour work.	115	80%	
CLOSED (red ink) (6) Dispatched Camp, Taura. The Tokai Electrode Manufacture Company (Tokai Denkyoku Seizo Kaishiki Gaisha), Taura Factory.	Transport of materials, Transport of shattering electrode, adjustment work of site.	100		By the leading of the Dispatched camp commander, the change of the arrangement of labour, the change of the organization of the work squad, the shortening of work hours, the elongation of recess were carried into effect on all such occasions, in accordance with the health condition of POW.

(23) Branch Camp, Doshi. The Meiji Mining Industry Company (Meiji Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Hirayama Colliery	The actual place of machine, coal-selection Factory Pile-wood storage, coal-carrier, coal-digger, handy man of coal-selection, mechanics, Pile-wood carrier	130	70%	
CLOSED (red ink) (13) Dispatched Camp, Sagano-Seki. The Nihon Mining Industry Company (Nihon Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha), Sagami Refinery.	Ingot lead	10	95	The company at camp co-operated and treated POWs carefully, considering the kinds of work, working hours and working personnel, etc., by the health condition of POWs. In a part of working places all the POWs engaged in the same work. As on this occasion we increased the personnel of for twenty percent of the whole Japanese Colliers, and we let them labour. On account of it, we were blamed for treating POWs warmly. Since the lowering of the bodily strength has influence upon the work directly, we endeavoured to improve and maintain the bodily strength of POWs.
	Dissolved Precipitate	4	97%	
	Beam Washing.	2		
	Loading.	4		
	The work of carrying burned ores by car to the smelting furnace.	20		
	The work of carrying ores from ore-store to the smelting Furnace.	52		
	Chiefly, Assistant work of all parts of Bessemer converter work.	23	90%	
	The small repair of the equipments of refinery.	17		
	Crane landing, Carrying stored stones to the loading place, iron materials, ores, old coppers, loading of limestone.	28		

NOTE: "CLOSED" written with red ink means closed camp.

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