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IZUTSU, Naraichi (Japanese), office worker in Construction Unit, PELELIU.  
ZENTSUJI PRISON CAMP.

POW had been to the camp and actually went through one of the barracks where the Americans are housed. There were many rows of these buildings, all two stories high, and each one containing about 200 men. On each floor there were ten rooms, 10 men sleeping in bunks in each room. Three guards patrolled each building, one at each end and one patrolling the hallway. Food was sufficient, including vegetables and meat (beefsteak) once a week. Prisoners were not served rice. Plenty of bread was provided. There were regular working hours during which the prisoners would be in the nearby fields raising their own food. Hours were from 0900 to 1130 and 1300 to 1600. After that they were free to play games. Officers did not work in the fields, were free to go outside for short walks. Major PUTNAM was reported in ZENTSUJI, and possibly General WAINWRIGHT. The prisoners looked healthy. Among other privileges they were allowed to bathe in the sea from time to time. That and the outdoor life seemed to agree with them, he said.

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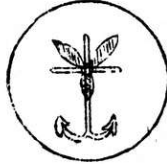
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20. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE (CONT'D)

Men of the rank of First Class Workman and up wear a cap insignia which is a gold propeller superimposed on a gold anchor. Second Class Workmen wear a brass plate with the same insignia stamped on it.



POW said that there was a prisoner of war camp on the island of MUKAISHIMA (HIGASHI) directly opposite the city of ONOMICHI, in HIROSHIMA Prefecture. He said that he had gone across on the ferry to have a look at the prisoners but was not allowed to approach too close. He said that there were several hundred men who played rugby and baseball daily. They were quartered in barracks and appeared to be in good health. POW did not know the nationality of the prisoners or the place from which they had come but said that they had arrived in June 1942.

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18. MEDICAL (CONT'D)

CHOLERA

None.

TYPHOID

None.

PARA-TYPHOID

None.

SHALLPOX

None.

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VENEREAL DISEASES

Three or four cases of syphilis.

ATHLETE'S FOOT

Foot trouble was prevalent and serious. Even serious cases were not hospitalized. A form of iodine ("MACHINIZ") was used.

DIARRHEA

Bad cases sent to hospital where they were put on rations of only soft rice and a yeast preparation, (EBIOS).

21. MISCELLANEOUS

POI saw about 400 Australian prisoners of war at SASSEBO and knew of about 100 others at a nearby camp. He thinks the 400 prisoners arrived there during May 1943. POI saw them riding trucks to work, leaving about 8 a.m. and returning about 5 p.m. He does not know what work they were doing nor the place, but is quite sure it was regular work of some kind. They carried no tools. They were dressed in khaki colored Japanese-made uniforms and wore visorless caps. They were guarded by one soldier in each truck. POI was surprised that they were so lightly guarded. They were healthy looking and evidently in good spirits.

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20. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE (Cont'd)

While on liberty in town in July, about ten days before he left RABAU, POW was told that all the prisoners quartered near CHINATOWN had left, and he noticed that the number of those quartered in the Supreme Court block had considerably decreased.

While in YOKOSUKA in December 1943, POW went on several occasions to the ASANO Dock, an outfitting dock in YOKOHAMA. He saw here 120 English-speaking prisoners operating rivetting hammers and similar tools in the company of Japanese mechanics. POW heard that they were artificers who had been offered the opportunity of working at their specialties and were rewarded by preferential treatment. POW states that he was surprised to see them working on warships which occasionally put in at the ASANO Dock.

The POWs were quartered at a prison camp one hour's truck ride from the dock. POW marveled at the apparent good spirits of the prisoners, relating that they sang "gay songs" and whistled at young girls while in transit to and from the dock.

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## 18. MEDICAL (cont'd)

### ATTITUDE TOWARD EUTHANASIA

Since there have been a few reports from POW corpsmen and doctors that orders have occasionally been given by medical officers to kill all patients in a sick-bay rather than allow them to be captured, POW was questioned on this point. He was also questioned on the issue of rumored killings, by order, of severely wounded and seemingly hopeless gangrene and tetanus cases in the field. POW answered that the latter was often the case, but that the former varied greatly according to the Medical Officer in charge. At the time of the Allied landing on SAIPAN, his own superior officer gave no such orders, and POW feels that even if they had been given, he might not have obeyed them. He has, however, heard of cases in which such orders were given, and carried out to the letter.

## 20. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE

POW has heard of prison camps for U.S. prisoners at YOKOHAMA, SASEBO, OSAKA, NAGASAKI, ZENTSUJI (SHIKOKU), SHINAGAWA, and in HOKKAIDO.

He had heard specific information only about the camp in NAGASAKI, from an officer friend who was stationed near there. According to this source, only convalescent and debilitated prisoners were kept at this camp, and they were given medical treatment in a dispensary connected to the camp. Their living conditions were pleasant, and during a certain period each day the prisoners were allowed to go downtown without a guard. POW explained this as being possible because these POWs were so easily identifiable that the possibilities of escape were minimized. The prisoners were also allowed to make their own food and bake their own bread with materials supplied to them.

POW heard that this camp was guarded by sentries carrying ordinary rifles, and that there were no elevated sentry-posts, manned by sentries armed with machine guns.

He has heard of some prisoners being put to work at iron works and canning factories, and that the prisoners were being paid for this work. He did not know the amount of their pay.

## 21. MISCELLANEOUS

### DOJINKAI

A large group of doctors, known as the "Cooperative" (DOJINKAI), was formed shortly after the Russo-Japanese War, for the purpose of sending competent Japanese doctors to CHINA. A great number of doctors of this DOJINKAI are at present working in CHINA.

### TSINGTAO

When POW was in TSINGTAO (from October 1943 to February 1944), all military men were forbidden to go beyond the city boundaries. The reason for this was the danger of harm from Chinese "Communist" guerrillas who have attacked many Japanese soldiers. In the city itself an Army guard was employed to protect Japanese from unfriendly Chinese elements. On the whole, however, he felt that the relationship between Japanese and Chinese within the city were friendly.

### RUMORED VIOLATIONS OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION

POW points to two incidents as examples of the violation of GENEVA provisions by the Allies. The first is the strafing of the Army Hospital at NAGOYA on 18 April 1942. POW claims to have seen the ruins of the hospital himself. The second is the strafing of the ASLITO AIRFIELD dispensary which he himself witnessed.

POW suggests that such incidents as these, combined with rumors about the strafing of a schoolyard in NAGOYA may account for the reported killing of captured U.S. aviators.

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