SUBJECT: Report of Recovery Team 56

To: HQ, XI Corps
   ATO 471
   Attention: Recovered Personnel Det.

1. Report on Asano POW Camp (Yokohama)
   a. Location: Yokohama Mitsuzawa Shitamachi #29,
      approximately 2 miles Northeast of Asano docks.
      Coordinates 35°4.9-139°6.3 on Central Honshu Map,
      scale 1/50,000.

   b. Description of camp: The Asano POW camp is a
      branch of the Tokyo Internment Camp Omuri. It is an Army
      Prisoner of War Camp and especially built to house POW's.
      The camp was opened May 1944 and closed May 1945. Ten days
      after the camp was closed it was bombed and completely destroyed
      by American B-29's. The Asano Camp was composed of 3 or 4
      stucco buildings with tile roofs. The buildings were approx-
      imately 60 feet long and 30 feet wide. Observation of
      the ruins showed that there was running water, kitchen,
      latrine and associated items. There was no fence or enclosure
      around the camp.

2. No records found.

3. No burial plots found.

4. Summary: It is known that American and Korean Prisoners
   of war were kept in the camp. There were approximately 100
   Americans, no knowledge of the number of Koreans. The Priso-
   ner's both American and Koreans worked in the Asano Dry
   Docks, which is a Ship repair showplace in the Nippon Steel
   Company factories which are in the same area. The president
   of the Japanese ship repair company is Jiro Nasaki. We were
   unable to talk with him because he was not there at the present
   time but we did talk with Hiroshi Shinoraki who was in charge of
   the labor department. It was from him that we learned that
   Prisoners of War worked there which led us to believe there
   must be a Prisoner of War Camp in the near vicinity. He had
   no record of the prisoners of war who worked there. He claimed
   that the Japanese Army kept the records. The work performed
   by the POW's was hard labor, painting, and welding.
We were told that the working hours of the American Prisoners of war was from 0800 to 1600 hours. They were allowed 1/2 hour off for dinner. The Korean Prisoners of war worked from 0700 to 1300 hours. They also had 1/2 hour off for the noon meal from 1200 to 1230 hours.

The above information was obtained by a thorough search of the Asama POW Camp and by talking with Hiroshi Shinazaki and Japanese native civilians.

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