RECOVERY TEAM NO.: 56
HQ., AMER. DIV., ARTY.
APO 716

28 September 1945

SUBJECT: REPORT OF RECOVERY TEAM 56
TO: HQ., XI CORPS
APO 471
ATTENTION: RECOVERED PERSONNEL DET.

1. Report on Yokohama Camp # 17.
   a. Location: Camp # 17 located 450 meters South-
      west of East Kanagawa Station in Yokohamashi
      Kanagawaku, Chitosecho. Coordinates: 666.1-1395.8
      on Central Honshu map scale, 1/50000. Yokohama
      Camp # 17 is also an Army Prisoner of war camp
      and is also a branch of Omori Main Camp.
   b. Description of camp: Yokohama Camp # 17 was
      opened May 1944 and closed at the end of the war.
      The buildings which housed the prisoners of war
      was two stories high. Included in the buildings
      was one kitchen, latrine, guard house, Japanese
      Commanders room, NCO room, storage
      buildings and Administration offices. These buildings
      were completely destroyed by American B-29's the 29 of
      May 1945. No prisoners were killed in the bombing.
      The camp area was rectangular in shape and located
      between the road and a spur of the railroad tracks.
      The camp was enclosed by a 6-story board fence 3 feet
      high. After the camp was destroyed, the
      prisoners were moved to Yokohama Camp # 18. About one
      week later the prisoners were brought back and housed in
      buildings owned by the Niishin Oil Refining Co.
      Buildings where the prisoners last stayed are located
      300 yard south where the former camp was located.
      While the prisoners were in
      this camp they worked in the Niishin Oil Refining Co.
      There were 50 POW's in this camp. 48 British, 1
      American officer and 1 American NCO.
      The condition of the camp in the Oil Refining Co.
      were deplorable. B-29's dropped Red Cross supplies on the 25th
      of Aug. The 25 of Aug. and the 29 of Aug. The prisoners left
      the camp the 28 of Aug. Commander of the camp claimed the
      Red Cross packages dropped on the 29th of Aug. Were taken
      to the Kanawa police station. This will be investigated.

2. Records found:
   a. A small amount of misc. papers

3. Deaths in Yokohama Camp # 17.
   a. One British Soldier- no record as to name. Died
      in Feb. of 1945. Ashes were sent to Omori Main Camp.

4. Burial plots: No burial plots found.

5. Summary: Japanese commander of the camp Capt. Taichi
   Above information found by team 56.

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