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Daily Diary - Recovery Team 8
Recovered Personnel Div, GHQ AGO AFPAC AP6500

18 August 1945.

Left 694 th Repl Co, 29 th Repl Depot Area	0215
Arrived Nielson Fld, P.I.	0310
Left Nielson Fld, P.I.	0815
Arrived Naha Airstrip, Okinawa	1310
Left Naha Airstrip by Truck	1800
Arrived 27 th Inf Div at Oona, Okinawa - rationed & quartered	2315

19 August 1945

Set up office in Hq Area 27th Inf 10 30
 Capt Holroyd reported in to G-1 and contacted G-2, G-3, and Red Cross Director, Chief of Staff and the Division Surgeon.

20 August 1945

Capt Holroyd contacted CIC officer. -
 Submitted data for airborne movement to Hq Commandant. Capt Holroyd met the Commanding General of the Division and discussed procedures for repatriation. Estimated number and strength of PW camps in Yokohama Area from information found in Manual on Location and Strengths Prisoners of War and Civilian Internment Camps in Japan (GHQ AFPAC Mis-X Section).
 Australian Recovery Team consisting of Maj Davies, Sgt Heathcote (Aust) and ~~Sgt~~ ^{1st Lt} Inashima (USA) joined organization.

21 August 1945

Routine office work.

22 August 1945

Capt Holroyd and Maj Davies contacted the Chaplain and the photographic officer of the organization.

22 August 1945 (cont)

Maps of area in which team will operate were obtained and studied.

23 August 1945

Procured future disposition of troops in Yokohama Area from G-3 and located POW Camps in that Area as closely as possible - Submitted information concerning POW Camps to G-1 for incorporation in a Memorandum to be given to Commanders of all units in the division.

24 August 1945

Routine duties. New occupation zone of 27th Div plotted on Recovery Maps and POW Camps in that area located.

25 August 1945

Routine duties.

26 August 1945

Maj Davies and Capt Holroyd attended a meeting at 8th Army Hq. and discussed Recovery of POW Procedure with officers of that Hq.

27 August 1945

Routine Duties.

28 August 1945

Routine Duties. - Reviewed recovery processing procedure.

29 August 1945

Routine Duties -

30 August 1945

Equipment assigned to CG Plane No. 8 - Personnel
to Plane No 10. . Placed on 24 hr alert

31 August 1945

Routine duties

1 September 1945

Routine duties

2 September 1945

Sunday - skeleton crew on duty - Plane assignment
changed: Personnel & Equipment to be on CG
Plane No 8.

3 September 1945

Routine duties

4 September 1945

Routine duties

5 September 1945

Routine duties --- Alerted.

6 September 1945

Left 19th Inf Div Hq at Onna Okinawa at 2030 hours.
Arrived Kadena Airstrip 2130.

7 September 1945

Left Kadena Airstrip at 0810
Arrived at Airfield at Atsugi Japan 1330 and were
assigned to quarters in Hiratsuka.

8 September 1945

Awaiting assignment and transportation

9 September 1945

Awaiting assignment and transportation.

10 September 1945

Assigned to Yokohama Dock area.

11 September 1945

Left Hiratsuka at 0750 - Arrived Yokohama 0835.
Assigned to quarters and had recovered personnel processing explained.

12 September 1945

Indoctrinated in recoveree processing at Yokohama dock area. - Left Yokohama dock area 1310 - Arrived Hq 8th Army 1330 - Left Hq 8th Army 1430 - Arrived at Hq 17th Inf Div 1530.

13 September 1945

Maj Davies, Capt Holroyd, Sgts Fredricks and Inashima left for Miyazoshita to process recoverees. - proceeded to Sengoku-Kogen Hakone Province and processed three Catholic nuns (Am, Br, & Fr) who did not desire repatriation - Returned to Miyazoshita after locating a Canadian family of four - At Miyazoshita processed two civilians (1 Am and 1 Italian) - Proceeded to Hakone in search of a convalescent POW Camp - Did not locate camp at Hakone and returned to Hiratsuka. - Accomplished necessary rosters, etc.

14 September 1945

Maj Davies, Capt Holroyd, Sgts Fredrick & Inashima

14 September 1945 (cont)

Inashima proceeded to Sengoku-Kogen, Hokone Province with food and Red Cross Kits for three Catholic nuns and for the Canadian family - Processed the Hamartine family (Canadian) of mother and two children (daughter 16 and son 12). - Proceeded to Miyazoshita and interviewed several civilians with reference to recovery - Proceeded to Atami in search of a prisoner of war camp, failed to find some and returned to Hiratsuka.

15 September 1945

Capt Holroyd contacted Canadian Recovery Team at Yokohama to get clearance for the Hamartine family. - Set up office in CIC building of Hq. 27th Inf Div.

16 September 1945

Capt Holroyd, Maj Davies, Sgt Inashima, & Pvt Harnes proceeded to Miyazoshita, Hakone, & Kinokuni Village where an investigation was made to locate Furashi (Fuji) PW Camp with no success. - Passed through Gotemba, Yamakita and to Uchiyama and located Yamakita Internment Camp No 1. Investigated Camp, located two graves - Complete report is being made and pictures of camp area are ^{to be} taken. - Returned to Hq 27th Inf Div area.

17 September 1945

Pvt Harnes proceeded to Hq 8th Army to check on POW camp locations and recoveries, etc. - A rough draft of atrocities, etc at Yamakita

17 September 1945

Internment Camp No 1 was drawn up.

18 September 1945

Tec 3 Minoru Inashima (interpreter for Recovery Team No 8) commissioned 2nd Lt AUS. - Routine duties.

19 September 1945.

Maj Davies, Sgt Fredricks, Sgt Heathcote, and Pvt Grigware proceeded to Miyashita and Sengoku-Kogen, Hakone Province. - Stopped at the home of the Samartines and prepared Reports of Recovery and Affidavit for Mr. Bert Samartine - stopped at the residence of the Sisters of the Precious Blood and prepared new affidavits for Sisters St Anne and Gertrude who now desire repatriation to the U.S. - Returned to Hq 27th Inf Div, Hiratsuka

20 September 1945

Capt Holroyd proceeded to Yokohama to check procedure for evacuation of recoverees approved - Capt Holroyd, Sgts Fredricks & Heathcote proceeded to Sengoku-Kogen to inform Mrs Samartine and children and Sisters St Anne and Gertrude to be prepared to move to Yokohama at 0900 31 Sept 45 and then returned.

21 September 1945

Capt Holroyd departed for Sengoku-Kogen with two jeeps and trailers to evacuate the Samartine family of three and Sisters St Anne and Gertrude to Yokohama. --- Capt Holroyd saw the above mentioned recoverees off to Atsugi Airfield and returned.

22 September 1945

Recovery Team attached to the Americal Division reported and were given details as to what had been done and remained to be done in this area. - Began packing equipment for proposed move of 27th Div.

23 September 1945

Prepared Report of Personnel and Equipment for move to Niigata and submitted it to Special Troops. Continued packing -

24 September 1945

Prepared reports of activities to date - continued packing - Maj Davies & Sgt Heathcote received orders to return to Manila and left the team today. - Capt Holroyd, Lt. Inashima, Sgt Fredricks, and Pts Grigware & Harnes left Hiratsuka for Niigata by train at 1545 (with Hq Co 27th Div).

25 September 1945

Arrived at Niigata at 0605 and were assigned to quarters.

26 September 1945

Prepared map of new area of occupation of 27th Div with POW Camp locations - Capt Holroyd, Lt Inashima, Sgt Fredricks, & Pvt Grigware located and inspected Tokyo Camp No 5 and Tokyo Camp No 15 outside Niigata and interviewed police stationed at these camps.

27 September 1945.

Capt Holroyd, Lt Inashima questioned Major Sadaya Seio of the Kempei Tai about the

Pow Camps in this area. - Capt Holroyd, Lt Inashima and Sgt Fredricks again inspected Tokyo Camps 5 and 15 picking up additional records and information

28 September 1945

Information on Tokyo Camps No 5 and 15 were assembled and reports on each prepared. - Capt Holroyd and Lt Inashima, inspected Sgt Fredricks, & Pvt Grigware inspected camp for Chinese laborers (not internees, but contracted laborers). Rpt made to 27th Div.

29 September 1945

Capt Holroyd, Lt. Inashima, Sgt Fredricks, & Pts Grigware & ^{Hartnes} inspected Tokyo Sub-Camp No 16 (by train) (Kanose) picking up ^{NO} records. 1st Lt Hiroshi Azuma, Camp Commandant was interviewed and gave all information he had. - Also inspected Showa Denko Kabushi Kaisha, plant where Pows worked.

30 September 1945

Prepared report on Tokyo Sub-Camp No 16 inspected 29 Sept 45 and submitted it to GHQ - Re-submitted report on Chinese camp to Hq 27th Div. - Planned inspection of Tokyo Sub-Camp No 4.

1 October 1945

Capt Holroyd, Lt Inashima, Sgt Fredricks, & Pvt Grigware proceeded ^{by train} to Naoetsu and inspected Tokyo Sub-camp No 4 (Naoetsu) and interviewed Nobuyuki Sugimoto, Naoetsu Chief of Police for information about this camp - Then proceeded to Nagaoaka to inspect camp there. - Getting dark & Pow Camp occupied by

homeless citizens of Nagasaki so team returned to Hq 27th Div.

2 October 1945

Received orders promoting Pts Grigware and Harmes to Pfc - Prepared report on Tokyo Sub-camp No 4 (Naoetsu) and submitted ~~it~~ records found there to GTHQ - Made plans to return to Nagasaki to inspect POW Camp there.

3 October 1945

Capt Holroyd, Lt Inashima, Sgt Fredricks & Pfc Harmes proceeded to Nagasaki to inspect two camps in that city - Inspected both and returned to Hq 27th Inf Div - Received orders to return to Rec Pers Det for duty (all but Lt Inashima).

4 October 1945

Prepared Reports on Tokyo Sub-Camp No 3 & Dispatch Camp of Tokyo Sub-Camp No 3 at Nagasaki. Lt Inashima received orders to report to GTHQ Advanced Echelon for duty - Capt Holroyd, Sgt Fredricks and Pfc Harmes and Grigware departed from Niigata at 2120 by rail for Tokyo and Yokohama.

5 October 1945

Arrived Tokyo 0800 - Called Hq 8th Army for transportation to Yokohama - Jeep arrived 1000 - Team arrived at Yokohama 1205 - Quarters and rationed.

6 October 1945

left Yokohama 1100 for Tachikawa Air Field
Arrived there 1450. Quartered and rationed.

7 October 1945

left Tachikawa Field for Okinawa 1340 in a C-46
but turned back after flying one hour
because of bad weather.

8 October 1945

Waiting for weather to clear up - at Tachikawa

9 October 1945

Waiting for weather to clear up

10 October 1945

Waiting for weather to clear up

11 October 1945

Waiting for weather to clear up - still at Tachikawa

12 October 1945

Weather clear - motor trouble - still waiting.

13 October 1945

Weather clear - waiting ATC Clearance

14 October 1945

Took off from Tachikawa Field for Okinawa
0840 after transferring equipment - Arrived
at Yontan Airstrip Okinawa 1410.

15 October 1945

left Yontan Airstrip Okinawa 0800. Arrived
Nielson Field Manila 0200 - Reported to GHQ
Manila 3100. Rationed and quartered.