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PRISONER OF WAR CAMP REPORT

20 August 1945

PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS IN KOREA

Intelligence on Korean Camps, like most other sections, presents an incomplete picture. Information received to date has not been sufficient to give accurate strengths and descriptions of these camps, but the intelligence available, which is compiled below, is enough to give a general outline of Prisoner of War Camps in this area. It is clear that the great majority of prisoners interned here are British and Australian, but there is a strong possibility that the numbers of American prisoners have been increasing. The camps in Korea have remained static in location and no new camps have been reported within the last year. The general trend of Prisoner of War movements has been northward and it is not unlikely that strengths in Korean Camps have been considerably increased within the last year. It is encouraging to note that the Red Cross has been able to send food parcels into this area, which should help to improve conditions.

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FUSAN, NISHIKI MACHI

Coordinates: 35.06'N-129.02'E

Estimated strength 10 U.S. and 110 Australians, Report of August 1944 indicated 500 Australians were to be moved here.

Camp is located at Nishiki Machi in the residential center of Fusan in a triangular area west of the meteorological station. To the west is a sewer pipe and a vacant lot; to the east a row of houses; to the north, narrow dirt roads; and to the south a 40-foot wide asphalt highway. Camp consists of two newly built houses 80 feet by 35 feet, surrounded by a hedge. Conditions are reported to be crowded and medical cases are sent to the Fusan Hospital.

JINSEN NEW DIVISIONAL CAMP

Coordinates: 37.28'N-126.38'E.

Confirmed strength of 252 British from Singapore. Japanese report of October 1944 states that there were 500 Americans here.

Camp is located in the southeast part of the city, near the Eastern Park above the sea road. Vegetable garden of 840 acres adjacent. Camp consists of 3 barracks buildings and five huts surrounded by both electrified and barbed wire fences. Conditions are reported to be bad.

KEIJO MAIN CAMP

Coordinates: 37.38'N-126.58'E.

Known strength 190 Australians and British, but Japanese report of October 1944 indicated 350 Americans here also.

Camp is situated in the southeast part of Keijo, west of the 20th Division Parade Ground, about 2,500 meters from the river. The camp consists of a four-storey brick cotton mill surrounded by a low concrete wall.

KEIJO BRANCH CAMP #1

Coordinates: 37.38'N-126.58'E.

Strength 100 British and Australians.

Camp reported across the road from the west end of the 20th Division Parade Ground on the northeast corner of a road and rail intersection. Camp surrounded by a concrete wall.

KEIJO DISPATCH CAMP #1 (RYUZAN)

Coordinates: 37.33'N-126.58'E.

Strength 347 British and Australians.

Camp is located 1,800 meters east of the Ryuzan Railroad Station in the Aoba Cho section of town, across the railroad tracks from the Field Artillery Barracks, and near the Ryuzan Steel Works where the prisoners work.

KEIJO CITY PRISON

Coordinates: 37.33'N-126.57'E.

Known strength 2 Prisoners of War.

It is estimated that there are 3 or 4 camps in the Keijo area, but reports differ so greatly that it is difficult to distinguish one camp from another. One reliable source reports that there are 1,500 prisoners in the Keijo area.

KONAN NEW DIVISIONAL CAMP

Coordinates: 39.52'N-127.35'E.

Strength 23 British and Australians.

Reported coordinates place the camp northeast of the main town. Prisoners presumably work in a foundry. One source states that prisoners are moving here from Keijo and Jinsen.

KOREA DIVISIONAL CAMP

Coordinates: Unknown.

Estimated strength 75 Prisoners of War.

All that is known about this camp is that it covers 2,000 square meters and includes 17 buildings with a vegetable garden. It is possible that there are more prisoners here than reported.

KOSHU

Coordinates: Unknown.

Camp is reported to be in a city by this name, either in Chuseinan, Kokaido, or Zenranan Prefectures.

REPHO

Coordinates: 39.00'N-125.40'E.

No details available.

SEISHIN

Coordinates: 41.48'N-129.48'E.

Strength 230.

Reported to be a divisional camp.

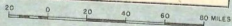
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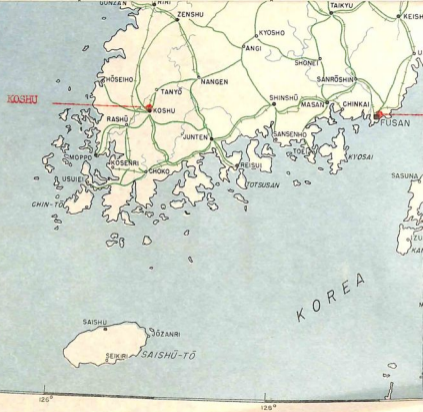
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