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DAILY JOURNAL
of
RECOVERY TEAM #27

- 20 Aug 45 - Attached to 6th Army APO⁴⁴², and placed on Future TDY with I Corp.
- 21 Aug 45 DEPARTED 29th Repl Dep to Report to I Corp HQ which attached Teams to 33 Int Div APO³³ ARRIVED at Div HQ 2030 hours and was attached to 136 Int Rejt. SERVICE COMPANY
- 22 Aug 45 Usual Routine task - MEN worked in Motor Pool to PREPARE vehicles for landing in JAPAN
- 23 Aug 45 Usual Routine tasks
- 24 Aug 45 " " "
- 25 Aug 45 " " "
- 26 Aug 45 " " "
- 27 Aug 45 " " "
- 28 Aug 45 " " "
- 29 Aug 45 " " " Capt Arnett made arrangements for Enlisted men to receive \$10 Partial Pay All Pay for OFFICERS
- 30 Aug 45 Usual Routine Tasks.
- 31 Aug 45 " " " MEN & OFFICERS WERE paid - Military Type B INVASION MONEY
1. Sept 45 Verbal orders for Capt Boyce with Division G-1 Section to be ready to move to 11th Repl Depot - So as to fly to JAPAN from Clark Field. left the Division about 1030 15 Sept 45 and ARRIVED 11th Repl Dep about 1600 hrs - TURN vehicles into 318th Ordnance BN and made preparations for air trip to JAPAN.
- 2 Sept 45 Usual Routine Task - All 6th Army Teams at depot awaiting Priority for air transport

- 3 Sept 45 All 6th Army Teams who had Allied Officers and men left Today for JAPAN. Later in the day 2 Teams with Allied Officer Returned.
- 4 Sept 45 Again Verbal orders came from 6th Army HQ that were to Report Back to 33rd Int Div at Buang. Luzon P.I. Departed 11th Regt Dep at CamBAN Luzon P.I. about 1600 - Arrived Div HQ 33rd Div at 3330 that night. THE Division had not received word of OUR RETURNING until we arrived.
- 5 Sept 45 Teams we attached to Various Int Regt. Team 27 attached to 136th Int Regt Service Company.
- 6 Sept 45 Usual Routine Task - Making Preparations for Voyage to JAPAN. While at the 11th Dept. men were paid in full by check from HQ in Manila. - So entries were made in Service Records plus the entry about \$10 Partial Payment paid 31 Aug 45.
- 7 Sept 45 Usual Routine Task - Sgt. Rauch, Irvin I 39460585 promoted to Staff Sgt. S.O. #33 Hq Spa Trps CMC AFPAC.
- 8 Sept. 45 Usual Routine Task
- 9 Sept 45 " " "
- 10 Sept 45 " " "
- 11 Sept 45 " " "
- 12 Sept 45 " " " - Verbal orders from 136th Regt Hq that Teams 27 & 26 would be attached to 1st Bn for trip to JAPAN

- 13 Sept 45. Vehicles of Teams #27 #26 plus Drivers Reported to Beach Master 1st Bu for loading on APA USS Newbent #217
- 14 Sept 45 Offices & remainder of Teams 27 & 26 loaded aboard APA 217.
- 15 Sept 45 Aboard Ship waiting for Remainder of Div to load
- 16 Sept 45 Waiting for Remainder of Div to load
- 17 Sept 45 " " " " " " " "
- 18 Sept 45 " " " " " " " "
- Today assault waves had a practice landing.
- 19 Sept 45 Waiting for Remainder of Div to load - Team Member took 2 shots for Plague 1st dose.
- 20 Sept 45 Convoy get under way for Trip to Japan. Food & living Quarters ARE good.
- 21 Sept 45 Convoy on Seas for Japan
- 22 Sept 45 " " " " " "
- 23 Sept 45 " " " " " "
- 24 Sept 45 " " " " " "
- 25 Sept 45 Disembarked at Wakayama Harbor and Proceeded to Kyoto to 136 Inf Regt HQ ARRIVED Kyoto Airport near village Yodo. Travel by Vehicle Convoy ARRIVED at 2030
- 26 Sept 45 Went to Kyoto and visit Police Headquarters for information about Prison Camp at OYAMA Sub branch officially call Osaka #3. They made arrangements for visit.
Lt Chapman and Myself went to Osaka to

- 26 Sept 45. locate Capt Regal. Reported locations of Teams with 136 Int. Had no information to give us.
- 27 Sept 45 Teams 26 & 16 with Maj Buring and Capt Ackerman (Det) left to visit Seyama Camp. Myself and Lt Chapman went Osaka to find out if there were any new developments. While in Osaka we visited Imperial Police Headquarters to find out information of P.W. Camp in Osaka, Kyoto Prefecture. The Police Chief stated most of the records were turned over to a Major Mitchell of 8th Army in Tokyo. Arrangements were made for Teams No 27 & 28 plus Aussie + Det. Representatives to visit Osaka Camp #1 call Osaka Yonagi Bridge Camp.
- 28 Sept 45. Returned to Osaka to visit Osaka Camp #1. located on water front in Osaka. Capt McKinsey Aussie went with us for visit. For details see Report of Camp sent Osaka I Corp HQ and on to ABO, BGH AFPAF. Upon completion of visit returned Jap Army HQ to obtain information about all Prison Camps in Osaka Kyoto Area. Talked with Staff Officers
- Lt. Col. AKATUKA. Jap Army
 Maj Shoji " "
 Maj TANI " "
- Also talk with Col. Murata Camp Comdr of Osaka Camp #1.

From this interview we obtained the following list of Prison Camps in the Osaka Kyoto Area.

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| CAMP NO. 1 | OSAKA YUNAGI BRIDE Camp | Prisoners 443 |
| CAMP NO. 2 | KOBE WUKIHANA Public School | Prisoners 488 |
| CAMP NO. 3 | TANBA Oiyama Tin Mine | Prisoners 633 |
| CAMP NO. 4 | HIMEJI IKUNO Mitsui Mine Industry | Prisoners 440 |
| CAMP NO. 5 | TSURUGA Sealand Communication Camp | Prisoners 399 |
| CAMP NO. 6 | HIYOBO Prefecture
AKINOBE Mitsui Mine Co. | Prisoners 296 |
| CAMP NO. 7 | FUKUI Prefecture
TAKEFU Technical Camp | Prisoners 198 |
| CAMP NO. 8 | Shiga Prefecture
Noshu Station Noda | Prisoners 196 |
| CAMP NO. 9 | Shiga Prefecture
NOTOGAWA | Prisoners 301 |

CAMP No. 10
Shiga Prefecture
~~THE~~ MAIBARA Prisoners 199

CAMP No. 11
Fuku Prefecture
ROKUROSHI TRAINING CAMP Prisoners 361

CAMP No 12
KOBE Hirohata Nippon Mine Co. 302

Also the OSAKA WIIROKA Red Cross Hospital which Sick prisoners were sent.

The Remains of all Dead Prisoners that were cremated are in the ZUGANJI TEMPLE, WIIROKY OSAKA 8th Army Personnel had visited this AREA.

29 Sept 45 Went Osaka and took Capt Regal to Japanese Army HQ to make arrangement for Teams to visit the various Army Camps. Capt Regal was to pass this information down to Capt Bethen at 33 Div HQ G-1. Teams 27 & 28 were to visit Camps # 9 & # 10 Monday 1 October 45. Returned to 136 & gave Int to other Team Officers

30 Sept. 45: Lt. Yerasley went to Report to Capt Bethen at Division HQ. Men worked on vehicles for Trip Monday.

When Lt. Yearstey returned he stated that Teams 27 & 28 were to remain with 136 and the other teams would leave to go back Manila. Information he stated came to Col Gregory 6th Army from Col Marcus in Tokyo.

~~1 Oct 45.~~ Usual Routine Task, some went on Pass to Kyoto. Made preparations for trip Monday Morning. Lt Yearstey stated seeing as the other Teams might be alerted to move they could make no overnight trips. He said Teams #27 #28 should make the trips Thursday to visit Camp #6 #7 #11 - Plan to take 4 day trip.

1 Oct 45. Departed camp to visit Camp #8 #9 #10 picked up Guides at Kyoto Hotel. Arrived at Camp #8 1100, Arrived Camp #9 1400, Arrived Camp #10 1700. SEE Report turned into HQ GHQ AFPAF, Received Pers Div.

2 Oct 45 Making Preparations for Trip on Fourth to visit Camps #6, #7, #11 Worked on plans for Reports on Camp #8 #9 #10 to be turned into Tomorrow.

3 Oct 45. Further Preparations for visit to PW Camps #5 #7 #4. Men worked on vehicles went to Kobe to have 3rd Echelon work done.

- 4 Oct 1945. Departed with teams #27 #28 and Major Buring (Russie) to visit P.W. camps #5 #7 #11 in the Osaka district. Arrangements were made to stay two nights at Ohnocho and one night at Takefu. Arrived at Ohnocho at 2230 4 Oct 45.
- 5 Oct 45. Departed from Ohnocho at 0830 to visit P.W. Camp #11 at Rokuroshi TRAINING Camp. SEE REPORT ON Camp. We were accompanied by the following JAPANESE ARMY PERSONNEL.
 Miss Sumiko Nakamura - Jap Army interpreter
 Mr. Hiroshi, E SAWASA - " " "
 Capt. Yasuji Morimoto - " " "
 Col. Murata - Japanese Army Comd of Osaka PW Camps.
- We returned to Ohnocho to spend our 2nd Night.
- 6 Oct 45. Departed from Ohnocho at 0830 to visit PW Camp #7 at Takefu called the Takefu Technical Camp. At the town of Takefu we met Maj TANI and his interpreter to accompany with the rest of our party. We inspected the camp and return to Takefu for the night. SEE REPORT ON Camp
- 10 Oct 1945. Departed Takefu at 1930 for Tsuruga to visit PW Camp #5, called the Tsuruga Sealand Camp. Visited the camp sites, camp was located at three different places during its operation

we visited all three locations and departed from Tsuruga for 136 Int Regt stationed at OTSU near Kyoto. Arrived at 136 Int Regt at 2100 hours.

Oct 8, 45. Sent Message to Capt Bethen of our RETURN also requesting information as to assignment of Team #27. Upon returning to 136 Int we found Teams #16 #26 #38 had left to RETURN to Manila. Reports on all three PW Camp #5 #7 #11 were completed. Rec'd Message from Capt Bethen at Div G-1 for Team #27 to Report to 33 Div Hq for further assignment. I decided to take Reports on PW Camp myself seeing as I was going to Division.

Oct 9 45 Departed 136th Int at 1100 at OTSU to Report to 33 Int Div Hq at KUBE Arrived at 33 Div Hq 1400 hours same day. Capt Bethen said I was assigned to 130 Int Regt. stationed at HEMEJI Departed for 130 Int Regt about 1500 hours. and was forced to RETURN to Div Hq as bridge was out on Road to HEMEJI. Team #27 was Quarantined at Division Hq for the night.

10 Oct 45. Engineers were reported working on the Bridge. At 1330 again departed for 130 Int Regt. and again was forced to turn back due to the Bridge.

10 Oct 45 (cont)

Engineers said it would take at least 3 days to make Road Passable. Seeing 1st Division HQ could not accommodate my Enlisted men it was decided I was to Return to the 136 Inf. at City of OTSU. Departed Div HQ at 1700 hours and arrived at 136 Inf HQ at 2030.

11 Oct 45 Usual routine tasks. Filed team correspondence. Men worked on vehicles.

12 Oct 45 Team #28 visited YODOGAWA plotted as a prison Camp the only thing carrying that name was a River in the vicinity of Cood. Given. Heard Report of Two Hospitals in vicinity of Hiakata and plan to visit the same at a later date for leads of PWs & Nationals. Men filled out list of Salvagable clothes also requisitioned winter clothing for men thru 2nd In 136 Inf.

13 Oct 45. Usual Routine tasks. Men worked on vehicles

14 Oct 45. Sunday - Day off.

15 Oct 45. Teams 27 and 28 visited Hiakata two investigate Hospitals. They were found to be Hospitals for Insane and neither had patients all had been

Removed. Information obtained was of no concern as no PWs or Nationals had been treated at either Hospital. However letter for information was sent to Capt Bethen at Division. A message was received from Capt Bethen at Division for Team #27 to Report to 130 Inf at Hemeji as soon as possible. Arrangements made for departing 136 Inf on Mon w/ 16 Oct 45. for 130 at Hemeji.

16 Oct 45. Departed 136 Inf stationed at OTSU for 130 Inf stationed at Hemeji at 0950 hours. Stopped at Division HQ to see Capt Bethen to turn in Report of findings at Two INSANE Hospitals in the vicinity of Hieakuta. Both Hosp had no patients but patients they did have were only JAPANESE. They treated no Nationals of other countries or Prisoners of War. Hospitals had no connection with Japanese Army.

17 Oct 45. Day was spent getting settled down and obtaining sleeping Quarters. Men worked on vehicles. Sgt Rauch returned to 136 to pick equipment that was left behind. Received a Message from Capt Bethen to Investigate a Chinese Labor Camp at Aioi to determine if they were receiving ample food and clothing.

- 18 Oct 45. Departed 130 Inf to visit A101 and investigate Chinese Labor Camp. Obtained guide and interpreter from Himeji Police station. See Report.
- 19 Oct 45. Report on labor Camp forwarded to Capt Bethen at Division G-1 section. Arrangement made for visit to Himeji Police Station to obtain information as to whether there are any Nationals of Foreign countries living in the vicinity of Himeji.
- 20 Oct 45. Returned to the A101 Labor Camp to find out information as to place of Resident in China of the 462 labors at the Camp. All 462 were from Provinces in Northern China.
- 21 Oct 45. Report of findings forwarded to Capt Bethen. Also received message from Capt Bethen to investigate a Chinese Labor Camp at the City of Miyazu. Contacted I Co 3rd Bn 130 Inf as they were preparing to move to Miyazu. Capt Knowl Co Comdr stated I could join the Company on the Trip.
- 22 Oct 45. Departed Himeji for Miyazu at 0830 in the morning. Quite a bit of difficulty was encountered.

on the trip (Bridges out + Bal Road.) We arrived at Miyazu a boat 2030 that evening. Set up for the night. Lt Holland 1st BN S-1 told me that CIC and AMB representatives had been investigating the Camp.

23 Oct 45.- Contacted CIC + AMB representatives to obtain an overall picture of the Camp and the situations that existed. Both of the Representatives had reports ready to be forwarded. The AMB representative accompanied my driver and myself to the Camp, Interpreters were obtained at Miyazu. All Chinese were from Provinces in Northern China. Situation on food was about same as the Aisi Camp.

24 Oct 45.- Visited Miyazu in the Morning and the I Co guards in the city caught a Chinese Laborer with a Stolen Bicycle. This being his second offense he was locked up in the Miyazu Jail in the custody of American Soldiers. Then the AMB representative later in the day and he said he was going to take some of the food locked in a warehouse at the Osaka No 2 Prisoner of War Camp at Iwataki and give it to the Chinese to help the food situation.

25 Oct 45. - Departed Miyazu for Himeji
about 0930. En route to Himeji
I stopped to check a Japanese
hunter who was carrying a
shotgun (about 30ga) to see if he
had his permit. He didn't
have it in his possession so
contacted the local police and
his Gun was registered. Explained
to the Chief of Police that each
Hunter should carry a paper
in English which states he is
entitled to carry a shotgun.
This being authorized by G.H.Q.
Arrived at Himeji about 1630.
Sgt. Rauch reported with messages
from Capt Betha and said that
all arrangements to have men
paid were complete.
I called Capt Betha by phone
to report the place of Resident
in China of the Chinese at
Miyazu.

26 Oct 45. - Went to Division to see Capt Betha
to find out about the warning
order we received as to separating
33 Div to work with the 25th Div
at Nagoya. He stated that might
be canceled as the repatriation
of about 100 nationals in Asbe
has been postponed.

Also checked to see if any
orders had come from 6th Army H.Q.
as to the status of Koreans and what

was to be done in our channels for them. This information was decided by Col Lamont, at Himeji. AMB. He had leads on information about Koreans paying extra money to be first out of Japan. It was reported to him by the Head of the Korean Association in Himeji. They want the American Army to stop the smuggling if they could.

Capt Bethan stated the only thing was that American soldiers would be present when ships were loaded to prevent riots.

On the way back to Himeji from Kobe I stopped to check a Prison just outside of Akashi. CIC officials were there at the time. The Prison was for Japanese only, the CIC official stated. I also asked them if they had checked the Koreans and he stated they were leaving Japan on every water inlet in the vicinity. Some had even purchased a small boat to sail to Korea. He said they had reported it to Higher Hq. but it was almost impossible to check all of these places.

27 Oct 45: Men were paid for September and the day was spent working on vehicles

28 Oct 45: Sunday - Received Msg from Capt Bethan to have 2 jeep & 2 families at Kobe Tuesday 1500

29 Oct 45: Went to Kobe to have my Pay Voucher straightened out and to be paid. Found that Terms 61470 were ordered to Nagoya and my Jeeps were needed to haul repatriates. On our return trip from Kobe at about 1130 while passing through the city of Akashi. A little Boy was hit by our Jeep as he darted across the street. We rushed him to the MEITAKE DORMITORY, CHAUBA CHO Akashi City, for treatment. The Doctor stated no bones were broken. Pvt. CROWE the Driver went for the Boys Parent and his elder Brother came when they were sawing his face. He received 3 Bad cuts about the face. The accident was reported to the Hiroji M.P. when we arrived. There was no Military Personnel at Akashi to Report the accident to.

30 Oct 45: Vehicles departed Soc Kobe as ordered by Capt Betha. For the Purpose of Hauling Repatriates and their Baggage. Telephone call from Capt Betha about orders to Manila. Said to Report to Capt Royal at I Corp in Osaka at 0830 31 Oct 45

- 31 Oct 45 - Departed From 130 Inv at 0500 for Kobe & Osaka. Seen Capt Botha at Kobe and picked up orders attaching Team 37 & 38 back to I Corp. Arrived at Osaka and Capt Royal had left for Wakayama, his Sgt gave Lt Chapman and I the information needed. Departed from Osaka for Tokyo at 1900 hours. Jeeps were returned to Capt Botha so he intern could be torn them into Div Ord, 33rd Div.
- 1 Nov 45 - Arrived in Tokyo at 0800 and checked with A.T.C. for priority on air travel. Waited around for plane out. Left Tokyo for Atsugi Air field. Plane scheduled to depart at 0520 2 Nov 45.
- 3 Nov 45 - Departed Atsugi Airfield at 0730 due to delay. Arrived Okinawa about 1330 arrive Manila P.I. at 02040 hour. Signed in at ABO., Quater in Manila Hotel.

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