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- RECOVERY TEAM #55

A.G.O. G.H.Q. A.F.P.A.C.
RECOVERED PERSONAL DET.
A.R.D. 500

RECOVERY TEAM PERSONAL

TEAM LEADER - ^{1ST} Lt. DANAHY JOHN J. AMERICAN
¹⁵ Lt. BLACK ADAM R. M. AUSTRALIAN
Sgt. JOHNSTON T. G. "
^{15TH} Lt. CLUWEN H. C. DUTCH
Corp. PETERSON THOMAS D. AMERICAN
PFC. REYNOLDS "
Pvt. RHODES RALPH F. "

Aug. 24, 45 SAILED FROM MANILA TO TOKYO BAY ON ARA. 136

SEPT 1ST ARRIVED TOKYO BAY. (YOKOHAMA)

SEPT 2ND TIME 2:00 CAPTAIN GRYERT RECEIVED
ORDERS FROM 8TH ARMY TO SEND AN ALLIED TEAM, TO NEW
GRAND HOTEL, YOKOHAMA, BY 8:30 SEPT 3RD.
TEAM #55 WAS SELECTED. AT 2:30 SEPT 2ND A THOROUGH
SEARCH WAS MADE IN THE HOLD OF THE SHIP FOR
ORGANIZATION AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT (DUFFEL BAGS,
BEDS ROLLS ETC.) IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND DUE TO
THE NUMBER OF TRUCKS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IN
THE HOLD, THE SEARCH WAS GIVEN UP.

Time 8:00

SEPT. 3RD TEAM #55, THE FIRST AND ONLY TEAM TO DISSEMBARK
AT THAT TIME WENT ASHORE. TEAM LEADER REPORTED
TO MAJOR GREEN 8TH ARMY G-1 SECTION IN NEW GRAND
HOTEL, THEN USED AS C.P. FOR G.H.Q.
8TH ARMY DIRECTED THAT TEAM #55 WORK WITH THE NAVY.
LT COLONEL COFFEY, G-1 SECTION 8TH ARMY WAS ASSIGNED
LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN TEAM #55 AND NAVY.
WE BOARDED THE A.R.D. REEVES AT 10:30.
AT 12:30 LT COL. COFFEY ORDERED TEAM #55 TO

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REPORT to Hospital ship U.S.S. RESCUE! (Verbal Orders)

Sept. 2 RESCUE SAILED FOR NAGOYA AREA.

Sept 4 ARRIVED AT NAGOYA. 0500 Picked up P.W. at 0730.

RECALL THAT TEAM HAD NO ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT BEFORE LEAVING MANILA I HAD MADE IN A MANILA FOLDER ONE COPY OF FORMS 112-113-114, 8th ARMY FORM, DEATH OF INTERNEE FORM, ROSTER FORM put out by our DETACHMENT AND ALL ORDERS AND S.O.P. MADE UP BY RECOVERED PERSONAL DET. IN MANILA. THIS I CARRIED WITH ME AT ALL TIMES. THANK THE LORD!!!

FROM THESE SINGLE COPIES, WE MADE STENCILS ABOARD THE RESCUE. AND RAN OFF ENOUGH COPIES TO PERFORM OUR MISSION.

LET IT BE TOLD, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GO ASHORE AND ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION!

LT COL. COFFEY WENT ASHORE ON THE 4th OF SEPT. DISCOVERING THAT THE P.W. WERE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY TO THE BEACHES, HE ELECTED TO KEEP TEAM #55 ON BOARD THE RESCUE, SINCE ALL P.W. WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT TO SAID SHIP.

THE NAVY HAD 20 PROCESSING CLERKS TO OUR 4. THE QUARTER DECK WHERE THE PROCESSING TOOK PLACE WAS CROWDED WITH SAID 20 CLERKS + P.W. ETC. AT THE TIME IT WAS A NAVY SHOW!

DECIDING THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK IN THE CROWDED DECK AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO COPY OR TAKE THE INFORMATION FROM THE 3rd FLEET FORMS EVENTUALLY. WE SET UP OUR OWN WORK ROOM AND TRANSCRIBED INFORMATION FROM THEIR FORMS TO OUR FORMS.

THIRD FLEET FORMS WERE MADE UP IN TRIPPLICATE.

(copy)

ONE FORM WENT TO HQ. 3RD FLEET, ONE TO ~~the~~ Commander STASSEN, ONE TO Lt Billington British NAVAL OFFICER, RESPONSIBLE FOR getting all BRITISH PROCESSED FORMS.

WE HAD TO COMPLETE THE BRITISH TRANSCRIBING BEFORE Lt Billington SENT THEM OFF THE SHIP.

THIS THREW US BEHIND WITH ALL OTHER ALLIED P.O.W. TO COMPLETE OUR WORK WE HAD A MEETING WITH Lt. Col. COFFEY WHERE WE DECIDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE UP THE 8TH ARMY FORM IN TRIPPLICATE, WE USED THE 8TH ARMY FORM BECAUSE IT CONTAINED ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, ONE TO AFPAC, ONE TO EIGHTH ARMY AND THE THIRD FOR OUR OWN FILE. FROM THE FOURTH TO THE SEVENTH PROCESSING OF POW'S WAS CONTINUOUS.

Sept 7

ON SEPT. 7th TWO BOXES AND ONE MANILA FOLDER CONTAINING FORMS, RECORDS, ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, DIARIES, AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION AS WELL AS ELEVEN BOXES OF ASHES OF POW'S WAS FORWARDED, ON THE H.M.S. WIZARD BRITISH DESTROYER. A RECEIPT FOR SAME WAS RECEIVED BY TEAM LEADER. THE REMAINDER OF ALL FORMS, PLUS TEN MORE BOXES OF ASHES WERE RETURNED WITH TEAM ON THE RESCUE.

Sept 8

U.S.S. RESCUE RETURNED TO YOKOHAMA.

Sept 9

RETURNED TO NIPPON YESSEN KASHA BUILDING TO AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS. A SMALL SECTION OF FLOOR SPACE WAS ALLOTTED FOR OUR SECTION TO WORK IN. BEING ASSURED THIS OFFICE WAS TO BE OUR PERMANENT PLACE TO

work, by Major Greene of GI Section 8th Army we hid a carton containing file copies in said office.

Then the search for organizational equipment was initiated, we spent $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, searching for said equipment to no avail.

- Sept. 10 New mission to OSAKA Area left at 0700. Boarded APD SIMS (with) carrying necessary forms plus typewriter.
- Sept. 11 Transferred to APD TATUM and proceeded to OSAKA Area. Could not (dis) enter OSAKA BAY because of the fact the waters were mined, the Navy sailed into WAKAYAMA BAY and dropped anchor.
- Sept. 13 Disembarked and set up processing office at the New WAKAYAMA Hotel. Worked in conjunction with the Navy. Teams, 49, 50, 53 AND 55 processed 2,367 POW'S.
- Sept. 15 Returned to Yokohama by train, left WAKAYAMA at 1830.
- Sept. 16 Arrived in Yokohama, reported to Major Greene. At that time we looked for file copies from NAGOYA area, discovered that office we had been using, had been taken over by another dept. Contacted Capt. Crow of the GI Section as to the whereabouts of CARTON containing file copies. Could not be accounted for.

Oct. 1

From the 16th of Sept., to Oct 1st,
worked at Headquarters with Recovered
Personnel 8th Army. Flew from
Japan to Manila. Reported

Oct. 2.

Into Hdq. Rec. Pers. Det. For Further
Duty.

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