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August 18, 1945

Recovery team #70 left Manila at 0800 and arrived at Okinawa at 1300. Joined the XXIV Corps of the 10th Army. Reported to A.G. and quartered with XXIV Corps until we secure our transportation. Then we are to join the 7th Div.

August 19, 1945 to August 27, 1945

This period was spent with the XXIV Corps. Work was carried on in conjunction with Liaison Team #9 and Corps G-1. Received our Jeeps on August 26, 1945. Only received one Jeep and trailer. Was told that the other Jeep may arrive for us, and may not. Left the XXIV Corps on August 27, 1945. at noon and joined the 7th Div. Australian Members joined team Aug 20. Capt. Finnan
Sgt. Campbell

August 28, 1945 to September 1, 1945

This period was spent with the Seventh Division on Okinawa. Talked and made working arrangements with D-1, Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, and C.I.C. Arrangements made for Amount of Q.M. Clothing to be taken along. Notified on September 1, 1945 as to the ships we would load equipment and personnel on for trip to Korea.

September 2, 1945

Team moved to the 184th Inf. to load on ship with that unit with the exception of Pvt. Freundt who was sent as driver and he went on the ship with our vehicle.

September 3, 1945 to September 8, 1945

Loaded on ship on September 3, 1945 and this period was spent on the ship. Arrived in Korea, ~~outer~~ harbor early on the 8th, and proceeded to inner harbor in the afternoon.

September 9, 1945

Departed for shore at 0600. Landed and tried to contact Capt Stengel of the Liaison team. He had flown in and had the American prisoners processed and on the Hospital Ship S.S. Refuge. Australian and British prisoners processed and loaded on the ship in the afternoon of Sept 9th.

September 10, 1945

Investigated the Jinseon P.O.W. camp and report submitted on the same. Pictures taken of the camp conditions to be forwarded to Headquarters. Recovered Papers and records. Records to be sent to Headquarters in

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Manila. Moved our Headquarters to Kyongsong and quartered and office in the Hanto Hotel.

September 11, 1945

Processed 5 civilian internees, 4 Catholic Priests, and one mine executive. None wish to leave Manila. All were interned together in Southern Korea. All forms sent to Manila.

September 12, 1945

Visited Seidaimon prison with Capt. Stengel, and confiscated the records of the 12 Allied prisoners who were sentenced there on Jap courts Marshall Charges. Terms of sentence ranged from 2 to 8 years. One man (British Lt. Moore) died in the prison.

September 13, 1945

Went to Seidaimon Prison and looked over the cells, and took pictures of the place where the Allied Prisoners were confined. Pictures and records taken forwarded to Manila. Investigation of prison showed

that Lt. Moore was never admitted to the prison hospital, but died in his cell.

Went to the Keijo prison camp and took pictures and submitted report on the camp.

September 14, 1945

Processed Father Duffy a catholic missionary who desires to go back to the states. In the afternoon processed 13 American pilots who were shot down by the Russians while dropping supplies to the P.O.W.s in Konan. They then spent a few weeks in the prison camp there with the Allied prisoners before they could get down here. Notified that I will leave to-morrow as part of party to fly into Russian territory (Konan) to get the prisoners that are there.

September 15, 1945

Departed for the Konan prison camp in two parties. Capt. Stenzel in charge of first party going to Keijo Russian Headquarters to make arrangements for the evacuation of the prisoners. I

was in charge of second party going direct to prison camp. I had in my party Sgt. Derlam, 1st Sgt. Kernoz, Australian 4/sgt Campbell, and an Australian War Correspondent. We departed by plane at 1405 and arrived Koman Airport at 1500. Contacted Russians at airport and was given truck to take men and equipment to the prison camp. Arrived at camp and processed all prisoners (354 Australian & British) Capt. Stuegel and party did not arrive at camp. Men and myself staying at the prison camp. Moral very high, and physical condition good as a result of the B-29 food drops.

Sept - 16, 1945 and Sept 17, 1945
Spent these two days in camp waiting for Capt. Stuegel and party who did not show up. Prisoners starting to get uneasy and we afraid Russians are doing something to stop evacuation. Planning to try and get the Russians to fly me to Heigo to the Russian Hqs. tomorrow to try and find out what happened to Capt Stuegel and party.

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Caught a ride in a Russian plane, and went to Heigo. Contacted a Russian Col. and found that evacuation plans and permissions had been held up by the Russians and Capt. Stengel and party had been sent back to Kyungseong and not allowed to go on to the camp. Russians interested in finding out what I was doing in Kwan, but I pretended not to understand, and gave very vague information. Tried to get Russian Col to fly me back to American headquarters in Kyungseong, and he promised to see if he could arrange it. Was quartered for the night in the Russian Col's room.

September 19, 1945 and Sept 20, 1945

These two days spent with the Russians, and still can't get back to headquarters. They keep making excuses about weather etc. & treating me very well, but watching me every minute. I was refused permission to radio to my headquarters. Russian General gave me a big party on the night of the 20th. Informed me that the Col would fly me back the next day in his own plane.

September 21, 1945

Russian Col. flew me back to Kyangsuang and upon arrival there found that permission to evacuate had come through on the 20th and party led by Capt. Stengel had again gone up to evacuate the P.O.W. prisoners to arrive in Kyangsuang the next day by train. Kept the Russian Col. overnight, and gave him a party.

September 22, 1945

Prisoners arrived and were taken to Jinju and put on Hospital Ship U.S.S. Mercer. Reports on Honan Camp sent to Headquarters in Manila.

September 23 to October 2, 1945

Spent in Kyangsuang, Korea clearing up reports, and preparing to return to Manila.

October 3, 1945

Left Korea and started for Okinawa. Had to land in Ie Shima because of weather. Spent night there.

October 4, 1945

Took off from Ie Shima and landed in Okinawa. Quarters in transient camp to wait for plane to Manila.

October 5, 1945 to October 11, 1945

Spent in Okinawa waiting for a plane. Typhoon held up all flying south.

October 12, 1945

Took off from Okinawa in C-46 at 1345 and arrived Manila at 1840. Reported to Recovered Personnel Headquarters.

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