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(Recovery Team 42)

Recovered Personnel Detachment

APO 500

18 August 1945

1st Lt. Raymond B. Padgett 01059029
T/5 George Anderson 12132413
Pvt. Roy W. Lancaster 33862880
Pvt. Chauncey G. Leatherbury 33959396

Forming Recovery Team Number 42 were ordered attached to HQ Eighth Army, APO 343 by order AGPE 210.453, AGPE 2263, GHQ, USAFPAC, APO 500 dated 16 August 45.

1300 - Transportation was available on time, but T/5 Anderson, who was granted pass by Det. HQ, was absent. Even though his pass expired at 1400 he had not returned at 1355 when we were ordered to leave him.

1630 - Reported at HQ First Cavalry Division (XII Corps, APO 471), and were attached to HQ Troop, 5th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Brigade, APO 201.

1800 - Anderson reported for duty.

19 August 1945

1000 - Contacted Regimental Staff to explain my job and cooperation needed.

They will be able to furnish transportation. (2 Jeeps and 1 trailer upon arrival at destination.)

22 August 1945

1400 - Embarked at Cande beach upon the USS
Missoula, RA-211

23 August 1945

0500 - Set sail from Cande beach.
1000 - Anchored in Batangas Bay

25 August 1945

0800 - Set sail from Batangas Bay.
0900 - Staff Meeting discussion of the division
plan of operations
1000 - Orientation of the team on division plan.

Regiment will have a recon. party working in
conjunction with the 302nd Recon. If we are not
immediately able to reach a prison camp I plan to
travel with this group in advance of the outfit.

We will land either at Yokohama docks or on
Hiro beach on August 31. The division will move in
five blocks and hold until they are ordered to an
assembly area. They will remain there for one week
during which time they will provide transportation
and supplies for prisoners.

26 August 1945

0900 - Put into Subic Bay because of 48 hour monsoon-delay in peace negotiations.

27 August 1945

1100 - Set sail.

29 August 1945

1230 - Speech outlining my work to 5th Cavalry troops and staff.

31 August 1945

Eleven enlisted men from regiment were detached to assist my team. (Lt. Hicks in charge) and were broken down into the following teams with designated specific jobs.

1. T/5 George Anderson, 12132413
Pfc Clarence Dixon, 34849063
Pfc Gary Hufstetkr, 34839550
Pfc Tommy Miller, 38686836
who will search for records.
2. Cpl. Marland Durham, 36768559 who will collect information and fill out forms on dead personnel.
3. Pfc Carl Baker, 36869525
Pfc Miller, Lloyd, 38525206
Pfc LaVerne Laing, 38571529
who will supervise filling of forms AFPAC, AGO, No. 113, and 1R Form No. 1, 8th Army.
4. Pfc Marcellino Leggiro, 42162255
Pfc Buck Boss, 44023452
Pfc Maynard Jones, 34868476
who will supervise filling out forms AFPAC, AGO, No. 113, and 1R Form No. 1, 8th Army.
5. S/Sgt Kenneth Gausman, 36804782 Supervisor of Civilian screening forms.
6. Pvt. Chauncey G. Leatherbury, 33959396
Pvt. Roy W. Lancaster, 33862880
Team clerks and message center, filing, correspondence, rosters, and supervision.

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2 September 1945

0900 - Dropped anchor in Yokohama bay.

1200 - Disembarked and landed at docks.
Proceeded to ball park for Bivouac. Will
move to Division assembly area on order
where regimental occupational sectors will
be assigned.

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3 September 1945

1000 - Proceeded with regiment north to Kiso, division assembly point, to await troop admission into the Tokyo area.

1300 - Went by Japanese railroad to attempt location of Tsurumi Sub-Camp #5 reported at 35.30' N - 139.28' E. Failed to locate, and decided to await transportation.

4 September 1945

0730 - Went in search of Tsurumi Sub-Camp #5 at indicated coordinates. There at Tsurumi we found a Naval Supply Station and Jap Officers there told us there were American P.O.W. between Chōgo and Nakada.

1000 - Rode to Tsurumi Sub Camp #5 at Tsurumi - Yokohama and found that 11th Airborne teams had finished the work there.

1500 - Went to Chōgo ON strength of Jap lead. One mile east on the Nakada road we found the home of Katsataro Mori where eighteen P.O.W. spent three years and eight months. There were 17 Austrailians and one American lady.

They had been liberated by 11th Airborne on 1 Sept., but some records remained.

2000 - Returned to Kiso. Prepared records for transmission to Corps.

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11015
125
470

5 September 1945

0730 - Rode north in attempt to locate Chuzende recuperation camp at 35.45 N - 139.20 E and found that there had been no prisoners in that neighborhood.

1300 - Called division G-1 and was told to sit tight and await orders.

7 September 1945

0800 - Reported to division G-1 as ordered.

1000 - Picked up by Captain Goyert of Liason team six and was taken to Atsugi air strip to work with teams 41 and 43 to process POW being evacuated from that point.

12 September 1945

Processed 192 prisoners of war: all military.

13 September 1945

Processed 43 p.w. - See breakdown

15 September 1945

Processed 110 POW. - See breakdown

16 September 1945

Processed 125 POW - See breakdown

30 September 1945

Received orders (Letter Order No. 9-97, Hq. Eighth Army, APO 343, dated 29 Sept. 1945) to return to GHQ.

1 October 1945

0700 - Departed from Atsugi Air Strip on C-46

1200 - Arrived Naha air strip on Okinawa

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1300 - Departed from Naha strip

2000 - Arrived Manila and reported to Det. Hq.

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