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II Kite "	2nd "	2nd "Hakomaki"	2nd "
III Urada "	3rd "	3rd "	(closed)
IV Yodogawa "	3rd "	3rd "	(closed)
V Tomiyama "	4th "	5th "Hakomaki"	(closed)
VI Kawasaka "	5th "	7th "	(closed)
VII Naonimi "	6th "		(closed)
VIII Komizaka "	7th "		(transport to Nagasaki)
IX Asahiyama "	8th "	4th "Hakomaki"	(closed)
X Amagasaki "	9th "	6th "	(closed)
XI Fushiki "	10th "		(closed)
XII Naonimi "	11th "		(transport to Nagasaki area)
XIII Otagawa "	12th "		3rd Branch
XIV Sumiyoshi "	13th "		(closed)
XV Wabashima "	14th "		(closed)

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V Shingawa "	5th "	7th "	(closed)
VI Haurasaka "	6th "	" "	(closed)
VII Haurima "	7th "	" "	(closed)
VIII Kominaka "	8th "	4th "Hakemaru"	(closed)
IX Ashinogawa "	9th "	6th "	(closed)
X Amagasaki "	10th "	" "	(closed)
XI Tsusho "	11th "	" "	(closed)
XII Naumi "	12th "	" "	(closed)
XIII Oeyama "	13th "	" "	(closed)
XIV Tsunomi "	14th "	" "	(closed)
XV Waboyama "	" "	" "	(closed)

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XVI	Sumata Camp	15th Bnnd	(transported to Nagoya Area)
XVII	Osaka	16th "	"
XVIII	Yokohama	17th "	"
IX	Wakayama	18th "	"
X	Osaka	19th "	(aband)
XI	Tsuruga	20th "	7th Bnnd
XII	Aomori	21st "	5th "
XIII	Fukuyama	22nd "	6th "
XIV	Yoda	23rd "	7th "
XV	Nagawa	24th "	8th "
XVI	Maibara	25th "	9th "
XVII	Osaka	26th "	10th "
XVIII	Nagawa	8th "Hokuriku"	11th "
XIX	Hirohata	15th "Hokuriku"	(aband)
			12th Bnnd

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Following is a more detailed discussion of each camp:

### I MAIN CAMP

Location: On Osaka City.

History: 21 September, 1942, the Osaka Main Camp was established at Osaka. The first P.O.W.'s arrived 11 October, 1942 from Hong Kong aboard the "Isidor." There were 500, all English. They remained at Osaka until 1 June, 1945, when the camp was bombed out. They moved to Tsurumi Camp. This was considered in an unsafe location, so the P.O.W.'s were transported to 7 Nichino-shi, Kita-Fukuyuki, Minato-Ku,

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Osaka City. On 10 July, 1945, the main office was separated from the camp. The camp was then called Osaka Camp - 1st General. The main office moved to Shinji Shinbun, Shinbun-mura, Mishima-gun, which is about five miles northeast of Osaka. The office was in Nishitama Primary School in Shinbun Village and remained there until the end of the war.

Camp Commanders:

21 September 1942 - 10 July, 1945: Genzo Murata.  
10 July, 45 - 2 September 1945: Genji Isokawa.

Work:

At Osaka, the P.O.W.'s worked on the docks of Osaka Harbor, loading and unloading ships. At Tsunomi, the P.O.W.'s were forced to the docks to work. At Yita - Takubuki, they were transported by street car en route to the dock area.

The companies provided civilians to have the P.O.W.'s at work. There were also civilian guards attached to the army, and army guards. The army had the final say in matters pertaining to the P.O.W.'s.

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II KOBE CAMP AND WAKINOHAMA:

Address: 3 Chome Wabintama-cho, Suita - fu, Kobe City.

Location: Primary school building and school yard, 200 to 300 meters from Kawasaki Rolling Mill in heavily industrialized dock front area.

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History: The history of the Wabinkstoma Camp is divided into two parts. The camp was first opened on 10 February, 1945, with 197 American, English, and Dutch prisoners from Formosa. The Camp command was Captain Hayes Takemata. The prisoners worked in the Yamawaki Road Rolling Mill. On 20 May, 1945 the P.O.W.'s were transported to the Neohara Camp, and the Wabinkstoma camp closed. During this time (10 February 1945 - 20 May, 1945), Wabinkstoma was known as Osaka 12th Camp.

To understand the second phase it is necessary to trace a group of prisoners back to 1942:

On 5 Oct. 1942, 400 P.O.W.'s from Hong Kong were quarantined in a warehouse near the Oriental Hotel in Yokohama. This camp was called the Yokohama Camp or Yokohama Detention Camp. The P.O.W.'s remained there until 5 June, 1945, when Yokohama was bombed and the P.O.W.'s were then transported to Morigayama Camp, which is just outside Yokohama. They remained there until <sup>about</sup> 19 June, 1945 when they moved into the Wabinkstoma Camp, which was reopened. The patients in the hospital ward remained in the ward at Morigayama. The group of P.O.W.'s which made the move to Wabinkstoma were referred to as Group No. 2 until 10 July, 1945, when the Wabinkstoma Camp was called and Camp. ~~The group~~ During the period 10 February 1945 to 10 July 1945, two groups in the same formation are 1st Camp. 2nd 3rd W.M.

Camp Commanders: 5 October, 1942 - 20 June 1944: Capt. Hayes Takemata.  
20 June, 1944 - 2 Sept. 1945: Capt. Hayes Takemata (of 1st  
Note: Camp 3 Wabinkstoma Camp)

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Note: After November, 1942, the P.O. W.'s worked at the following place:

Male Worker — unloading ships	
Hyogo Station Station	
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Hyogo Station	

Oil Company — Yokohama Seikin Yusenka
Cashier " — Shozu Renshokusha "
Steel " — Togy Seiki "

The companies provided conditions as far as was possible. The P.O. W.'s besides these there were conditions attached to the army, and army guards. The army had final jurisdiction over all these.

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### III UMEDA CAMP — 2ND BRANCH

Address: Utsunomiya, Yuta-ku, Osaka City.

History: Camp was established 22 November, 1942. At that time 458 American P.O. W.'s arrived from the Philippines. The camp had no other subdivisions and soon changed its location. About 17 May, 1945, P.O. W.'s were transported to another camp (name unknown) and the camp closed.

Camp Emplacements:

- (a) 22 November, 1942 — 10 March, 1943 (approximate) :- St. Bernard.
- (A) 10 March, 1943 (approximate) — 25 October, 1943 :- W/O Seiji Kawanishi.
- (c) 25 October, 1943 — 22 April, 1945 :- St. Mark's Hospital.
- (d) 22 April, 1945 — 17 May, 1945 :- W/O Mitsuyuki Sakamoto.

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Work: P.O.W.'s worked at Nippon Transportation Company, Osaka, Japan.

They also worked at the following railroad freight station buildings, including:  
Osaka (Umada) Station; Suita Station; Hanayoshi Station;  
Wakamachi Station; Tsuetsunouchi Station; Tennoji Station.

The work supervision was the same as at the other camps.

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IV THIRD BRANCH : YODO GAWA CAMP

Address: Nishi Yodogawa, Osaka City.

History: Camp was established 22 November, 1942. First P.O.W.'s to arrive were 400 on 25 November, 1942, from the Philippines. On 17 May, 1945, all P.O.W.'s were transferred to Takaha, Otagawa and Akomats. Camp closed 18 May, 1945. There were no subdivisions and it never changed its location.

Camp Commanders:

- (A) 22 November, 1942 - 9 June, 1943 - 2d Lt Masachitane Yamada
- (B) 9 June, 1943 - 28 August, 1943 - Sgt. Major Hirokage Tanaka
- (C) 29 August, 1943 - 10 October, 1944 - Sgt. Takashi Hoshimatsu
- (D) 10 October, 1944 - 31 January, 1945 - 2d Lt Yoshi Hasegawa
- (E) 31 January, 1945 - 18 May, 1945 - 2d Lt Shunjiro Muraigawa

Work: At Yodogawa steel works located at: 51 Morayimachi,  
Nishi Yodogawa, Osaka City, making steel cans.

The work supervision was the same as at the other camps.



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V FOURTH BRANCH : TANAGA GAWA

Address: Subida, Tiniguan-mura, Benman Sun, Caba, Philippine.

History: Camp established 22 November, 1942, when 500 American P.O.W.'s arrived from the Philippines. On 15, January, 1943, 120 officers were transported to the Agency's P.O.W. Camp Area. On the opening of 1943 (exact date unknown), some (number unknown) American Marines were transported to Binata Band Camp. On 4 August, 1944, 100 Americans arrived from the Philippines. On 10 August, 1944, 151 Ault arrived from Thailand. On 29 March, 1945, about 50 Americans were transported to Binata Camp. On 31 March, 1945, <sup>at</sup> 200 Americans and Ault ~~from the~~ <sup>at</sup> Subida Camp, 11th band. Camp closed 29 March, 1945. There were not subdivisions to the camp and it never changed its location.

Camp Chronology:

- (a) 22 November, 1942 - 6 January, 1943 - St. Barbara Hotel
- (b) 6 January, 1943 - 29 August, 1943 - St. Michael Home
- (c) 10 August, 1943 - 29 March, 1945 - St. Xavier Yuzawaki

Work:

At Newwaki Judge's Company, a heavy industry. The P.O.W.'s built dikes and worked on other construction projects.

The place of work was 400 - 500 meters from camp location. The work supervision was set up the same as of the other camps.

II FIFTH BRANCH :- KAWASAKI OR MARUYAMA CAMP

Address: 2 chome, Muzumomachi, Hogata - Ku, Yokohama City.

History: Camp was established 8 December, 1942. Full capacity of camp was 600 P.O.W.'s. On 10 May, 1945, the American, Dutch, Australian, and British P.O.W.'s were transported to Hiroshima and Fukuroka and the camp closed on 11 May, 1945.

NOTE: See paragraph II for P.O.W.'s there temporarily.

Camp Commanders:

8 December, 1942 - 20 June 1944 :- Capt. Hajiji Horiimoto.

21 June, 1944 - 10 May, 1945 - St. Matsui Harabara.

Work: At Kawasaki Guebyo Kanam Yata - Heavy Sundry and Shipyard located at Higashi Kawasaki abt. Myoga Yu, Yokohama City. The P.O.W.'s worked building ships, and transporting materials.

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III SIXTH BRANCH :- HARIMA CAMP

Address: Aoi, Aoi City

History: Camp was established 8 December, 1942. On 9 December, 1942, 400 British P.O.W.'s arrived from Java. Camp closed in May, 1945. The exact date is unknown. There were no subdivisions and the camp never changed its location.

Camp Commanders:

8 December, 1942 - 9 June, 1944 - Capt. Hajiji Tabanaka.

9 June, 1944 - May, 1945 - W.O. Sekigi Kominai. There are no dates available for when command changed.

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Work: At Harima Shipyard, Aoi, Aoi City, 100 meters north of camp.

The P.O.W.'s drilled, forged, polished, & repaired. The work organization was the same as at the other camps.

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VIII SEVENTH BRANCH :- HAMIOKA CAMP

Address: Waaler, Aoa-mura, Yashiki-gun, Utsu Prefecture.

History: Camp was established 8 December, 1942. On 6 April, 1945, the camp was transferred to the Nagoya Air Jurisdiction and its name was available after that date.

Camp Emmanada: 1st Lt Ohtsuru Sumishima - 6 Dec. 1942 - 6 Apr. 1945.

Work: Hamioka Training Company plant.

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EIGHTH BRANCH :- SAKURAJIMA CAMP

Address: Osaka City.

History: Camp was established 20 January, 1943. On 22 January, 1943, the first P.O.W.'s arrived - 200 Americans from Hong Kong. On 5 October, 1943, 100 Americans arrived from the Philippines.

On 17 May, 1945, all P.O.W.'s were transferred to the Aburahi Camp and on 18 May, 1945, the camp was closed.

Camp Emmanada:

- (a) 20 January, 1943 - 11 October, 1943 - 2d Lt. Morotoki Yamada.
- (A) 11 October, 1943 - April, 1944 (post date not known) - 1st Lt. Shuntaro Hata.
- (C) April, 1944 - 10 June, 1944 - 1st Lt. Akao Tanimura.
- (D) 10 June, 1944 - February, 1945 - 1st Lt. Ioi Yamashita.
- (E) February, 1945 - 18 May, 1945 - 2d Lt. Yasuki Nakamura.

Work: At Hitachi Steel Sakuyama Works (Sakuyama

Shipping and Hda Shipping Company) address: 17 Muramachi-cho, Sakuyama, Yamaguchi, Osaka City.

The P.O.W.'s helped build ships, and manufacturing machines.

The work supervision was not by the same as at all the other camps.

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X NINTH BRANCH : - AMAGASAKI CAMP

Address : 31 Nishi Takasaki, Amagasaki.

History : Camp was established 20 January, 1943. The first P.O.W.'s, 200 (battled from Hong Kong, arrived 22 January, 1943. On 28 August, 1944, 300 British arrived from Thai P.O.W. camp. On 20 May, 1945, 250 P.O.W.'s were sent to Hiroshima and Nagoya Camps. The remainder were sent to Nagoya for a few days later and the camp closed the end of May (exact date unknown).

Camp Commanders:

20 January, 1943 - 10 June, 1943 - Capt. Hajime Hiramitsu  
 10 June, 1943 - August, 1943 - 2d Lt Masakazu Yamada.  
 August, 1943 - October, 1943 - Capt. Hajime Hiramitsu  
 October, 1943 - June, 1944 - 1st Lt. Akira Sugiyama  
 June, 1944 - 15 May, 1945 - W.O. Hrg. Sngaki  
 15 May, 1945 - until camp closed - 1st Lt. Sozler Mori  
 (exact date above unknown)

Work : At Otani Heavy Industry Company in Amagasaki.

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XI TENTH BRANCH : - TAISHO CAMP

Address : Shin Chitose - dr, Tsuchi-tsu, Osaka City

History : Camp established 15 May, 1943. First P.O.W.'s, 200 (battled from Malaya P.O.W. camp, arrived 20 May, 1943. On 17 May, 1945 all P.O.W.'s were transported to Tohoku Camp and 18 May, 1945, the camp was closed. There were no subdivisions and the camp never changed its location.

Camp Commanders:

15 May, 1943 - 11 September, 1943 - 2d Lt Masakazu Yamada  
 11 September, 1943 - 7 December, 1944 - 1st Lt Shunichi Hata  
 7 December, 1944 - 27 March, 1945 - 2d Lt Shichi Hata  
 27 March, 1945 - 6 May, 1945 - 2d Lt Ryusichi Hata  
 6 May, 1945 until camp closed - unknown.

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URL: At Okla. Shipyard; Hiroshi Shipbuilding Company. The P.O. U. is built slope, manufacturing machinery. They were captured in the same way as at the other camps.

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XII ELEVENTH BRANCH :- NARUMI CAMP

Address: 3-114 Aomori-mura, Nonami-sho, Aichi-gun, Aichi Prefecture.

History: Camp established 28 December, 1943. First P.O. U. is, 400 pulled from Itoyong, arrived 7 January, 1944. On 4 August 1944, 300 prisoners arrived from the Philippines. The camp transferred to the jurisdiction of the Nagaya Area with 581 P.O. U. is on 6 April, 1945.

Camp Commanders:

8 December, 1943 — 1 January, 1944 — 1st Lt. Shuntaro Noto  
1 January, 1944 — 6 April, 1945 — 1st Lt. Kiyoshi Tanaka.

URL: P.O. U. made articles at Higashimura Hotel Manufacturing Company. Address: Hamanaka Matsuo, Aburatsubo, Nagaya City. The work supervision set up was the same as at the other camps.

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XIII TWELFTH BRANCH :- OEYAMA CAMP

Address: Aoyu, Yoshida - mura, Iga-gun, Kyoto Prefecture.  
Location: 12 kilometers from Nagaya beach; 500 meters from Higashimura Nickel Refinery, 9 kilometers from Oeyama Mine.

History: Camp was established 20 August, 1943. The first P.O. U. is arrived 2 September, 1943 from Itoyong. The strength increased until there was a total of 700 P.O. U. is. Camp closed 2 Sept. 1945. There were no subdivisions and camp never changed location.

Camp Commanders:

1st Lt. Naokazu Nagayama all the time: 20 Aug 43 - 2 Sept. 45.

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Work: When the camp was first established the men worked in the Nagama mine (Nagayama John Nagay), also in the Yasudate sand nickel refinery. They did mostly common labor. The mining company furnished some additional pellets at the camp. After June, 1945, some of the P.O.W.'s began work at Nagayama South, doing asbestos work and labor at the temporary dig deal. The men were granted by guards furnished by the company at the place of work, civilians attached to the army, and army guards.

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XIV THIRTEENTH BRANCH: TSUMORI CAMP

Address: 4, 280, Tsuomi - ch, Nishinari - ku, Osaka City.

History: Camp was established 22 August, 1945. P.O.W. arrived

as follows: 400 Americans from Shenyhai - 24 August, 1945

12 " " Philippines - 5 Oct, 1945

4 " " 1st batch from Tanna - 17 October, 1945

305 Batch from Hawaii - 5 December, 1945

34 Americans & Dutch from Philippines - 24 March, 1944.

250 batch from Thailand - date of arrival unknown.

All P.O.W.'s were transferred to Tokyo P.O.W. camp - 15 May, 1945.

Camp closed - 11 May, 1945.

Camp Organization:

11 September, 1945 - 7 December, 1944 - 1st Lt. Quartermaster Burke

7 December, 1944 - 14 May, 1945 - 1st Lt. Leslie Davis

Work: 100 Japanese Highballing Company - 20 Wth, Nagay - ch, Sumiyoshi - ku, Osaka City.

(A) Sign shop & Repair - 44 Hitokuni - ch, Sumiyoshi - ku - Osaka

(B) Japanese " - 575 Wth Nagay - ch, Osaka.

(C) Tanks " - } both men address above; stock

(D) Language " - } address unknown.

P.O.W.'s built shops, made medicines, did repair work, and started work with some organization set up.

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XV. 14<sup>TH</sup> Branch, WAKAYAMA

Address: 84<sup>th</sup>, Western, Wakayama City.

History: Camp established 8 November 1943.  
on 16 November 1943, 395 Postal P.O.'s

from Hanyu.

Camp closed 29 March 1945.

Camp C.O.: ~~26 Nov. 1943~~ - 26 Nov 1943, 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. YASUJIRO  
KURAWISHI

26 Nov 1943 - 29 March 1945: 2<sup>ND</sup> LT.

SHISEI NAKA. (note:) During this

period Kurawishi may have returned  
for a short period.

WORK: Wakayama Iron - Works,  
Sumitomo Steel Industrial Co., LTD.

The prisoners worked on various jobs in  
the plant such as finishing and cutting the  
iron. They were guarded by civilians attached

to the army, army guards and by company  
employees while at work.

The camp had no sub-divisions.

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XVI. 15<sup>TH</sup> Branch,

Address: Yonatsu - do, Sakai-gun, 2<sup>ND</sup> Reg. Pk.

Location: near the Yonatsu - Henrichs Surface Plant.

History: Camp established in June, 1944.  
June 25, 1944 - 205 English from THAILAND  
Sept 6, 1944 - 153 Americans from Philippines.

On 6 April 1945 the camp was transferred to the Nagaya Area.  
of this camp was transferred to the Nagaya Area.

Camp C.O. - June, 1944 - until this station changed,  
he remained and was finally transferred.

1<sup>ST</sup> LT. CHOTARO FURUSHIMA

1<sup>ST</sup> LT. WITAEI - Henrichs

Work: In local refinery at  
Wakayama Co. - Sumitomo Chemicals.

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XVII. 10<sup>th</sup> Bureau. IRUKA

Address: Stays, Ambe-mura, minami-muro-gun,  
Wai Paf.

History: Camp established 15 June 1944. On  
28 June 1944 - 300 Eng. POW's arrived  
from Thailand.

On 6 April 1945 the complete  
jurisdiction of this camp was transferred  
to the Nagoya Area.

Camp C.O. 15 June 1944 - STAB 1944 - 1<sup>ST</sup> LT ANEO FUJIMORI  
5 Feb. 1944 - 1<sup>ST</sup> LT SAI YAMASAKI

Note: LT YAMASAKI remained with  
the camp when it was transferred  
to the Nagoya Area.

Work: Kidai Mine, Shikoku Industrial Co., Ltd.  
(Stays, Ambe-mura, Minami-muro-gun - Wai.)  
In the mine the prisoners ran small  
machines, worked on, loaded etc.

XVIII. 17<sup>th</sup> Bureau - YOKKAICHI

Address: 1, Ishikawa-cho, Yokkaichi City, Wai Paf.

History: Camp was established "Aug. 1944.  
On that date 204 English and Dutch  
arrived from Thailand.  
On 2 Sept. 1944 408 Americans arrived  
from the Philippines.

On 6 April 1945 the complete  
jurisdiction of this camp was transferred  
to the Nagoya Area.

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11 Aug 1944 - 26 Nov. 1944, 2d Lt. SHINJI MARYAMA  
 26 Nov 1944 - 27 Feb 1945, 1st Lt. SHANTARO HASE  
 27 Feb 1945 - , 2d Lt. SHOICHI ARAKI

(NOTE) Lt. Araki remained with the camp when the garrison was transferred.

## Work:

Deliberate Sengyo Yokohichi Sennoko.  
 (Deliberate, Yokohichi City, near Ry.)

Refinery - (Deliberate Sengyo Yokohichi Refinery)  
 This located approx. 200m from the camp.

The prisoners did general labor as far as is known.

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18th Branch UAKIRINO HAYAMA  
 For details see III above.

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Original 19th Branch then 4th Branch - IKIRINO

Address: Kuchigirami, Okuno-cho, Otago-gun,  
 Hyogo Pref.

Location: 600m from IKIRINO Mine Surface Plant.

History: Camp first established 28 March 1945

On 29 March 1945 400 prisoners arrived from Tamagawa and Sakagawa Camps. An

7 Eng. On 31 March 1945 40 Prisoners from Ube

and various Officers transferred

On 27 Aug. 1945 6 Officers transferred to Deliberate

On 31 Aug. 1945 14 Officers transferred to various camps.

The camp had no sub-divisions

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Camp C.O.

28 March 1945 - 7 May 1945, 2<sup>nd</sup> LT OKIO FAIIMORI

7 May 1945 - 2 Sept 1945, Capt. HIDEO NARUDA

Work: Prisoners worked in the Akuno Cattle Farm (Mt. Fushiki Kogyo Keida, Akuno Kogyo Sho). In the F mine the prisoners shovelled, ran shill machines, did tinkering and operated mine locomotives. On the outside they did mechanical work, ore sorting and ore transporting. The officers worked in the camp gardens. One American Capt. (name unknown) had mining experience. He worked underground as advisor and safety man. The company did the grading while the men worked; other grading and administration done by civilians attached to the camp and by regular army guards.

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Original 204 Pn. Letter 5<sup>th</sup> Branch - TSURUGA

Address: Orig. Pn. - Selma 165, Tamuwa CF, Selma Pn. Moved to: Minami Tamuwa, Tamuwa CF.

Location: Within city of Tamuwa.

History: Camp established 23 April 1945.

First Prisoners 200 in number arrived 25 April 1945 from Tamuwa. 180 Amn. & 20 Bn. On 20 May 1945, 200 Prisoners arrived from Okuma, all American. The 1 American was transferred to Selma. The in camp 2 Sept. 1945 - 399. On 12 July 1945 the camp was banded and the P.O.'s were moved temporarily to a nearby warehouse in Selma (this was banded later after P.O.'s had moved again) which was in the land area.

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At the end of July the P.O.'s were moved to  
Mitsumi Isumi on demand of Capt. Elias Nell  
(was off) They remained there until the end  
of war, although work on building a new  
camp outside the city had been started.

No other moves were made and the camp  
had no subdivisions.

Camp C.O. 23 Apr. 1945 - 2 Sept. 1945 1st Lt. Motoo Nakaba

Work At original camp, the P.O.'s worked on  
loads, carrying bags of beans & grain from  
warehouse to freight cars. Operated cranes  
and un-loaded rice from flat cars. At one  
time the P.O.'s were used to unload a ship  
which had been hit by a mine and was  
beached in the harbor.

The P.O.'s worked for the Tawanga  
Immigration Co. doing the same work. Mr.  
HASHIMOTO had charge for the company.

His next. Mr. IMURA.  
While at work civilians attempted to  
sneak through the P.O.'s. The army  
had given them

XXII Original 21st Rx; then 6th General AKENOBIE

Address: Wada, Mitsumi-Tani-mura, Juku-gun  
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Treatment: 2 1/2 Km. west of village of Akanda.

History: Camp established 16 May 1945.  
300 P.O.'s. 17 May 1945 from Tachio,  
Sakayama and Yagayama.  
200 of men 280 released, 1/4 in hospital.

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This camp had no subdivisions and about  
change locations.

Camp C.O. 16 May 1945 - 2 Sept. 1945. Capt HIROO MARUDA

Work: Same as at Akino Camp. About nine  
and surface plant - 300 m from camp.

The mining Co. furnished civilian work  
bosses. Also civilians attached to army &  
army guards. Army had fixed fire position.

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Original name Rev; then 7<sup>th</sup> R. TAKEFU

Address: Wajima, Takafuricho, Nanyo-shi - Gun  
Tokai Ry.

Location: In town of Takafu, 800 m from RR  
Station at Shinetsu Kagaku Kagyo.

History: Established 15 May 1945. P.O. No. 1  
arrived on 17 May 1945, 200 in number.  
They came from Yodogawa - ~~Tokai~~ Tokai.

Camp had no subdivisions nor did it  
change locations.

Camp C.O. 15 May 1945 - 2 Sept 1945 -  
W/O KOTOZO INAGAKI

Work: Worked at Shinetsu Kagaku Kagyo. in  
Industrial Chem. Co. (Takafu R.). Divided into  
5 work groups. Design, maintenance, repair  
and electrical (2). Work supervised by  
civilian attached to company plus civilian  
attached to army & army guards.

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The camp had no subdivisions and about  
 change location.

Camp C.O. 10 May 1945 - 2 Sept. 1945. Capt HIDEO NARUDA

Work: Same as at Akama Camp. Absolute mine  
 and surface plant - 300m from camp.

The mining Co. furnished civilian work  
 horses. Also civilians attached to army &  
 army guards. Army had first fire & machine.

XVIII Original 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd Bn; then 7<sup>th</sup> Bn. TAKEFU

Address: Katsura, Takafuricho, Nanyang-jun  
 Takai Ryū.

Location: In town of Takafu, 800m from RR  
 station at Shinjima Kagura Kagura.

History: Established 15 May 1945. POW's  
 arrived on 17 May 1945, 200 in number.

They came from Yabuyama & Taiko.  
 Camp had no subdivisions nor did it  
 change location.

Camp C.O. 15 May 1945 - 2 Sept 1945 -  
 W/O KOZO IWAGAKI

Work: Worked at Shinjima Kagura Kagura in  
 Industrial Chem. Co. (Takafu Ry.). Divided into  
 5 work groups. Design, maintenance, repair  
 and electric cord (-). Work supervised by  
 civilians attached to company plus civilians  
 attached to army & army guards.

XXIV. 23rd Bn. originally, then 8th Bn.

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Address: Hyogo-mura, Yama-gun, Sakai Pref.

Location: In village of Hyogo on western side of Lake Biwa. Yama nearest RR station.

History: Camp 1st established 18 May 1945. POW's arrived 20 May 1945. There were 300 from Harima.

17 July 1945. 4 new transports.

These in camp at end of war 1945.

No subdivisions and name remained the same.

Camp C.O.: 18 May 1945 - 2 Sept 1945 - w/o MITSUHIRO SAMAHARA

Work: POW's worked at Lake Biwa draining and reclaiming land.

The Summer of the Ryf. sent out civilians to organize on the project. Also civilians attached to army. The army had the final say.

XXV 24th Bn. originally then 9th Bn. NOTOGAWA

Address: Wotogama. also, 1km. N. - gun, Sakai Pref.

Location: On east side of Lake Biwa in town of Wotogama.

History: Camp established 18 May 1945.

First POW's arrived 20 May 1945. 300 from Osaka Wain and Harima. A medical

officer arrived later making the total 301.

Camp had no sub-divisions.

Camp C.O.: 18 May 1945 - 2 Sept 1945 - 2LT YOSHIO

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Work: Found redecoration at village of Aba - Bantan. The ground situation same as in XXIV (above)

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XXVI Original 25<sup>th</sup> Bnwd, then 10<sup>th</sup> Bnwd MAIBARA

Address: Umegawa, Maibara-shi, Saitama-pref.  
Saijū Pref.

Terrain: 600 m south of Maibara Station.

History: Camp first established 18 May 1945.

First POW's arrived at that time. 200  
from Wobikawa.

The camp had no sub-divisions.

Camp C.O.: 18 May 45 - 2 Sept. 45. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. ASAKAWA No. 11611

Work: 02 first all prisoners except those  
needed for details worked making  
a portion of the 1000. Then they worked  
planting rice.

No factories or mines near camp.

Guards: 2 "Four Cultivation Group"  
organized the work. 03 teams  
cavalry attached to the army and  
regular guards handled the prisoners.

XXVII Original 20<sup>th</sup> Bnwd. Later 11<sup>th</sup> Bnwd. ROKUROSHI

Address: Minami Rokuroshi, Saitama-pref., Ome-gun,  
Fukui Pref.

Location: 15 miles E of Tokyo.

History: Camp established 18 May 1945. 30 POW's

there EM also at the camp at first.

10 June 1945 Camp ground formally.  
25 June 1945 335 POW's arrived from

2nd Tanga, there were all officers.

Camp C.O.: 18 May 1945 - 10 June 1945 - S/Sgt. TAKANOSUKE GUNJI \*  
10 June 1945 - 2 Sept. 1945 - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. SHIOTANO HARUO

Work: Worked at Farming, the EM did details  
around camp. No factories or mines  
near by. Cavalry attached to the  
army and regular army guards, did  
all the guarding and admin.

\* This man actually camp commander. He was 11<sup>th</sup> Bnwd  
guilt in charge of the 30 men sitting up the camp.

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XXVIII 8<sup>TH</sup> HAKENSHO (Detachment) NARUO

Address: Uda, Yama-mura, Uda-gun, Hyogo Pref.

History: 1 Feb. 1945 Camp established in Uda 1945

120 Prisoners from Uda and Shimosa.

29 March 1945 229 Prisoners from Yamaguchi.

The camp was closed on 20 May 1945.

Camp C.O.: 1 Feb 1945 - 14 May 1945 - S/SGT SUGIYAMA

WISHIMOTO

Dock: Steam Dredging Co. LTD.

Manufacturers of Cement. Prisoners did general laboring work.

XXIX 1<sup>ST</sup> HAKENSHO originally then 12<sup>TH</sup> Group HIRAHATA

Address: Original - Nichita-shi, sei, Akaba-gun, Hyogo Pref.  
 now - Nichita-shi, Ikuta, Settsu-gun, Hyogo.

Location: - About 500 m from waterfront.

near town of Nichita SW of Himeji.

History: Established 18 Oct. 1944 with 80 POW's

from Sanjūji Group Camp at Osaka. At that time Nichita was a branch of Kobe, which in turn was a branch of Osaka. In Dec, 1944 camp broke off from Kobe and was called Nichita Branch of Osaka POW Camp. On 19 Sept

1943 Camp was moved.

6 Oct. 1943 - 408 American POW's

arrived from the Philippines.

No additions of this camp.

Camp C.O. LT. TAKENAKA

18 Oct 44 - 30 Nov 44 - SGT. KAWAI

30 Nov 44 - 18 Dec 44 - SGT. TAKESHI HASHIMOTO

18 Dec 44 - 29 Aug 45 - SGT. YOKICHI ASAKAWA

29 Aug 45 - 25 June 44 - ~~Private~~ LT. TAKENAKA

25 June 44 - 22 July 44 - CAPT. HIDEO NAITA

22 July 44 - 6 May 45 - 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. MUTO RYOICHI

6 May 45 - 2 Sept 45 - 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. MUTO RYOICHI



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Work: P.O.W.'s worked in Nickel section of the Nippon Steel Co. Steel mill, a branch of the Nippon Steel Co. The mill was 2 1/2 km from Leitch camp Easton. The prisoners mainly transported materials and worked in the manufacture of steel.

M. MARRAI (an ex-PT in the Army) of the Company Colon Sgt. had charge of the P.O.W.'s at work. The company supplied civilians who were brass of P.O.W.'s at work. There brass were called "Kurokawa" (cast iron tools).

Two systems of P.O.W. labor. 1st: "CHIKUYU" P.O.W.'s worked directly for the mill. 2nd "ORAWA" contractors working for the mill were P.O.W. labor.

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Q. How the hospitals that were established in the Ocala Area for use by the P.O.W.'s. Since their activities in fuel.

A. The hospitals were as follows:

ICHIOKA HOSPITAL WARD:

Established: 18 October 1944

Used until: 10 July 1944

NOTE: In Aug 1944, 80 P.O.W.'s were brought to Ichioka Playground. At that time Ichioka was under jurisdiction of Japanese P.O.W. camp. On 18 Oct. 1944 the P.O.W.'s were transferred to Nishitani Camp. After this the Ichioka was used as a hospital.

Location: In Ocala under guardhouse at the Ichioka Airstrip Field.

Commander: Col. Murata was head, various medical officers in direct organization.

POINTS: There were then 100, came from the various camps in the Ocala Area. Cases normally sent here that required more than 2 or 3 days confinement.

On 10 July 1944 this hospital was transferred

to Koda to the following address: Kuroki-sho,

Tokushima, Kan, 1486. This transfer was made

because Ichioka was thought to be ~~unsafe~~ ~~insecure~~ ~~for the protection of the~~ ~~medical command~~ at this time was 1st LT HYESIRO OHASHI. The

hospital at this time was known as Kuroki-sho Hospital ward at Koda Hospital. On 5 June 1945 this hospital was bombed. The patients and personnel were then moved to

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Wanyama (Nawashi) P.O.W. Camp (known also as Kobe Hospital Base) and remained there until the end of the war. LT. ONASHI was in command all of that time.

#### Kobe Hospital

This is synonymous with Nawashi. The Hospital Base - (see above).

#### OSAKA STADIUM

This probably was the same as Delicia Hospital Base. The Delicia Base was located in Osaka under the stadium at the Delicia Athletic Field.

#### OSAKA MILITARY HOSPITAL

This is an old established Japanese Hospital when the accommodations at Delicia proved insufficient some patients were brought here. Used for P.O.W.'s from November, 1941 until June, 1943.

1st LT. No 514 was in charge of the P.O.W.'s at the Hospital.  
Col. TAKAHARA was the commander of the entire Hospital.

#### KAWASAKI HOSPITAL

This Hospital is a part of the Kawasaki Heavy Industries and was not set up solely for the use of the P.O.W.'s. Prisoners were brought here from time to time for special treatment. No other facts available.

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RED CROSS HOSPITAL (UENENYACNI)

This hospital was established for prisoners on 28 August 1945.

Q. Why was the hospital established at such a late date.

A. To make the conditions of the prisoners look better.

Q. In looking over the list of prisoners of War Camps we see some are referred to as "Bunelo", and others as "Hakurako". What is the difference between the two?

A. A "Bunelo" means the camp was poor, cluttered, administrative and organized directly by the army. A "Hakurako" means that the company the prisoners worked for would provide the food, do the administration, provide guards etc. The army would merely supervise. The company would be responsible for the welfare of the prisoners.

The original plan was to make all the camps into "Hakurako", except where made when the army found that the plan was not feasible as the attempt was abandoned.

The eight camps are shown in the list at the beginning of this document.

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HIROYUKI MORITA

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I, Hiroyuki Morita, being duly sworn on oath, state that I had read to me and understood the translation of the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein, consisting of 25 (twenty-five) pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Hiroyuki Morita

HIROYUKI MORITA

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1945.

James Armstrong 2477 F.A.

DANES B. ARMSTRONG  
0-118596-2  
WESTINGHOUSE OFFICER  
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I, T/4 Norihiro Hamada, United States Army, being duly sworn on oath, state that I truly translated the questions and answers given from English to Japanese and from Japanese to English respectively, and that after being translated, I truly translated the foregoing deposition containing 25 pages, to the witness, and the witness thereupon in my presence affixed his signature thereto.

Norihiro Hamada  
NOBORU HAMADO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1945.

James B. Ammer, 2d Lt  
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0-118592-3917  
INVESTIGATING OFFICER  
LEGAL SECTION GND, SCAP

DECLASSIFY

He, James B. Ammer, 2d Lt, O-118592-3917 and Samuel E. Walters, 2d Lt, O-133211-1412, certify that on 28 day of December 1945 personally appeared before us, Norihiro Hamada, and according to above Hamada, gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth therein; that after his testimony had been translated, the said Norihiro Hamada had read to him by the said investigating the same and affixed his signature thereto in our presence.

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NORIYA, Hiroyuki, after having been duly sworn to speak the truth conscientiously, concealing nothing and adding nothing whatsoever, testified 24 through 27 December, 1945 in Osaka as follows:

q Please state your name and occupation.  
 A Hiroyuki NORIYA, employee of General Demobilization Office, Demobilization Section, Osaka.

q Do you have any knowledge of the POW camps in the Osaka Area?  
 A Yes. Following is the information:

List of all POW camps which were at one time under the jurisdiction of the Osaka Area:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ORIGINAL NAME</u>	<u>NEW NAME</u>	<u>DATE AT END OF WAR</u>
I	Main Camp		1st Branch
II	Kobe Camp	2d "Hakensho"	2nd Branch
III	Umeda Camp	3d "Hakensho"	(closed)
IV	Yodogawa Camp	4th Branch	(closed)
V	Fushigawa Camp	5th "Hakensho"	(closed)
VI	Kawasaki Camp	6th Branch	(closed)
VII	Harima Camp	7th "Hakensho"	(Tri'd to Nagoya Area)
VIII	Kanrioka Camp	8th Branch	(closed)
IX	Sakurajima Camp	9th Branch	(closed)
X	Akasasaki Camp	10th Branch	(Tri'd to Nagoya Area)
XI	Saaho Camp	11th Branch	2nd Branch
XII	Karui Camp	12th Branch	(closed)
XIII	Ceyama Camp	13th Branch	(Tri'd to Nagoya Area)
XIV	Tennori Camp	14th Branch	(Tri'd to Nagoya Area)
XV	Wakayama Camp	15th Branch	(closed)
XVI	Funatsu Camp	16th Branch	(Tri'd to Nagoya Area)
XVII	Iwaka Camp	17th Branch	(closed)
XVIII	Yokkaichi Camp	18th Branch	4th Branch
IX	Yakihohama Camp	19th Branch	5th Branch
XI	Ikano Camp	20th Branch	6th Branch
XII	Suruga Camp	21st Branch	7th Branch
XIII	Shenobe Camp	22nd Branch	8th Branch
XIII	Toketai Camp	23rd Branch	9th Branch
XIV	Toda Camp	24th Branch	10th Branch
XV	Hotogawa Camp	25th Branch	11th Branch
XVI	Kaibare Camp	26th Branch	(closed)
XVII	Hokuraebi Camp	8th "Hakensho"	12th Branch
XVIII	Karuo Camp	1st "Hakensho"	
XIX	Hirohata Camp		

Following is a more detailed discussion of each camp:

I. MAIN CAMP

Location: In Osaka City.

History: 21 September 1943 the Osaka Main Camp was established at Ohikyo. The first POW's arrived 11 October 1943 from Hong Kong aboard the "Lisbon." There were 500, all English. They remained at Ohikyo until 1 June 1945, when the Camp was bombed out. They moved to Tennori Camp. This was considered in an unsafe location, so the POW's were transferred to 7 Hishino-cho, Kit-Fukusaki, Kinako-ku, Osaka City. On 10 July 1945 the main office was separated from the Camp. The Camp was then called "Osaka Camp--1st Branch." The main office moved to Shino Shinden, Shinden - mura, Kishino-gun, which is about five miles north east of Osaka. The office was in Kishitama Primary School in Shinden Village, and remained there until the end of the war.

Camp Commanders: Colonel Murata

21 September 1942 - 10 July 1945: Colonel Murata

10 July 1945 - 2 September 1945: 2nd Lt. Tachio Mori.

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Work: At Onizuka, the POW's worked on the docks of Osaka Harbor, loading and unloading ships. At Fushimi, the POW's were ferried to the docks to work. At Ito-Fukuzeki, they were transported by street car or bus to the dock area.

The companies provided civilians to hose the POW's at work. There were also civilian guards attached to the army, and army guards. The army had the final say in matters pertaining to the POW's.

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II. KOBE CAMP AND WAKINOHAMA

Address: 3 Chome, Wakinohama-cho, Futatabi-ku, Kobe City.

Location: Primary School Building and school yard, 200 to 300 meters from Kawasaki Rolling Mill, in heavily industrialized dock front area.

History: The history of the Wakinohama Camp is divided into two parts. The Camp was first opened on 10 February 1945, with 197 American, English, and Dutch prisoners from Formosa. The Camp Commander was Captain Kazuo Takemaka. The prisoners worked in the Kawasaki Steel Rolling Mill. On 20 May 1945 the POW's were transferred to the Matsuba Camp and the Wakinohama Camp closed. During this time (10 February 1945 - 20 May 1945), Wakinohama was known as Osaka 18th Branch.

To understand the second phase, it is necessary to trace a group of prisoners back to 1942:

On 5 October 1942, 400 POW's from Hong Kong were quartered in a warehouse near the Oriental Hotel in Kobe. This Camp was called the Kobe Camp, or Kobe House. The POW's remained here until 5 June, 1945, when Kobe House was bombed out. The POW's were then transferred to Maruyama Camp, which was outside Kobe. They remained there until about 19 June 1945, when they moved into the Wakinohama Camp which was reopened. The patients in the hospital ward remained in the ward at Maruyama. The group of POW's which made the move to Wakinohama was referred to as Branch No. 1, until 10 July 1945, when the Wakinohama Camp was called 2nd Branch.

Camp Commanders:

5 October 1942 - 20 June 1944: Capt. Yasuji Norimoto  
20 June 1944 - 2 Sept. 1945: Capt. Kazuo Takemaka (of both  
Kobe Camp and Wakinohama Camp)

Work: After 1 November 1942, the POW's worked at the following places:

Kobe Harbor - unloading ships	
Ryogo Harbor Station )	} Loading and unloading
Higashi - Nada Station )	
Ryogo Station )	

011 Company - Yoshizawa Seiju Kaihoku  
Carbon Company - Showa Denko Kaisha  
Steel Company - Toyo Suido Kaisha

The companies provided civilians as job bosses over the POW's. Besides these there were civilians attached to the army, and army guards. The army had final jurisdiction over all these.

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III. UZEDA CAMP - 2ND BRANCH

Address: Ushimuracho, Futa-ku, Osaka City.

History: Camp was established 22 November 1942. At that time, 458

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transferred to Kobe*

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American POW's arrived from the Philippines. The Camp had no other subdivisions and never changed its location. About 17 May 1945, POW's were transferred to another Camp (name unknown) and the Camp closed.

Camp Commanders:

- (a) 22 November 1942 - 10 March 1943 (approximate); Lt. Yamada
- (b) 10 March 1943 (approximate) - 25 October 1943; WO Ichiji Kanari
- (c) 25 October 1943 - 23 April 1945; Lt. Kotoo Hamba
- (d) 22 April 1945 - 17 May 1945; WO Mitsujiro Sakamoto

Work: POW's worked at Nippon Transportation Company, Osaka Branch. They also worked at the following railroad freight stations loading and unloading:

Osaka (Umeda) Station; Suita Station; Kansaki Station; Katamachi Station; Tsurumachi Station; Tennoji Station.

The work supervision was the same as at the other camps.

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IV. FIELD BRANCH: YOIYOGAWA CAMP

Address: Michi Todogawa, Osaka City.

History: Camp was established 22 November 1942. First POW's to arrive were 400 on 25 November 1942, from the Philippines. On 17 May 1945, all POW's were transferred to Yakoshi, Ceylon and Akenobe. Camp closed 18 May 1945. There were no subdivisions and it never changed its location.

Camp Commanders:

- (a) 22 November, 1942 - 9 June, 1943 - 2nd Lt. Masabatao Yamada
- (b) 9 June 1943 - 28 August 1943 - Sgt. Major Hirokazu Tanaka
- (c) 29 August 1943 - 10 October 1944 - Sgt. Takeshi Hashimoto
- (d) 10 October 1944 - 31 January 1945 - 2nd Lt. Yoshio Ekanishi
- (e) 31 January 1945 - 18 May 1945 - 2nd Lt. Shinjiro Keryama

Work: At Todogawa Steel Works, located at: 51 Homojimacho, Michi Todogawa, Osaka City, making steel cans.

The work supervision was the same as at the other camps.

V. FOURTH BRANCH: YAMAGAWA

Address: Fukuda, Tangawa - mura, Sennan Gun, Osaka Prefecture.

History: Camp established 22 November 1942, when 500 American POW's arrived from the Philippines. On 15 January 1943, 120 officers were transferred to the Zenkaiji POW Camp Area. In the Spring of 1943 (exact date unknown), some (number unknown) American Marines were transferred to Umeda Branch Camp. On 4 August 1944 100 Americans arrived from the Philippines. On 10 August 1944, 151 Dutch arrived from Thailand. On 29 March 1945, about 60 Americans were transferred to Umeda Camp. On 31 March 1945, 200 Americans and Dutch were transferred to Fukuda Camp, 11th Branch. Camp closed 29 March 1945. There were no subdivisions to the camp and it never changed its location.

Camp Commanders:

- (a) 22 November 1942 - 6 January 1943 - Lt. Shuntaro Haba
- (b) 6 January 1943 - 29 August 1943 - Lt. Koseki Hama
- (c) 10 August 1943 - 29 March 1945 - Lt. Taijiro Kurawachi

Work: At Kawasaki Jukogyo Company, a heavy industry. The POW's built docks and labored on other construction projects. The place of work was 400-500

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eters from camp location.

The work supervision was set up the same as at the other camps.

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VI. FIFE BRANCH - KAWASAKI OR NARUTAMA CAMP

Address: 2 Chome, Naryuwaicho, Nagata-hu, Kobe City.

History: Camp was established 8 December 1943. Full capacity of camp was 600 POW's. On 10 May 1945, the American, Dutch, Australian, and British POW's were transferred to Hiroshima and Fukuoka, and the camp closed on 11 May 1945.

NOTE: See Paragraph II for POW's there temporarily.

Camp Commanders:

8 December 1943 - 20 June 1944 : Capt. Tetsu Kozimoto  
26 June 1944 - 10 May 1945 - Lt. Kichichi Asakawa

Work: At Kawasaki Jukogyo Kansen Koba - heavy industry and shipyard, located at Higashi Kawasaki -cho, Yogo-Ku, Kobe City. The POW's worked building ships, and transporting materials.

VII. SIXTH BRANCH: NARITA CAMP

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Address: Aioi, Aioi City.

History: Camp was established 8 December 1943. On 9 December 1943, 400 Dutch POW's arrived from Java. Camp closed in May 1945. No exact date is unknown. There were no subdivisions and the camp never changed its location.

Camp Commanders:

8 December 1943 - 9 June 1944 - Capt. Kazuo Takemura  
9 June 1944 - May 1945 - WO Ichiji Kinari

2d Lt. Kobuo Harii. There are no dates available for when command changed.

Work: At Harima Shipyard, Aioi, Aioi City. 100 meters north of camp. The POW's drilled, forged, punched, and refined. The work supervision was the same as at the other camps.

VIII. SEVENTH BRANCH: KAMOTKA CAMP

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Address: Washo, Aso - mura, Yoshiki-Gun, Oita Prefecture.

History: Camp was established 8 December 1943. On 6 April 1945, the camp was transferred to the Negoya Area jurisdiction, and no records are available after that date.

Camp Commanders:

1st Lt. Chotaro Furuhata - 8 December 1943 - 6 April 1945

Work: Kamotka Mining Company Plant.

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IX. NINTH BRANCH: SAKURAIWA CAMP

Address: Osaka City.

History: Camp was established 30 January 1945. On 23 January 1945, the first POW's arrived -- 200 Americans from Hong Kong. On 5 October 1945, 100 Americans arrived from the Philippines. On 17 May 1945, all POW's were trans-

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ferred to the Akenohe Camp, and on 18 May 1945 the camp was closed.

Camp Commanders:

- (a) 20 January 1943 - 11 October 1943 - 2d Lt. Masatochi Yamada.
- (b) 11 October 1943 - April 1944 (exact date not known): 1st Lt. Shunshiro Fabe.
- (c) April 1944 - 10 June 1944: 1st Lt. Akao Fujimori
- (d) 10 June 1944 - February 1945 - 1st Lt. Sai Yamashita
- (e) February 1945 - 18 May 1945: 2d Lt. Yoshio Kakumishi

Work: At Etchahi Zosok Sakurajima Zosenjo (Sakurajima Shipyard and Hida Shipping Company), Address: 17 Minamino-cho, Sakurajima, Koshikane-In, Osaka City.

The POW's helped build build ships and manufacture machines.

The work supervision was set up the same as at all the other camps.

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X. BIRBE BEAVER - AMAGASAKI CAMP

Address: 31 Eshi Takanocho, Amagasaki.

History: Camp was established 20 January 1943. The first POW's, 200 British from Hong Kong, arrived 22 January 1943. On 28 August 1944, 300 British arrived from Thai POW Camp. On 20 May 1945, 350 POW's were sent to Hiroshima and Nagoya Camps. The remainder were sent to MagOza Area a few days later and the Camp closed the end of May (exact date unknown).

Camp Commanders:

- 20 January 1943 - 10 June 1943: Capt. Yasuji Morimoto
- 10 June 1943 - August 1943: 2d Lt. Masakatsu Yamada
- August 1943 - October 1943: Capt. Yasuji Morimoto
- October 1943 - June 1944 - 1st Lt. Akio Fujimori
- June 1944 - 15 May 1945: WO Kozo Inagaki
- 15 May 1945 - until camp closed: 1st Lt. Toshiro Mori  
(exact dates above unknown)

Work: At Otani Heavy Industry Company in Amagasaki.

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XI. TEMPLE BRANCH: TAISHO CAMP

Address: Shin Chitose-cho, Talahe-ku, Osaka City.

History: Camp established 15 May 1943. First POW's, 200 Australians from Malay POW Camp, arrived 20 May 1943. On 17 May 1945 all POW's were transferred to Takasu Camp and 18 May 1945 the camp was closed. There were no subdivisions and the Camp never changed its location.

Camp Commanders:

- 15 May 1943 - 11 September 1943 - 2nd Lt. Masakatsu Yamada
- 11 September 1943 - 7 December 1944 - 1st Lt. Shunshiro Fabe
- 7 December 1944 - 27 March 1945 - 2d Lt. Shochi Araki
- 27 March 1945 - 6 May 1945 - 2d Lt. Kyokichi Naito
- 6 May 1945 until Camp closed - unknown

Work: At Chikiko Shipyard; Etchahi Shipbuilding Company. The POW's built ships, manufactured machinery. They were supervised in the same way as at the other camps.

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XII. SHIMIZU BRANCH: KAWANO CAMP

Address: 3-114 Arumatsu-mura, Naguroi-cho, Aichi-gun, Aichi Prefecture.

History: Camp established 28 December 1943. First POW's, 400 British from Hong Kong, arrived 7 January 1944. On 4 August 1944, 200 Americans arrived from the Philippines. The Camp transferred to the jurisdiction of the Nagoya Area with 581 POW's on 6 April 1945.

Camp Commanders:

8 December 1943 - 1 January 1944 - 1st Lt. Shuntaro Haba  
1 January 1944 - 6 April 1945 - 1st Lt. Kiyoshi Tanaka

WORK: POW's made wheels at Nippon Wheel Manufacturing Company. Address Sambon Natsu, Atsuta-ku, Nagoya City. The work supervision set-up was the same as at the other camps.

XIII. TATEHATA BRANCH: OYAMA CAMP

Address: Suru, Yoshizu-mura, Yosa-gun, Kyoto Prefecture.

Location: 12 kilometers from Miyazu Harbor; 500 meters from Nippon Taki Nickel Refinery, 9 kilometers from Oeyama Mine.

History: Camp was established 30 August 1943. The first POW's arrived 2 September 1943 from Hong Kong. The strength increased until there was a total of 700 POW's. Camp closed 2 Sept. 1945. There were no subdivisions and camp never changed location.

Camp Commanders:

1st Lt. Kazuka HAZAMA, during all the time: 30 Aug. 1943 - 2 Sept 1945.

WORK: When the Camp was first established, the men worked in the Oeyama Mine (Nippon Taki Kogyo), also in the Hashidate Branch Nickel Refinery. They did mostly common labor. The mining company furnished some additional facilities at the camp. After June 1945, some of the POW's began work at Miyazu Harbor, doing stevedore work and labor at the temporary drydock. The men were guarded by guards furnished by the company at the place of work, civilians attached to the army, and army guards.

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XIV. TATEHATA BRANCH: TESHORI CAMP

Address: 1, 280, Tamori-cho, Mahinari-ku, Osaka City.

History: Camp was established 23 August 1943. POW's arrived as follows:

400 Americans from Shanghai - 24 August 1943  
12 Americans from Philippines - 6 October 1943  
9 Americans and British from Formosa - 17 October 1943  
356 Dutch from Hawaii - 5 December 1943  
34 Americans & Dutch from Philippines - 26 March 1944  
252 British from Thailand - dated of arrival unknown.

All POW's were transferred to Tokyo POW Camp 15 May 1945.

Camp closed - 11 May 1945.

Camp Commanders:

11 September 1943 - 7 December 1944 - 1st Lt. Shuntaro Haba  
7 December 1944 - 16 May 1945 - 1st Lt. Toshio Mori  
Worke (a) Hamada Shipbuilding Co., 211 Kita, Kagawa-cho, Sumitohi-ku, Osaka City.

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- (b) Fujinagata Shipyard - 44 Shibetsui-cho, Saitoohi-Ku, Osaka.
- (c) Hamura Shipyard - 275 Kite Kagaya-cho, Osaka.
- (d) Aanko Shipyard ) Both near address above, exact
- (e) Sanoyasu Shipyard ) address unknown.

POW's built ships, made machines, did repair and storeware work, with some supervision set-up.

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IV. 14TH BRANCH, WAKAYAMA

Address: 942, Matsue, Wakayama City

History: Camp established 8 November 1943. On 16 November 1943, 395 British POW's from Hong Kong.

Camp closed 29 March 1945.

Camp Commanders: 6 November 1943 - 26 November 1943, 1st Lt. Tanujiro KURANISHI. 26 November 1943 - 29 March 1945, 2nd Lt. Shisei NARA.

NOTE: During this period Kurantehi may have returned for a short period.

Work: Wakayama Iron Works, Saitono Steel Industrial Co., Ltd.

The prisoners worked on various jobs in the plant, such as finishing and coating the iron. They were guarded by civilians attached to the army, army guards and by company employees while at work. The Camp had no sub-divisions.

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XI. 15TH BRANCH, FUKUSHI

Address: Funetan-Cho, Shiki-Gun, Gifu Prefecture.

Location: Near the Matsui-Kamitoka Surface Plant.

History: Camp established in June 1944.

June 28, 1944 - 206 English from Thailand.

Sept. 6, 1944 - 153 Americans from Philippines.

On 6 April 1945 the complete jurisdiction of this Camp was transferred to the Nagoya Area.

Camp Commanders: June, 1944 - until jurisdiction changed, 1st Lt. CHOTARO FURUSHIMA. He remained and was himself transferred.

Work: In lead refinery at Matsui-Kamitoka Mining Co. as general laborers.

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XVII. 16TH BRANCH, ITOYA

Address: Itaya, Inaka-mura, Minami-muro, Gun, Mie Prefecture.

History: Camp established 15 June 1944. On 28 June 1944 - 300 English POW's arrived from Thailand.

On 6 April 1945, the complete jurisdiction of this Camp was transferred to the Nagoya Area.

Camp Commanders: 15 June 1944 - 5 Feb 1944; 1st Lt. Akao FUKINORI

5 Feb. 1944 1st Lt. Sei YAMASHITA

NOTE: It YAMASHITA remained with the Camp when it was transferred to the Nagoya Area.

Work: Kishu Mine, Inuhara Industrial Co., Ltd. (Itaya, Inuhara, Minami-muro-Gun, Mie).

In the mine the prisoners ran drill machines, sorted ore, loaded ore.

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XVIII. 17th Branch - YOKKAICHI

Address: 1 Ishihara-cho, Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture.

History: Camp was established 11 August 1944. On that date, 204 English and Dutch arrived from Thailand.  
On 2 Sept. 1944, 408 Americans arrived from the Philippines.  
On 6 April 1945 the complete jurisdiction of this Camp was transferred to the Nagoya Area.

Camp Commanders:

11 August 1944 - 26 Nov. 1944, 2d Lt. SHINJI NAKAYAMA  
26 Nov. 1944 - 22 Feb. 1945, 1st Lt. SHUNTARO HASE  
22 Feb. 1945 -

NOTE: Lt. ARAKI remained with the Camp when the jurisdiction was transferred.

Work:

Ishihara Sangyo Tokkaiichi Seirensho. (Ishihara-cho, Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture)

Refinery - (Ishihara Sangyo Tokkaiichi Refinery)

This located approximately 200 M. from the Camp.

The prisoners did general labor, as far as is known.

XIX. 18th Branch - VAKINOHAMA

For details see II above.

XI. Original 19th Branch, then 4th Branch - IKONO

Address: Kuchigandani, Ikono-cho, Asago-gun, Hyogo Prefecture.

Location: 600 M. from Ikono Mine Surface Plant.

History: Camp first established 28 March 1945; on 28 March 1945, 400 prisoners arrived from Tanegawa and Katsuyama Camps, American and English.  
On 31 March 1945, 40 prisoners from Kobe and Neru - Officers.

On 22 Aug. 1945, 6 officers transferred to Vakinhama.

On 31 Aug. 1945, 14 officers transferred to various camps.

The Camp had no sub-divisions.

Camp Commanders:

28 March 1945 - 7 May 1945, 2d Lt. ATO FUJIMORI  
7 May 1945 - 2 Sept. 1945, Capt. HIROO HANUWA

Work:

Prisoners worked in the Ikono Copper Mine (Ikitanishi Kogyo Kaisha, Ikono Kogyo Sho).  
In the mine the prisoners shovelled, ran drill machines, did

timbering and operated mine locomotives. On the outside they did mechanical work, ore-sorting and ore transporting. The officers worked in the camp gardens. One American Captain (name unknown had mining experience. He worked underground as

advisor and safety man. The company did the guarding while the men worked; other guarding and administration done by civilians attached to the army and by regular army guards.

XII. Original 20th Branch, later 5th Branch - TEURUGA

Address: Original Camp: Sakura 165, Teuruga City, Fukuji Prefecture.  
Moved to: Minami Tensai, Teuruga City.

Location: Within city of Teuruga.

History: Camp established 23 April 1945. First prisoners, 200 in number, arrived 25 April 1945 from Tanagawa, 180 Americans, 20 Dutch. On 20 May 1945, 200 prisoners arrived from Utsuki, all Americans. Later one American was transferred to Sendai.  
Total in Camp 2 Sept. 1945 - 399.

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On 12 July 1945 the Camp was bombed and the POW's were moved temporarily to a nearby warehouse in Sakura (this was bombed later, after POW's had moved again), which was in the dock area. At the end of July, the POW's were moved to Miami Sumai, on demand of Capt. Edw. Bell (Med. Off.). They remained there until the end of the war, although work on building a new camp outside the city had been started.

No other moves were made and the camp had no sub-divisions.

Camp Commander:

23 April 1945 - 2 Sept. 1945, 1st Lt. MORIO HARBA

Work: At original camp, the POW's worked on docks, carrying bags of beans and grain from warehouse to freight cars. Operated cranes and unloaded iron from freight cars. At one time the POW's were used to unload a ship which had been hit by a mine and was anchored in the harbor.

The POW's worked for the Tsuruga Transportation Co., doing the above work. Mr. HASEMOTO had charge for the company.

His Assistant: Mr. INUDA.  
While at work, civilians attached to army guarded the POW's. The army had jurisdiction.

XIII. Original 21st Branch, then 6th Branch, AWAJCHI

Address: Wada, Minamionoi-mura, Iabu-gun, Iyogo Prefecture.

Location: 2 1/2 km west of village of Abenohe.

History: Camp established 16 May 1945. 300 POW's 17 May 1945 from Taiheo, Sakurajima and Yodogawa.

At end of war 286 released, 14 in hospital.  
The camp had no subdivisions and didn't change locations.

Camp Commander:

16 May 1945-2 Sept. 1945, Capt. HIROO EBIRVA.

Work: Same as at Imuro Camp. Akemobe Mine and Surface Plant - 300 N. from Camp.  
The Mining Co. furnished civilian work bosses. Also civilians attached to army and army guards. Army had final jurisdiction.

XVIII. Original 22nd Branch, then 7th Branch, SAKURAI

Address: Nisafu, Toketsu-cho, Enryu-gun, Fukuai Prefecture.

Location: In town of Toketsu, 800 N from SE Station at Saitama Enryu-koen.  
FOGPO.

History: Established 15 May 1945. POW's arrived on 17 May 1945. 200 in number. They came from Yodogawa and Taiheo. Camp had no sub-divisions nor did it change locations.

Camp Commander:

15 May 1945 - 2 Sept 1945, W/o Izoo ISHIZUMI

Work: Worked at Saitama Enryu-koen FOGPO, an Industrial Chem. Co. (Takafu Br.). Divided into five work groups, Design, Warehouse, Oxygen, and Electrical (2). Work supervised by civilians attached to company, plus civilians attached to army and army guards.

XIX. 3rd Branch originally, then 5th Branch, FUKA

Address: Fuzumi-mura, Iyabu-gun, Saigo Prefecture.

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**Location:** In village of Myoru, on eastern side of Lake Biwa. Yoru nearest RR station.

**History:** Camp first established 18 May 1945. POW's arrived 20 May 1945. There were 200 from Barima. 17 July 1945 - 4 were transferred. Total in camp at end of war 197. No sub-divisions and name remained the same.

**Camp Commander:**  
18 May 1945 - 2 Sept. 1945 - w/o Mitsujiro SAKAGUCHI

**Work:**  
POW's worked at Lake Biwa, draining and reclaiming land. The Governor of the Prefecture sent out civilians to supervise on the project. Also, civilians attached to army. The army had the final say.

XV. 24th Branch originally, then 9th Branch. KODOMAYA

**Address:** Kotogawa-cho, Kozaki-gun, Shiga Prefecture.

**Location:** On east side of Lake Biwa in town of Kotogawa.

**History:** Camp established 18 May 1945. First POW's arrived 20 May 1945. 200 from Osaka Mein and Barima. A medical officer arrived later making the total 201. Camp had no subdivisions.

**Camp Commander:**  
18 May 1945 - 2 Sept. 1945, 2d Lt. Yoshio KAWARISHI.

**Work:** Land reclamation at villages of Iba and Denton. The guard situation same as in XIV (above).

XVII. Original 25th Branch, then 10th Branch. NAIYAMA

**Address:** Ueohara, Maibara-cho, Sobotsu-gun, Shiga Prefecture

**Location:** 600 N south of Maibara Station.

**History:** Camp first established 18 May 1945. First POW's arrived at that time, 200 from Sakinobara. The camp had no subdivisions.

**Camp Commander:**  
18 May 1945 - 2 September 1945, 1st Lt. Aakawa KOTIEMI.

**Work:** At first all prisoners except those needed for details worked reclaiming a portion of Lake Ido. Later they worked planting rice. No factories or mines near camp. Quartermaster A "Farm Cultivation Group", supervised the work. Other-wise civilians attached to the army and regular guards handled the prisoners.

XVIII. Original 26th Branch, later 11th Branch. NAKANOCHI

**Address:** Minami Sakurayama, Sobotsu-gun, Omi-gun, Fukui Prefecture.

**Location:** 15 miles East of Tsubata

**History:** Camp established 18 May 1945. 20 POW's, these enlisted men who set the camp up. 10 June 1945 Camp opened formally. 25 June 1945 238 POW's arrived from Saitangi; these were all officers.

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