

RECOVERY TEAM #62
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DETACHMENT
HEADQUARTERS XIV CORPS

APD 453
6 Oct. 45

Subject : Result of Investigation of Prisoner of War
Camps, Numbers three(3) and ten(10), Sendai.

To : Commanding Officer, Recovered Personnel De-
tachment.

1. Attached hereto report of above subject.

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- 187 Americans
- 105 English
- 2 Canadians
- 3 Dutch
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Six(6) men sleep in each tier and the two tiers faced each other, giving accommodations for 24 men to a section, these sections being numbered. Lt. Sano informed us that the men slept on straw mats although none were in evidence.

A smaller building contained the guard house and two solitary confinement cells. Lt. Sano informed us that only one(1) man had been placed in solitary confinement and his offence had been that, he stole some sugar.

The few papers that were recovered at this camp are enclosed in a separate envelope marked "Papers Recovered at POW Camp #10 Sendai."

Upon return to Kurosawajiri we contacted Sendai Headquarters for northern Prisoner of War Camps at Satowake, and were told that there were no Chinese prisoners of war in this area.

4 Oct. 45

Departed Kurosawajiri 0800 arrived Prisoner of War Camp #3 located on road from Sawabe, 9 miles toward Iwagaski at Hosokura Kozau, a mining camp.

The camp commander was not present at this camp and there were only three(3) employees of the mining company. The camp was built in October 1944 and the Prisoners of War arrived in February 1945. Lt. Katsuo Ishizawa was the camp commander.

The following names were noted on signs in the Prison Office:

Major Houston S. Farris
26th Cav. Commanding
1st. Lt. Hugh E. Wandel
91st. CAC. Adj.
Lt. Col. Robert C. Caskill
MC

The mining employees told us that on 22 Sept. 45 there were two hundred forty-seven(247) Prisoners of War. They also stated that the ashes of those prisoners who had died had been sent to Toyko. The remains were reported to have been cremated in a retort at the mining camp.

Again in this case the camp, being of recent construction was in good condition. This camp had been cleaned and only a few papers were present, which are enclosed in separate envelope marked "Papers Recovered at POW Camp #3 Sendai."

The camp was of the same general structure as Camp #10, although at this camp they had latrines in separate buildings and separate building for an isolation ward.

Arrived Sendai 1500 this day.

At both these camps the company officials claimed they had no lists of the workers, as details of a certain number of men were sent daily, to work at the plants.

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