

RECOVERY TEAM NO. 56
HQ. AMER. DIV. ARTY.
APO 716

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF RECOVERY TEAM 56
TO : HQ. XI CORPS
APO 471
ATTENTION: RECOVERED PERSONNEL DET.

1. Report on Yokohama Camp # 17.

a. Location: Camp # 17 located 450 meters South-west of East Kanagawa Station in Yokohamashi Kanagawaku, Chitosecho. Coordinates: 666.1-1395.8 on Central Honshu map scale, 1/50000. Yokohama Camp # 17 is also an Army Prisoner of war camp and is also a branch of Omori Main Camp.

b. Description of camp: Yokohama Camp # 17 was opened 1 May 1944 and closed at the end of the war. The buildings which housed the prisoners of war was two stories high. Included in the buildings was one kitchen, latrine, guard house, Japanese Commanders room, NCO room, storage buildings and Administration offices. These buildings were completely destroyed by American B-29's the 29 of May 1945. No prisoners were killed in the bombing. The camp area was rectangular in shape and located between the road and a spur of the railroad tracks. The camp was inclosed by a tight board fence 8 feet high. After the camp was destroyed, the Prisoners were moved to Yokohama Camp # 18. About one week later the prisoners were brought back and housed in buildings owned by the Niishin Oil Refining Co. Buildings where the prisoners last stayed are located 200 yd. South of where the former camp was located. While the prisoners were in this camp they worked in the Niishin Oil Refining Co. There were 50 POW'S in this camp. 48 British, 1 American officer and 1 American NCO.

The condition of the camp in the Oil Refining Co. were deplorable. B-29's dropped Red Cross supplies on the 25 th of Aug. The 26 of Aug. and the 29 of Aug. The prisoners left the camp the 28 of Aug. Commander of the camp claimed the Red Cross packages dropped on the 29th of Aug. were taken to the Kanagawa police station. This will be investigated.

2. Records found:

a. A small amount of misc. papers

3. Deaths in Yokohama Camp # 17.

a. One British Soldier- no record as to name, Died in Feb. of 1945. Ashes were sent to Omori Main Camp.

4. Burial plots: No burial plots found.

5. Summary: Japanese commander of the camp Capt. Taichi Sato. Jap. NCO in charge Sgt. Hisanao Ito.
Above information found by team 56.

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