

9 October 1946.

Subject: - Fukukawa Camp No. 27-B or FU-20.

To : - Chief, Prosecution Division.

1. Investigation of the file FU-20 discloses that at the end of the hostilities there were 398 Prisoners of War - 73 British; 81 U.S.; 198 Dutch, 46 Australians.

2. Hirata, one of the perpetrators in this camp, was sentenced to twenty years on 26 June 1946.

3. It is recommended that this file be referred to the ~~the~~ Netherlands Division for prosecution of additional perpetrators, if any.

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FUKUOKA POW CAMP
 MANAGEMENT OF POW LABOUR
 IN PRISONERS OF WAR CAMPS

NAME OF BRANCH CAMP (NAME OF COMPANY)	KINDS OF WORK	AVERAGE NUMBER OF POW WORKERS	PERCENTAGE OF POW WORKERS AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL	MODIFICATION ACCORDING TO PHYSICAL CONDITION OF POW
(2) Branch Camp, Kayakijima The Kawanami Industry Company (Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Kayakijima Ship-Building Yard.	Installation, riveting, filling up crevice, Perforation, scaffolding, ruled writing, welding, Steel materials, adjustment, Storehouse Assemblage Finishing Ship-Building, Machine Manufacture, Design. Machine, Welding, Riveting	500 140 20 40	89%	As for the POW who have a physical trouble, let them engage in light labour in every working place. And in the Timber Factory, the specified party were formed, putting a mark on the larm of them; as they engaged in the light labo. After their physical condition recovered, the method that let them return to their previous occupation, was adopted. This movement to the previous occupation were decided by the opinion of the Japanese Medical Officer, POW Medical Officer and Medical Staff, considering the wish of POW. In case of the serious trouble of body, we recognized the liberty of changing the working place, and we let them to the mental renovation, and we let the physical cheerfulness display on their health.
	Iron Casting, Steel casting	40		
	Frame Work, Welding, Installation	120		
	Timber - Manufacture, carpenter, Crane Installation	60		
	Cooking, Nursing, Shoe Maker, Tailor, Carpenter, Miscellaneous Work.	100		
(4) Branch Camp, Moji. The Corporation of Kwanmon District Harbours (Kwanmon Chiku Kowan Unsogyo-Kai)	Loading and unloading of Cargo, loading and unloading work at wharf, Storehouse, and the same of goods of Freight-Car	200	60-70%	Consulting the Medical Officer POW who is healthy and has robust Physical strength shall labour, men who are healthy and have weak Physical strength shall work in the camp (Cleaning, Miscellaneous work). And when they engaged in rather heavy labour for

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(5) Branch Camp, Soeda. The Fur- ukawa Mining In- dustry Company (Kogyo Kabush- iki Gaisha)	Burning, Throwing away the waste of ore:	15	94%	Considering th health conditi. of POW all the time, we let t. unhealthy POW Considering th health conditi of POW all the time, we let t unhealthy POW transfer to th light labour, Factory of min iature coal, a others outside the mine from heavy labour work. When th number of work man in the min decreaced, We combined one working place with another. And we modified their labour af ter consultati with Camp-Comm ander to avoid overwork. Wh an urgent case broke out on th spot, we elevat ed them to the outside of the mine by the co truck, etc. Wh an light case broke out, we let them take rest till the work finish ne the spot. And we have never assigned labou to them compul sorily.
	Transportation of Mine-Pillars	20		
	Farming	30		
	Coal-Mining	300		
	Sinking	210		
	Miscellaneous Works	10		
(6) Branch Camp, Mizumaki. The Nihon-Coal Mining Company (Nihon Tanko Kabushiki Gai- sha), Takamatsu Colliery.	Cooking	13	88.5%	Considering th health conditi. of POW all the time, we let t. unhealthy POW Considering th health conditi of POW all the time, we let t unhealthy POW transfer to th light labour, Factory of min iature coal, a others outside the mine from heavy labour work. When th number of work man in the min decreaced, We combined one working place with another. And we modified their labour af ter consultati with Camp-Comm ander to avoid overwork. Wh an urgent case broke out on th spot, we elevat ed them to the outside of the mine by the co truck, etc. Wh an light case broke out, we let them take rest till the work finish ne the spot. And we have never assigned labou to them compul sorily.
	Medical Affairs	14		
	Coal-Carrying, Coal-Digging, Management of Work, Transport, Track, Peace Preservation, mach- ine repairer, belt preparatory clean- ing, repair of coal- truck, electric workman, Central Foundry (Casting Factory, axle making, farm for self-supply (The work in the Camp)	917		

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(8) Branch Camp, Inazuki Yamano, The Mitsui Mining Company (Mitsui Kozan Kabushiki Gaisha) Yamano Mining Office.	Coal-Digging	60	60	80	As for Labour in the Mine, the POW who was robust, engaged in it. (They received the Medical examination. As for labour outside the mine, the POW who was a little healthy namely, the POW who was unfit for the service in the mine and had experience Machine, Architecture, etc., engaged in the labour outside the Mine. As the using the labour of POW, Camp Commander and employer conferred about it, and after the preliminary training for about one month they are used. The POW who were fatigued due to the inexperience of labour were diagnosed by the doctor immediately. And when they needed rest, they took the rest in the squad; The POW who needed Hospitalization, entered hospital. And they were diagnosed in the morning and afternoon, twice each day and received the medical treatment. And the man who recovered from illness could change the working place gradually and engaged in the service fit for their body.
	Coal-Carrying	62%			
	Miscellaneous work	90%			
	Machine Repair	93%			
	Machine Miscellaneous work	95%			
	Farming	100%			
	POW Cooking, Medical Office Room, Miscellaneous Work	100%			
(9) Branch Camp, Onoura. The Kaijima Coal-Mining Company (Kaijima Tanco Kabushiki Gaisha).	Coal-Carrying, Coal-Digging, Miscellaneous Work.		70%		Considering the Health condition of every POW by the Medical examination of Doctor, we let the labour in general by the following division: (A) POW who is in good health
	Electricity, Machine		80%		
	Miscellaneous Work, Farm and Stock-Farm				
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				condition ---- The work in the mine
				(B) POW whose health conditi is next to (A) -----The work outside t mine.
				(C) POW whose health conditi is next to (B) -----Far and Stock-Farm
(14) Branch Camp, Nagasaki, The Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Company	Installation, gas and electric welding, per washing sand away, welding, repair of motor car, finishing of propeller, can manufacture	300 (at the end of the war)	95%	Considering the health conditi of POW and the kinds of work, the camp autho rities put the right person i the right plac
(21) Branch Camp, Nakama Nakazuru, The Taisho Mining Industry Company (Taisho Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Nakazuru Mining Office.	Collier who throw away the waste of ore, Carriage-way carpenter, electricity repair workman, lathe-man, engine driver in the mine, Coal-digger, Coal-carrier, work managing Collier, Block coiling man, Engineering Collier in the Mine.	188	80%	As we could obtain the information from the POW Camp all t time, we let t POW who were i bad health con dition transf to the light bor outside t mine or the w in the POW Can Even though we could not obta information fr the POW Camp, we recognized them to be ill we let them ta rest or let th transfer to th light labor. (For emample: Bamboo-ware, farming)
(22) Branch Camp, Tadakuma The Sumitomo Mining Industry Company (Sumitomo Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Farming Tadakuma Mining Office.	Coal-Carrying Coal-Digging Prop Filling-up Farming The construction and repair of anti-air-craft shelter Bamboo-Ware Manufacture	130 200(after June) 15 30 -- 40 20 -- 25	75-80% 80 85% 80 -- -- 65 -- 70%	As we let them labour followi the Military i structions, th details were u known. Judgin from the fact that there wer a good many POW who engaged in the very slight room work, it presumed that POWS were trea ed very care fully.
(24) Branch Camp, Emukae. The Sumitomo Mining Industry Company (Sumitomo Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Senryu Mining Office	Coal-Mining Miscellaneous work	170 --- 180	65 -- 70%	We let the POW who were in be health conditi etc., take a holiday.

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(26) Branch Camp, Yoshikuma. The Aso Mining Industry Company (Aso Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Yoshikuma Colliery	Coal-mining work Farming, care of the Farm Digging work of Anti-aircraft shelter, Miscellaneous work, cooking in the Camp	230 85 34	92%	The degree of health condition of POW are divided into A, B, C. The POW who belongs to A, works in the Mine; B cultivates the land; C works in the POW camp and the others take a rest in the recreation room or enter hospital. The Japanese medical officer, POW Medical officer and the detail leader decide which class the POW belongs to upon deliberation.
(27) Branch Camp, Tagawa. The Mitsui Mining Company	Earthwork, the Earth-work of coal-station piled earth Cutting down of Coal seam, and coal digging work. Machine repair work, and other light labour work.	265 115	85% 80%	The POW who were in good health condition, engaged in the mine and outside the mine. As for the POW who were unhealthy, we let them tell tell the effects through the POW officer and the head of squad, and let them transfer to the miscellaneous work and the light labour work in the camp. And it is presumed that the sick and wounded were accommodated in the Hospital and given a rest.
CLOSED (red ink) (6) Dispatched Camp, Taura. The Tokai Electrode Manufacture Company (Tokai Denkyoku Seizo Kabushiki Gaisha), Taura Factory.	Transport of materials, Transport of shattering electrode adjustment work of site.	100		By the leading of the Dispatched camp commander, the change of the arrangement of labour, the change of the organization of the work squad, the shortening of work hours, the elongation of recess were carried into effect on all such occasions, in accordance with the health condition of POW.

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(23) Branch Camp, Doshi. The Meiji Mining Industry Company (Meiji Kogyo Kabushiki Gaisha), Hirayama Collery	The actual place of machine, coal-selection Factory Pile-wood storage, coal-carrier, coal-digger, handy man of coal-selection, mechanics, Pile-wood carrier	130	70%	
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(13) Dispatched Camp, Sagano-Seki. The Nihon Mining Industry Company (Nihon Kogyo Kabushi Kigai-sha), Sagano-Seki Refinery.	Ingot lead	10	95	
	Dissolved Precipitate	4	--	
	Beam Washing.	2	97%	
	Loading.	4		
	The work of carrying burned ores by car to the smelting furnace.	20		
	The work of carrying ores from ore-store to the smelting Furnace.	52		
	Chiefly, Assistant work of all parts of Bessemer converter work.	23	90%	
	The small repair of the equipments of refinery.	17		
	Crane landing, Carrying stored stones to the loading place, iron materials, ores, old coppers, loading of limestone.	28		

NOTE: "CLOSED" written with red ink means closed camp.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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INVESTIGATION DIVISION

22 February 1946

MEMORANDUM :

SUBJECT : Re Investigation of Prisoner of War Camp No. 27-B.

By Direction of the Chief, Investigation Division, 2nd Lt. Melvin S. Cohn, accompanied by Sgt. Jack W. Oda, as interpreter, proceeded to Gotoji and made an investigation of Prisoner of War Camp No. 27-B between 17 February 46 to 22 February 1946.

1. Location

Fukuoka Branch Camp 27 was located near the hospital of the Mitsui Tagawa Coal Mine in Gotoji, Kyushu, Japan. It was opened in May 1944 and at the close of the war housed 398 POW, 81 being Americans.

2. Description

See the enclosed blueprints for a complete plan of the camp and of the barracks construction. The barracks and adjoining buildings were fairly well constructed and all the glass windows were intact. The latrines were built on American standards to the extent of being raised off the floor level. There was a bath house where hot water was available for bathing. There, however, was no provision for heating the barracks. Electric lighting was installed. An 8 foot fence surrounded the camp with guard posts at regular intervals. The usual 8 X 8 solitary cells were built inside the guard house. The hospital space consisted of two small rooms and it is believed inadequate for a camp of 400 men.

3. Utilization

The POW worked on the construction of a second camp that was to be used by the prisoners and also later in the term of the camp in the coal mines. Clothing and shoes were entirely inadequate and although this situation could easily have been remedied by the C.O., 1st Lt. TAKESHI HIRATA (now being held in Sugama), it was not done. The supplies were available in the camp supply room but were not issued until the war's end. (See statements of FUKANO AND KAGE)

4. Prisoner of War Personnel

See enclosed list.

5. Japanese Camp Personnel

See enclosed list.

6. Work and recreation

At first most of the prisoners worked on the construction of the new camp (never finished) but in July 1944 they began being transferred to coal mining. The working day consisted of 7 hours if above ground. One day a week was given the POW for rest.

No misappropriation of Red Cross Supplies was uncovered.

7. Food

One bowl of rice (60% wheat) per meal and on occasions there were cucumbers and pumpkin.

POW that were sick or in confinement were given one-half rations. No more than 705 grams a day was ever allowed the prisoners.

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There were no camp canteens with supplies to sell the POW.

8. Medical

There was one death in this camp and that from tuberculosis. While there is evidence that this man was not given the best of medical care, it is believed that there is not yet a sufficient case of criminal negligence. However, since the commander, 1st Lt. HIRATA is being held on other charges, it is suggested that he be interrogated on this matter.

9. Sanitation

Latrine and washing facilities adequate.

10. Safety Measures Employed.

An air raid shelter was started when the camp opened but was never completed. There were no raids.

11. Punishment

Punishment does not seem to have been excessive as in some camps but there is definite evidence (See FUKANO and KAGE statements) the Lt. HIRATA did not hesitate to use his fists and palms on the prisoners and seems to have delighted in it.

Solitary confinement under one-half rations was used as punishment.

12. Conclusions

Although this camp in itself would not make up a prime face case, it is believed that information contained herein will strengthen any case now pending against HIRATA.

13. Leads to be Developed

None

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LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF JAP PERSONNEL IN FUKUOKA BRANCH CAMP " 27 "

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>PRESENT ADDRESS</u>
Takeji Hirata	1st Lt.	Commander	Fukuoka-ken, Mitsui-gur, Ogori-mura, Ogori, 1155
Junsei Akiyama	2nd Lt.	Medic.	Nagasaki-shi, To-machi, 3-chome, 28
Hiroshi Ikeda	Sgt.	Gen. Affairs	Fukuoka-ken, Yame-gun, Nagamine-mura, Takumada, 197
Yahiko Hanaishi	Finance Sgt.	Finance	Fukuoka-ken, Fukuoka-shi, Nishijin-machi, 228
Toshio Ebisuyu	Lance Cpl.	Clerk	Fukuoka-ken, Wakamatsu-shi, Renka-cho 1-chome 440
X Chujiro Okada	Lance Cpl.	Medic.	Fukuoka-shi, Gofuku-machi, 10
Shichiro Irie	Sup. Pvt.	Medic.	Nagasaki, Minamimetsuura-gun, Miraku-machi, Hamanoaze
Masao Ono	Pfc	Clerk	Oita-ken, Usa-gun, Anshinin-cho, Ogata
Makoto Tsuruta	Sup. Pvt.	"	Hiroshima-ken, Saiki-gun, Otake-machi Rokku, 1691
X Jirota Nishimura	Pfc.	"	Fukuoka-ken, Chikujo-gun, Kuzusiro-mura Menako c/o Mr. Minoru Ueda
Toshio Yama	"	"	Fukuoka, Kasuya-gun, Sasaguri-machi c/o Mr. Nishijima
Kazuo Hiroshige	Cpl.	Guard	Fukuoka, Mizuma-gun, Inuzuka-mura, Gyokuman, 3439
Masao Horikawa	"	"	Fukuoka-ken, Iizuka-shi, Iizuka, 1104
Takero Uchida	"	"	Gifu-ken, Ibi-gun, Kojima-mura Shirokashi, 2-895
Minoru Ino	Pfc.	"	Fukuoka-ken, Munakata-gun, Suyazaki-machi, Tenjin-machi
Yoshio Ushijima	Sup. Pvt.	"	Saga-ken, Miyaki-gun, Asahi-mura, Gitoku, 1345
X Kumazo Kage	Pfc.	"	Fukuoka-ken, Asakura-gun, Minashiro-mura, Nagata, 494
Kazuo Kamito	"	"	Nagasaki-shi, Tanigawa-cho, 11-30
Masanobu Kawasaki	"	"	Wadamatsu-shi, Nishi Hammachi, 4-chome, 223
Jyujiro Kitsuke	"	"	Fukuoka-shi, Nishiminato-cho, 20
Ta Kohara	"	"	Osaka-shi, Nishinsri-ku, Tsurumibashi-dori, 2-chome, 7
Hajime Koga	"	"	Fukuoka-ken Yawata-shi, Hobashira-cho, 4-chome
Kakuji Shirotake	Lance Cpl.	"	Saga-ken Kineshima-gun, Kitaoriske-mura, Tsuchikiri, 20

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>PRESENT ADDRESS</u>
Churoku Takashima	Pfc.	Guard	Saga-ken, Kanzaki-mura, Niyama-mura, Shirohara, 2201
Niichi Takumaru	"	"	Fukuoka-shi, Hakazaki-machi, Shinyashiki, 3121
Toshio Nakamura	Lance Cpl.	"	Fukuoka-ken, Tagawa-gun, Hojo-mura, Ikata, 3320
Masanori Nakamura	Pvt.	"	Manchuria, Shinkyo Tokubetsu-city, Daidodeigai, 406
Shotaro Harada	Pfc.	"	Fukuoka-ken, Miyako-gun, Nakatsu-mura Matsubara, 991
Haruo Hitaka	Pvt.	"	Manchuria, Anto-sho, Hojo-ken, Aiyo-mura
X Tatsuo Fukano	Pfc.	"	Fukuoka-ken, Yamato-gun, Hiashiyama-mura, Oda 989
Kazuo Fukumoto	"	¶	Fukuoka-ken, Yawata-shi, Miyano-cho 3-chome, 53
Ichiro Matsuguchi	"	"	Osaka-shi, Yodogawa-ku, Minamihama 2-chome, 20
Shiro Miura	"	"	Fukuoka-ken, Ukiha-gun, Chitose-mura Wakamiya
Kyuichi Yamada	"	"	Saga-ken, Fujitsu-gun, Kashima-machi, Takatsuhara, 1987
Ichiro Yoshitake	"	"	Fukuoka-ken Miyako-gun, Imamoto-mura Imai
Susumu Wakaida	"	"	Kochi-ken, Kochi-shi, Nagahama-cho, 707

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