



Message from the Commander of the Fukuoka  
Prisoners of War Camps.

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1945.

I am pleased to inform you that we were instructed by the Military Authorities that hostilities ceased on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.

During your long stay in Japan as prisoners of War you must, I fear, have endured many hardships. Having survived these difficult times, however your dream of repatriation is soon to be realized. Your hearts must be full of joy at the thought of greeting your loved ones, parents, wives, children and friends.

I offer to you my sincere congratulation, and at the same time express my regret for those who have passed away as a result of disease or some other unfortunate mischance, without ever having the joy of greeting this happy day.

Obeying instructions, the Camp Staffs and I, have done all in our power to help and protect you, but owing to the difficult internal War conditions, we regret we were not able to do half as much as we wished. Nevertheless I trust that you will understand the predicament in which we found ourselves.

Several days ago at one camp the prisoners presented the Camp Staff and factory foremen with part of their valuable relief foodstuffs and personal belongings, while at others camps prisoners have asked for permission to help civilian War sufferers with their personal belongings. This is an example of your generous and understanding spirit and gentlemanliness. For all this we, the Camp Staffs and I, express our deepest gratitude.

Until you are transferred to Allied hands at the port which will be designated later you must wait at your respective Camps.

Therefore I sincerely hope that you will wait quietly taking care of your health and still obeying the rules of your camp as before, thus maintaining the honour and dignity of your great Nations.

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by

SQUADRON-LEADER J. A. MacCARTHY, R.A.F. COMMANDING.

At 0935 hours yesterday, 2nd September you ceased to be Prisoners of War. This Camp is now a British Military Establishment under my command. From the very beginning I want it to be understood that the rules and regulations as laid down by me together with military discipline will be maintained. I am now responsible to our governments for each one of you and I intend to see to it that you return home safe and sound and without a cloud of any sort on your military records. I know I will have the co-operation of practically everyone of you in this matter and that only a few may not co-operate. To these few I want them to understand clearly that they may expose themselves to the full punishments of Military Law which can be inflicted in this camp by me. Furthermore, a point of international law states ~~that~~ now that hostilities have ceased any offence committed outside of this camp against the inhabitants of this country is a civil offence and subsequent punishment must be carried out or served in this country. Thieving outside this camp is equivalent to looting and looting is punishable by death. In cases of any serious breaches of discipline in this camp I will have no hesitation in handing the offenders over to the occupying troops for disposal.

Routine Orders will be published daily and issued to each hut; ignorance of orders will not be accepted as an excuse.

J. A. MacCarthy  
(J. A. MacCARTHY)  
Squadron-Leader, Commanding.

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# ALLIED PRISONERS

The JAPANESE Government has surrendered. You will be evacuated by ALLIED NATIONS forces as soon as possible.

Until that time your present supplies will be augmented by air-drop of U.S. food, clothing and medicines. The first drop of these items will arrive within one (1) or two (2) hours.

Clothing will be dropped in standard packs for units of 50 or 500 men. Bundle markings, contents and allowances per man are as follows:

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50 MAN PACK	500 MAN PACK	CONTENTS	ALLOWANCES PER MAN	50 MAN PACK	500 MAN PACK	CONTENTS	ALLOWANCES PER MAN
A	3	Drawers	2	B	10	Laces, shoe	1
A	1-2	Undershirt	2	A	11	Kit, sewing	1
B	22	Socks (pr)	2	C	31	Soap, toilet	1
A	4-6	Shirt	1	C	4-6	Razor	1
A	7-9	Trousers	1	C	4-6	Blades, razor	10
C	23-30	Jacket, field	1	C	10	Brush, tooth	1
A	10	Belt, web, waist	1	B	31	Paste, tooth	1
A	11	Capt. H.B.T.	1	C	10	Comb	1
B	12-21	Shoes (pr)	1	B	32	Shaving cream	1
A	1-2	Handkerchiefs	3	C	12-21	Powder(insecticide)	1
C	32-34	Towel	1				

There will be instructions with the food and medicine for their use and distribution.

### C A U T I O N

DO NOT OVERTREAT OR OVERMEDICATE

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FEEDING 100 MEN

To feed 100 men for the first three (3) days, the following blocks (individual bundles dropped) will be assembled:

#### 3 Blocks No. 1 (Each Contains)

2 Cases, Soup, Can  
1 Cases Fruit Juice  
1 Case Accessory Pack

#### 3 Blocks No. 2 (Each Contains)

3 Cases "C" Rations  
1 Case Hosp Supplies  
2 Cases Fruit

#### 1 Block No. 5 (Each Contains)

1 Case Soup, Dehd  
1 Case Veg Puree  
1 Case Bouillon  
1 Case Hosp Supplies  
1 Case Vitamin Tablets

#### 1 Block No. 7 (Each Contains)

1 Case Nescafe  
1 Sack Sugar  
1 Case Milk  
1 Case Cocoa

#### 1 Block No. 3 (Each Contains)

1 Case Candy  
1 Case Gum  
1 Case Cigarettes  
1 Case Matches

#### 1 Block No. 10 (Each Contains)

3 Cases Fruit  
2 Cases Juice

Hi ya Fellas,

Here's some good old Brown  
chow, don't know when we'll  
be back again, Hope you enjoy  
all we drop and hope there's  
plenty for all. How's our aim  
anyway? we hope it's ~~pe~~ better  
than usual. Our crew "The  
Lucky 13" wish you all a  
very speedy trip home which  
we know you're all waiting  
so eagerly for, but believe me  
everything possible is being  
done to get all your boys back  
home as swiftly as possible  
The sooner MacArthur "steps  
on Japanese soil the quicker  
you'll leave.  
Well & hope you find

this letter, is all I can  
say, that'll depend mostly  
on our view.

Will see close now so  
the crew of the Lucky 13  
say so long and may God  
be with you and Bless  
you all.

Lucky 13

NOTICE

STATEMENT from the CHINESE CAMP.

Why we killed the Chinese Officer in command of our Camp.

- (A) The Officer's previous record. In the past he was classed as a Japanese Spy and a traitor to his country.
  - (B) He treated the sick men very badly. Men who were injured in the Coal Mine were restricted to one loaf of bread per day. This combined with the cold caused men to die. There were 18 men who died. In the Mine when men were not physically able to work and sat down to rest the Japanese reported them to this officer. He then punished them by beating. In cases where a man stole another man's food in the Mine he would be punished by being deprived of food at night. He would then leave the camp and would not be seen again. This happened in four cases.
  - (C) This Officer hoped to be a wealthy man when he returned to China. Previously in China he was a poor man so he came to Japan to control all the Chinese who worked in the Mine. He would give them half of their cigarette ration, soap and other goods, keeping back the balance so that when he went to China he could trade them for Chinese money and personally profit thereby.
  - (D) When this Officer said that 200 coal skips were to be filled and the task was not completed owing to a fall in the coal shaft the gang concerned were punished by the stoppage of food and all men were beaten.
  - (E) The reason why no drastic action was taken against this Officer before the Japanese capitulation was that the men in this Camp had no protection against the Japanese.
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- (A)

Now, the Chinese of this Camp ask for protection from the Japanese soldiers and police when the British soldiers leave Japan.

- (B) While the British soldiers are in this Camp (as Guard) the food is very good and sufficient. But after they leave for their homes we are afraid that they will be reduced very much.
- (C) Yesterday (10/9/45) the Japanese policemen had a secret conference and said that only 23 killed the Officer. But this is a false statement. All of the Chinese participated in killing this man.
- (D) Now we have the British Guard in the Camp every day and they help us and advise us. Consequently the Japanese cannot catch the 23 men and punish them by Japanese Law. But we are afraid what they will do when the British Guard is withdrawn when they leave Japan.