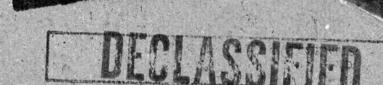
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#### HISTORY\_GEOGRAPHY

The AINOURA NAVAL RECRUIT TRAINING STATION 1290 38 E 330 10 15 W, is located on the west coast of KYUSHU, three and a half miles west of SASEBO on the AINOURA river mouth. The "Number Two SASEBO Naval Barracks" was opened on 20 November, 1941 and had its official name changed to "AINOURA NAVAL RECRUIT TRAINING STATION" (KAIHEIDAN), in 1944.

#### DESCRIPTION

The training station is situated on a peninsular area, with the main building area in the low flat, AINOURA River valley. Its southern coast has a seawall which continues around on the eastern AINOURA River boundary. The western and northern areas behind the buildings are rugged hills to the very indented coastline which affords many ship and boat anchorages and refuges.

The soil is predominately clay which in wet weather makes all areas difficult for wheeled vehicles to negotiate.

The majority of the buildings are of wood construction with only a few of brick.

All roofs are of heavy wood truss construction with tile foofing.

All buildings are provided with electric illumination which is unstable in a mild wind or rain storm due to the inade-quate poles and wiring methods used.

Originally, all buildings were heated in cold weather. The hospital and sick parracks, having the best with steam heat. Bath houses were heated by the water used, and kitchens by the heat escaped from cooking.

All barracks and administration buildings were heated by coal and charcoal stoves.



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These stoves were scrapped (about Sept.1944) to the war scrap iron program and body heat only became fashionable thereafter.

After the scrap drive, officer's private rooms and the main administration building were heated by individual porcelain charcoal fire pots.

All buildings had their uppermost ceilings removed to facilitate the locating and extinguishing of enemy fire bombs.

Barracks #22 and #23 had a capacity of 1200 men each, the others housed 880 men, with the smallest housing 500. Bunking was provided by hanging hammocks approximately 3 apart on the main floors and mats on the balconies.

Buildings No. 1 in addition to sheltering vehicles, were used as lumber and cement storehouses.

The hospital, (building No. 16) was not adequate for the 13000 -15000 men of the station. It contained good Japanese equipment and was kept scrupulously clean by Japanese standards.

The lecture hall for arms (bldg. #28) was used for instruction and demonstration in the use of naval arms.

It contained the following:

25 projectiles and sections of projectiles

l large blinker light

1 large search light

1 heavy machine gun on wood A.A. mount.

l torpedo head section in glass case.

1 torpedo half section in glass case.

2 torpedos half section on wood pedestals.

2 torpedos on wood pedestals.

5 boxes miscellaneous spare parts

2 propellors and motor shafts

1 large navagation instrument

4 tool chests

2 miniature propellor shafts

2 cylindrical sea mines



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5 ship models, including one DD, 1 CL, 1 CA, 1 BB

1 thirty foot model or righting ship

l eight foot model of fighting ship with electrical controls.

l green and red signal light

3 knot display boards

1 cabinet of pulleys, chains, ladders, anchors and cables

The garage (building #30) housed the following vehicles: 3 passenger cars

9 trucks

l auto tricycle

2 side cars

1 fire extinguisher

1 watering car

1 crane

Buildings number 66-67-68-69-69A were originally erected as airplane hangers but were used as warehouses and class-rooms.

Number 66 was used for instruction in weapons and contained:

2, 15 cm. trench mortars
18, 8 cm. tranch mortars
12, 20 cm. rocket guns
15, 8 cm. rocket guns
8 machine guns
940 small arms.
920 accessory sets for small arms
60 swords

Building #67 was used for Ship and Boat communication instruction and contained:

4 boxes of signal fires 86 trumpets 1 fire and smoke signal tube 16 signal lights 70 telegraph operating keys 5 sailing lamps



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5 night signal training machines 45 binoculars 5 large binoculars (artillery type) 8 barometers 12 thermometers 2 anemometers 3 sextants 38 normal binoculars 3 wind velocity measurers 6 compasses 1 magnetic compass 3 model apparatus for sailing exercise 7 signal pistols 1 chronometer 1 deck watch 2 light machine guns 7 magnetic loud speakers

2 telegraphic sign training machines

3 radio apparatus

building #68 was used for practical training in steam

boiler operating and contained the following:

7 electrical pumps with accessories 1 filtration unit 5 full size steam boilers with accessories 3 crafts boilers

The Torpedo Lecture Hall (Building #78) contained the following:

l discharge tube for torpedos
8 rocket guns and accessories
1 short rocket gun
2 nign angle gun with accessories
2 trench mortars
22, 25mm machine guns
59, 13 mm machine guns
5, heavy machine guns
3 light machine guns

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36677small arms
74 pistols
22 training guns
1 armored car
230 steel helmets
103 officers long swords

The network of roads on the station, which are well planned and sufficient, consist of the main station road which leads to the SASEBO-AINOURA road; a road which parallels the west coast; a road to AINOURA; the network of roads to the buildings; and the connecting roads to the west coast.

All roads are of graded clay subsoil with only a few stretches having crushed or uncrushed rock surfacing.

With the exception of the main east-west road, all are narrow two lane with passing of vehicles difficult.

There are no railroads into the station. The nearest railroad, narrow guage, comes from the north to AINOURA circles north of the station boundary, then continues in a northerly direction, then runs due east, with a line going to SASEBO.

The quay, situated on the southern shore of the station, and shelterning a small boat harbor, is constructed of stone. It has 30 davits for ten men cutters, and a capacity of 42 cutters.

The very indented west coast affords ideal anchorage though more primitive than those we consider adequate. Three ships are anchored in this area as shown on the map. They are the BB SHIKISHIMA, the DD YANAGI, and the DD SUZUTSUKI. The best dock is the one berthing the obsolete battle ship SHIKISHIMA. At the rear of this dock are four cave entrances with one entrance showing the cave layout.

#### <u>ACTIVITIES</u>

The purpose of the AINOURA NAVAL RECRUIT TRAINING STATION was to process the recruits into general duty line sailors and to further train those of excellent character and intelligence in the practical technical subjects of ginnery, torpedo, and signalling

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A roster of officers of the station, by sections was as follows:

C.O. of Station: Captain SUCHI. Administrative Section:

LtComdr MATSUO
Lt TERAJIMA
Lt MIZOGUCHI
Lt (jg) HIRANO

Lt (jg) (Supply) TAKEMORI

Ens HAMADA

Clerical Section (SEIRIBU)

LtComdr TAKODA LtComdr SAKODA Lt MOTOMURA

Lt (jg) SUGINO (Transferred)

Lt (jg) SAWAMURA Ens HIGASHIMINE

#### 1st Lt's Section:

1st Lt: LtComdr SHIBATA

Lt (jg) MATSUI Lt (jg) FUCHIGAMI Lt (jg) SHIMIZU

#### Medical Section:

Chief Surgeon: Capt (Med) YAMAMOTO LtComdr (Med)KONDO

#### Supply Dept:

Chief Supply Officer: LtComdr (Supply) MIGITA Ens (Supply) SANTOKU

Headquarters Bn:



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#### Headquarters Bn:

CO: Lt TAZOE (Additional Duty)
Hqs Sec: Ens YAMANE (Additional Duty)
1st Co CO: Lt TAZOE
plt ldrs: 2 officers, 2 CPO's.

2nd Co CO: Lt MASUMURA Plt Ldrs: 3 officers

3rd Co CO: Lt (Med) HIRAI Plt Ldrs: 1 officer

4th Co CO: Lt (Supply) KATO
Plt Ldrs: 2 officers, 1 CPO

#### 1st Lt's Battalion:

CO: LtComdr OHIRA Adjutant: Lt OE

5th Co CO: Lt YAMAGUCHI Plt Ldrs: 2 CPO's

6th Co CO: Lt YAMAJI
Plt Ldrs: 1 officer, 1 CPO

7th Co CO: Lt YAMADA
Plt Ldrs: 2 officers

8th Co CO: Lt TASHIRO
Plt Ldrs: 2 officers

9th Co CO: Lt KUSAMURA
Plt Ldrs: 1 officer, 1 CPO

1st Battalion:

CO: Lt HAMADA

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llth Co. CO (TN: No lOth Co listed) Lt YOSHIDA
 Plt Ldrs: 3 officers, 1 CPO
l3th Co. CO (TN: No l2th Co listed) Lt (jg) KUWAHARA
 Plt Ldrs: 1 officer. 3 CPO's

14th Co CO: Lt (jg) SHIEARA
Plt Ldrs: 1 officer, 3 CPO's

2nd Battalion: CO: LtComdr UEMURA Adjutant: Lt ATOMOTO

16th Co CO: (TN; No 15th Collisted): Lt YOSHIDA Plt Ldrs: 1 officer, 3 CPO to

18th Co CO (TN: No 17th Co listed) Lt (jg) OBUCHI Plt Lars: 1 officer, 3 CPO's

19th Co CO: Lt (jg) NONAKA
Plt Ldrs: 1 officer, 3 CPO's

3rd Battalion: CO: LtComdr MATSUO Adjutant: Lt OMORI

21st Co CO (TN: No 20th Co listed): Lt YANOTO Plt Ldrs: 1 officer, 3 CPO's

22nd Co CO: Lt (jg) INAMASU
Plt Ldrs: A officer, 3 CPO's

24th Co CO; (TN: No 23rd Co listed):Lt (jg) SAKAMOTO Plt Ldrs: 4 CPO's

SECHIBARU HOANTAI (Naval Police Temporary)
CO: LtComdr MAEDA
Plt Ldrs: 1 officer

SHIKISHIMA HOANTAI (Naval Police temporary)
CO: Lt WATANABE
Plt Ldrs: 1 officer, 2 CPO's





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SUZUTSUKI HOANTAI (Naval Police Temporary)
CO: Lt (jg) SERIZAWA
Plt Ldrs: 3 officers

The station had an average of 13,500 men. When this number was increased, the additional 2000 would be housed in Lecture Halls and storage buildings. Approximately 7000 of these were recruits. Since the opening of the barracks, about 141,000 sailors were graduated in 21 classes.

The basic term of recruit training was six months for volunteers and five months for conscripts. During the war, however, the term was shortened in proportion to the war situation, to three months on the average, with the shortest course on record being about one months duration. The daily training schedule of the training station was:

## DAILY SCHEDULE OF NAVAL TRAINING BARRACKS THREE MONTHS SCHEDULE

Summer	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Bchedule</u>
0500	0630	Get up
0530	0645	Respects to Emperor & exercise
0615	0715	Knock off exercise
0645	0730	Unow down
0715	0800	Daily cleaning
0800	0845	Knock off cleaning
0815	0915	Start work
0915-0930		Rest
1015-1030	1015_1030	Rest
1130	1130	Knock off work
1145	1145	Chow Down
1300	1300	Start work
1400-1415	1415-1430	Rest
1500-1515		Rest
1600	1530	Knock off work
1615	1545	Start exercise
1700	1630	Knock off exercise
1730	1645	Chow down
1810	1730	Liberty parties leave
1945	1915	Prepare beds



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Summer	Winter	Schedule
2000	1930	Sweep deck
2015	1945	Tattoo
2030	2000	Taps
(Respects	to the Emperor	consisted of facing east and bowing)

### TRAINING OF NEW TROOPS (Section on Sailors)

Deily Instruction Schedule GENERAL	Instruction Hours	Location
Spiritual Training Exercise Fencing & Judo Technical Training MILITARY	40 5 5 36	Barracks Parade Gr. ",, " Barracks and parade grounds
Training on Ship Guns Gen. guns and weepons	2 <b>4</b> 5	Model Battery Barracks & Model Battery
Various Weapons	6	Wons. Class
Training without arms	12	Parade Gr.
Small Arms Instruction Individual Training Squad Training Platoon Training Company Training	15 9 9 9	H H H
Land Fighting Technique Land Warfare Instruction	מן	Barracks fields and
Training in field	24	mountains in vicinity War Training field at SECH IBARU

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Daily Instruction Schedule	Instruction Hours	Location
Firing of rifle & pistol	18	Pistol Range
Handling Technique Ship hulls and tools (gen) Shipboard duty (generally)	24 18	Model Class room SHIKI SHIMA
Small Boats	3	Small Boat House
Loading of small boats	60	Vicinity of Sea
How to use gas mask	6	Barracks
Miscellaneous		
Summary on navigational tech- niques Summary on techniques of tor-	3	Barracks
pedos mines, and submarines. Hand signalling Semaphore signalling	6 5 10	Wons.Classroom Parade Gr. Parade grounds and vicinity
Oral Command procedure Gen. rules and regulations Sanitation & First Aid Ordinary lessons Military Songs Summary on Engineering Tech.	10 15 3 Undetermined	of parracks H H H Barracks H H H H
nique Total Lesson Hours 390	3	Barracks

Saturday-Instruction in morning; "field day" in afternoon.
Sunday-Rest
Festival Days-Permission to go out (uncertain)
Note: In cases when the course was speeded up due to
wartime emergency, some of the lessons in the table
were omitted or shortened.





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## TRAINING OF NEW TROOPS (Section on Firemen) THREE MONTH SCHEDULE

Instruction Hours	<u>Location</u>
<b>40</b> 5 5 36	Barracks Par.Gr. # # Barracks & Par.Gr.
3	Wpns.Class_ room
12	Parade
12 9 6 6 9	grounds  " " " " " " Barracks & vicinity of fields & mtns. War Training
18	fields at SECHIBARU Pistol Range
y)95	Model Class
15 3	SHIKISHIMA Small boat
40	house Vicinity of
6	sea Barracks
•	40 5 5 36 12 12 12 9 6 6 9 18 18 18 15 3

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#### Engineering Technique

Daily Instruction Schedule	Instruction Hours	<u>Location</u>
General Engineering	Š	Eng. Class.
Gen. engines use in ships	3	room Eng. class-
General electric equipment Engine handling	3 9	room Barracks Eng. Class-
Actual engine handling Fire methods Fuel and lupricating oil	50 12 5	room  # # #  Barracks
Miscellaneous		,
Torpedoes, mines and weapons Hand signalling	3 10	Wons.Classroom Vicinity of barracks &
Semaphore signalling Oral Command procedure Gen. rules & regulations Sanitation & first aid	5 5 15 3	par.grounds  H H  Barracks H H
Gen. repairing instruction Ordinary lessons Military songs	Undetermined	Repair classroom Barracks Par <sub>e</sub> Grounds

Total lesson hours-390

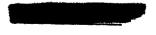
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Festival days-Liberty. (subject to change)

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The permanent staff of the station consisted of experienced men who served on general vessels or at shore establishments.





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They received no special training for their duties. Their term of duty was three years at the longest and not less than six months.

In times of peace, it was the custom to have excellent recruits, as petty officers, serve as instructors for more than two years, but in war time, on account of the shortage of personnel, their duty as instructors became secondary and accordingly they were transferred to front line duty as occasion called.

The parade ground was used for land battle training, physical drill, and sports, by recruits.

There were no special facilities for recreation permitted to be used in the Barracks, with the exception of "GO" (Japanese checkers), "SHOGI" (Japanese chess), radio, and gramaphone. Summer and winter holidays were usually given. During the war, however, there were no holidays except Sundays.

Visitors were usually permitted before the war, except during daytime tasks. Since 1943 only those men who had special reasons because of domestic problems were permitted to meet with civilians. This was ruled largely to relieve transportation difficulties.

#### SHIPS

The obsolete battle ship SHIKISHIMA, launched in 1898 in London, with a displacement of 15095 tons, was a participant in the Russo-Japanese War. It was designated as a coast defense ship during this war but being unseaworthy was used for training recruits the fundamentals of sea duty.

The first class destroyer SUZUTSUKI, displacement 3000 tons, was attacked on 19 April, 1945 by the American Air Forces off the north west point of AMAMI OSHIMA.

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Seriously damaged, she arrived at SASEBO on 21 April and after temporary repairs to prevent her from sinking, was moored at her present location for safety against storms.

The destroyer YANAGI, launched in 1933 at the SASEBO NAVAL ARSENAL, displacement 850 tons was withdrawn from service in 1940. All arms and equipment were removed and it was moored in its present location for safety. There never was a definite program for its use by the station personnel.

#### DEFENSES

The derense or the station consisted of five 12 cm. AA guns; six 8 cm. AA guns: Twelve 13 mm. machine guns: and eight 7 mm machine guns. These weapons were in concrete, log and mud, and earth emplacements.

Small one man pillboxes of concrete were located at strategic points among the buildings and vicinity. Over sixty air raid shelters were constructed, with about the same number of caves for storage. All installations possible are shown on the accompanying map.

#### RELIGION

There are two shrines located on the station which were used and cared for by the station personnel.

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LtCol, U. S. Marine Corps Asst Chief of Staff. G-2.

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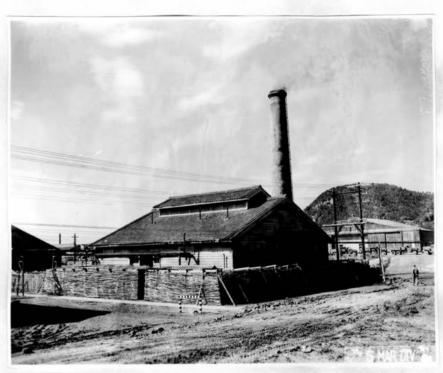
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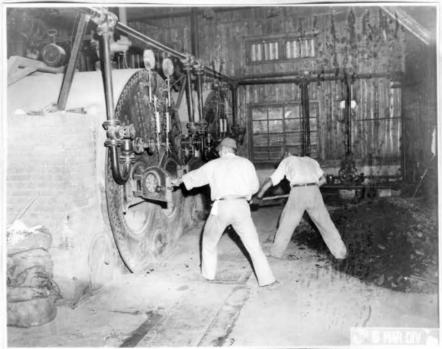
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BOILER STATION interior





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BATH HOUSE washing tubs

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BATH HOUSE soaking tub





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BARRACKS showing wind braces

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BARRACKS interior showing hammock hooks







BUILDING #1
parking sheds
sentry boxes
and main
entrance
road.



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BUILDING # 24 main administration building.





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HOSPITAL



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HOSPITAL ward room

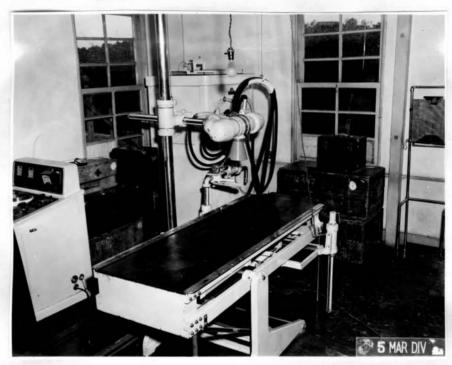




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HOSFITAL japanese operating table





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HOSPITAL Japanese water sterilizer

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BUILDING # 28 torpedoes used for instruction









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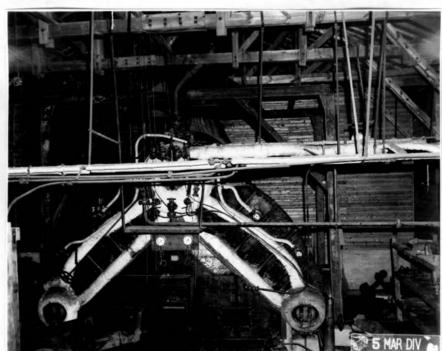
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BUILDING #67 showing ship model



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BUILDING #68 training boilers



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BUILDING #68 bayonet and fencing gear



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BUILDING #75 showing work benches



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BUILDING #75 exterior



BUILDING #52 exercise hall and recreation



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BUILDING # 11 20 21



BUILDING #19 and drying racks



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RIFLE RANGE



BATTLESHIP SHIKISHIMA

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CAVES rear of SHIKISHIMA dock



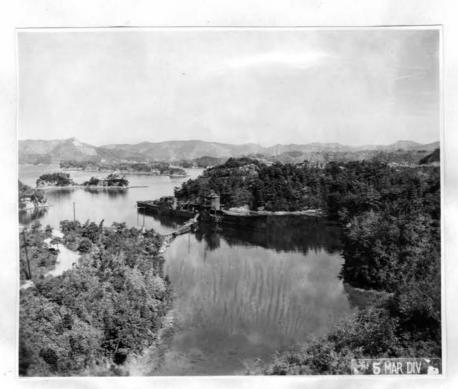
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DESTROYER SUZUTSUKI

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DESTROYER YANAGI





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CAVES north of rifle range



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CAVES north of rifle range

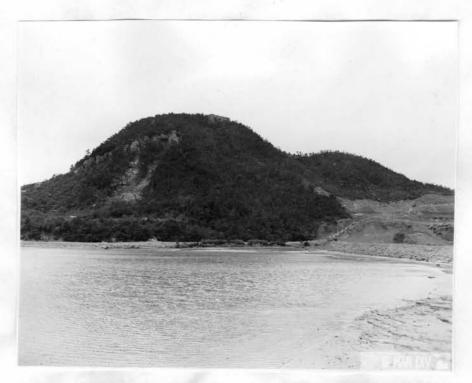




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BLOCKHOUSE



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AIR RAID SHELTER



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