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Coal Mine

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Provisions (with Supplement) for the Handling of Prisoners of War at OMINE () Coal Mine, of the FUKUKAWA () OMINE Mines

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Provisions for the Handling of Prisoners of War

Article I

PSW authorized for employment at the OMINE Coal Mines will, be handled in accordance with the provisions stipulated herein.

Article II

PSW will be assigned to work connected with excavation at the BANZAI () Pit, consideration having been taken of their talents and suitability. However, when authorized by the military authorities concerned, they may be employed in a prescribed place either inside or outside of the pit of the OMINE Coal Mines.

Article III

The working hours of the PSW (from the time they enter until the time of exit from the pit) will be determined on the basis of three shifts and one permanent shift, as follows:

- 3 Shifts:
- A. From 0600 to 1530 hours. (Excluding time required to enter and exit from the pit, actual working time is eight hours).
 - B. From 1400 to 2330 hours. (Excluding time required to enter and exit from the pit, actual working time is eight hours).
 - C. From 2200 to 0730 hours. (Excluding time required to enter and exit from the pit, actual working time is eight hours).

Permanent shift: From 0700 to 1700 hours. (those working outside the pits).

Temporary changes in the above mentioned working hours may be made with the approval of the military authorities concerned.

Article IV

The days off for the PSW will be based upon the days off of the OMINE Coal Mines. However, there are times when this is subject to change upon approval of the military authorities concerned.

Article V

The compensation for the PSW will be determined by the Army.

Article VI

The head of the OMINE Coal Mines will assume responsibility concerning the employment of PSW.

Article VII

The head of the OMINE Coal Mines will assign a sufficient number of work supervisors, (Hereinafter, they will be referred to as supervisor.) over the PsW. The organization of the supervisors will be established separately.

Article VIII

The duties of the labor chief and superintendent of the OMINE Coal Mines are to take orders from the head of the coal mine and act as liaison with the military authorities concerned in regard to supervision of PsW.

Article IX

In supervising the work, the supervisors will take a strict but courteous attitude toward the PsW. They will strive for improvement in work efficiency by following instructions of the military authorities concerned, and by setting an example for the discipline and obedience of the PsW.

Article X

In the supervision of work, there are numerous occasions when it is preferable to give orders and commands through sign, due to language difficulties. For this reason, training in sign language will be given and this will be used whenever necessary.

Article XI

Supervisors will wear prescribed arm-bands during working hours.

Article XII

Supervisors will report at the internment camp 10 minutes before the PsW time of departure, will escort the PsW to the place of work, and will also be responsible for guarding them during work.

Article XIII

When work is completed for that day, the supervisors will guard as well as escort the PsW to the camp and turn them over to the military personnel at the guardhouse.

Article XIV

Supervisors will have the PsW adhere to various regulations of the mine. They must permit them to behave as they please.

Article V

It must be always remembered that the PsW are enemy nationals, and the utmost precautions must be taken so as not to be taken advantage of by their schemes. Especially, the issuance, receipt, and safekeeping of explosives and tools to be used must be watched carefully.

Article XVI

Besides being present and assisting them when the PsW are searched, the supervisor himself, will at times search the PsW for articles mentioned in the previous article.

Article XVII

Supervisors will safeguard secrets from the PsW and, to make absolutely sure of checking any leakage, will pay attention to the following:

- A. No one, other than the supervisors, will carelessly approach the PsW. Naturally, even personnel in charge will not engage in conversation with the PsW, except in the line of duty, or when necessary.
- B. Definite places for prisoner-of-war will be designated for meals, rests, and toilet. Different hours will be established for their entry to and exit from the pits. In this way, there will be differentiation between the PsW and the ordinary worker.
- C. Receipt of goods or money from the PsW is strictly forbidden.

Article XVIII

Supervisors will see to it that insults and acts of violence are not inflicted upon the PsW.

In the event of insubordination by a PsW against a supervisor, he will be punished severely by the military. Therefore, supervisors will manage the PsW with a firm conviction that they are not to take matters into their own hands.

Article XIX

When anything unusual is noticed among the PsW or in the event of a disaster, sickness, or emergency, the supervisor will immediately take appropriate measures and, at the same time, notify the military authorities concerned and the head of the coal mine through channels.

Article XX

Besides the supervisors and the PsW guards, a reserve security unit will be formed in preparation for an emergency or other occurrence. The organization of the reserve security unit will be established separately.

Article XXI

In the event a situation previously determined by the military authorities concerned arises, the supervisors may use weapons, i.e., bamboo lances and clubs which they are permitted to possess. However, when not required weapons will be left in the custody of the Commander of Detached Camp Number Eight.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Provisions for the Activation of a Reserve Security Unit and its Mobilization.

Part 1. General

Article 1. Subject to the approval of the commander of Prisoner of War Internment Camp Detached Camp (HAKENSHO) Number Eight, this regulation prescribes the activation if the mobilization of, and the duties of a reserve security unit, in addition to the present Prisoner of War guards, for the purpose of controlling the PsW sent to the OMINE Coal Mine.

Part 2. Organization

Article II. The organization of the reserve security unit is prescribed as follows:

Unit commander – 1 (OMINE Coal Miner Labor Chief)

Company Commander – 1 (Supervisor NAOSHI () Dormitory, OMINE Coal Mine).

Platoon Leader – 3 (Labor foremen and supervisors of NAOSHI Dormitory Annex).

Unit personnel – 60 (Men picked from among the boarders in NAOSHI Dormitory, OMINE Coal Mine).

Part 3. Mobilization

Article III. Personnel will be mobilized under the following circumstances:

- A. When air raid warning is given.
- B. In case of emergency or a fire in or near the PW internment camp.
- C. In the vent orders are issued for assembly by the unit commander pursuant to orders from the commander of the PW internment Camp, Detached Camp Number Eight.
- D. In any other event, mobilization is ordered by the unit commander.

Article IV. In the event of mobilization under the foregoing article, personnel necessary for the maintenance of order will be left behind at the dormitory and all others will assemble.

Article V. Unit Personnel will fall out in the prescribed uniform (Military or organization uniform) or fatigues with leggings. Clothes which will not restrict their movement will be worn.

Article VI. When specific orders are not given, the assembly point will be in the open area in front of the entrance to Detached Camp Number Eight.

Article VII. All actions after assembly will be ordered by the unit commander in compliance with instructions from the commander of Detached Camp Number Eight. However, in the event orders cannot be received from the commander of Detached Camp Number Eight or the unit commander due to lack of time, suitable measures will be taken under the command of the platoon leader or his designate in strict adherence to the guard orders.

Part 4. Miscellaneous

Article VIII. The unit commander will, from time to time, assemble the personnel and conduct defence and security training.

Article IX. Emergency signals and communication from Detached Camp Number Eight will be as follows:

A. Emergency bell.

Between Detached Camp Number Eight and office of BANZAI () Pit, the emergency bell provided will be used. When the bell rings, the labor foreman of the BANZAI Pit and the person on duty will immediately contact the unit commander or the company commander.

1. Telephone Communication.

Between Detached Camp Number Eight and office of OMINE Pit Number Two. Call phone for exclusive use of labor chief.

Between Detached Camp Number Eight and NAOSHI Dormitory, OMINE Pit Number Two. Call NAOSHI Dormitory Office.

Public Phone.

Between Detached Camp Number Eight (KAWASAKI 44) and OMINE Coal Mine (KAWASAKI 39). Person receiving call will immediately contact the unit commander or the company commander.

Supplement

These regulations will become effective 1 Dec 1943.