

RECOVERY TEAM NO. 56  
AGO GHQ AFFAC  
APO 500

3 October 1945

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ACTIVITY RECOVERY TEAM 56  
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER  
GHQ AFFAC  
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DET.

1. This Recovery Team was attached on TDY with the following units on the following dates.

- a. Hq. XI Corps 24 Aug. 45 to 21 Sept. 45
- b. Hq. Americal Div. Arty. 21 Sept. 45 to 29 Sept. 45
- c. Enroute to Manila 30 Sept. 45 to 2 Oct. 45

2. The areas of operation of Recovery Team 56 include the following places with the corresponding dates.

- a. Enroute from Manila to Japan 24 Aug. 45 to 2 Sept 45
- b. Awaiting assignment at XI Corps 2 Sept. 45 to 5 Sept 45
- c. Assigned to Yokohama Docks 5 Sept. 45 to 21 Sept 45
- d. Hq Americal Div. Arty. 22 Sept 45 to 29 Sept. 45

3. During the period 22 Sept. to 29 Sept. while attached to Hq. Americal Division Artillery a total of 7 days a total of 17 POW camps were visited by Team 56. They are:

- 1. Kawasaki Camp # 1 Bunsho 22 Sept. 1945
- 2. Kawasaki Camp # 2 Bunsho 22 Sept. 1945
- 3. Camp Park Central 23 Sept. 1945
- 4. Ofuna POW Camp 23 Sept. 1945
- 5. Yokohama Camp # 14 24 Sept. 1945
- 6. ASano POW Camp 24 Sept. 1945
- 7. Kawasaki Camp # 23 25 Sept. 1945
- 8. Kawasaki Camp # 24 25 Sept. 1945
- 9. Omori Main Camp 25 Sept. 1945
- 10. Yokohama Camp # 1 26 Sept. 1945
- 11. Yokohama Camp # 19 26 Sept. 1945
- 12. Kawasaki Camp # 5 27 Sept. 1945
- 13. Kawasaki Camp # 9 27 Sept. 1945
- 14. Yokohama Camp # 18 27 Sept. 1945
- 15. Yokohama Camp # 10 28 Sept. 1945
- 16. Yokohama Camp # 3 28 Sept. 1945
- 17. Yokohama Camp # 17 28 Sept. 1945

#### 4. Resume of Activity of Recovery Team 56

On leaving the 29 th Replacement Depot we were attached to the XI Corps and on the 24 of August we boarded the U.S.S. Boetort (PA 136) and headed for Japan. On the 2 September we dropped anchor in Tokyo Bay. On the afternoon of the 3 Sept. we disembarked at the Yokohama Docks and moved to the XI Corps area. The following day was spent in locating and getting our equipment together. On the 5 Sept 1945 Recovery Team 56 along with other Recovery Teams were assigned to process Prisoners of war at the North Docks in Yokohama. We were located there from 5 Sept. to 21 Sept. During the period 5 Sept. to 18 Sept. Recovery Team 56 processed a grand total of onethousand nine hundred and three (1903) American and Allied Prisoners of War. Proper disposition was made of all reports.

On the 21 Sept. we received verbal orders to report to Hq. Americal Division. Team 56 was assigned to cover the area under control of the Americal Div. Arty. During the period of 7 days which we were attached to Americal Div. Arty. we visited a total of 17 POW Camps, which was every one in their zone of Occupation. Attached will be found the daily reports which we submitted to XI Corps Hq. while attached to this organization. I submit these in order to give a more detailed account of our activities during this period.

On the 29 Sept. we were called back to Hq. 8th Army and the following day we boarded a plane at Atsugi airfield to return to Manila. We arrived at Manila 2 Oct. 1945. The above is the brief resume of the activities of Recovery Team 56

5. The following is the recapitulation of Military Prisoners of War liberated showing nationality by camps.

Marbara Camp	American	10
	Australian	2
Marioka	English	1
	Dutch	1
Osani	Dutch	1
Hanagawa	American	49
	English	31
Hakodate	Dutch	12
	U.S. Civilian	8
Sakata	English	20
	American	2
	Australian	1

Ikuno Camp	American	7
	Canadian	1
	English	92
Akenobe	American	7
	English	21
Cayana Camp	American	4
	Canadian	6
	English	19
Oyama	American	78
	Canadian	28
	Dutch	2
	English	9
Yokkaichi	English	1
	American	6
Yomoto	English	13
	Dutch	15
Ramaichi	English	1
	Australian	1
	American	5
	Dutch	4
Ohasi	American	5
Yamaichi	American	8
Omuta	American	5
Tukuoka	American	15
Sendai	Australian	1
	American	50
	Canadian	28
	English	73
	Dutch	10
Ramioka	American	93
	Dutch	15
	English	1
Nagoya	American	33
	Dutch	45
	English	19
	Australian	1
Onahama	English	3

Suwa	English	10
	Canadian	5
	American	15
	Dutch	5
Nigata	English	12
	Canadian	32
	American	35
	Australian	4
Narusi	American	5
Camp # 7 Yokohama	American	12
Nacetsh	Australian	45
	English	30
	American	21
Omi	American	18
	English	80
	Canadian	2
	Dutch	5
Oshio	Norwegian	1
Ganicooka	American	1

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