JAPAN SURRENDERS AUGUST 15, 1945

HIROSHIMA AUGUST 6, 1945



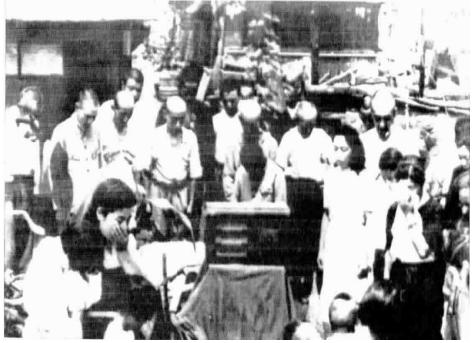
NAGASAKI AUGUST 9, 1945



EMPEROR HIRO HITO SENDS MESSAGE TO HIS SUBJECTS BY RADIO ANNOUNCING THE END OF HOSTILITIES

JAPANESE LISTEN TO RADIO BROADCAST BY EMPEROR HIRO HITO INFORMING THEM OF THE SURRENDER ON AUGUST 15, 1945





MANY AMERICAN POWS IN JAPAN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
TO WITNESS THE JAPANESE LISTENING TO THE RADIO
BROADCAST BY THE EMPEROR HIGHLIGHTING THE
SURRENDER



SIGNING OF THE PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN
SEPTEMBER 2, 1945
A DAY OF FREEDOM FOR THOSE AMERICAN
PRISONERS OF WAR INTERNED IN JAPAN FOR THREE
YEARS AND FIVE MONTHS

RESCUE AND RECOVERY OF PRISONERS OF WAR BEGAN IMMEDIATELY

OF THOSE INTERNED AT VARIOUS PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS IN JAPAN AND OTHER AREAS OF THE FAR EAST AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1945

IMMEDIATELY UPON THE SURRENDER OF JAPAN
GENERAL MACARTHUR INSTRUCTED THE JAPANESE OFFICIALS TO
ACCOUNT FOR ALL PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER ITS JURISDICTION

EACH PRISONER OF WAR CAMP WAS TO HAVE A PW SIGN PAINTED ON THE ROOF TOP OF EACH INTERNMENT FACILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DROPPING FOOD, CLOTHING & MEDICINES TO THE POWS BY AIRCRAFT

This map of Japan shows the location of over 100 prisoner of war camps where the prisoners of war were utilized by various Japanese industrialists as slave labor at its facilities. At various locations the POWs were working at facilities that produced armaments for the Japanese Imperial Army to be used against American troops in the Far East.



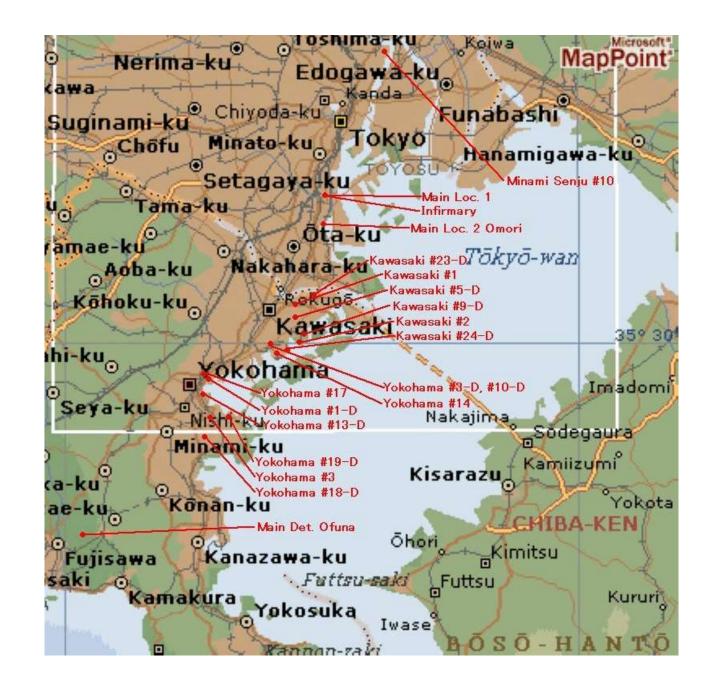
Prisoner Of War Camps in Japan, Korea, Manchuria And Philippines Showing Area And Industry Where Prisoners Of War Worked According to Records Of The Japanese War Information Bureau.

Camp	Area and Company Worked For	PW Branch 12	Kumagai Engineering-Hiraoka Electric
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Hakodate	Naka Machi-Mitsui Mining-Bibaii	PW Branch 14	Tokyo-Shibaura-ElecTsurumi
PW Branch 1	Japan Iron-Wanishi-Mitsuit Mining-Ashibetsu	PW Branch 15	Niigata Iron & Steel
PW Branch 2	Sumitomo Mining-Akabira	PW Branch 16	Showa Elec-Eng-Kasa
PW Branch 3	Hokkaido Coal-Sorachi	PW Branch 17	Nisshin Oil-Yokohama
PW Branch 4	Ashibetsu	Yokohama	
PW Detach 1	Asano Cement	PW Sub 2	Yokohama
PW Detach 2	Hokadate Shipment	PW Detach 1	Yokohama-Shipbuilding
Sendai	Sendai	PW Detach 3	Japan Steel Pipe-Tsurumi Shipbuilding
PW Branch 1	Joban Mining	PW Detach 5	Japan Steel Pipe-Kawasaki
PW Branch 2	Furukawa Mining-Yoshida	PW Detach 9	Japan Steel Pipe-Ohgimachi
PW Branch 3	Mitsubishi Mining-Hosokura	PW Detach 10	Osaka Shipbuilding-Yokohama
PW Branch 4	Japan-Iron-KamaishiMining	PW Detach 13	Japan Steel Pipe-Asano Dockyard
PW Branch 5	Japan Iron-Kamaishi Iron	PW Detach 18	Yokohama Firebrick
PW Branch 6	Mitsubishi Mining-Osaruzawa	PW Detach 19	Yokohama Stevedore
PW Branch 7	Fujita Engineering-Hamaoka	PW Detach 23	Dai-Nippon Chemicals
PW Branch 8	Fujita Engineering-Kawasaki	PW Detach 24	Nisshin Mill-Tsurumi
PW Branch 9	Japan Express-Sakata	Nagoya	Nagoya
PW Branch 10	Tohuku Iron-Wagagawa	PW Branch 1	Mitsui Mining-Kamioka
PW Branch 11	Japan Mining-Kamikita	PW Branch 2	Japan Vehicles-Nagoya
Tokyo		PW Branch 3	Mitsui Mining-Funatsu
Shinagawa	"	PW Branch 4	Ishihara Industries-Kishu
Naval Prov.	Ofuna	PW Branch 5	Ishihara Industries-Yokkaichi
Kawasaki		PW Branch 6	Hokkai Elec., ChemFushiki
PW Sub 1	Oshimacho-Kawasaki	PW Branch 7	Japan Soda-Toyama Steel
PW Branch 1	Japan Express-Kawasaki	PW Branch 8	Tateyama City Industry
PW Branch 2	Kawasaki Stevedore	PW Branch 9	Japan Express-Iwase
PW Branch 3	Hokuetus Elec-Zao-Japan Expres-Nagaoka	PW Branch 10	Fushiki Tranportation
PW Branch 4	Shinetsu Chemical-Naoetsu	PW Branch 11	Japan Soda-Iwase Steel
PW Branch 5	Niigata-Transport	Osaka	Osaka
PW Branch 6	Japan Steel Pipe-Suwa	PW Branch 1	Japan Express - Zentsuiji
PW Branch 7	Japan Mining-Hitachi	PW Branch 2	Japan Express-Minatogawa
PW Branch 8	Japan Mining-Hitachi	PW Branch 3	Japan Metallurgy-Oheyama
PW Branch 9	Furukawa Mining-Ashio	PW Branch 4	Mitsubishi Mining-Ikuno
PW Branch 10	Japan Express-Sumidagawa	PW Branch 5	Tsuruga Stevedore
PW Branch 11	Japan Vehicles-Warabi		

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PW Branch 7	Shinetsu Chemicals-Takeo	PW Branch 5	Furukawa Mining-Omine
PW Branch 8		PW Branch 6	Japan Mining-Onga
PW Branch 9	Nodanuma-Shiga Pref.	PW Branch 7	Nittetsu Mining-Futase
PW Branch 10	Nakanoko-Shiga Pref.	PW Branch 8	Mitsui Mining-Yamano
PW Branch 11	Irienaika-Shiga Rokuro Field	PW Branch 9	Kaijima Coal-Onoura
PW Branch 12		PW Branch 14	Mitsubishi Heavy-Nagasaki
PW Branch 13	Japan Iron-Hirohata	PW Branch 17	Mitsui Mining-Miike
PW Branch 14	Funingata Shipbuilding	PW Branch 21	Taisho Mining-Nakazuru
PW Branch 18	Sumitomo Metal-Wakayama	PW Branch 22	Sumitomo Mining-Tadakuma
PW Detach 1	Kobe Stevedore Hirohata	PW Branch 23	Meiji Mining-Hirayama
PW Detach 2		PW Branch 24	Sumitomo Mining-Senryu
PW Detach 3	Japan Express-Osaka	PW Branch 25	Elec., Chemical-Omuta
PW Detach 4	Yodogawa Steel	PW Branch 26	
	Hitachi Shipbuilding-Sakurazima	PW Branch 27	Aso Mining-Furukuma
PW Detach 5	Kawasaki Heavy IndKobe		Mitsui Mining-Tagawa
PW Detach 6	Otani Heavy IndAmagasaki	PW Branch 28	Sasebo Naval Construction
PW Detach 7 PW Detach 8	Harima Shipbuilding	PW Detach 6	Tokai Electrode
The same of the sa	Showa Electrode	PW Detach 7	Hitachi-Kasado
Zentsuji Uinashima	Zentsuji	PW Detach 13	Japan Mining-Saganoseki
Hiroshima	Hiroshima	Chosen	Korea
PW Branch 1	Japan Express-Takamatsu	PW Branch 1	Jinsen Port
PW Branch 2	Sumitomo Chemical-Niihama	PW Detach 2	Japan Nitrogen-Konan
PW Branch 3	Mitsui Mini-Hibi	<u>Hoten</u>	Shenyang-Manshu Machinery
PW Branch 4	Hitachi Shipbuilding-Mukojima	PW Branch 1	Teikaton
PW Branch 5	Hitachi Shipbuilding-Innoshima	PW Branch 2	Seian
PW Branch 6	Ube Industries-Sanyo Coal	PW Detach 1	Manshu Lether-Hoten
PW Branch 7	Ube Industries-Nakanoyama Coal	PW Detach 2	Manshu Tent-Hoten
PW Branch 8	Ube Industries-Motoyama Coal	PW Detach 3	Nakayama Steel-Hoten
PW Branch 9	Ube Industries-Ohma Coal	Philippine	Manila
PW Detach 3	Sumitomo Mining-Besshi	PW Branch 1	Cabanátuan
PW Detach 8	Ube Industries-Hogashi, Hatsumi Coal	PW Branch 2	Davao
<u>Fukuoka</u>	Fukuoka	Bilibid	Hospital
Yahata DW D	Yahata	O' Donnell	Provisional Camp
PW Branch 1	Finance Section-Fukuoka	Tarlac	Provisional Camp
PW Branch 2	Kawaminami Shinhuilding-Kovakiiima	<u>I ai iac</u>	FIOVISIONAL CAMB

This map of the Tokyo Bay Area of Japan shows the location of a large number of prisoner of war camps where American prisoners of war were utilized as slave laborers. This area had a large number of heavy armament manufacturing facilities. These facilities were prime targets of American B-29 bombing which caused the death of many prisoners of war



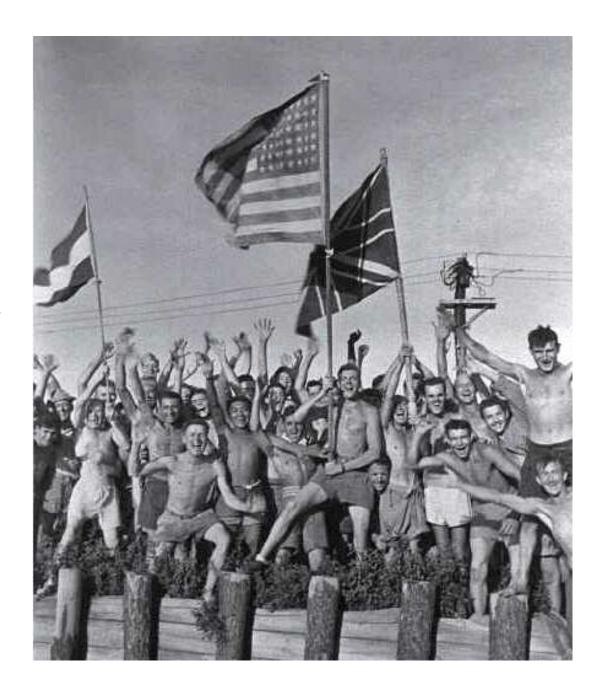
B-29s dropping food, clothing, and medical supplies to American prisoners of war of the Japanese military.

It was a tremendous task, finding over 100 prisoner of war camps, and dropping fifty gallon drums of food, clothing, and medical supplies to prisoners of war in Japan at the end of World War II



OMORI POW CAMP

Prisoners of war at Omori prisoner of war camp near Tokyo greeting their rescuers. This group or prisoners of war had been subjected to cruel and inhumane treatment for over three years and four months. They had been subjected to slave labor at various industrial sites in the Tokyo Area.

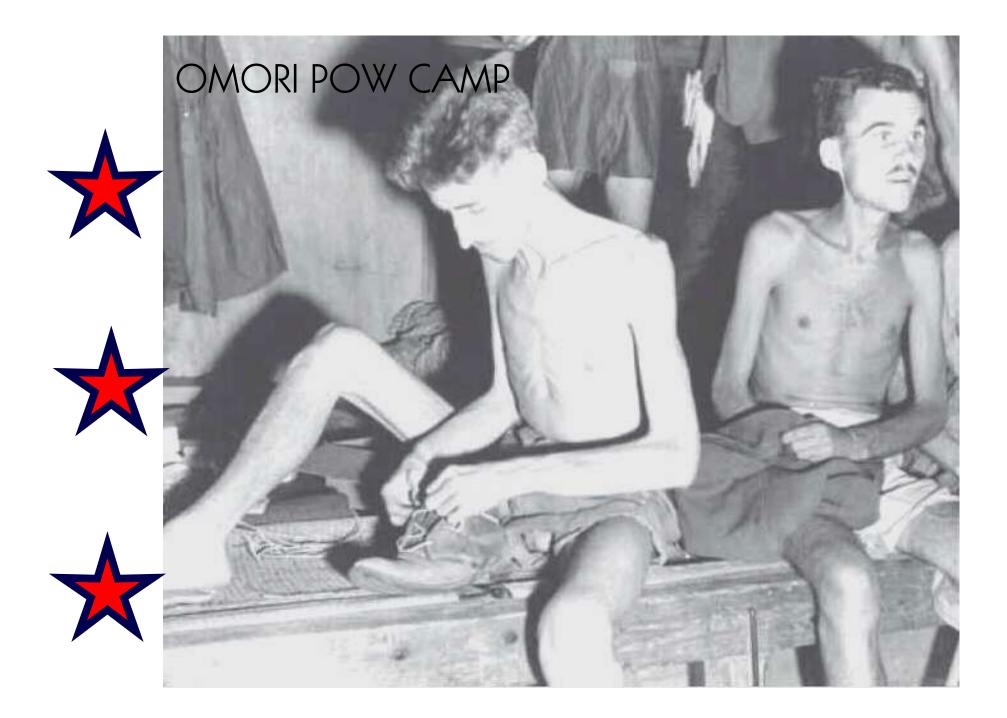


OMORI

POWs at Omori prisoner of war camp near Tokyo hailing the Naval party arriving to rescue them and return them to freedom.







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One of the more serious POWs rescued at the Omori prisoner of war camp near Tokyo. This POW suffered immensely from malnutrition.

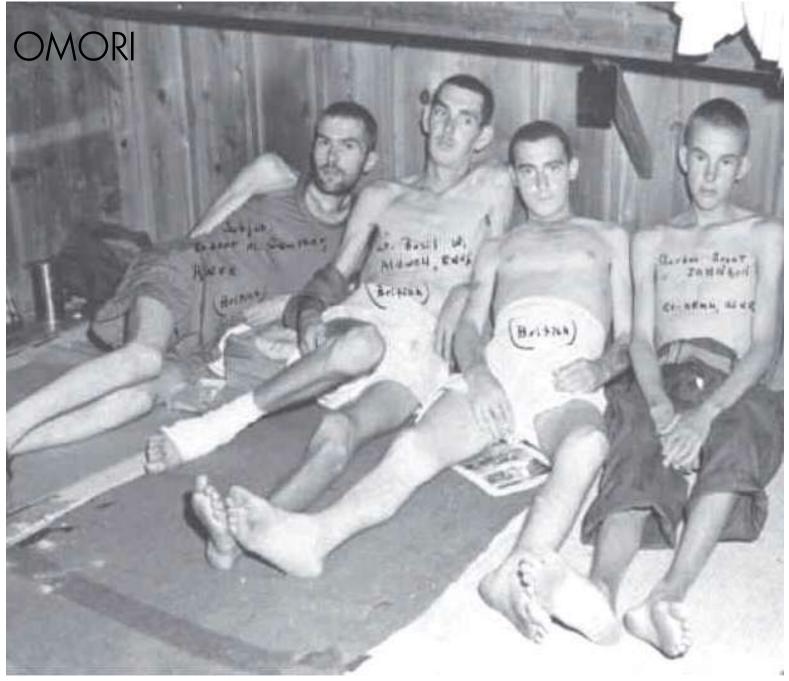


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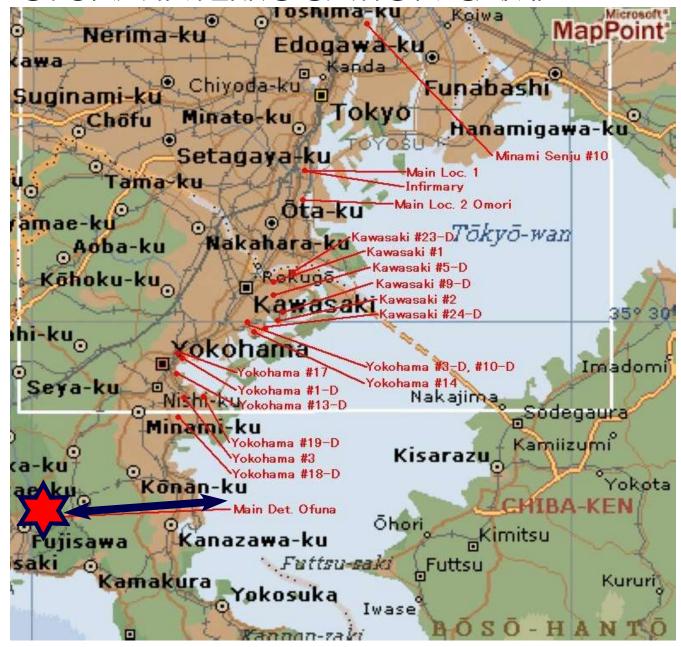
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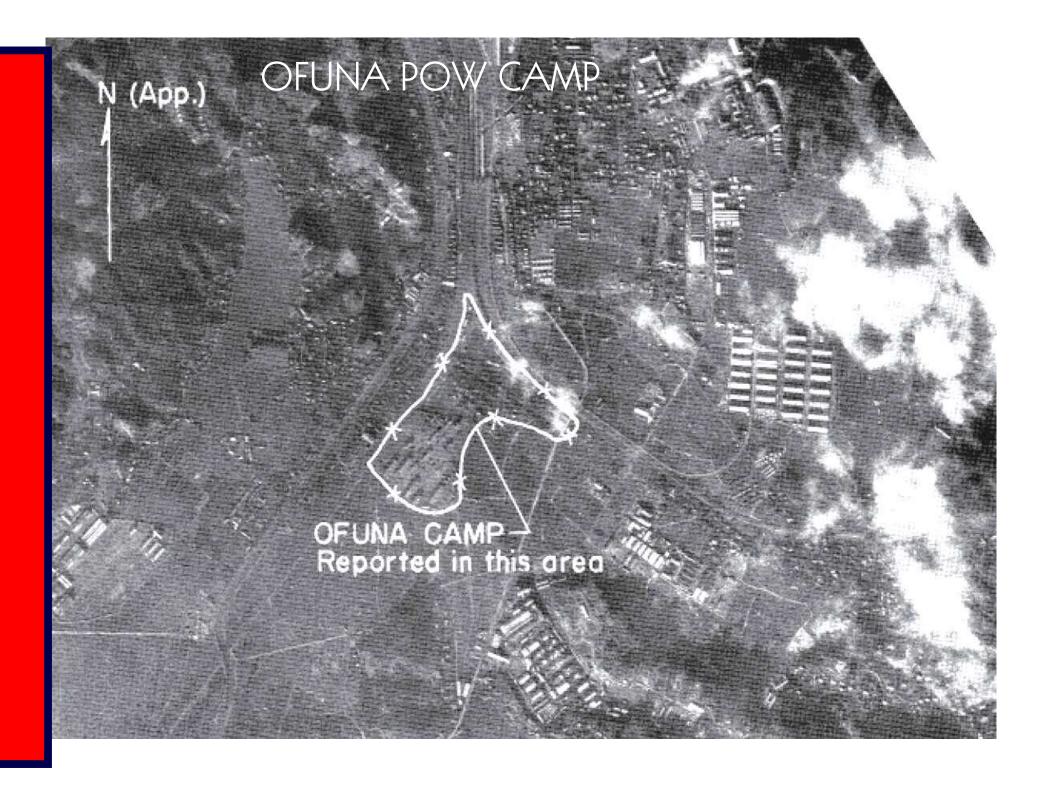
CENTER
Camp used for interrogation, frequently with excessive torture of selected POWs
Mostly officers and any men who were submariners and airmen.

It was the only POW camp under the control of the Navy.

Cmdr Shashizo was tried and convicted for war crimes and sentenced to 25 Years at hard labor.

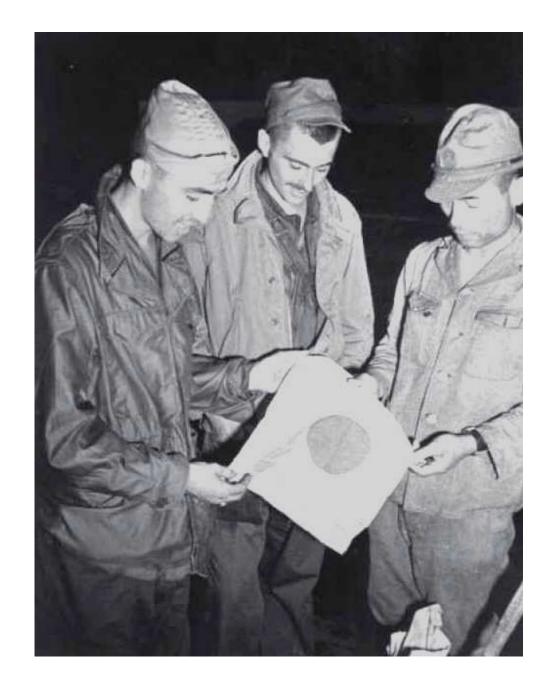
OFUNA INTERROGATION CAMP





OFUNA POW CAMP

Ofuna was southwest of the center of Yokohama and served as a transit camp where the "kempei tai", the counterpart to the German Gestapo, interrogated the POWs, often by torture. It consisted of barracks located around a large open area, surrounded by a tall fence with barbed wire on top. The sleeping area was covered by a thin bamboo mat, and in the corner they had 3 cotton blankets which had to be folded at all times during the day There wre no mattresses or pillows of any kind. The walls were very thin and the rooms very cold.



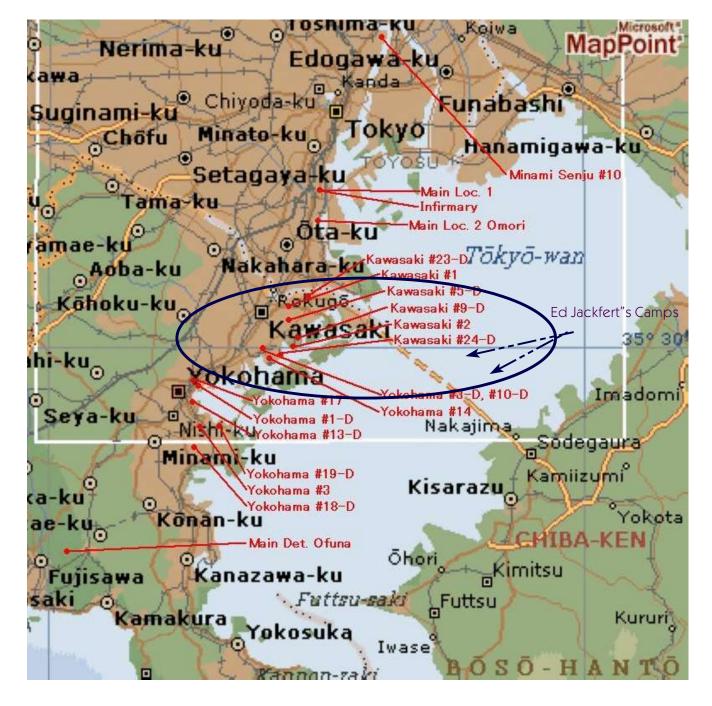
Ofuma POWs awaiting transporation to FREEDOM

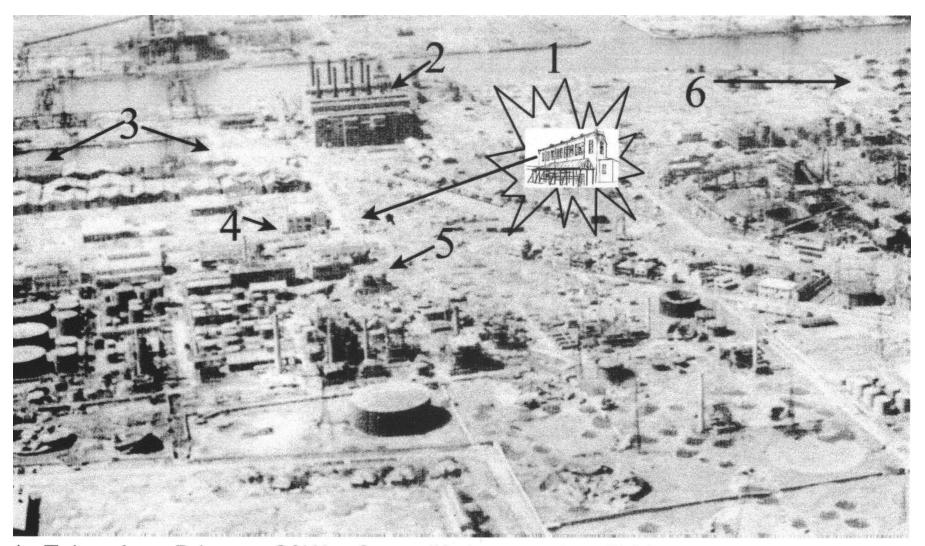
No POW who lived under the terrible conditions experienced by them can ever say the horrors of those years have not left a permanent scar upon them. Those scars will always be with them; the visions of death all about them.



Location of Kawsaki
POW camps
POWs worked at the
following industries:

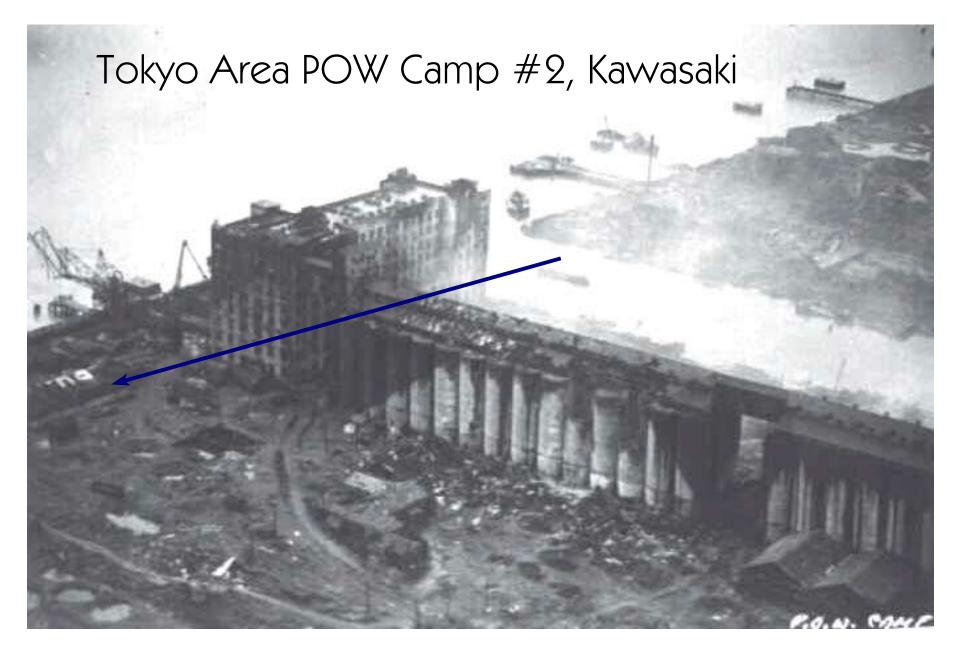
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- 1. Tokyo Area Prisoner Of War Camp #2 destroyed by B-29s on July 25, 1945.
- 2. Power plant fifty yards from POW camp.
- 3. Mitsui Co. warehouses where POWs were utilized as slave laborers.

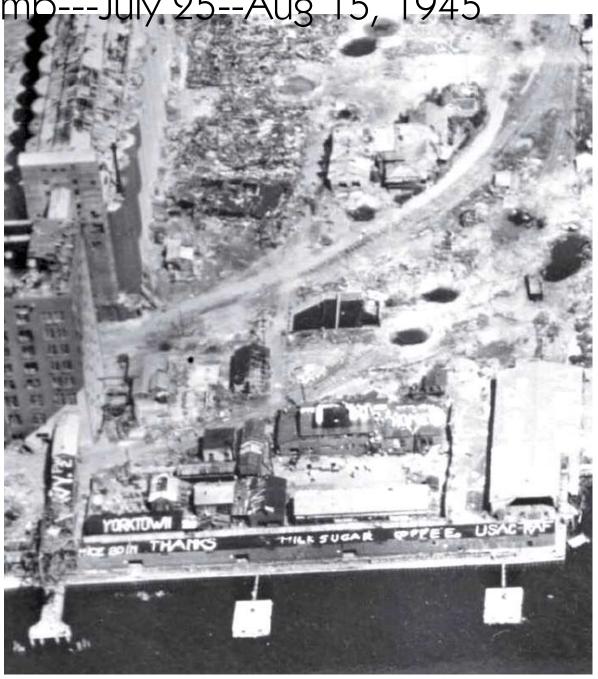
- Mitsui Co. office building across from POW camp quarters.
 Hayama oil refiners target of B-29s on July 25, 1945.
 Showa Denko chemical complex where POWs were used as slave laborers.
 22 POWs killed during air raid on July 25, 1945.



This is the Nishin Flour Mill POW Camp, also known as Kawasaki #24. This camp was continually subjected to B-29 bombing raids until the end of the war.

Tokyo Area POW Camp---July 25--Aug 15, 1945

This is another view of the Nishin Flour Mill POW Camp, Kawasaki, Japan. This photo was taken after the end of World War II by Naval Aircraft.. The carrier planes dropped a large amount of supplies to we survivors. This POW facility was located right on Tokyo Bay and we could see all the American warships coming in to Tokyo Bay. The current family of the wife of the Emperor of Japan owned the flour mill and it is still in operation. As can be seen, the mill was heavily bombed by American aircraft.









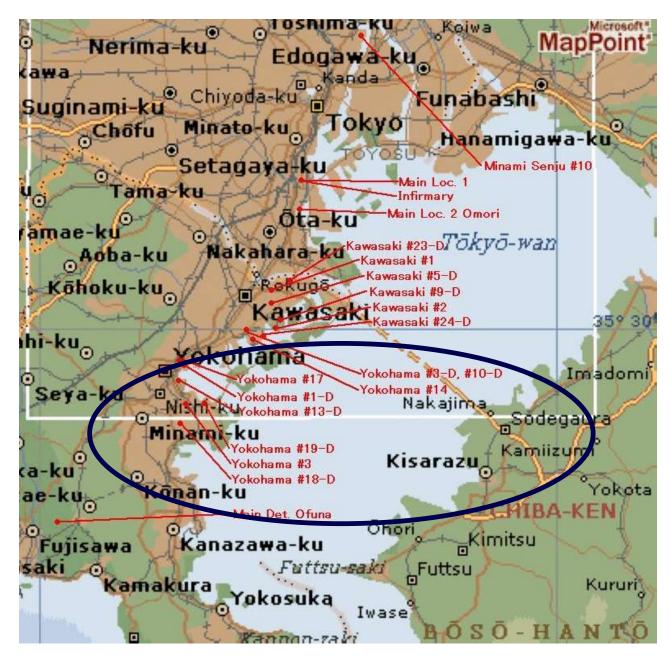




POW CAMPS IN THE YOKOHAMA AREA

POWS WORKED AT FOLLOWING:

Yokahoma shipyard Japan steel & pipe Osaka Shipbuilding Yokohama firebrick Yokohama stevedore Dai-Nippon Chemical



Naoetsu POW Camp

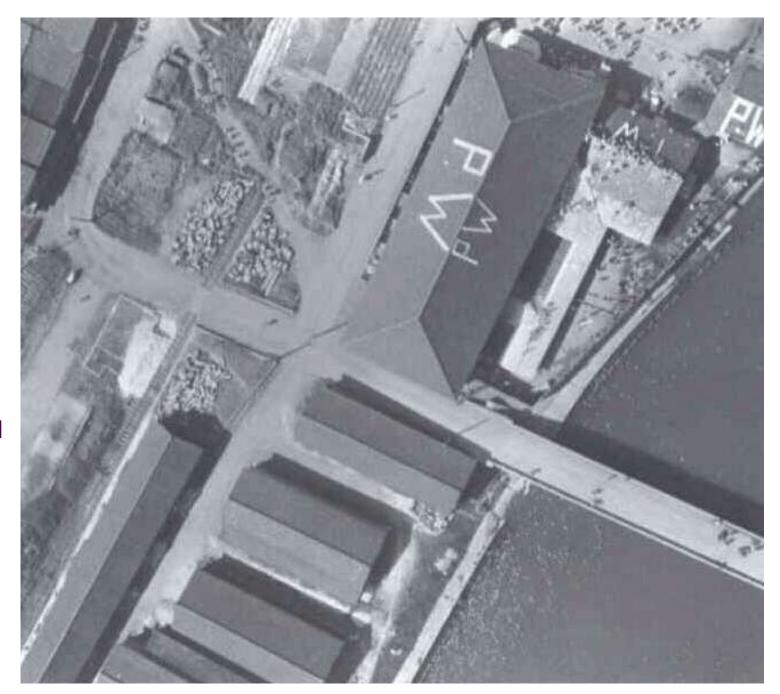
Location of Naoetsu POW
camps on the western coast
of Japan.
Sixty pows died at
this facility. The men worked
at a steel mill and chemical
plant in the area. The
camp was also known as
Tokyo Area Branch Camp #4



NAOETSU

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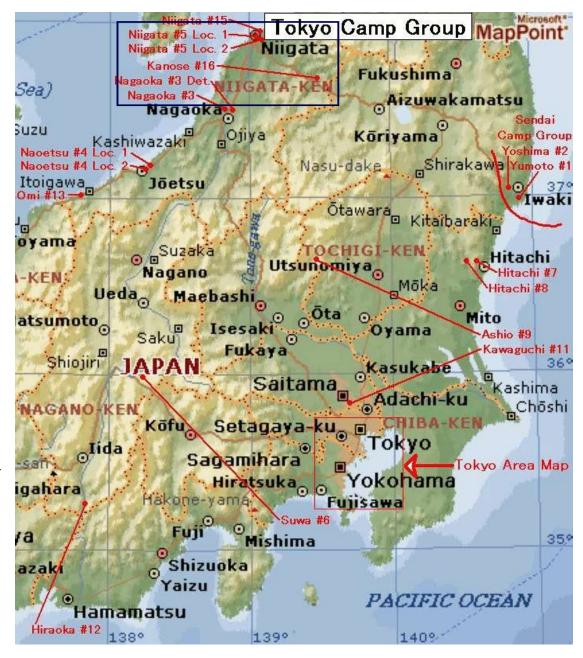
Photo taken by American aircraft at end of World War II.

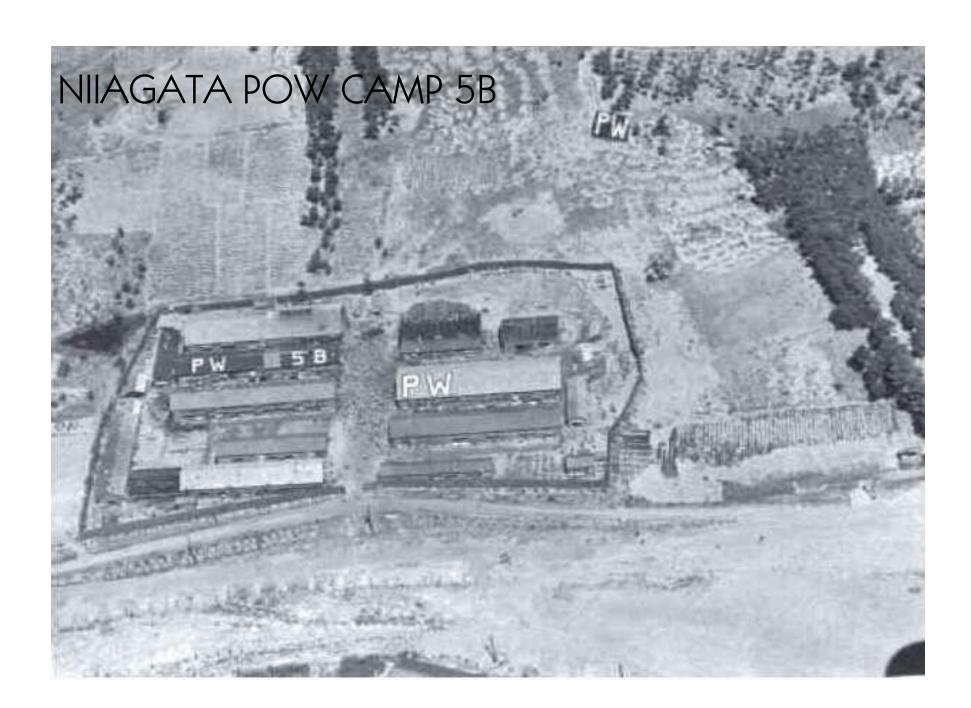


NIIGATA POW CAMPS

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There were a number of camps around the city of Niigata.

The POWs worked in a carbide mill owned by SHOWA DENKO
The POWs also worked in the Niigata Steel mill, worked on the docks unloading ships, and handled coal products for the steel mill along with other work areas.







POWs at Camp 5b Niigata, Japan and the Japanese authorities that governed the camp.

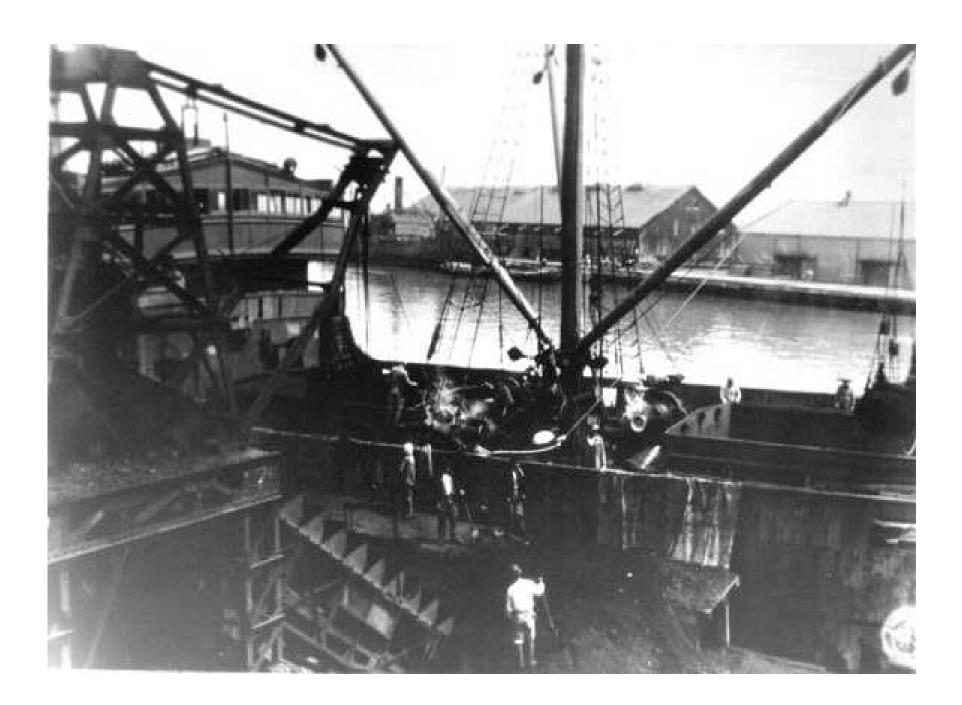






Handling coal shipped in from other areas for use in Niigata's steel mill.





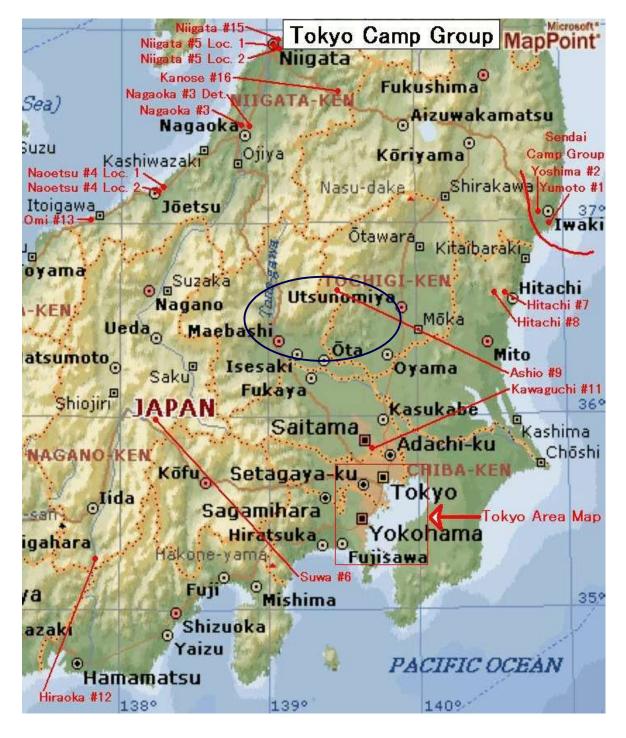
ASHIO POW CAMP

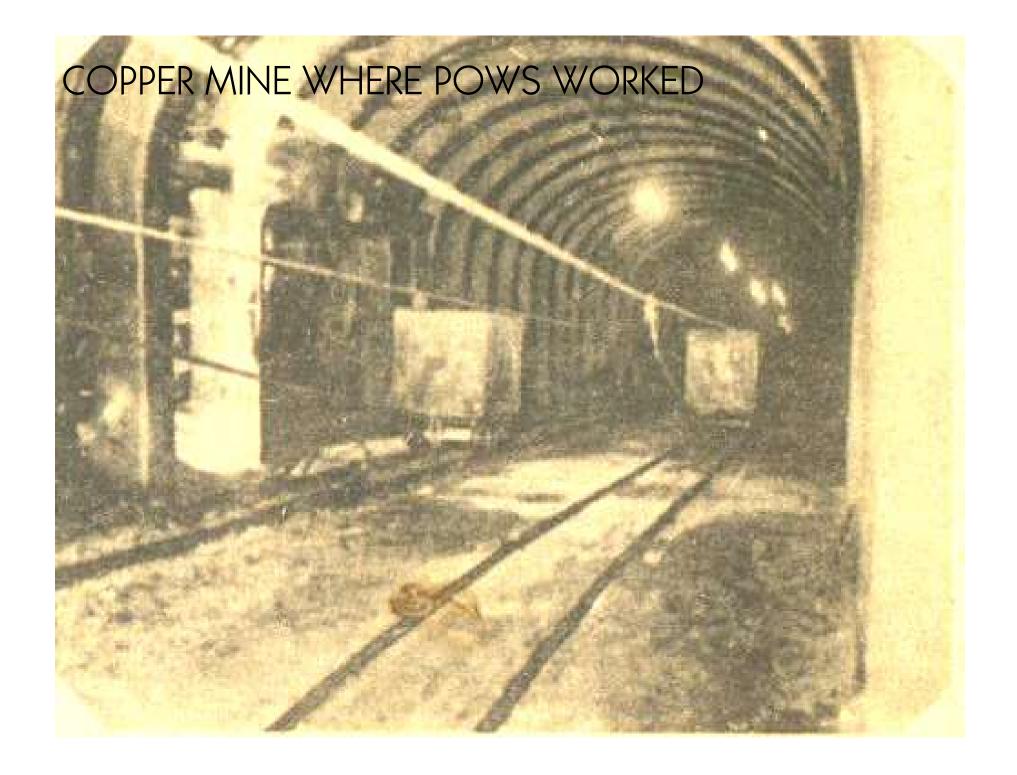
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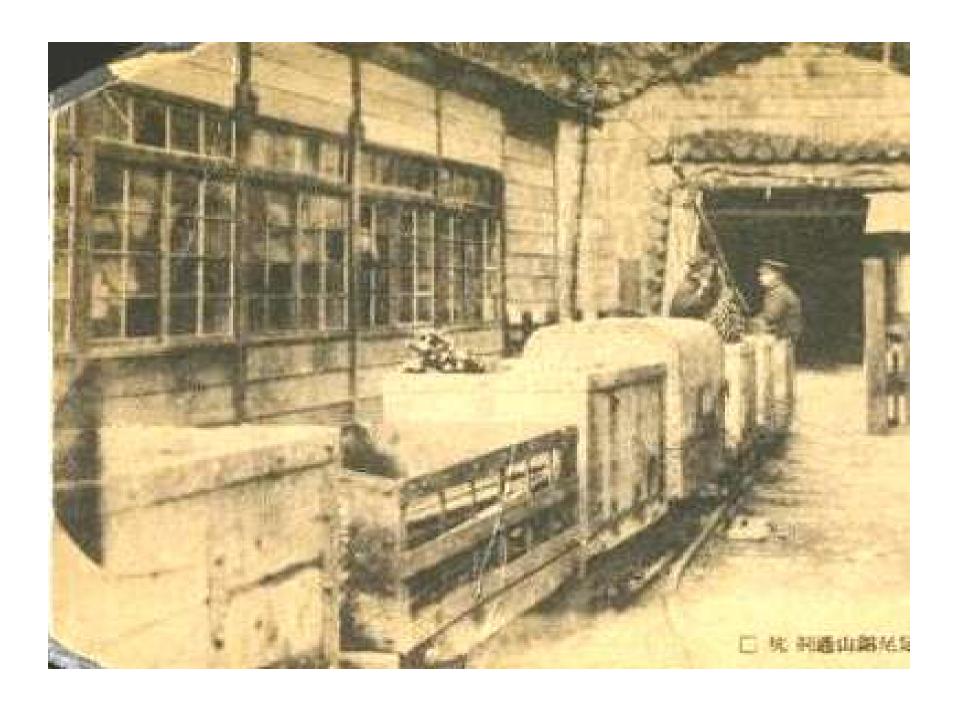
Located in the center of Honshu in the mountainous area of Japan.

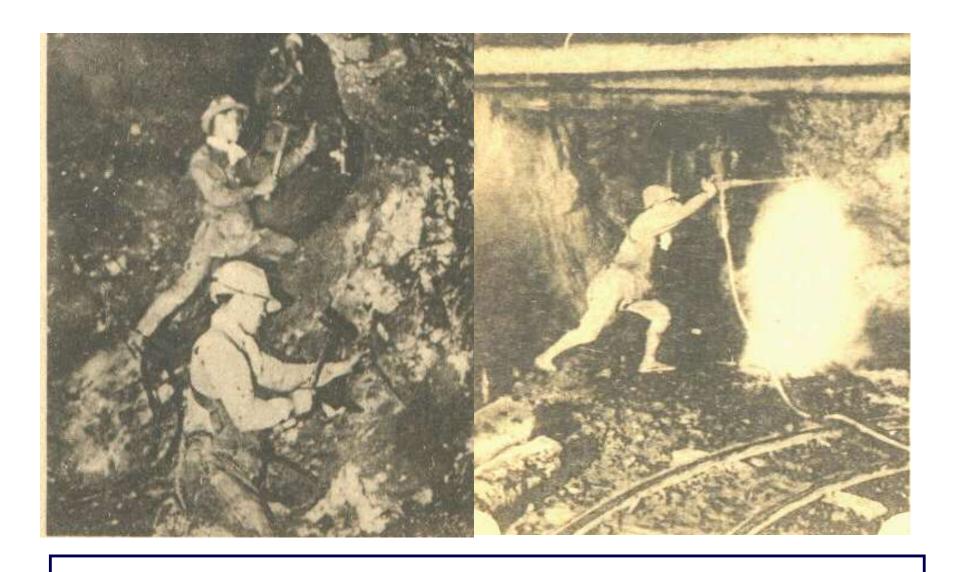
Prisoners of war at the Ashio pow facility performed slave labor in local copper mines.

The pow facility was also known as Tokyo 9B





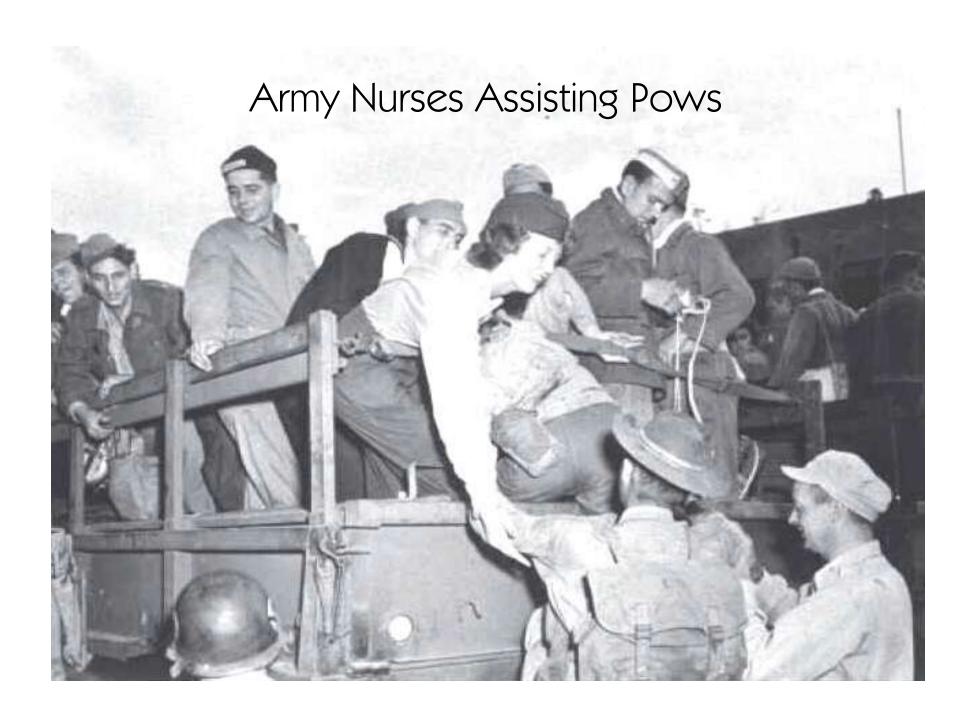




Crude copper mining at the Furugawa Mining Co.operation at Ashio where prisoners of war were forced to perform slave labor.







Pows Displaying Their Homemade American Flag

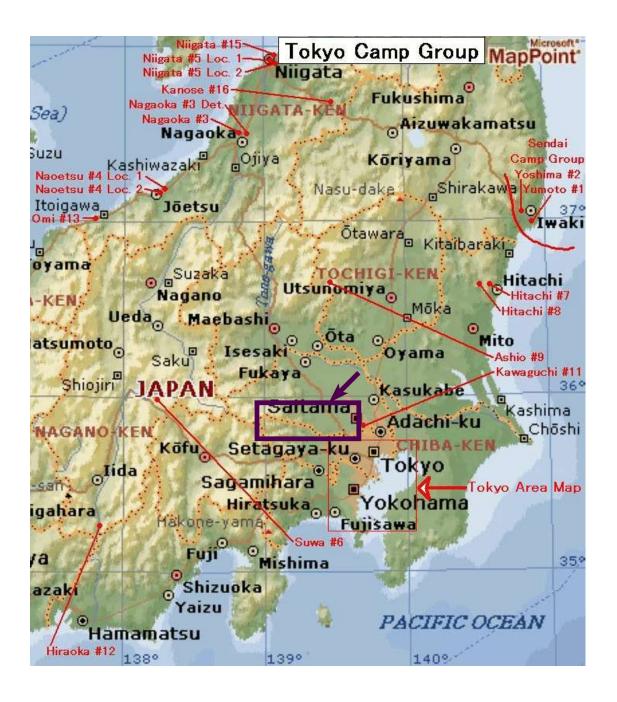




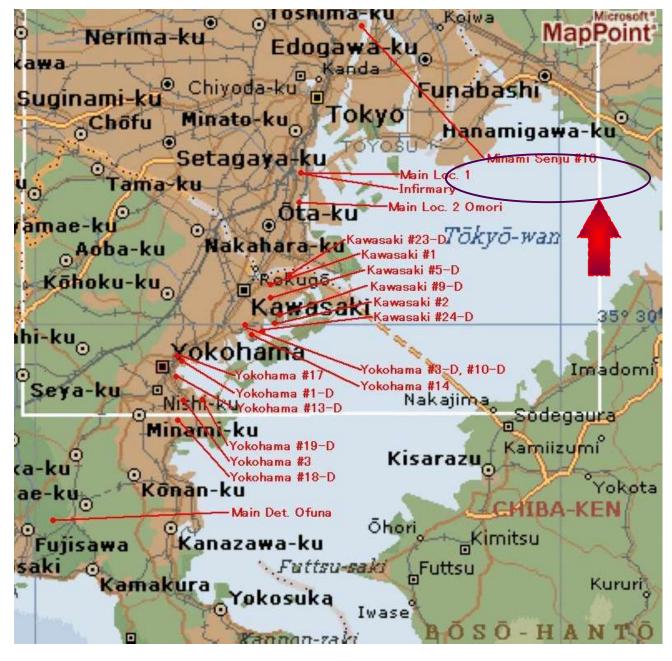
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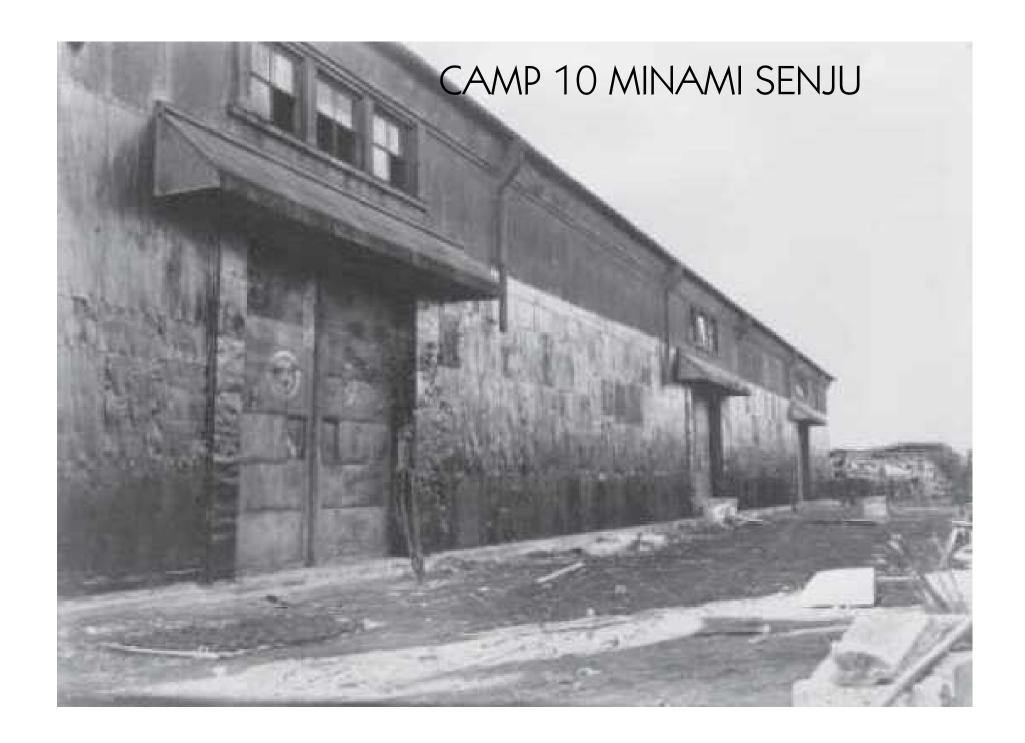
PRISONER OF WAR CAMP This is the Saitama Area
The Sacred Heart Convent
was taken over by the
Japanese military and
converted into a
prisoner of war camp.

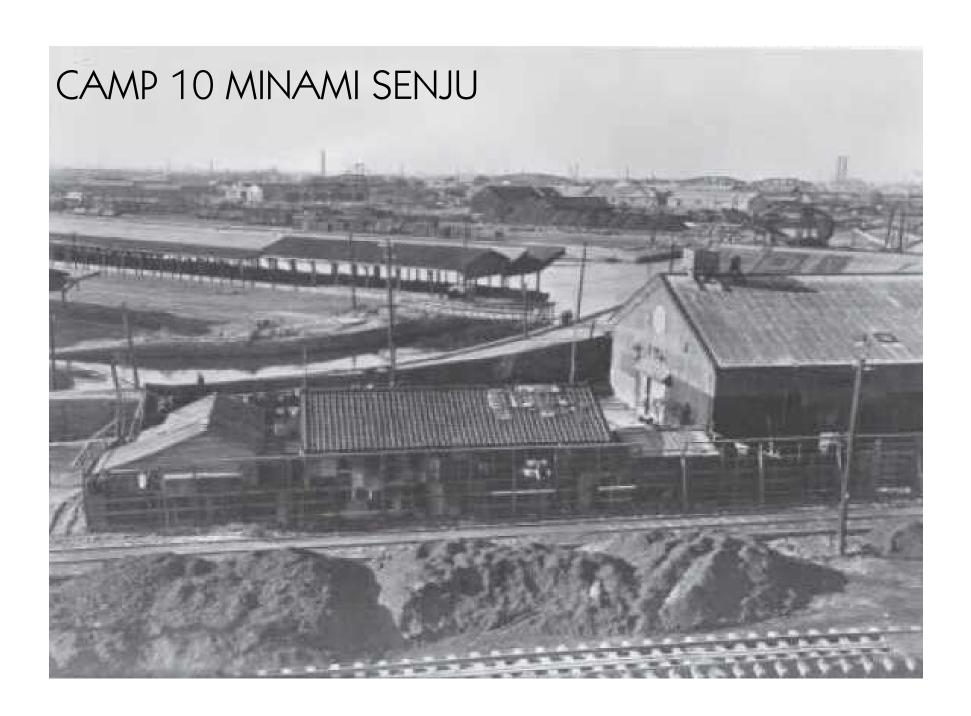


Minami Senju, also known as Tokyo Area POW Camp #10, was located within a railroad yard system where the POWs where quartered and worked at repairing railroad equipment.

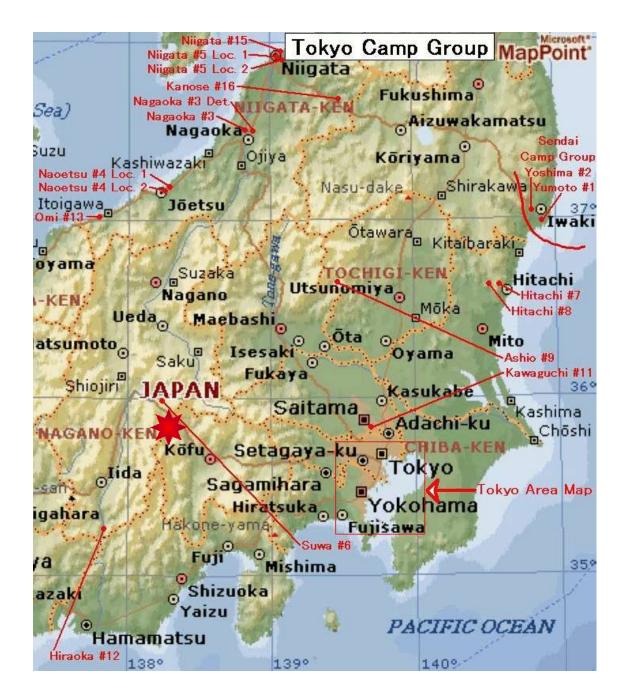


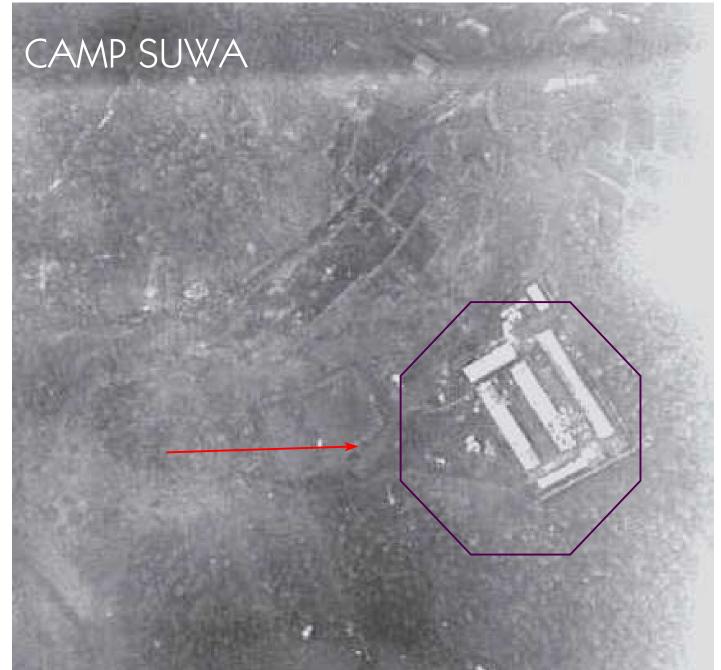






CAMP SUWA
The POW camp was
located approximately
150 miles south of Tokyo.
It was mountainous
territory and very cold in
the winter. The prisoners
of war worked in iron
ore mines in the area.





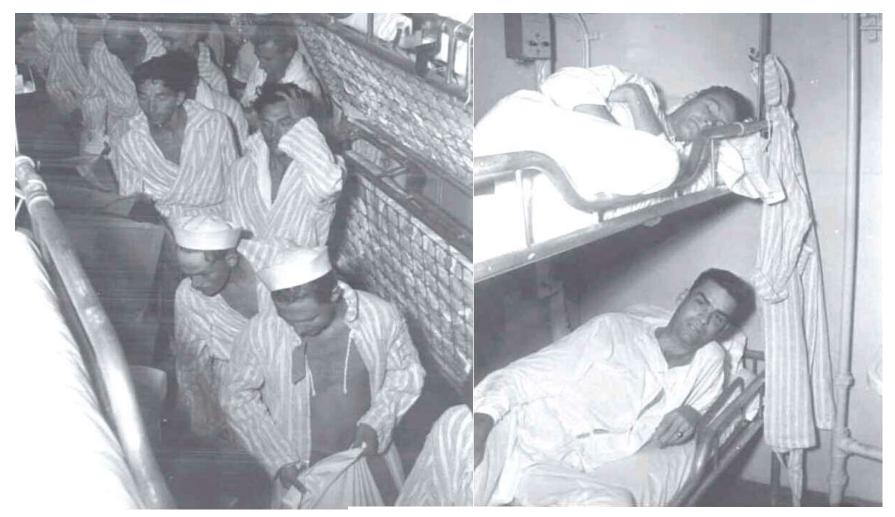
CAMP SUWA
Prisoner of war
camp south of
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Pows Hailing Their Rescue Ship







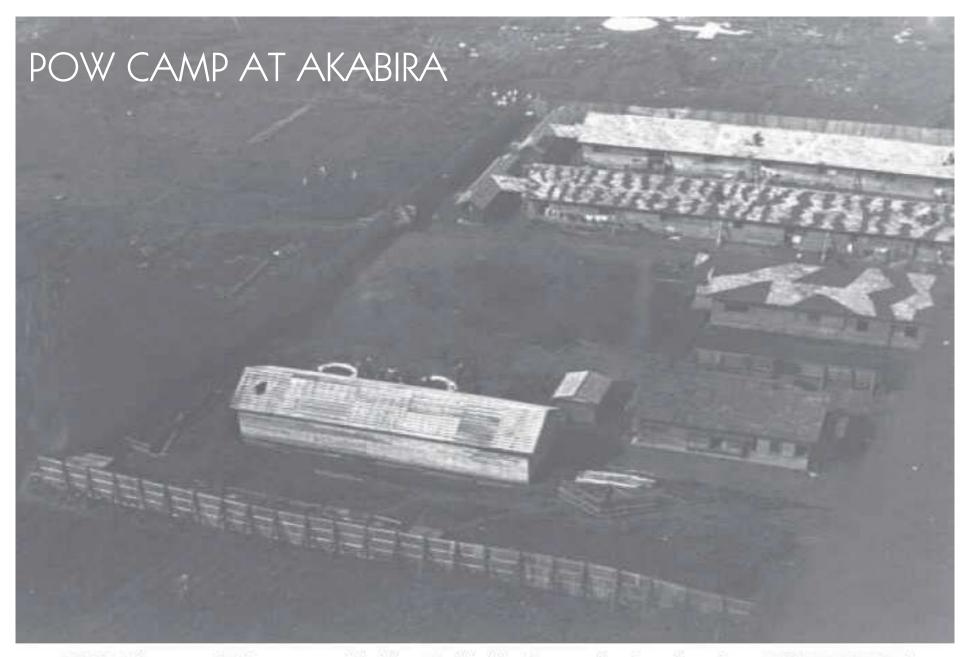




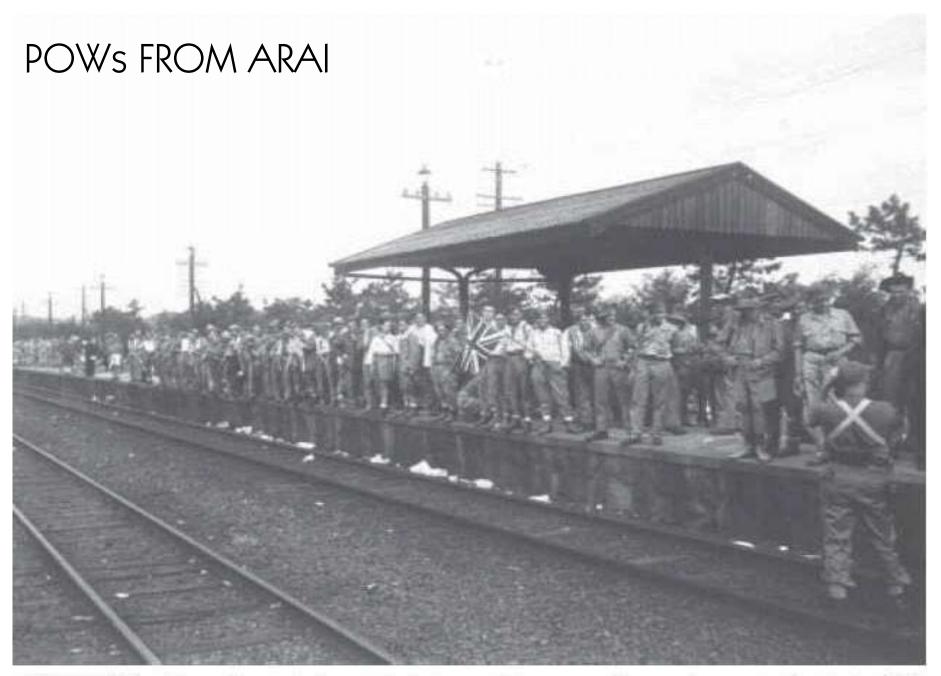








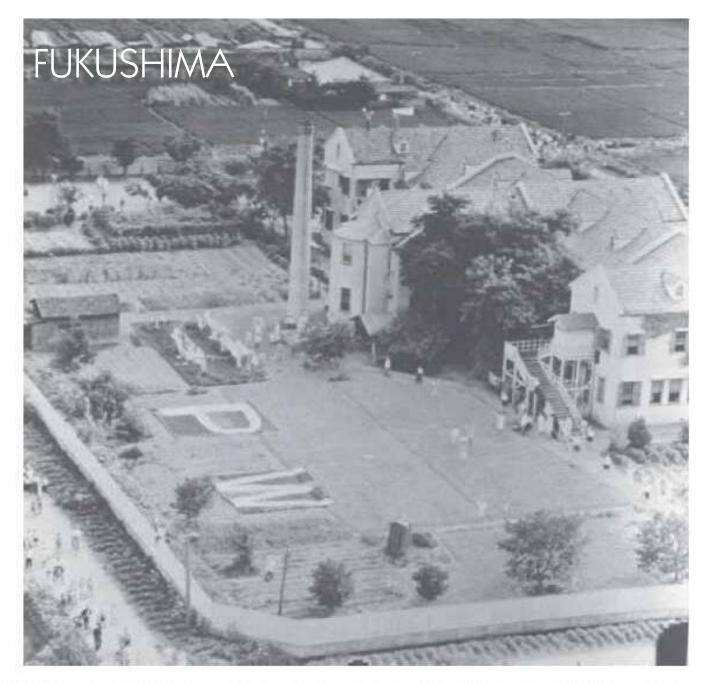
15061 Prisoners of War camp at Akabira, Hokkaido, Japan taken by plane from USS HEHENTA BAY (CVE-74). The circle and cross in upper right hand corner is the spot where supplies were dropped. 45/09/10



15098 POW's at the railway station at Arai, Japan. They are waiting on transportation to the USS RESCUE (AH-18). 45/09/06



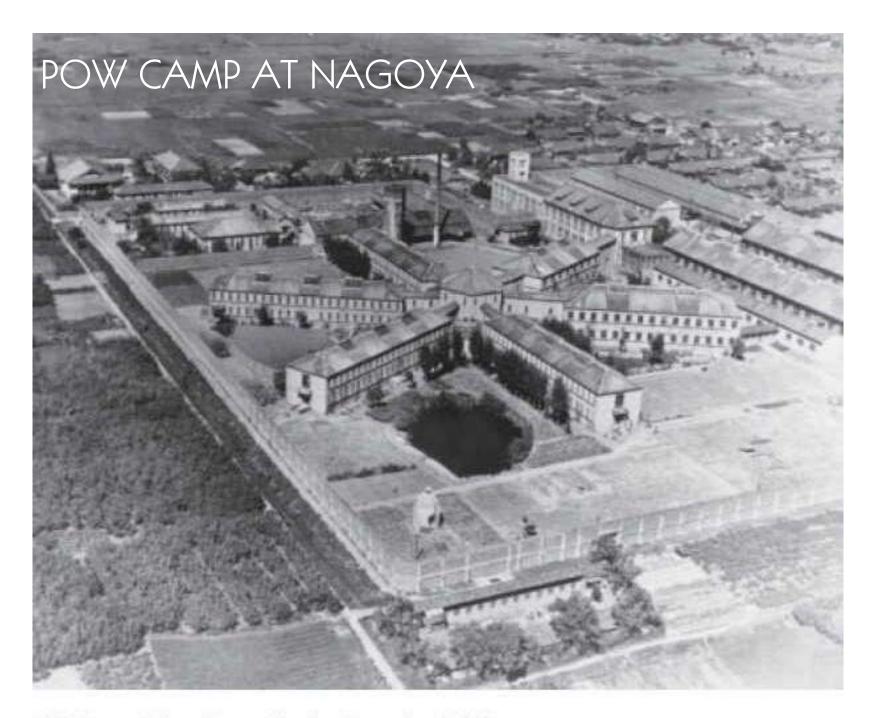
15079 Over Japan: PW Camp Ashio #1 36-38'N 139-25'E 45/09/05



14004 A camp which appeared to be a converted school building, surrounded by gardens and a tennis court. Fukushima Areas 37-46N, 149-29E, Honshu. 45/08/25



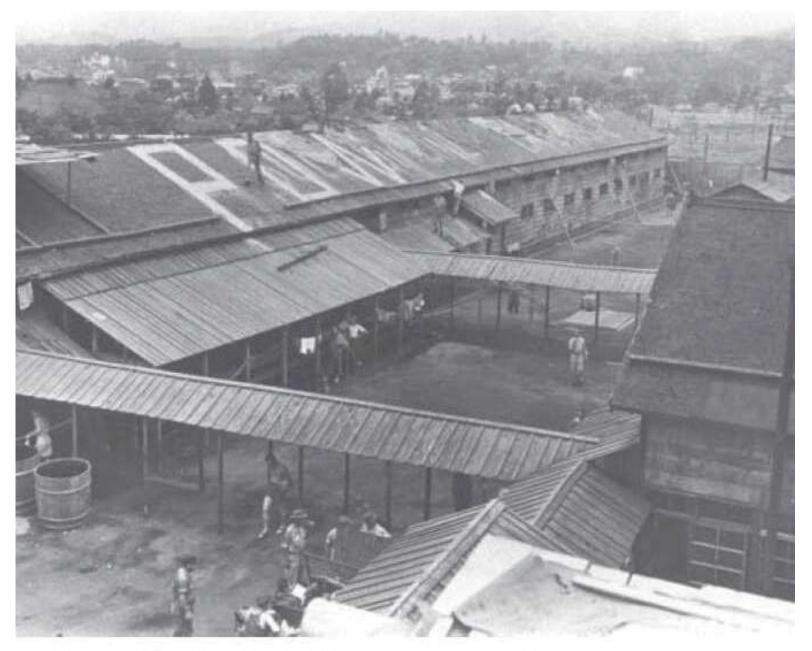
PW Camp #44 Kobe Honshu Tutatabi $2.5\ \mathrm{mile}$ north of Kobe. September 6 1945.



POW Japan. Prison. Nagoya Honshu. September 6 1945



14002 Aerials of prisoner of war camp in Northern part of Honshu, Japan. 37-10N;138-15E, Naoetsu Area, Honshu. 45/08/25



General view of the Hanowa Prisoner of War Camp #6 in Honshu, Japan. Note the "POW" markings and the prachutes, which were of various colors, placed on the roof of a building to signify their location to Boeing B-29 crews who dropped supplies to the internees. 14 September 1945.



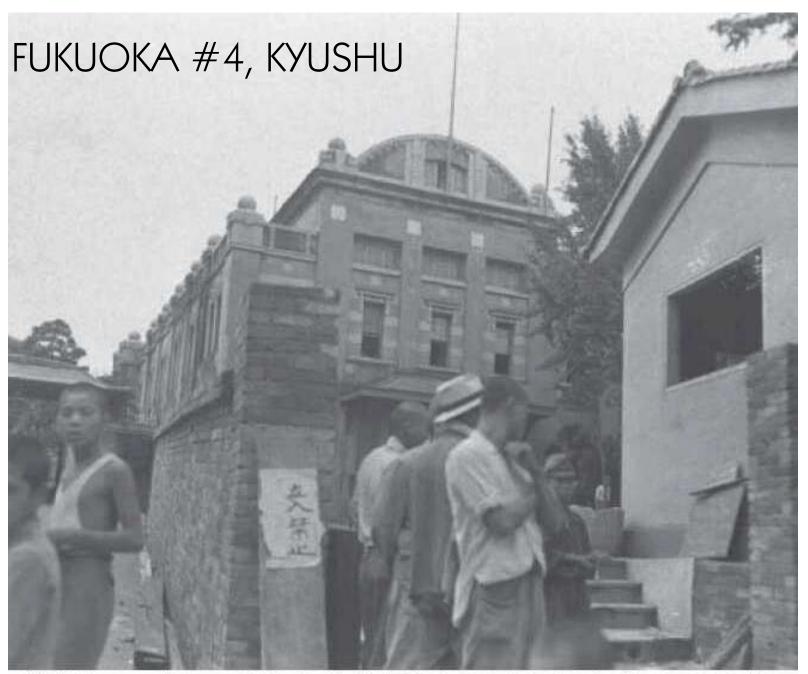
15080 Over Japan: PW Camp #124: Minato Ku, Osaka, Honshu. Parachutes on ground dropped by B-29's. 45/09/06



OW Camp "Tare" Maebaru, Honshu. ptember 7 1945.



14094 Prisoner of war evacation from camp Fukuoka #9, Miyata, Kyushu, Japan. POW's holding flag made by prisoner from parts of colored parachutes. L-r: Cpl. Clinton Jennings, Pvt. Otto W. Coder and Eugene P. Burkeholder. 45/09/15



15052 Prisoners of war camp, Fukuoka #4, Moji, Kyushu, Japan. Presbyterian Church on one side of camp and Geisha house on other. 45/09/15





15045 Prisoner of war camp, Fukuoka #2, Kyushu, Japan. LCVP leaving. 45/09/11



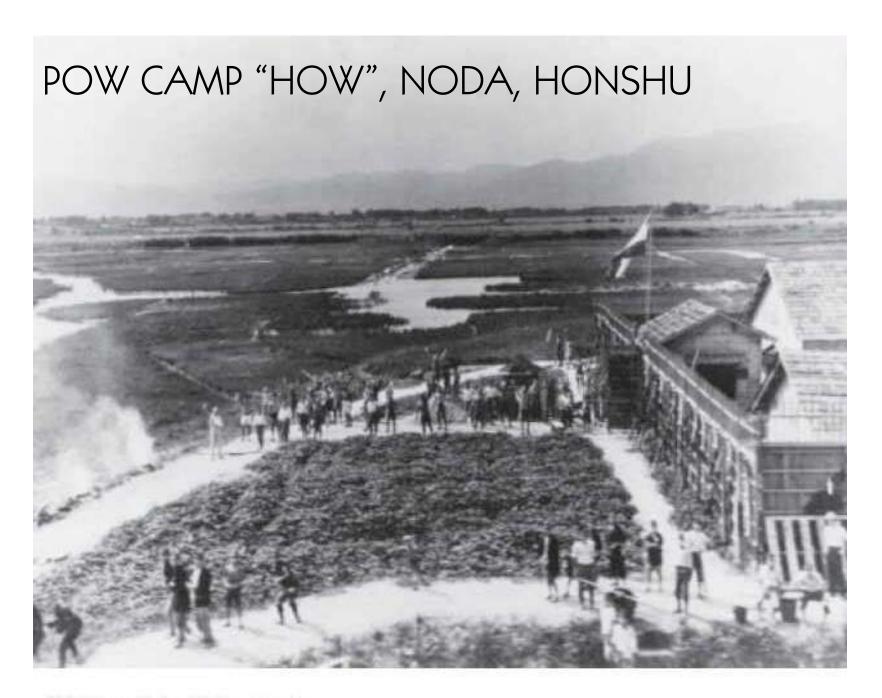
POW Camp 20 mi SE of Nagoya, Honshu, Japan. September 6 1945.



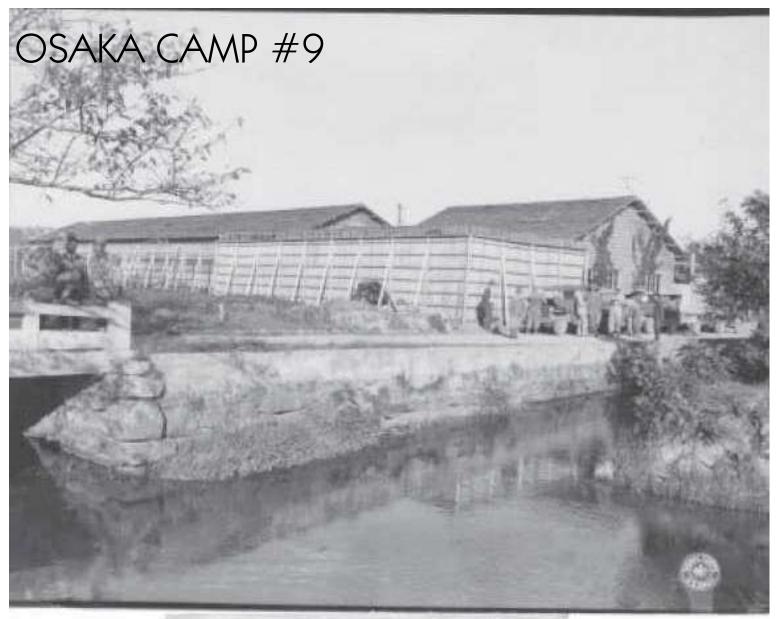
15072 Aerial of Prisoner of War camps at Niigata, Japan; taken by plane from the USS LEXING-TON (CV-16). 45/09/27



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POW Camp "How" Noda, Honshu. September 7 1945.

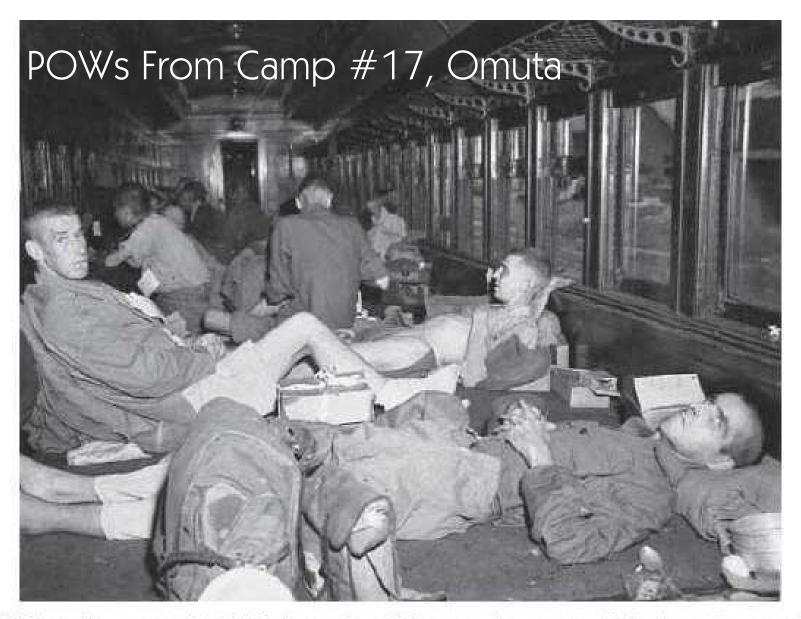


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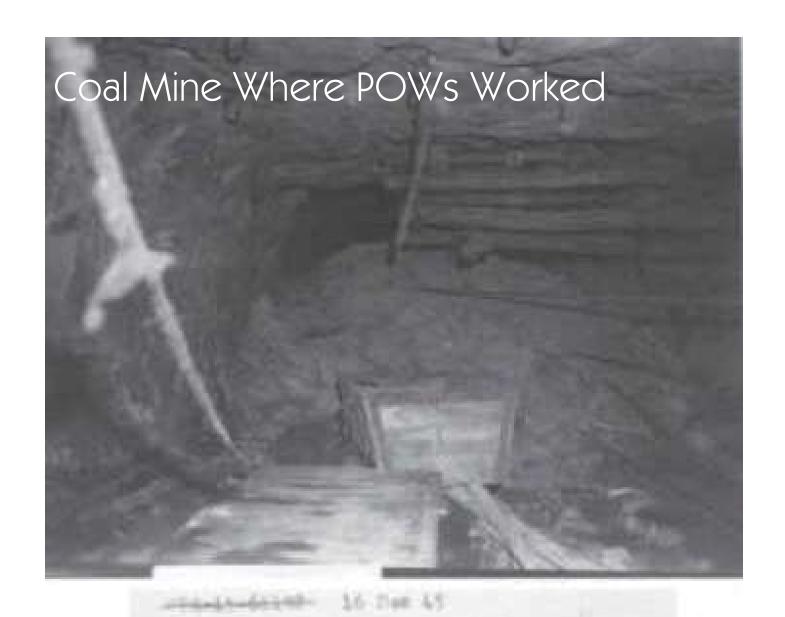


The prison camp I was in at Chasi Japan from November 31st 1922 till Sep ember 1945. Located about two miles from the town of Chasi where the prisoners worked in an iron mine and the mine work shope

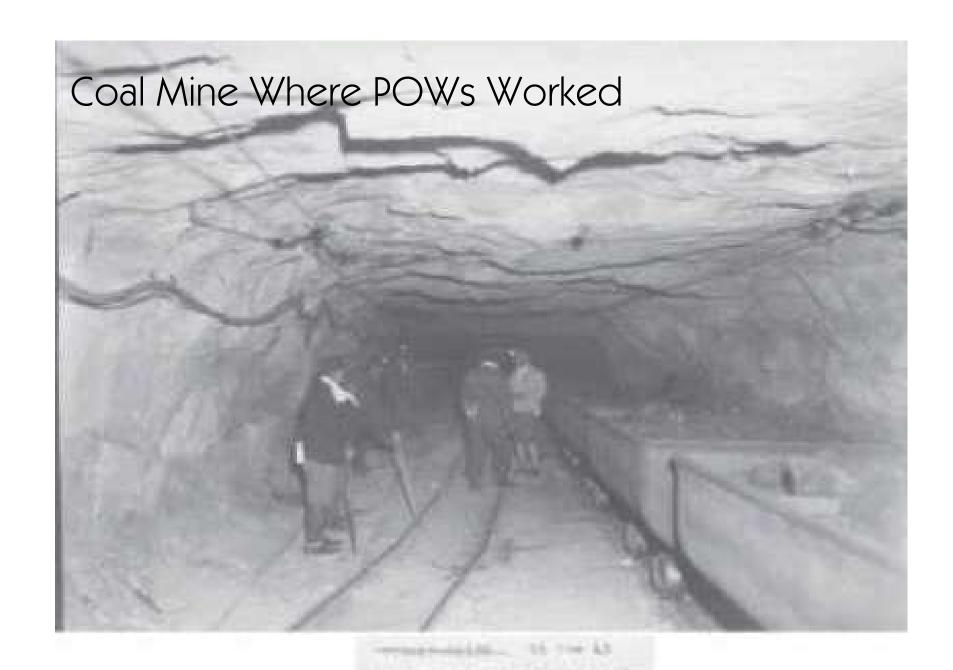
George C. McCondless Lewisville, Idaho



15102 Stretcher cases of POW's formerly of Omuta prison camp #17, shown here arriving at Nagasaki, Japan. On stretcher car. 45/09/15



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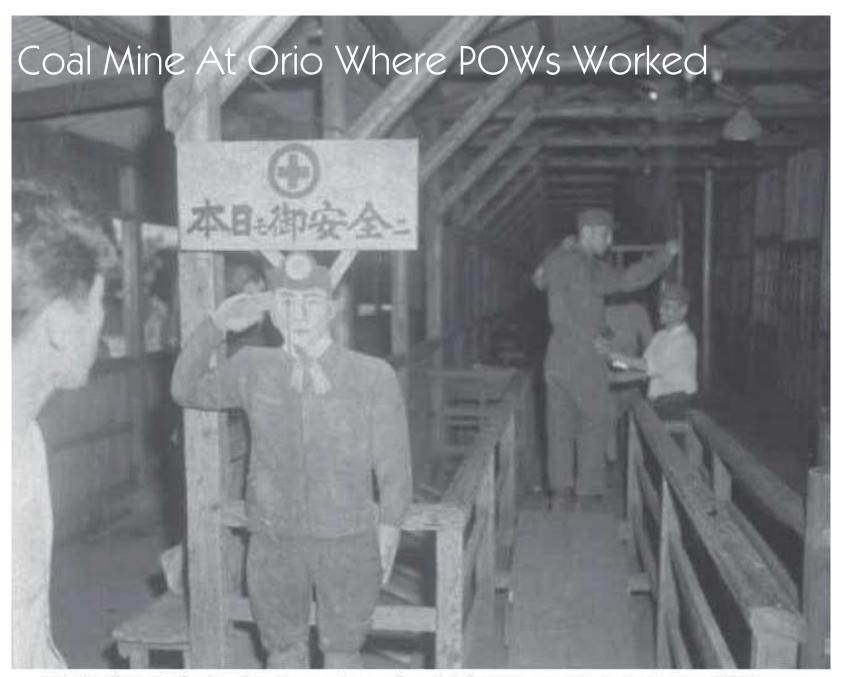




Prisoners of war at camp Fukuoka #6, Orio, Kyushu, Japan. American prisoners with Army recovery team in center. Sept 15, 1945



14084 Prisoners in sick bay are Frank Jones, Bernard Deleman, MM2/c, USN, Cpl. Alec Sneddon, Pfc, Roy Hinton, Pfc, Larry Cullen, and Sgt. Percy Marsh. Camp Fukuoka #6, Orio. 45/09/14



15038 Mine at Orio, Kyushu, Japan, where prisoners of war were made to work. How POW's were searched coming into mine entrance. 45/09/15



PW Camp #124 Minato Ku Osaka, Honshu Parachues on ground dropped by B-29. September 6 1945.



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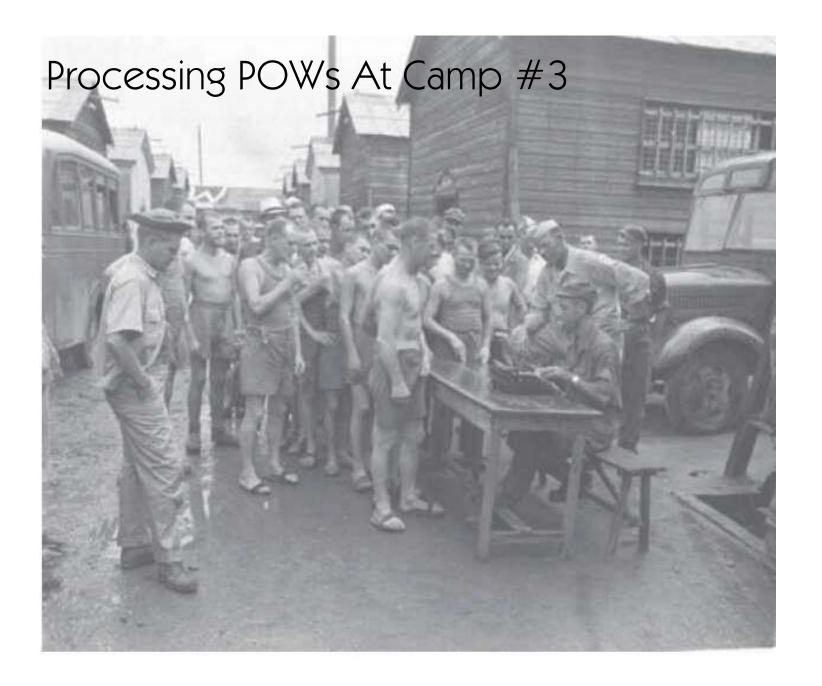
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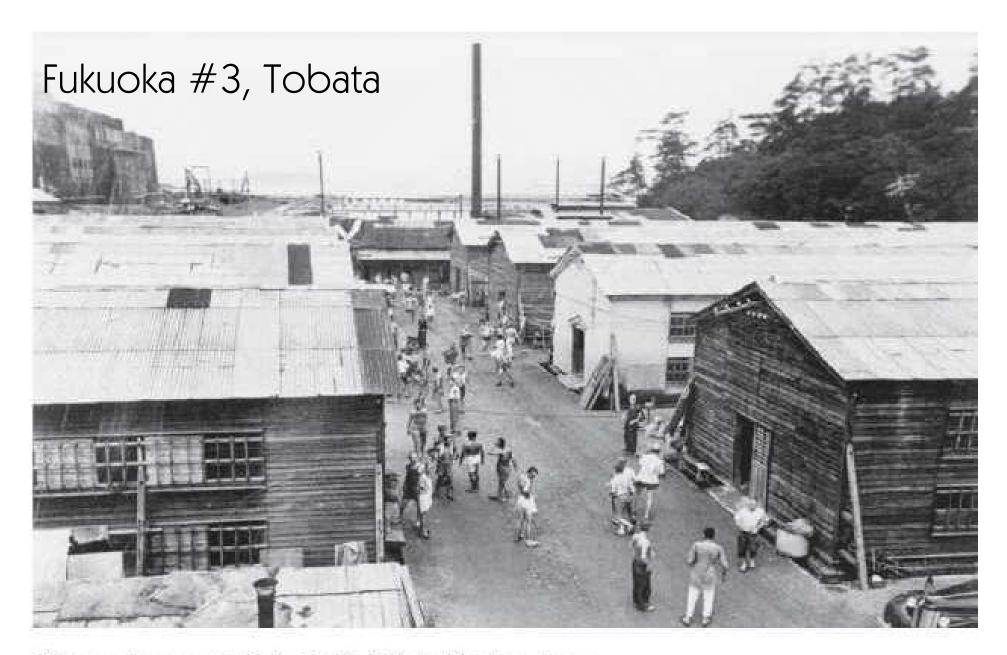


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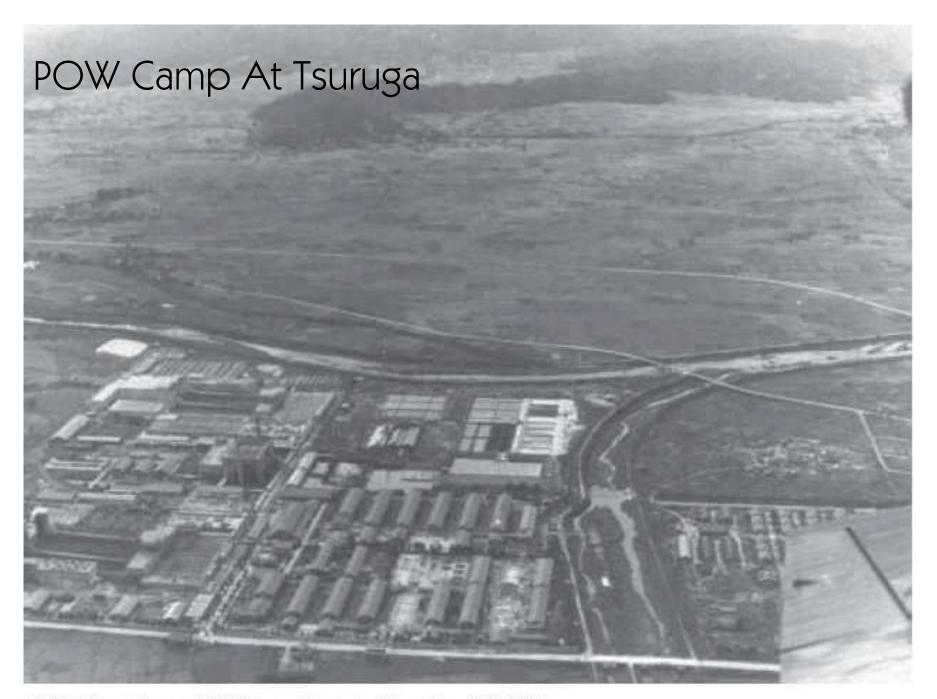
14074 Processing recovered POW's for release are L-r: Lt. Lucien M. Baranski, Staff Sgt. Norman J. Scherlie and Staff Sgt. Fred Hurst. Camp Fukuoka #3, Tobata. 45/09/14



Prisoner of war camp, Fukuoka #3, Tobata, Kyushu, Japan. Sept 13, 1945.



15063 Six hundred ninety six allied POW's from two prison camps within six miles of the heart of Tokyo were liberated and evacuated to a hospital ship twelve hours after a special navy rescue mission landed on the shores of Tokyo Bay. 45/08/29



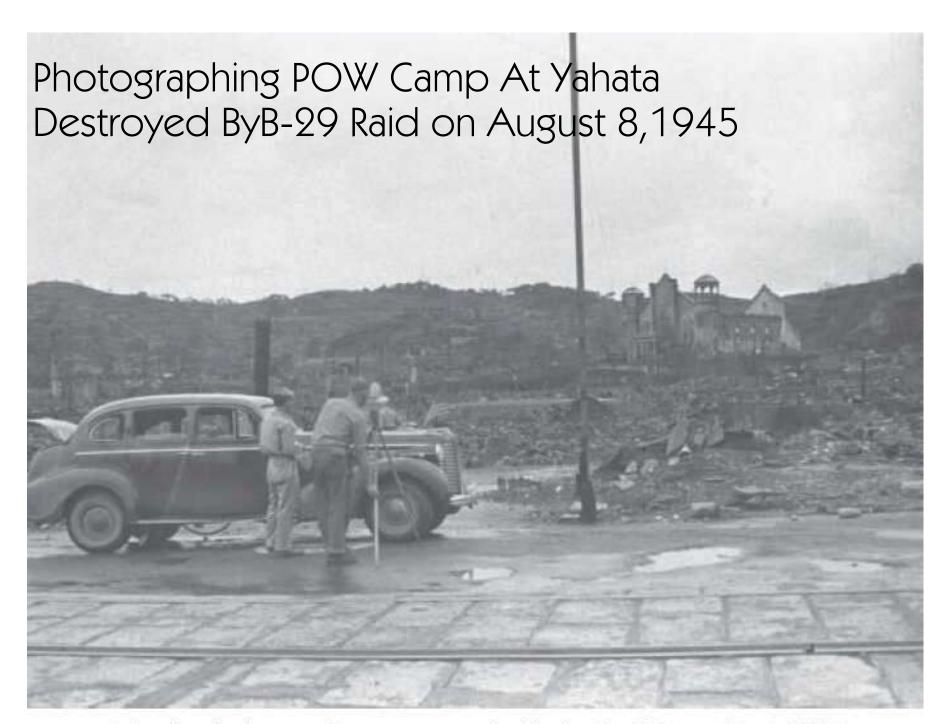
15075 Over Japan: PW Camp Tsuruga, Honshu. 45/09/07



15108 Prisoner of War Camp near Kamiyama town in the hills of Honshu, Japan. Planes from the USS BENNINGTON (CV20) discovered this camp and the next day instead of dropping their usual load of destruction, dropped packages to the prisoners. 45/00/00



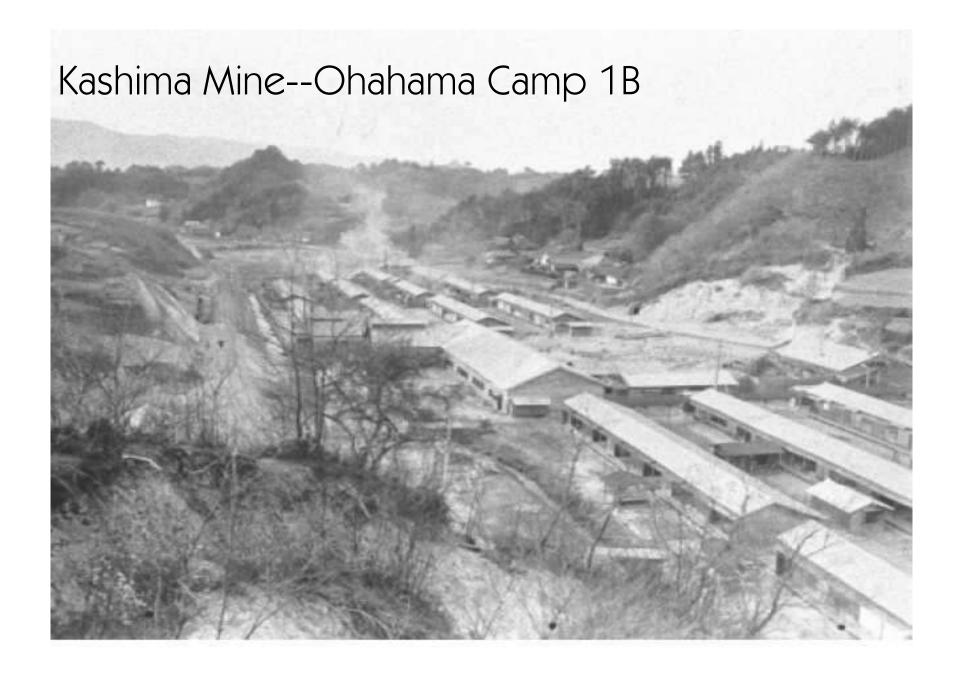
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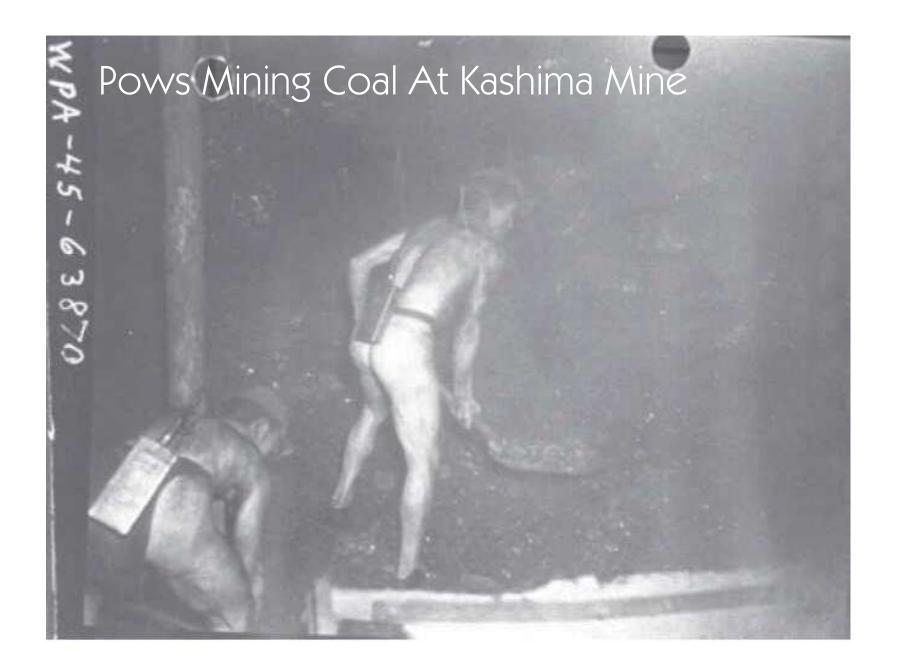
15012 Ruins of Yahata, Kyushu, Japan, as a result of fire bomb raid 8 Aug., 1945. 45/09/14



15078 Over Japan: POW camp Southern, Yokkaichi. 45/09/06



14029 1-B Prisoner of War Camp (Kashima Mine) Onahama, Sendai Perfectury, Honshu, Japan. Kashima Mine. Klevated view of half of POW Camp farthe from mine entrance.



14030 1-B Prisoner of War Camp (Kashima Mine) Onahama, Sendai Perfectury, Honshu, Japan. Kashima Mine. #6 Seam, right. Photographer - Weber.. 45/12/18



15084 American Prisoners of War at a camp at Zentsuji in Japan. Front row, L. to R. Lt. S.J. Wilson, USNR, Lt. H G Kirkpatrick, USN, unidentified, Lt. J. F. Dalton, USN, LT. R. A. Galagher, USN, Back row: L to R. Lt. A. J. Carlson, USN, Lt. R.V. Bassett, USN, Lt. (jg) W.O. Spears, jr, USN, Lt. (jg) J.J. Vandergrift, jr, USN, Lt. (jg) W.G. Winslow, USN, 43/04/30.

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Attending funeral service of a prisoner of war at Hitachi Copper Mine POW camp.

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