

HEADQUARTERS
U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
(PACIFIC)
APO #234
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PLACE: Nagasaki, Japan.

DATE: 7 Nov. 1945.

INTERROGATION NO. 319

Division of Origin: Medical Division.

Subject: Garbage & Refuse Disposal in Nagasaki

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

IMAIZUMI, Kinichi, Chief of Hygiene Dept. Nagasaki Shi.

Where Interviewed: Military Government Office of Public Health.

Interrogator: Capt. Paul J. Houser, Snc.

Interpreter: Unknown

Allied Officers Present: Capt. Jefferson, Lt Berberich,
Sanitary Division, Public Health
Section.

Summary:

Garbage and refuse, before bombing, was collected by the municipality on the average of once each three days. Household garbage receptacles were boxes (wooden), some with covers. Sixty workmen and 50 two-wheeled open box carts were employed for collection and transportation to lighters (barges). Final disposal was by incineration on an island located outside the harbor. 22 lighters of 30-ton capacity each were employed and hauled three or four loads apiece, per day.

This system operated with full force until the atomic bomb, when collections were discontinued because 44 vehicles were destroyed and the labor force was reduced to 20 men. Householders burned garbage and refuse on vacant areas.

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