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INTERROGATION NO: 320

PLACE: NAGASAKI, JAPAN
DATE: 7 Nov 45

Division of Origin: Medical Division.

Subject: Sewage Disposal.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Mr. IMAEZUMI, Kinichi, Chief Hygiene Dept, City of Nagasaki.

Where interviewed: Hq, Military Govt, P.H. Section, Nagasaki.

Interrogator: Capt PAUL J. HOUSER, SnC

Allied Officers Present: Capt JEFFERSON, Lt BERBERICH, Sanitation
Division, Military Government.

Summary:

The city has no piped sewage collection system except the storm water drains which discharge into the canals. A number of larger buildings have flush toilets discharging into private drains extending to the canals.

Sewage disposal consists of nite soil collection from the individual residential cesspools. Collection from a large part of the city is under contract with an individual named TASHIMA, who operates 15 two wheeled carts and a labor force of 15 men. Collections are made about once a month from each cesspool. Nite soil is loaded on a "lighter" (barge) and taken to rural areas for sale to farmers. Collections from other section of the city are by farmers and by a force of men employed by the city. After the air attacks, collections were discontinued because equipment and men were destroyed, but was resumed again on 11 September 1945 under supervision of the Military Govt.

The university medical center utilizes a large septic tank for receiving sewage from the buildings. This is cleared periodically and contents buried.

The city maintains 15 public toilets but no temporary facilities were provided or anticipated for the bombed out areas. In these areas the people dig pits as temporary means of disposal. Also there is much promiscuous disposal among the ruins.

The individual residential cesspools in the bombed out areas remain uncleaned. These afford breeding places for flies and will undoubtedly contribute to the fly population in warm weather.

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