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U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
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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 peri-
odically 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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