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Saturday the 25th August 1945

To: 1st Lieut. Hiraishi, Hiroki
Camp Commander
No. 21 Prisoner of War Camp Fukuoka.

Sir,
It is my privilege as Commander of the British and Australian troops, at present here under your protection convey the appreciation of all ranks for the concern which you have shown for, and the efforts which you have made to relieve the monotony of our short stay here.

Since our arrival here on the R 1st June 1945 we have realized something of the increasing difficulties under which you have performed your duties; but the tolerance of your Command in the past, and your immediate consent to my request for organized excursions out of the Camp, has earned for you the profound respect of all ranks.

We hope for your continued co-operation, and look forward to the progressive improvement of our relation during the rest of our stay here.

A.S. Davies

Warrant Officer in charge of
British and Australian Groups.

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Camp Commandant
No. 1 Prisoner of War Camp, Fukuoka

Sir,

It is the desire of the under-signed British Warrant Officers to express our gratitude for the gentlemanly manner in which you have conducted the affairs of this Camp since taking over the role of Commandant.

The policy which you adopted has, in our opinion, saved many lives and eased so much of the misery we all experienced in the past.

We extend, on behalf of the British soldiers in this camp, our heartfelt thanks and pray good health and happiness to you and yours in the days to come.

Signed R. While
W.O.II(BSM) R.A.

Signed F. Smith
W.O.II(BSM) R.A.

No.1 Prisoner of War Camp
Fukuoka,
31st August, 1945

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To whom it may concern;

This will certify that Mr. Tsukasa, Furusho, commander of Fukuoka Prison Camp No. 23, is deserving of any consideration possible due to his fair and considerate treatment of the American War prisoners under his control.

We consider him a loyal Japanese subject and a true officer of the Imperial Army He has always conducted himself as we would like to conduct ourselves under the same circumstances.

Frank M. Turner
Captain, U.S. Army

Thomas R. Taggart
Captain, U.S. Army

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Please convey our best wishes to Mr. Eriwitchi and other members of the staff with whom we have come in contact and trust that only the better times shall remain in our memories, and that henceforth peace shall always be maintained between your country and ours.

Would you please convey a message of heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Nagasawa; from Pte. Ross (No. 289) for the timely and utmost assistance when he received the injury to his leg as work recently.

Wishing you all peace and happiness for the future, on behalf of the members of No. 2 furnace squad, and in particular.

Yours Sincerely

SGT. H.H. HALLAM
W.O.II.F.D. WILLIAMS

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Mr. Mizaki,

Now that hostilities have ceased between our countries it is only a short time before we will be going home to our own country, back to our dear people at home.

We would like to take this opportunity, through the courtesy of the Japanese staff at our barracks, to thank you sincerely for all you have done to assist us whilst we have been employed in your department of stainless factory.

During the $2\frac{1}{2}$ years we have been working in No.2 furnace shed, your attention and assistance to all our needs and difficulties has been given with heartiness and promptitude which has been greatly appreciated by all, and has helped us considerably to carry on this period of our internment which was quite strange and unfamiliar to our normal occupations.

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From: Sgt. S. Falcus, 6396866
9th Loyal Northumberland
Fusiliers c/o G.P.O.
London, England.

To: The Manager,
Ore Dressing Mill,
Iruka.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you on behalf of the men who worked in your mill as prisoners of war, for your thoughtfulness and kindness toward us. Your personal interest in our welfare, and the care you took in instructing us in our individual jobs, employing each man in the capacity in which he was most interested and happy, did much to dispel any gloom from our minds, and made us feel like ordinary working men. I must also mention your kindness and sympathetic attitude toward anyone who was sick during working hours. All members have expressed the desire to possess a copy of your permanent address, so that they may communicate with you. If you can let me have a copy I will ensure that everyone become acquainted with it.

I must also mention the workmen who were our instructors, they deserve our thanks, especially, and I hope you will convey

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this to them, Minami of the 4th Floor, Takino of the vacuum, and
Funada of the 6th Floor stores.

Goodbye and good luck to you Sir,

Sincerely Yours

S. Falcus.

Iruka

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Toyama, Nippon
August 25, 1945

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Corporal Jiro Ikeda, Imperial Nipponese Army, has been on duty as Sergeant Major at this Prisoner of War Camp No. seven (7) from June 2, 1945 to date during which time I have been Prisoner Commander.

Corporal Jiro Ikeda has performed his duties efficiently and fairly with exceptional courtesy to all Prisoners of War at a time when this was not the normal attitude of our guards.

I feel personally indebted to Corporal Jiro Ikeda for his courtesy to myself and my men. I speak for all one-hundred ninety-five Americans here in requesting such courtesy and consideration as you can grant him.

GUY H. STUBBS
Lt. Col. CAC
U. S. ARMY

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A letter of appreciation from POW.

I certify that the above document is a correct and true copy of the documents in the custody of this bureau.

On August 27, 1947.

/S/ IIDA, Yukio (seal)

The acting-chief of POW
Information Bureau.