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Excerpt from PA 2.

"Report on visit to POW Camps (Seoul and Jinson) and the Internment Camp in Korea by Paraviccini, representative of the International Red Cross Committee!"

I certify that the document entitled as above is a true and correct copy of the document on file at this Bureau.

Date 22nd Sept., 1947

/s/ IIDA, Yukio (seal)

Acting Chief of the POW
Information Bureau

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From: Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.

To : The Chief of P.O.W. Information Bureau.

Re : Forwarding a Translation of the Report on Visits to Korean P.O.W. Camps.

As I received a copy of the report of Paraviccini, representative of the International Red Cross Committee stationed in Japan on his visits to Korean P.O.W. Camps (Seoul and Jinsen) and Civil Internment Camps which was telegraphed to the Committee at Geneva in December last year, herewith I forward for your reference attached translation of same.

Addressee of this document: War, Navy, Interior, Great East Asia, each Vice-Ministers, Chief of POW Information Bureau, the President of Japan Red Cross.

The translation of the telegram sent by the representative of the International Red Cross Committee stationed in Japan to the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva on 26th December 1942. (original in French)
(Report on visits to the POW Camps at Seol and Jinsen and the Civil International Camp at Koshu)

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1. P.O.W. Camp headquarters at Seol

Address: P.O.W. Camp at Seol, Korea.

Time of visit:- 13th December 1942

Time when the Camp opened: - 25th September 1942

Present force: 433 Capacity: 500

Detail of present personnel: English 366, Australians 67,
of which Officers 59.

Former Camp: Singapore

Age: oldest 53, Youngest 19, Average 28 Yrs.
(Average of Seol and Jinsen Camps)

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Rice 373-379 gram, Rye 119 g., bread 231 g., Meat 35-38 g.,
Fresh fish 27-60 g., salt 3-7 g., Vegetable 604 g.,
Flour 19-26 g., bean soup 66-78 g., Soyauyu 15-35 g., Sugar
7--11 g., 15-17 g., Tomato Sauce 2 L.,: Calories 3251-3383.

Average weight 61 kg. In comparison with the last month
the average increase in weight in both camps is 408 g.,
and decrease 210 g.,

Canteen sells tobacco, a few toilet articles.

Tobacco, soap, handkerchief, towel, tooth brush, tooth powder,
razor, paper, a few pencils are given out free.

The clothings which the POW possess are of summer use. The
Japanese Government has supplied them with coats, winter
underwears, socks, shoes. There is shortage of under-
wears. On this point the Japanese troops at home are
in the same condition.

One Japanese doctor and three POW doctors are on duty usually.

Serious cases are sent to the Military hospital.

Isolation ward, ordinary ward, pharmacy and dispensary are
in good condition.

Diphtheria 2, acute enteritis 7, cold 1, beriberi 1, malaria 1,
acute bronchitis 2, abscess in vectum 1, amoeba dysentery 1,
abscess in thigh 1, tonsillitis 3, periostitis 1, scaling
of skin 1, tooth-ache 5, slight wounds 3.

Total of patients 30, of which 2 sent to hospital. 11 are in
Camp ward, 9 resting, 8 taking exercise.

Bath is taken twice a week.

The play ground is 900 square metres. They play hand ball.

There is a small library of English books.

There is an English daily newspaper sent by the Commandant.

Sunday service is held. The pastors are the padres among POW.

Their money is deposited at a saving bank with the permis-
sion of the Commandant.

Works are left to the choice of the prisoners. They work at
cultivation, repairing of roads, transportation, packing.

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Just before visit 10⁰ sent to Mukden and 11 died.

The Camp is situated at south-west of Seol (population 1,200,000) on dry clay-sandy soil. 30 meters to Sea, health spot surrounded by woody hills, not affected by north wind.

Area: 518 square metres, enclosed by wooden planks.

Buildings: 2920 square metres of which 1944 sq.m. is a former spinning factory with four stories and here POW are billeted.

Each room can accommodate 36 persons.

Air and light are sufficient.

The floor is matted by Tatami, bed (blanket) 5, pillow, pillow-cover.

The rooms are lighted by electricity.

Iron stoves burnt morning and night.

The temperature at the time of visit was 16.

There are common wash places equipped with water pipe and wooden tanks.

In other building there is a large Japanese style bath tub for five persons.

There are ordinary Japanese style lavatories 24. The night soil is taken out at other part.

There is sewerage.

Water is good and suitable for drinks.

There are five POW cooks.

Ration per day:-

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Their pay per day is 10 to 37 sens.

Letters are allowed to be sent in one year by officers 6,
noncommissioned officers 4 or 5, soldiers 3.

No letter arrived yet.

No visiting or going out.

Get up at 7 a.m. Light out at 21 o'clock.

The relations with the Commander are good and their conducts
are fair.

Their requests are for news from home, supply of underwears,
increase in Canteen goods.

2. P.O.W. Camp Jinsen Branch.

Address:- P.O.W. Camps, Jinsen

Date of visit:- 19 December 1942

Time when the camp opened: - 25th September 1942

Present of the present force: English 462, Australians 13,
Canadian 1, Portuguese 1.

Former camp: Singapore Island.

Camp is situated at 35 k. metres South-west of Seol, along the
road to Jinsen Harbour (Population 100,000), 5 metres
from Sea and is a healthy spot.

Highest temperature is 25, lowest temperature 4 below zero,
Average temperature -- 11: 1 higher than Seol.

Rainfall - highest being 277 m.m.: lowest 20 m.m. Annual
rainfall - 1031.

Humidity - highest 95: lowest 65: average 72.

Total area: 16090 sq.m.

Building: 8277 sq.m. of which 6354 sq.m. are used for POW.

Built in 1941, Army model barracks 5.

The floor is matted by Tatami.

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Russian style brick stoves.

Washing stands for 5 persons at a time.

There are water pipe instalations.

Japanese doctor 1, POW doctor 2 are on duty.

1/4 of the site is used for play ground, a part of which is a vegetable garden.

Diphtheria 19, accute enteritis 19, beriberi 24, accute catarrh of the stomach 1, wounds 2, rectum 2, neuritis 1.

Total patients 58, of which 27 are in camp hospital, 26 resting, 5 are working.

The officers want to be separated farther from soldiers as collective living disturbs discipline.

POW dentists require dental instruments.

The Commandant of the both camps Colonel NOGUCHI is very kind and looked upon as a benevolent father.

In other details they are similar to the Camp at Seol.

3. Civil Internment Camp.

Address: Koshu.

Time of visit:- 20th December 1942.

Time when the Camp was opened:- Immediately after the outbreak of the war.

American engineer 1, Dutch priest 1, Canadian missionary 4.

Ages: 31-48 yrs.

Situated at 35 k.m. west of Taiden Railway station on the Central line. On the top of a small hill near a Korean village with 10,000 population.

The building is an American mission house, two stories, sunlit well aired building. Surrounded by woody hills.

The soil is fertile and the climate is good.

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New style heating apparatus.

In each room there are two beds.

The internees cook themselves and make bread too.

In the yard there is a vegetable garden.

There are plenty of food stuffs.

They are allowed to buy things, but 3 men have no money.

Plenty of clothing.

There is no restriction on correspondence; radio will be installed in future.

All internees are healthy.

There is a hospital next door.

Get up at 5 and go to bed at 22 o'clock.

Praying and service are done 6 hours a day.

They want time for study and nothing else.

Books and newspapers are provided.

Treatment by the Government officials is good.

Relation between them is very good too.

The officials in charge are cordial and they are helping the Japanese Red Cross society generously.

Paraviccini