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Telegram Translation

Place of Dispatch: Kanburi

Sent: 12:10 a.m. (p.m.) on September 3, 1943

Arrived: 9:00 a.m. (p.m.) on September 4, 1943

From: POW Camps Commandant in Thailand

To: Chief of POW Information Bureau

Telegram No. Tai-Fu-Shu-Den 715

The gist of the monthly report for August is as follows(?):

1. Prisoners of War - 40,314 (including 7,329 enroute (?) to Japan Proper).
2. Sick prisoners: 15,064 (6 words under inquiry) main diseases are malaria, malnutrition, "saihi" disease, beri-beri, etc.
3. Thirty-seven have died, thirteen of them from malaria, four from beri-beri, three from pneumonia (?), three from pellagra, and fourteen from other diseases.
4. The number of prisoners who were engaged in indoor (?) work was 12,361 (?) a day on the average.  
Work directly collaborating with the railroad - 1,395 men.  
Work collaborating with the unit - 4,772 men.
5. Special labor corps (?) - 814 men (patients - 88; average number of laborers per day - 734) no death.
6. POW mail - 90,427 received. No dispatch. Four messages addressed to POW's.
7. No relief money (?) or goods for POW's received.
8. Strict precautions are being made and also, concentration principle was taken to intensify the collaboration between the railroad unit. Five divisions and three detachments were organized.
9. Both POW's and special laborers are quiet.
10. 2,800 POW's waiting at Singapore are scheduled to get on board on the 5th of September.

Telegram sent to: "I"; POW Information Bureau.

Telegram received: POW Information Bureau - 5 September 1943.  
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From: POW Camps Commandant in Thailand  
To: Chief of POW Information Bureau  
No. 1.

We request you to insert the following in the obscure part of the main sentence in Telegram No. Tai-Fu-Shu-Den 715, distributed on September 5th:

"Ratio to the total number - 37.06%."

NOTE: \* The sick POW's are reported to be 15,064 (ratio for the total number is 37.06%), but 37,06% of the total number 40,314 is 14,940. There seems to be some mistake in the calculation of the ratio to the total number. However, this figure has not been calculated by the POW Information Bureau; the figures in the original document from the actual place have been copied as they stand.

\* (T.N. Added in ink on original document).

Received POW Information Bureau 11 September 1943.  
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Signed at Tokyo on this

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/s/ Nakanishi Sadoyoshi  
Signature of Official

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Witness: K. Yokoi /s/

Acting Director POW  
Information Bureau  
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Signed at Tokyo on this

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/s/ Eric W. Fleisher  
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Witness: /s/ Henry F. Cmachi  
2nd Lt. Inf.

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