

Q. of camp did you find? What were its features?
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A. Well, it was fairly well laid out. As you went into the gate there was the Japanese Camp Office. That was a much better building than the accommodation allotted to us. It had a slated roof and wooden floors. And running on the same side were the Nipponese living quarters, also much more presentable than our own. But extending from these quarters was the Quartermaster Stores--clothing, blankets and so on--and further on yet was the Ration Store. And coming right from the store to the kitchen--our own kitchen. That wasn't at all bad. It had a tile roof, stone floor and reasonable sort of boilers. Then coming right from the kitchen we had the prisoners' accommodation--and huts. Some of them had tin rooves. I think one had a slated roof. And these others ran in a line, running parallel to the Nipponese quarters on the other side. Originally there were 10 huts, numbered 1 to 10. Then in front of No. 1 Hut we had the hospital building, which was much the same as the other huts except it had a slated roof. And just in front of the hospital building was the Medical Inspection Room, once again a much more presentable building with wooden floors and better windows--wider windows--altogether a much better looking place. Running through the camp was a stream originally. It flowed from various deep bog fields outside, right through the camp to the sea beyond the camp; and ultimately they filled this stream in allowing only this pond in the centre of the camp for fire fighting purposes.

Q. And where did the prisoners reside or sleep?

A. In the huts that I described, running parallel to the Nipponese quarters.

Q. And can you tell the Court the approximate number that slept in each hut?

A. Yes. Originally they had them most comfortable accommodation really. In each hut there must have been about 25 to 30 tatami and each man was allotted one complete tatami, which was quite comfortable. In fact, No. 10 Hut in the first place was not used at all because there were just not enough men to fill the place up. There must have been between 20 to 25 men in each room from 1 to 9.

Q. And where did you live after your arrival there?

A. I was detailed with two other medical orderlies to take the end room of the hospital building. The hospital building had six compartments. Four were allotted by orders of the Camp Commander as wards for the patients; one for the medical personnel I have just referred to; and the second one a store, and later the M.I. Room.

Q. Did you at all times while you were in the camp reside in the hospital building?

A. Oh no. On the arrival of Major Beadnell he was given the first compartment in the hospital. The second one was made definitely into a store. By that time we had been receiving extra blankets for the hospital and things like that. And I was sent with the orderlies to No. 7 Hut and I stayed there until November or December 1944. Major Beadnell arriving in June, I believe, of 1944.