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1. The total number of prisoners of war and civilian internees who were and are under the protection and care of the Japanese Navy is 197. But since the destruction of the Prisoners of War Camp caused by bombing in April 1944, we have kept no prisoners of war and when a prisoner of war was captured, we transferred him to the Army. Therefore, the navy has no prisoner of war at present. We have treated the prisoners of war and civilian internees complying with International Laws, but it was a matter of regret that many prisoners of war underwent fatal disasters caused by air-raids and shipwrecks in February and April of 1944.
2. At present, under our protection and care, fourteen families (most of them are half-casts) are leading free lives at Keravat, Lashimen and Unaragamot districts with farms and houses and are given various supplies in the same way as our troops.
3. The name list of prisoners of war and civilian internees who were and are under the protection and care of the Southeastern Japanese Navy is separately bound.

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1. The list of prisoners of war and civilian internees who were and are under the protection and care of the South-eastern Japanese Navy is made separately.
2. Since April 13, 1944, the Southeastern Japanese Navy has had no prisoner of war except for Frank George Keefe, Flight Lieutenant of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, who was transferred to the Army as the Navy had no prisoner of War Camp and after the destruction of the prisoner of War Camp caused by an air-raid of April 12, we did not re-establish the camp.

The camp before its destruction was a former barrack of the Australian troops, situated at the southwestern edge of Rabaul city, and was under the management of the 81st Defence Corps.

3. Documents concerning prisoners of War.

When the Headquarters of the Southeastern Japanese Navy, the Headquarters of the 8th Base Corps, the Headquarters of the 81st Defence Corps and Prisoner of War Camp were burnt and destroyed by bombings on February 27, 1944, at the beginning of March and on April 12, 1944; all official documents concerning prisoners of war were burnt. As the present list of prisoners of war and civilian internees has been compiled only by a memorandum remaining in the headquarters and the memory of the prisoners' guard, we are not sure of its accuracy.

4. The relative positions of Prisoners of War Camps and air-raid shelters are located as indicated on Map 1.



5. When the Prisoner of War Camp was bombed and completely destroyed on February 27, it had 10 prisoners. Bombing course of the allied aircrafts, the condition of the hits and state of destruction of the camp are shown in map 2. No prisoners were killed except for three of them who were wounded by a direct hit on the air-raid shelter. Their wounds were comparatively light and they underwent medical treatment at the 8th Naval Hospital.
6. When the new prisoners' camp which had been used since the air-raid of February 27 was bombed and completely destroyed on April 12, it had 9 prisoners. Bombing course of the allied aircrafts, the condition of the hits and state of destruction of the camp on the day are shown in Map 3. The bombing of that <sup>day</sup> was such a complete surprise attack from the mountain behind that two were seriously injured by direct hits and died soon after, while seven were killed instantly on the way to the air-raid shelter.
7. Among those who died from the bombing on April 12 were a Swiss (Erchist Backaman) and a Finnish ( name unknown) who had been interned and protected there. These two civilians had remained here in spite of our advice to go with Australian civilians when they were sent back to the Japanese homeland on February 20. ~~year~~?
8. The ashes of the dead are enshrined among fallen Japanese heroes, but those bodies which were scattered by direct hits of the bombing made it impossible to discriminate one from the other; thus they were gathered and cremated together and are enshrined in group.



9. The passengers sent by the Koa-Marū and Kokai-Marū:

After all of the aircrafts at Rabaul were transferred to Truk on February 17, 1944, the Allied air-attacks became more and more intense. As we had anticipated that sooner or later this area would become a hard-fought battle-field and for fear that prisoners of war and Australian civilians who were then under the protection and care of the Navy might sustain injuries, we decided to send them back to the Japanese homeland by the Kokai-Marū which was to leave port on the 20th of February. They were embarked on the 19th of February. Some prisoners had to remain here because of insufficiency of room in the ship. In this connection, the Japanese passengers of the above mentioned transport ships were as follows :-

Kokai-Marū - Officers and men 171; civilians attached to the navy 207

Koa-Marū - Officers and men 201

These transport ships left Rabaul on the 20th of February escorted by a submarine-chaser, a special sub-chaser and Nagaura ( a rescue ship), but on the 21st, the next day, being attacked by allied aircrafts in waters northwest of New Hanover Island, they sank instantly. Only a few passengers were barely rescued.

10. Thus, we have done our utmost effort concerning prisoners of war and civilian internees, but the allied attack was so intense in those days that many of them lost their lives by bombings and shipwrecks to whom we express our deep regret.

11. The condition of Civilian Internees.

The condition of neutrals under the protection and care of the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Most of the neutrals under the protection and care of the Southeastern Japanese Navy are half-castes. All of them have lived in this area since pre-war times.



Their total number is 58 (14 families). Most of them were employed by the Japanese Civil Administration Office when the Japanese forces landed on this island, but at present they are leading free lives under the care of the following corps:-

- 20     (5 families)   In one section of the farm of the  
                         Civil Administration Office  
                         at Keravat.
- 11     (3 families)   In the paper-manufacturing corps  
                         of the Civil Administration Office  
                         at Keravat.
- 10     (1 family)     In the Lashimen Detachment of the  
                         8th construction Corps.
- 17     (5 Families)   At Unaragamot under the care of the  
                         Civil Administration Office.

The abovementioned corps give them various supplies in the same way as Japanese troops, paying respect to their customs, traditions and religions. They are allowed to lead free lives engaging in farming, lumber-milling, paper-manufacturing and voluntary labour service but are not compelled to compulsory labour.

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THE LIST OF CIVILIAN INTERNEES  
IN NEW IRELAND ISLAND



CIVILIAN INTERNEES IN NEW IRELAND ISLAND

Those who are under  
the care and protection of the navy

NAME	NATION- ALITY	RACE	RELATION	AGE	PRESENT RESIDENCE
<u>EUROPEAN</u>					
Lundenu (?) Julius	Swiss	Mixture of Kanaka	Householder	50	Lemacott
<u>ASIATICS</u>					
Etsu, Koo	Chinese	Chinese	Householder	55	Lemacott
Kaiu, Chin	"	"	Householder	35	Lossuk
Kokussai, Chin	"	"	Householder	24	"
- - -	"	"	Wife	24	"
- - -	"	"	Child	--	"
Yufong	"	"	Householder	42	Lamson
- - -	"	"	Wife	21	"
Kote, Joseph (?)	---	Mixture of Malayan & Kanaka	Householder	61	Kavieng
Mote, Dora (?)	Malayan	Malayan	Householder	18	Kavieng (FEMALE)
Mote, Noris (?)	---	Mixture of Malayan & Kanaka	Householder	21	Kavieng
Mote, Satsuku ?	---	"	Child	19	Kavieng  ( Besides this there are 3 brothers and sisters)
Shiroi, Edward (?)	---	Mixture of Malayan & Kanaka	Householder	18	Monagai
Shiroi, Lena (?)	"	"	Younger sister	16	Monagai (Besides this there are 3 brothers and sisters)
Burane ?	---	Mixture of Chinese & Kanaka	Householder	15	Kavieng (beside the above there are 2 younger brothers)
TOTAL		23 Persons (10 Families)			



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TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN

INTERNEES TAKEN CARE OF BY THE NAVY... 197

(prisoners of war 103, civilians 94)

1. THOSE WHO WERE SENT TO THE JAPANESE HOMELAND  
116 (prisoners of war 88, civilians 28)
2. DEAD  
13 (prisoners of war 11, civilians 2)
3. THOSE WHO WERE TEMPORARILY INTERNED IN PRISONERS'  
QUARTERS AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PLACES  
10 (prisoners of war 4, civilians 6)
4. THOSE WHO ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION AND CARE OF  
THE NAVY  
58 civilians (14 families)



1. THOSE WHO WERE SENT TO THE JAPANESE HOMELAND

NAME	NATIONALITY	RANK	DATE OF CAPTURE	PLACE OF CAPTURE	REMARKS
Officers . . .					
					Sent by "NARUTO"
Others . . .					July 5, 1942
Total . . .					
Welles, W.T.	American	Sub-Lieut 2nd Class (Navy AF)	11/10/43	Buka	Transferred from Army Forces' Camp to the Navy on Dec. 19, 1943 hence sent by air on Dec. 20, 1943.
Nyarady, Stephen Albert	"	"	11/11/43	Rabaul	
Quinn, Noel Thomas	Australian	Squadron Leader	12/4/43	Rabaul	
Ohagen, Jerry	American	Radioman 2nd Class	11/11/43	Rabaul	Sent by Sub-chaser on Dec. 28, 1943
Unknown	---	---	---	--	
Brown, Allan Mervin	Australian	Flying Off	10/20/43	New Ireland	
Taylor, Charles Kersey	American	Captain (A A F)	10/22/43	Rabaul	
Arbuckle, J.M.	"	Captain	11/22/43	New Ireland	Sent by air Feb. 16, 1944
Boying Gregory	"	Major (Marine AF)	1/3/44	Rabaul	
Doyle, Donald Winsor	"	Lieut- Commander	1/24/44	Rabaul	
Stacy, Brian Paul	Australian	Flight Lieut	2/7/44	Casmata	



NAME	NATIONALITY	RANK	DATE OF CAPTURE	PLACE OF CAPTURE	REMARKS
Ardel, Nord	American	1st Lieut	2/14/43	Choiseul	)
Willman, Howard Huey	"	2nd Lieut	2/14/43	Buin	)
Beck, Philip Louis	"	1st Lieut	6/13/43	Rabaul	)
Beasley, Walter Albert	"	Sub-Lieut 1st Class	6/13/43	Buin	)
Crocker, Edward Albert	"	1st Lieut (Marine AF)	9/16/43	Belalei	)
Artel, Arthur	"	Sub-Lieut 1st Class	11/12/43	Buka	) Sent by "Kokai Maru" on Feb 20, 1944
Phillis, Philip Kirk	"	Sub-Lieut	11/22/43	New Ireland	)
Bailey, J. P.	"	2nd Lieut	11/23/43	Buka	)
Hamilton, W. S.	"	Chief Petty Officer	11/28/43	New Ireland	)
Painter, Steven Wallace	"	First Lieut (Marine AF)	1/5/44	Duke of York Is.	)
Martelles, Paul James	"	Lieut (Navy AF)	1/10/44	New Ireland	)
Knight Jr., James	"	Petty Off. 2nd Class	1/10/44	New Ireland	)
Unknown . . . . .		5			)
Australian Civilians		10			)
<u>TOTAL</u> . . . . .		116			)

Note: At the instant sinking of the Kokai-Maru, not more than a few passengers were rescued by our side and the rest are presumed to have died. However, in view of fine weather and calm sea and the operations of the allied rescue aircrafts on that day, there are possibilities of survivors living. Therefore, the total number of the dead are unknown.



## 2. DEAD

NAME	NATIONALITY	RANK	DATE OF CAPTURE	PLACE OF CAPTURE	NOTES
Bartvett, H.C.O.	American	2nd Lieut (Army AF)	10/29/43	Gabubu	1/10/44, died of <i>malaria</i>
Manon, Paul Monroe	"	Petty Off. 2nd Class	11/22/43	New Ireland	2/22/44, died of malaria
Sciara, Charles	"	Staff Serg	1/14/44	Rabaul	2/24/44, died of malaria and beri- beri
Marshall, R.W.	"	1st Lieut	1/20/44	Rabaul	1/20/44, died of excessive bleeding
Kirk, James	"	Petty Off. 1st Class	11/22/43	New Ireland	4/12/44, killed by bombing
Morgan, Carls	"	Petty Off. 2nd Class	11/22/43	New Ireland	"
Thompson N.B.	"	1st Lieut	11/22/43	New Ireland	"
Clemens, Carl Clifford	"	1st Lieut	1/9/44	Rabaul	4/12/44, seriously injured by bombing and died soon after
Osgen, Cideon Isaac	"	Captain	1/10/44	New Ireland	4/12/44, killed by bombing
Slipkas, Edward Michael	"	Staff Serg	2/14/44	Rabaul	4/12/44, seriously injured by bombing and died soon after
Marvin, Cecil	"	Gunner	2/14/44	Rabaul	4/12/44, killed by bombing
Bachman, Ershist	Swiss	Civilian	---	---	"
Unknown	Finnish	"	---	---	"

TOTAL: 13



3. THOSE WHO WERE TEMPORARILY INTERNED IN PRISONERS' QUARTERS AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PLACES

NAME	NATION* ALITY	CIVILIAN RANK OR OR POW OCCUP	DATE OF TRANSFER	PLACE OF TRANSFER	NOTES
Fazanol-wausu ?	German	Civilian Mission- ery	2/21/43	---	Sent to New Ireland by barge
Unknown	"	" "	2/21/43	---	
Efu, Ceru-sukin?	"	" "	6/30/43	Pitagalip	
Bi-Furanke?	"	" "	6/30/43	"	At present interned at Pitagalip
Sammarre, Joseph	American	" "	1/27/44	"	
Redman, Joseph	"	" "	1/27/44	"	
Murphy, John Joseph	Austral- ian	P.O.W. Captain (11/1/43)	12/6/43	Army	Interned at the Army Military Police Corps
Cornelius	American	P.O.W. 1st Lieut (2.15/44)(Marine AF)	2/26/44	"	4/29/44, died of malaria at Army Military Police Corps
Hank, Bill Donald	"	P.O.W. 1st Lieut (4/18/44)(Marine AF)	4/22/44	"	8/25/44, died of malnutrition at Army Military Police Corps
Keefe, Frank George	New Zealander	P.O.W. Flight Lieut (1/15/44)	1/19/45	"	1/30/45, died of blood-poisoning at Army Military Police Corps
		15-1-44	19-1-45.		
					30-1-45.
		PRISONERS OF WAR	4		
		CIVILIANS INTERNEES	6		
		TOTAL	10		



4. THOSE WHO ARE UNDER THE CARE AND  
PROTECTION OF THE NAVY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NATION- ALITY</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>RELATION</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PRESENT RESIDENCE</u>
Roca, Joe	Spanish	Mixture of Spanish and others	Householder	41	Lashimen
Roca, Dora	Swedish	Swedish	Wife	24	"
Roca, Cecilia	Spanish	Mixture of Spanish	Eldest daughter	15	"
Roca, Tommy	"	"	Eldest son	13	"
Roca, Alexander	"	"	Second son	11	"
Roca, Peter	"	"	Third son	9	"
Roca, Franco	"	"	Fourth son	7	"
Roca, Arthur	"	"	Fifth son	5	"
Roca, Romano	"	"	Sixth son	1	"
Rolly, Fredy	British	Mixture of English	Boarder	21	"
Ruca, Elsie	---	Mixture of Swedish and Kanaka	Householder (female)	46	Keravat
Ruca, Lucy	---	Mixture of German, Swedish and Kanaka	Second daughter	20	"
Ruca, Richard	---	"	Eldest son	18	"
Ruca, Paul	---	"	Second son	13	"
Ruca, Helena	---	"	Third daughter	11	"
Ruca, Ina	---	"	Fourth daughter	8	"
Ruca, Henrica	---	"	Fifth daughter	3	"
Jacobs, Rosy	---	Mixture of German and Kanaka	Householder (female)	34	"
Yowanzen (Johannsen?) Oscar	---	Mixture of Norweigen, Kanaka and German	Eldest son	11	"

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Name	Nation- ality	Race	Relation	Age	Present Residence
?	---	Mixture of Norwegian	?	8	Keravat
Smith, Annetta --	---	?	Adopted daughter	?	Keravat
Jacobs, Elizabeth --	---	Mixture of German and Kanaka	Eldest daughter	6	"
Bendesshu Beri?	Philippino	Philippino	Employee	Male 60	"
Jacobs, Dorin ---	---	"	Employee (male) Second daughter	3	"
Aun ? Peter					
Kappu? Frederick	Malayan	?	Householder	53	"
Kappu, Francis	"	?	Second son	16	"
Kappu, Martin	"	Mixture of Malayan and Kanaka	Nephew	16	"
Kappu, Johanna	"	Malayan	Eldest daughter	14	"
Teitsuosu, Konbai ?	---	Mixture of (Carolines) Guam Islander	Householder	51	"
Tido, Carmen	---	Micronesian	Wife	54	"
Konbai?, Teresa	---	Mid-Pacific Kanaka	Eldest daughter	12	"
Smith, Henry	---	Mixture of Philippino and Guam Islander	Householder	26	"
Aidoruba, Ferisuta ?	---	Mixture of	Householder	26	"
Smith, Helma	---	Mixture of German, Phil- ippino and Guam Islander	Wife	23	"
Aidoruba, Rena	---	"	Sister-in-law	19	"
Smith, Annetta	---	Mixture of Philippino Guam Islander Chinese and Kanaka	<i>adopted daughter</i>		
Bendesshu Bori?	Philippino	Philippino	Employee (male)	60	"
Aun ? Peter	---	Mixture of Chinese and Kanaka	Employee (Male)	16	"
Herman, Richard	German	German	Householder	43	"
Claus	German	Mixture of German and Kanaka	Householder	33	"

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Name	Nation- ality	Race	Relation	Age	Present Residence
Julie	German	Mixture of German and Kanaka	Householder	24	Keravat
Elsie ?	German	"	Eldest daughter	1	"
Ching, Thomas	Chinese	Mixture of Chinese and Kanaka	Householder	25	"
Matisu(Natthies?) Peter		Mixture of German and Kanaka	Householder	47	Uneragamot
Emeri-ru Isa?	---	"	Wife	39	"
Fredrick?	---	"	Eldest son	16	"
Pe-Si?	---	"	Second son	11	"
??, Edward	---	"	Third son	10	"
??, Philip	---	"	Fourth son	7	"
??, Ethel	---	"	Eldest daughter	5	"
??, Lucy	---	"	Second daughter	1	"
Yun?, Joycie	---	"	Niece	13	"
Geruson, Yowanesy ? ---		Mixture of Dutch and Malayan	Householder	57	"
Yonensu Agusta ? ---		Mixture of Philippino and Malayan	Wife	34	"
Francisco, Augustona		Mixture of Guam Islander and Malayan	Niece	13	"
Francisco, Isaac ---		"	Nephew	10	"
Kupp, John ---		"	Nephew	18	"
O-Rima, Robert ? ---		Mixture of Dutch and Malayan	Householder	57	"
Yamashita, Wekao ? --		Mixture of Indonosian and Kanaka	Householder	21	"

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