

PRISONER OF WAR INTERROGATION REPORT

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
<del>██████████</del>	Nitohel (Pvt. 2c)	Unknown
<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DUTY PERFORMED</u>	<u>DATE &amp; PLACE OF CAPTURE</u>
YANO BUTAI of the 230th INF. REGT.	Ammunition carrier & runner for Co. CO.	18 Feb. '43; GUADALCANA

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2. CHRONOLOGY

Dec. 1942	Arrived at RABAU; marched to TANOURA; and did odd duties for about a month. PW was assigned to the GISHI TAI, YANO BUTAI, SHOJI BUTAI (230th INF. REGT.).
Jan. (mid) 1943	The YANO BUTAI left for GUADALCANAL, and landed at CAPE ESPERANCE.
Feb. 19, 1943	Captured.

6. IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONALITIES

Col. ITO CO of the 34th REGT. in JAPAN

Major YANO CO of the YANO BUTAI, believed to be a replacement battalion.

2nd Lt. GISHI CO of the HMG Company.

Prob. Off. SAITO CO of the 1st Platoon.

PROSTITUTION There are three houses of prostitution in the town of RABAU, with a total of about ten prostitutes. Since the area is under jurisdiction of the Japanese Army, these brothels must have the permission of the military to operate. The military rents the buildings to the brothel keepers. The prostitutes (Chinese, Koreans, and some Indonesians) ranged in ages from about 20 to about 25. PW does not believe that they were sent to RABAU by the Government, but that they had already been established there before the occupation. The girls are inspected weekly by the Army Medical Corps. If they have contracted any diseases, they are not permitted to work until they are well again.

The price which the soldiers pay differs in the area, but the average is about ¥2.50, which was the price at RABAU. PW states that prices were higher in JAPAN; about twice the amount. The price includes a stay of approximately one hour, tea and tea cakes, use of the wash-room and prophylaxis treatment. However, prophylaxis is also supplied free of charge by the Army. Contraceptives (SAKKU) are compulsory, but these are not furnished by the Army. Beer, liquor, and food are served at these houses at exorbitant prices.

Although men are given a physical examination from time to time, they are not examined for venereal disease. However, if a soldier contracts a disease he is hospitalized until he

recovers, being treated by injections in arm daily. The punishment is very light for not reporting symptoms, and although the men do not lose their ratings or pay while hospitalized, their chances for promotion are impaired but not made impossible.

Intercourse with native women on the island is prohibited by military law.