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Interrogation.

BANPONG

- Sources! A. PW M-1480, Sergeant of 2 Fd Hosp, 54 Div. Intelligent, cooperative, and thought to be reliable. He was in BAN-PONG Sep Dec 44, attached to 2 Fd Hosp.
 - B. PW M-1453, private of 1 MG Coy, 55 Div. Moderately intelligent, cooperative, and thought to be reliable. He was in BANPONG L of C Barracks for a week in Jul 44.

Sources A and B pinpointed the following barracks, depots etc on air photos of the area. See accompanying sketch.

- 1. Gendarmerie Detachment HQ. Source A.
- 2. Supply Depot. Source A.
- 3. Supply Depot Barracks. Source A.
- 4. L of C Unit HQ and Barracks. Source A.
- 5. Allied PW Camp. Source A. (Comment: Source is not certain of the exact relative areas of 5 and 6).

Source A stated that, during his stay in BANPONG Hospital, he saw many British and Australian PWs. The Hospital used about 20 Allied PWs every day; they included:

- 1 Pharmacist
- 4 Cooks
- 15 General Helpers.

The Allied PW Camp consisted of 3 barracks surrounded by a bamboo fence, about 7 feet high. Source stated that the PWs used in the hospital appeared to be fairly fit and cheerful. He had no knowledge of actual camp conditions.

6. Barracks. Source A.

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- 7. Comfort House. Sources A and B.
- 8. Barracks, GI BUTAI. Sources A and B.
- 9. Quarantine. Source A.
- 10. Transit Camp. Source B.
- 11. Transit Camp where Source B stayed for a week. Two barracks, 150 men in each. Source A confirmed.
- 12. Barracks, GI BUTAI. Sources A and B.
- 13. Barracks. Source A.

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14. L of C Hospital of GI BUTAI (SIAM Area Army). Both sources confirm. Estimated to be able to accommodate 2000 patients and sources heard that many casualties from BURMA were brought here.

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