

Walter Inouye. Walter Inouye, Radio Operator, B Battery, recalls his encounter with a camp and its victims during the last week of April 1945:

“There was snow and they did not have shoes—their feet were wrapped in burlap. I understand that the Germans tried to flee with these prisoners (before the Allies arrived), but those who couldn’t walk were shot. The live prisoners removed the burlap from the feet of the dead so that they could wear them...I don’t have events in a chronological order, just bits and pieces of images, but I went into a subcamp somewhere. We were downwind of it, and I could smell the stench of something dead. The camp I saw was by a railroad siding, with flatbed cars on the tracks. I thought I was looking at cordwood, but I was staring at cadavers. And somewhere I opened a warehouse and saw hills of shoes, including children’s shoes.” [Thelma Chang, *I Can Never Forget*, p. 164]



At Left. Most of the freed prisoners would be walking aimlessly not knowing where to go but still looking for food and shelter.

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