

# Hiroshima #1-B

## Zentsuji POW Camp (formerly Osaka POW Command)

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### Zentsuji POW Camp (Hir-01B-Zentsuji)

Zentsuji Machi (town) Nakatado-gun (Military District)  
Kagawa Ken (Prefecture)

[MAP](#)   [Satellite View](#)

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### Time Line:

**15 January 1942:** Established as Osaka POW Command, Section I

**15 January 1943:** 150 additional officers arrive; mixed nationalities

**3 Sep 1943:** 2nd group of Officers [\[Listof 25\]](#) arrive from Tanagawa.

**?? Jan 1945:** British officers were moved to Mitsushima POW Camp - some to Miyata and Hakodate as well, date not confirmed. Unknown [for now] destination for Dutch officers.

**13 April 1945:** Control transferred to Hiroshima POW Camp, Renamed Hiroshima Branch #1.

**23 June 1945:** American officers moved to [Rokuroshi](#)

**25 June 1945:** Australian officers departed

**Rescue effected on 5 Sept 1945**

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### Deatiled Timeline of known events:

See [Guam Timeline](#)

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### Photographs, Maps, and Sketches

[Camp layout](#) (courtesy of Brown)

[Relief supply drop](#)

[Group of POWs 1943](#) (courtesy of Billie McNamara)

Erhardt, Jonelis, Eddington, Peterie, Fortney, Rice

[Paid agriculturalists zentsuji 0355.jpg](#)

[Photographs & Sketches](#)

Includes picture taken by Japanese guard

Port of entry was Todatsu for Guam POWs. Major work sites were Osa Yama (Mt. Osa), Sakaide, Todatsu, and Takamatsu. POWs transported by trains to the work sites.

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details.

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### Japanese Camp Staff:

Camp Commander: Hosatani - Convicted and sentenced to 20 years

Camp Doctor: Saito - Convicted and Hanged

Asabuki - Camp Interpreter "Mr. Cambridge"

Mariyania - Camp interpreter

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Additonal Research by Netherlands researcher, John Sloodmaekers regarding Intl Red Cross Committee records.

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### Primary Slave Labor Use:

Stevedores at Sakaide Rail Yards and the Port of Takamatsu (Nippon Express Co.)

**Note:** The camp was a "Show Camp" for propaganda purposes. Contained mostly Officers plus enlisted ranks from Guam & Wake Island.

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### Rescue Roster:

[Final rescue roster](#) of remaining 109 POW. 103 Americans, one British and five New Zealanders.

### Interim Camp Rosters:

These are the [English](#), [American](#), Dutch, [Australian/New Zealand/ Fiji](#) interim rosters listing all men who were, at one time or another, held in this camp.

Rosters of [Wake men](#) transferred to Zentsuji and the five men murdered at Yokohama

[HIR-01 Zentsuji rosters RG 407 Box 102](#) (PDF) - original documents

[Death lists for Hiroshima camps](#) (PDF)

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**Interviews:** 15 Dec 2001

[PFC.Carroll D. "Barney" Barnett, USMC](#), Sumay Marine Detachment- Zentsuji POW Camp. Excellent description of the invasion of Guam. "Barney" passed away, December 2001.

[Hoyt B. Williams Jr.](#), Lt. (jg), USN, 3rd Engineer on "Stanvac Calcuter", sunk off the Brazilian coast on June 6, 1942 by the German raider STIER. [\[Merchant Marines\]](#)

### Zentsuji Reunion photos with Roger Mansell (2001?):

[zentsuji\\_reunion-1.jpg](#)

[zentsuji\\_reunion-2.jpg](#)

[zentsuji\\_reunion-3.jpg](#)

### Affidavits:

[Capt Michael Ushakoff](#)- describe conditions at camp  
[Capt Stuart Gordon Nottage](#) (AIF) testimony for War Crimes Commission

[HIR-01 Zentsuji affidavits](#) (PDF) - original documents

William Alford affidavit - 192nd

George Henfling affidavit

Frederick Yeager affidavit

Robert Newton affidavit - Zentsuji, Sakai Prison

Charles Maltby affidavit - Java, Roberts death

George McMillin affidavit - Guam

Warren Baggett affidavit

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[Story of Navy Nurse Marion Olds](#), Guam - Zentsuji - Kobe - Gripsholm

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**Coast Watchers:** List and details of capture of the New Zealand coast watchers at Zentsuji before the Americans arrived from Guam

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Report of 20 April 1944 states 690 POW's at date, mostly officers; Col. K. Sugiyama was Camp Commandant on 4 August 1944

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[Camp Regulations and Layout](#) (PDF) - courtesy of Janet Sykes

[Nutrition of POWs at Zentsuji May 1948](#) (PDF)

[HIR-01 Zentsuji assorted images](#) (PDF)

American POW on Zentsuji dock maybe - Moreton.jpg  
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### Books Describing Life at Zentsuji:

**Roger Mansell - [Captured: The Forgotten Men of Guam](#)** - contains much info on Zentsuji (Roger originally titled his book, *The Zentsujians: The story of the American POWs captured by the Japanese on Guam in WWII*. See this [review by Kinue Tokudome](#).)

**Joe "Fingers" Brown- ["We Stole to Live"](#)** - the single best POW book on this camp. Contains pictures of over 90% of the men. [**Best Book**]

**Ed Hale's Book ["First Captured, Last Freed"](#)**- Hale was a crewman aboard the USS Penguin and enslaved at Hirohata POW Camp.

**Don Binns - ["A Survivors Story: An American POW in Japan during WW II"](#)** - E-book written by Navy man stationed at Piti Navy Yard.

**["Notify Alec Rattray"](#)** by Meg Parkes from the diary of her father, Atholl Duncan, British officer sent to Zentsuji & Rokuroshi. Excellent compilation of information and explanation of diary entries. **Sequel: ["A.A. Duncan is OK"](#)** is also available.