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(Left) Sokkogae, North Korea, 20 miles north of the 38th Parallel on the Jamestown Line. Last tree standing on our hill, all others had been destroyed by artillery fire. Chinese positions in the background.

(Right) Korea This is "Baldy", just west of 3 Sisters (AKA Pork Chop Hill). It was used by the Chinese to direct artillery fire against our forward positions and so named because all the foliage was blasted away during the struggle for the high ground.



(Left) Quonset huts the 8th Cavalry used at Chitose, Hokkaido, 1952.

(Right) Playground built by the 8th Cavalry Regiment at Camp Chitose, Hokkaido for children residing at a nearby Catholic orphanage. As a result of the Occupation, most children had American fathers and Japanese mothers. The Sisters and children were invited often for lunch, usually on Sundays. Soldiers of the regiment loved the kids and contributed time and money for their welfare.



Oct 1952



Mar 1953

(Left) Prisoner of war camp near Pusan, Korea.

(Right) Charcoal making hut, near Sapporo, Hokkaido.



May 1953

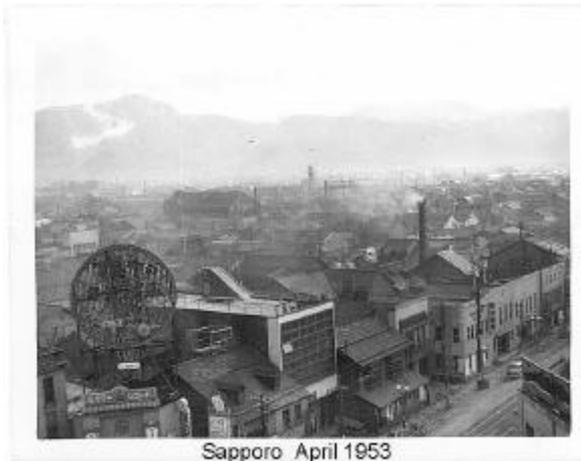
The people that lived on this land made charcoal.



Sapporo April 1953



Sapporo - April 1953



Sapporo April 1953



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(Left) Sapporo - April 1953

(Right) This photo might not interest you but to me it brings back fond memories. It is the Company K Day Room at Camp Crawford, Sapporo, Hokkaido. I enjoyed playing ping-pong with the Japanese tailor who had a work shop behind the door in the left rear. My mail office was in the right rear and I sold snacks and soda for the Company Fund through a opening in the center. As mail clerk, I was in charge of the room, responsible for its cleanliness but exempt from all other duties. I spent many happy hours here playing cards, talking and just hanging out with the men of Company K.



Ginza Tokyo 1953



June 1953

Ginza, Tokyo - 1953



Hotel in Norboribetsu, Hokkaido. I stayed here in 1952 and 1953. Great hot springs.



(Left) Numazu gas station - June 1953

(Middle) Camp Crawford near Sapporo - October 1953

(Right) Japanese soldiers guarded Suragu Bay from this World War II block house. Photographed in June 1953



Eta Jima



(Left) A Numazu hotel for American military personnel during the occupation. Close to Suragu Bay with a view of Mt. Fuji. I stayed here twice, in 1952 and 1953.

(Right) K (King) Company area, Camp Crawford near Sapporo, Hokkaido. The 8th Cavalry Regiment occupied the post when it returned from Korea a second time in December 1952. I lived in the 3rd barracks from the left, Headquarters platoon, the so called brains of the company. As you can see, the barracks here are nicer than the Quonset huts we had at Chitose. I called this home from December 1952 until I left in October 1953.

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