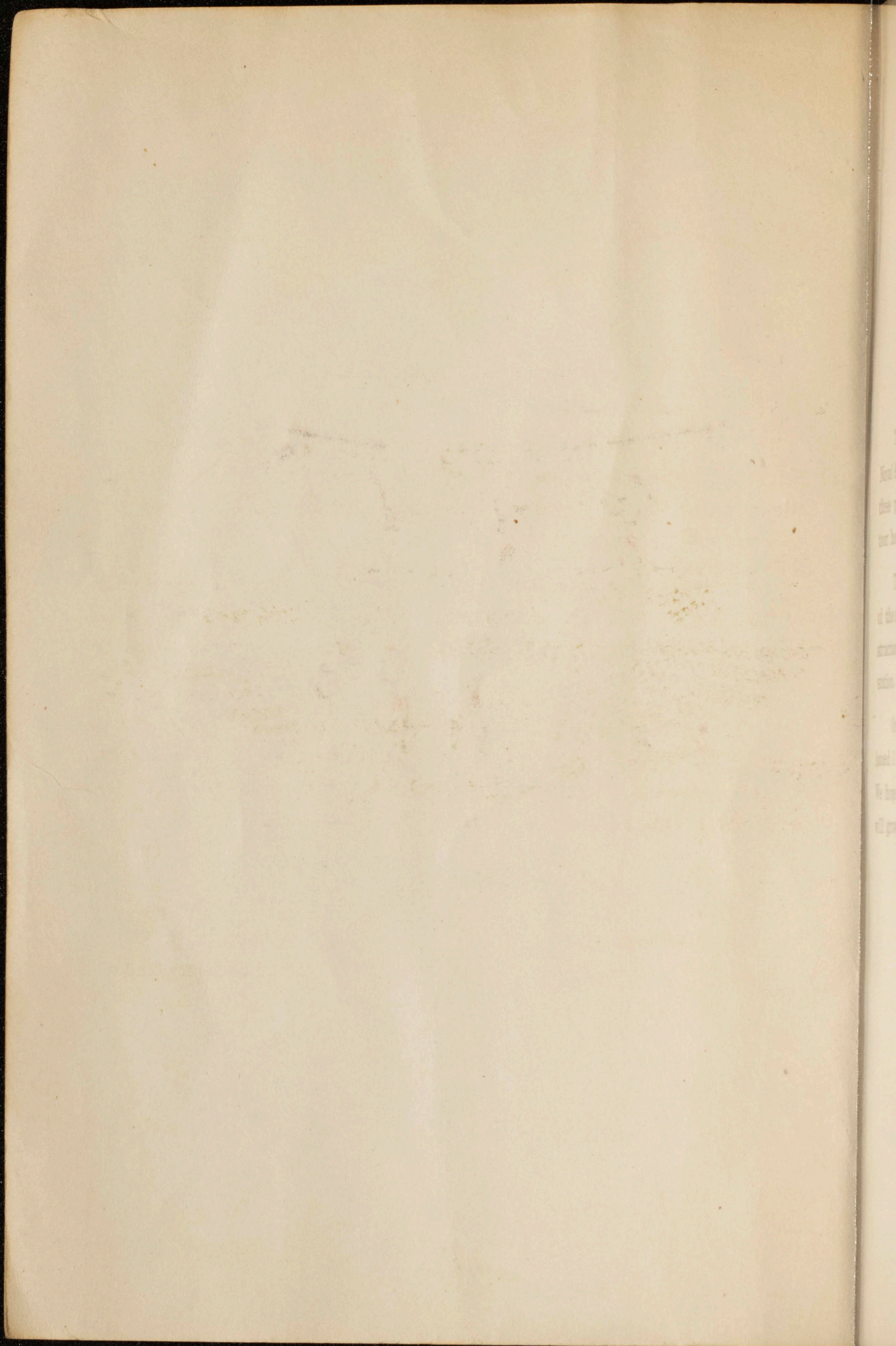


WELCOME ABOARD!



U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION

IWAKUNI JAPAN



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This booklet has been prepared for you, the newcomer to Naval Air Station Iwakuni. It is hoped that by glancing through these pages you will find the necessary information to make your tour here a pleasant one.

This booklet does not set forth effective rules and regulations of the station which may be found instead in the regulations, instructions and notices published by the various commands on the station.

Our station is a comparatively young one, having been commissioned 1 October 1954 and we are in the process of rapid growth. We hope that you find duty here to your liking and that you, too, will grow with us in knowledge and success in the days ahead.

W. E. Premo, Jr.  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

## THE PAST--AND THE PRESENT

Before making that first, get-acquainted tour around the base maybe you would be interested in knowing something of its history—from the date it was first created from reclaimed land in 1936 by the Japanese Government until the present time.

Originally constructed as a Naval Air Training Ground the base augmented the Japanese Naval Academy on the island of Eta Jima, just a few miles to the northeast of Iwakuni. However, during the latter part of World War II it became a base for Kamikaze planes engaged in the air defense of the Japanese home islands.

Following the end of the war the station became the home of units of the Royal Australian Air Force in March 1948. These units were reduced to just one squadron, No. 77, toward the end of the Occupation days, but when the Korean War broke out in 1950 groups from the Royal Navy and the United States Air Force were sent to Iwakuni by the United Nations as "reinforcements."

Squadron 77 became known in RAAF circles as "The Squadron Which Has Never Been Home" because it had remained in Japan throughout the Occupation after participating in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Flying their Gloster Meteor jets daily in support of UN ground forces in Korea, "77" pilots returned to Iwakuni's "strip" each evening to refuel and rearm.

The station was placed under the control of the 6418th Air Depot Wing, USAF on 1 April 1952, a group that later became known as Det. #1, 75th Air Depot Wing. During the Korean War many thousands of military personnel enroute to Korea from Japan passed through the processing center here, earning Iwakuni the title of "Gateway to Korea."

The 75th ADW and its Maintenance Group provided base and aircraft support for other USAF groups in Japan, Okinawa, Guam and parts of the Philippines. While the Depot Wing maintained the accounting responsibility for these units the maintenance section performed thousands of major and intermediate checks on practically all types of aircraft.

Small though it was, the base played a major role in the support of frontline forces in Korea.

So it was with a great deal of pride that the United States

Navy assumed command October 1st, 1954—just two and one half years to the day after the Air Force had accepted control of the station from the RAAF.

Today the new air station looks to the future with high hopes of greater achievements. The Marines, as well as the Navy, will play an important part in making this station one of the most important of its kind in the Pacific.

## WHO'S WHO

In addition to the usual departments and divisions applicable to any Naval Air Station, Iwakuni is the home of the Commander Fleet Air Wing SIX and the permanent headquarters of Fleet Air Service Squadron 120. Also aboard for temporary stretches of duty are land-based and seaplane patrol squadrons and a detachment of the Seabees' Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 101.

The Naval Air Station group itself is composed of nine departments: Administration, Communications, Operations, Supply, Security, Medical, Dental, Public Works and Industrial Relations.

The ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT includes the Administration Division itself, Personnel, Education, Public Information, Legal, the clubs and BOQ, Special Services and the Master-at-Arms Force. The department is charged with the organization, preparation and control of reports, correspondence, files, records and intelligence. It also performs such other functions as personnel utilization and personnel welfare in areas of assignment, berthing, education and recreation.

COMMUNICATIONS, sometimes dubbed "the Voice of Command," serves the station by handling classified and unclassified messages, provides telephone service, maintains ground electronics material and operates the station postoffice.

The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, through the use of appropriated funds, performs many functions which include the building and maintenance of all structures on the station, construction of all roads, grounds, aircraft landing and parking facilities, and the assignment and maintenance of vehicles in the transportation division.

Included in the department are the typewriter repair section, electric shop, plumbing, carpenter, paint and sheet metal shops; dependent housing supply, the refrigeration, welding and machine shops, utilities and sanitation section, property control and engineering and designing section.

The MEDICAL DEPARTMENT in the U.S. Naval Infirmary provides a daily sick call from 0800—0900 for all Navy and Marine personnel and In-patient hospitalization for all military and dependent personnel when needed. Sick call for dependents is held twice weekly at 1300 on Mondays and Thursdays. Physical exams are also provided upon request; personnel desiring examinations should make appointments by phone (Ext. 566) at least ten days prior to examination. Emergency treatment is available at all times.

The DENTAL DEPARTMENT provides complete dental care and treatment for all station military personnel and emergency care for their dependents. Military sick calls are held daily from 0800—0815 and dependents' sick call is from 1300—1315 each Friday. Emergencies are treated promptly at all times. Examinations for appointments must be made during sick call hours; additional information may be obtained by phoning Ext. 618 and 503.

The OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT is composed of six divisions which perform the following functions:

(1) AEROLOGY provides weather information and other closely related services for naval operating forces in the area.

(2) BOAT Division maintains and operates all types of personnel, rescue and utility craft and operates the seadrome.

(3) ORDNANCE provides, stores and issues aviation munitions in support of fleet units and maintains an approved list of Special Mobile Ordnance equipment.

(4) The PHOTO section operates and maintains a photographic laboratory which provides photo and processing services as needed for both local and fleet units.

(5) FLIGHT Division provides an air traffic control branch to control air traffic; enforces air traffic and aviation safety rules, maintains an aviation training branch and the records and data

concerned with attached personnel and schedules assigned aircraft.

(6) MAINTENANCE Division performs repair and maintenance functions on aircraft assigned permanently to the station.

The SUPPLY DEPARTMENT on board provides secondary supply and storage support for aviation fleet units as well as furnishing logistics support for activities permanently assigned locally. It handles both aviation and general stores and maintains the Clothing & Small Stores Division, Disbursing Office, Commissary Division, Commissary Store and Navy Exchange.

The SECURITY DEPARTMENT is mainly charged with the function of such services which tend to preserve the peace and protect the rights of persons and property. The Department includes the Police, Fire and Shore Patrol Divisions which, in turn, provide such specific branches and offices as the Investigation Branch, Interior Branch, Perimeter Branch, Pass & Registration Office and Armory Branch.

The INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT administers the station indigenous civilian personnel program; administers the station Department of the Navy civilian program; and insures prompt reimbursement of the Japanese government for expenses incurred in the administration of the Master Labor Contract in the Iwakuni area.

Turning briefly to the other commands on the station we find FLEET AIR WING SIX whose mission is to conduct Naval air operations, including anti-submarine warfare, search & reconnaissance, aerial mining, rescue and other operations as may be assigned by higher authority. The Wing, acting as a watchful sentinel over the Far East, engages in direct support of United Nations' activities in Korea, Japan and adjacent areas.

The Commander Fleet Air Wing Six, permanently based at Iwakuni, has administrative and operational control of the patrol squadrons and tenders assigned to the station and operational control of the service squadrons and United Nations' units when operating.

FLEET AIR SERVICE SQUADRON 120 also is permanently assigned aboard for support of fleet aircraft. This group provides specialized maintenance and shop facilities, receipts and prepares carrier-type aircraft for transfer, stocks salvage materials on a ready-issue basis, coordinates logistics matters and supervises the fleet section of the NAS enlisted barracks.

Shortly after the Navy assumed command of the station in October of 1954 components of the First Marine Aircraft Wing began arriving from Itami Air Force Base to take up residence locally. Included in the group were Marine Aircraft Repair Squadron 17, Marine Air Base Squadron 17, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 17, Marine Transport Squadron 253 and Marine Transport Squadron 152.

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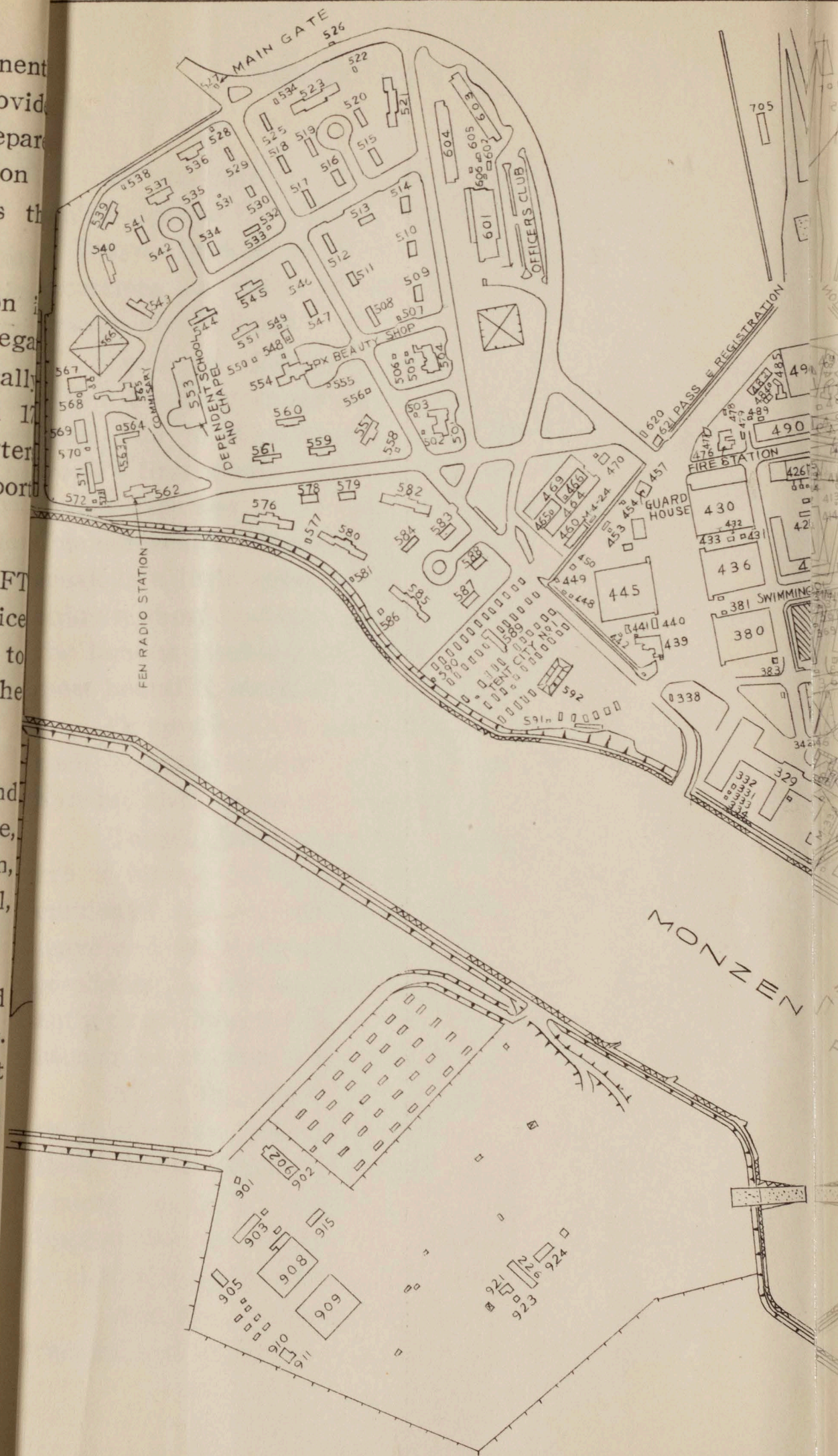
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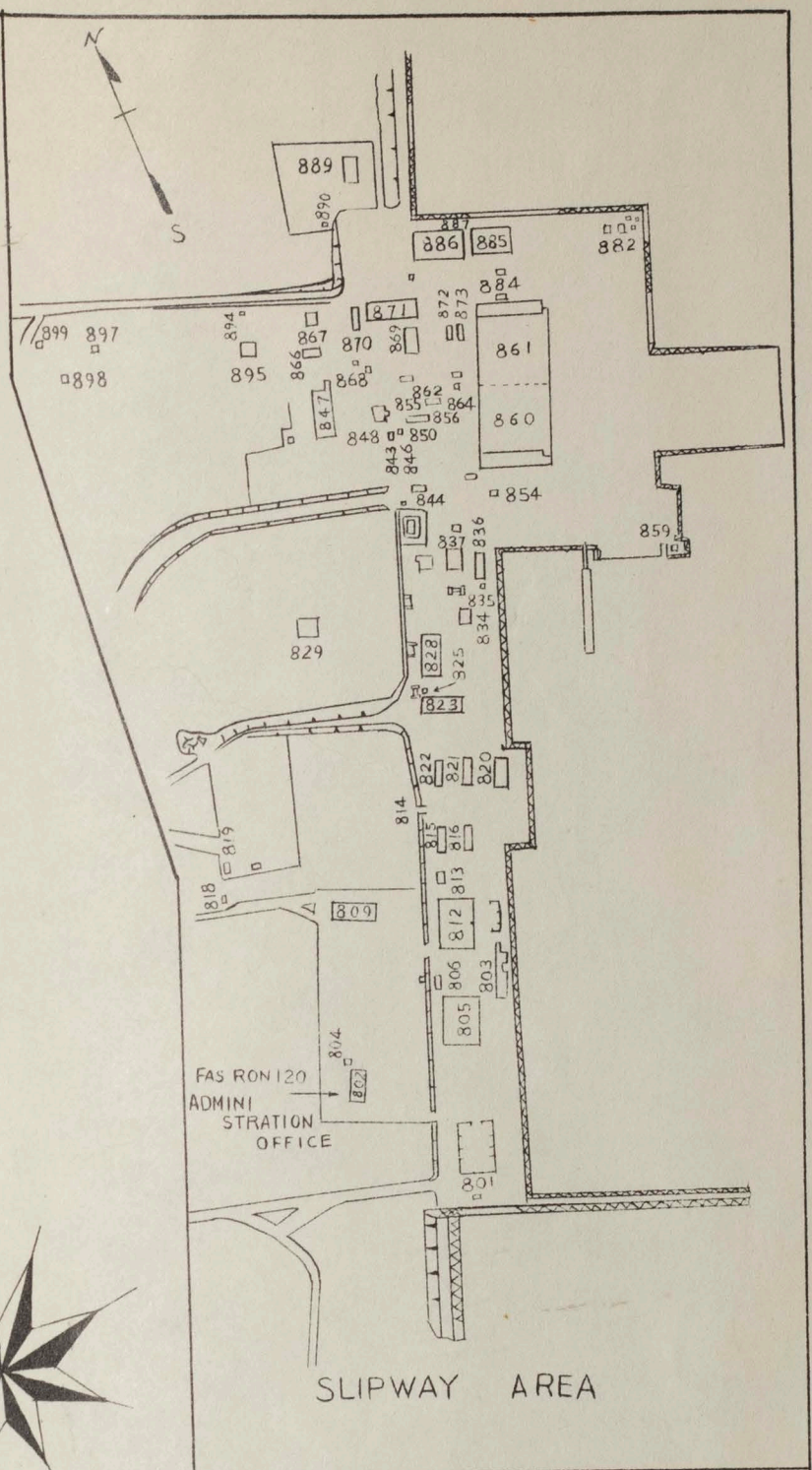
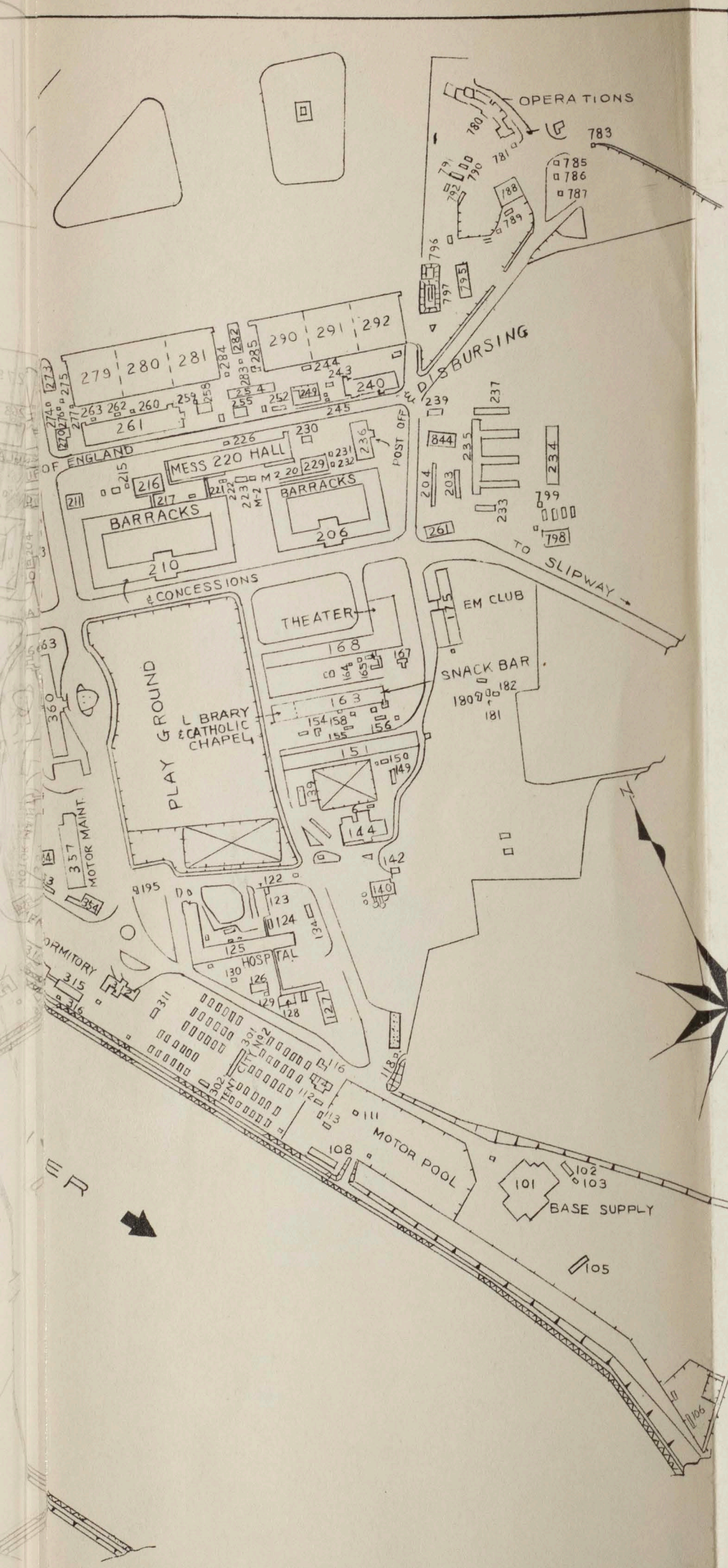
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## GEOGRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

If you like to travel or are photographically inclined, then you've come to the right place. Located some 400 air miles southwest of Tokyo, Iwakuni is ideally located for leave travel and weekend excursions on three of the four major Japanese Islands: Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku.

Some of Japan's finest scenery and vacation country lies within the easy range of Iwakuni personnel. A one-hour train ride takes you to Hiroshima, historically interesting as the site of the world's first atomic blast; two hours by train will land you in Kure, former Japanese naval base and present headquarters of the British Commonwealth Forces in Japan; or if you're a sailor who likes to sneak in a little extra sea-duty while travelling, then perhaps you'd enjoy a short boat-trip across from the mainland to Miyajima, site of the famous Itsukushima Shrine Torii, considered one of the three most beautiful landmarks in Japan.

Or maybe you'd prefer a longer voyage such as the one offered each evening on the overnight boat run to Beppu on Northern Kyushu, site of one of Nippon's most frequented hot-spring spas.

Tokyo, Yokohama, Nikko and other renowned places of interest are a bit too far from Iwakuni to be reached by the weekend excursionist but provide excellent possibilities to local personnel on leave and are easily accessible by rail or air. Another outstanding possibility is the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong which is an authorized liberty port to U. S. military personnel and which may usually be reached through military ship or flight transportation.

All of the above suggestions are worthwhile and are available to the person willing to take just a little time and effort to see them. Quite often the cost of transportation and hotel lodging is almost negligible, and in many spots throughout Japan the Army's Special Service section has provided excellent hotels which are available to both officers and enlisted men.

And don't forget to take along that new American or Japanese camera; you'll find that it will see plenty of action!

## AFTER-HOURS ACTIVITIES

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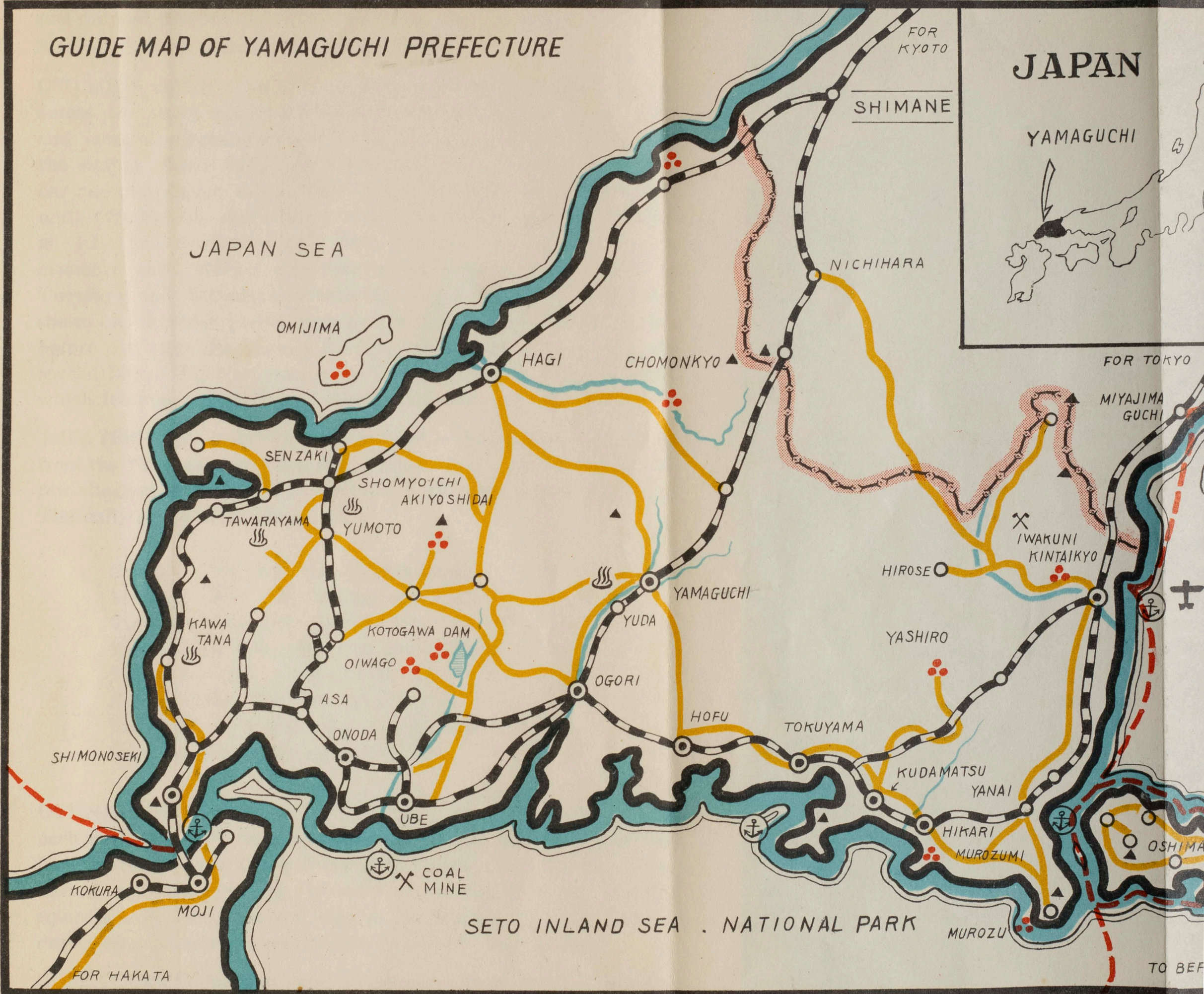
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**ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB:** The EM Club is located in Bldg. 175, directly across the street from the Station Theater, and is open to men in the lower four pay grades. Bar and restaurant are open seven days a week. Restaurant is open weekdays from 0830—2230 and on weekends and holidays from 0830—2300; bar operates from 1630—2230 during the week and from 1300—2300 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Weekly entertainment features include a combo band on Monday nights, Tuesday night Bingo, a dance band each Wednesday, Hillbilly Jamboree nights on Thursdays and Saturdays, Friday night floor show entertainment and afternoon and evening dancing each Sunday.

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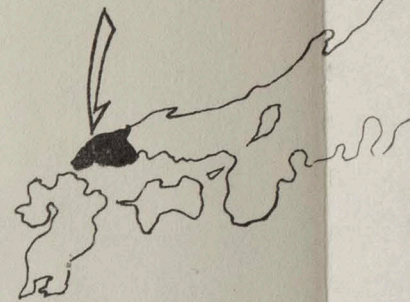
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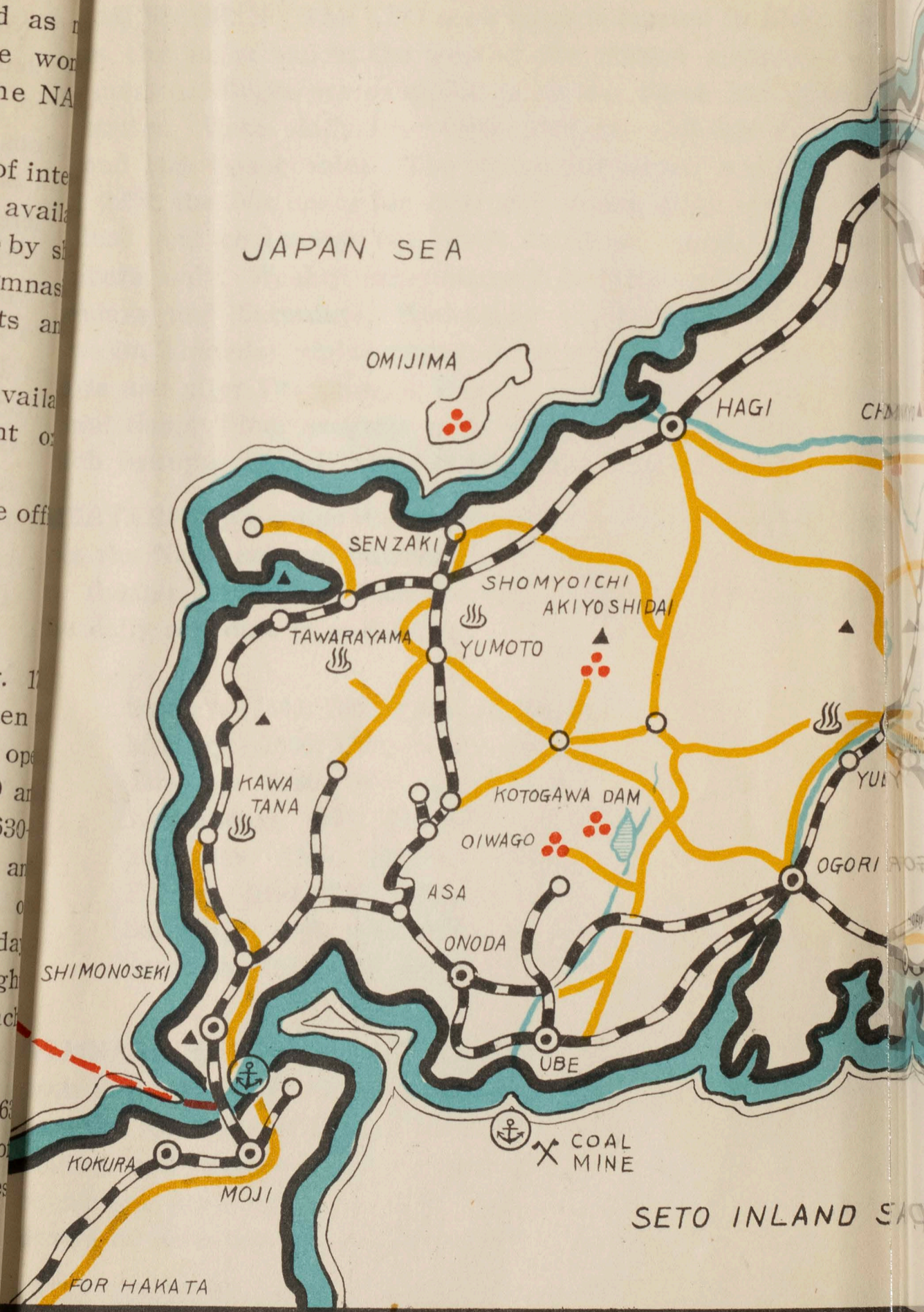
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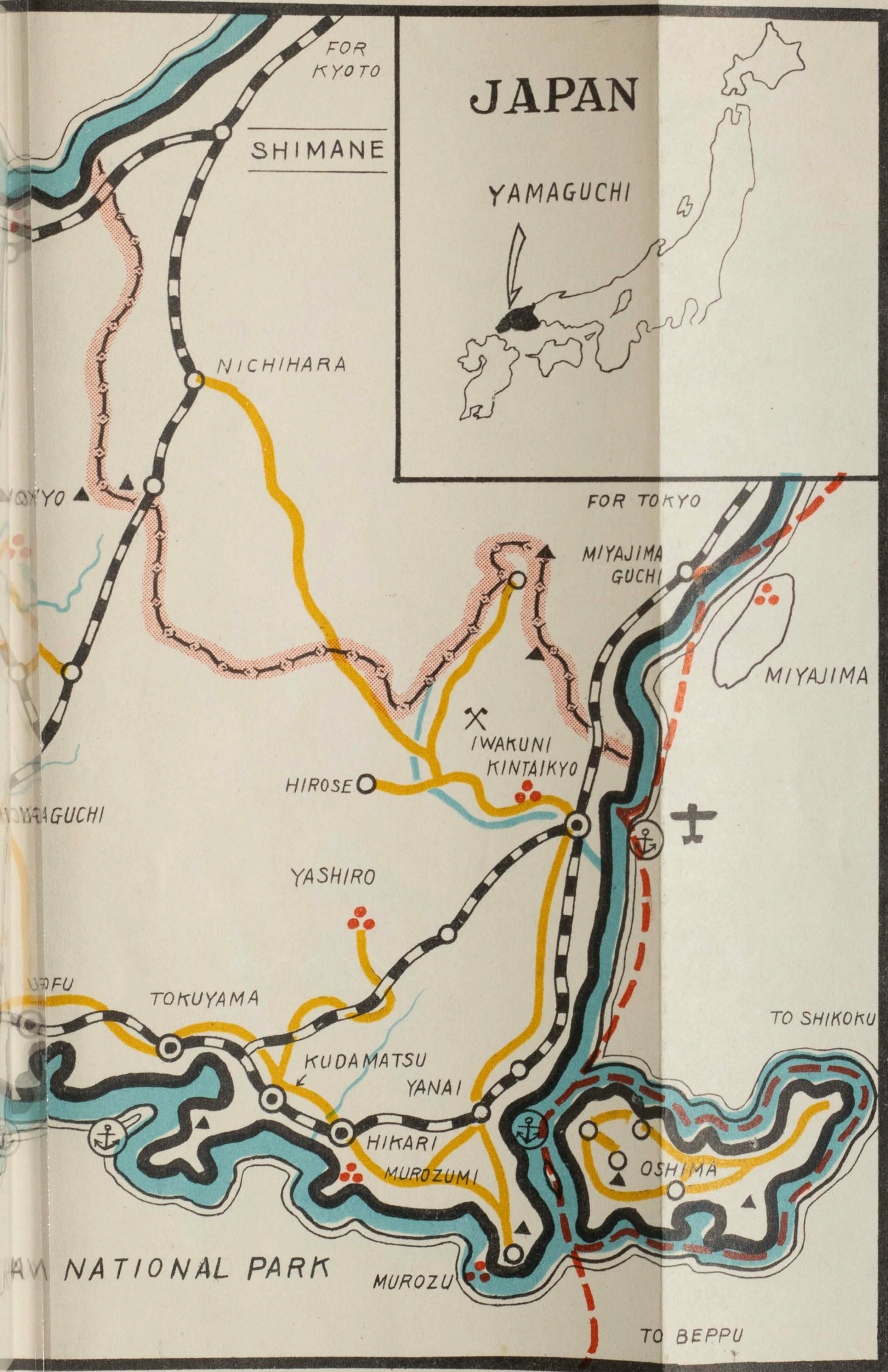
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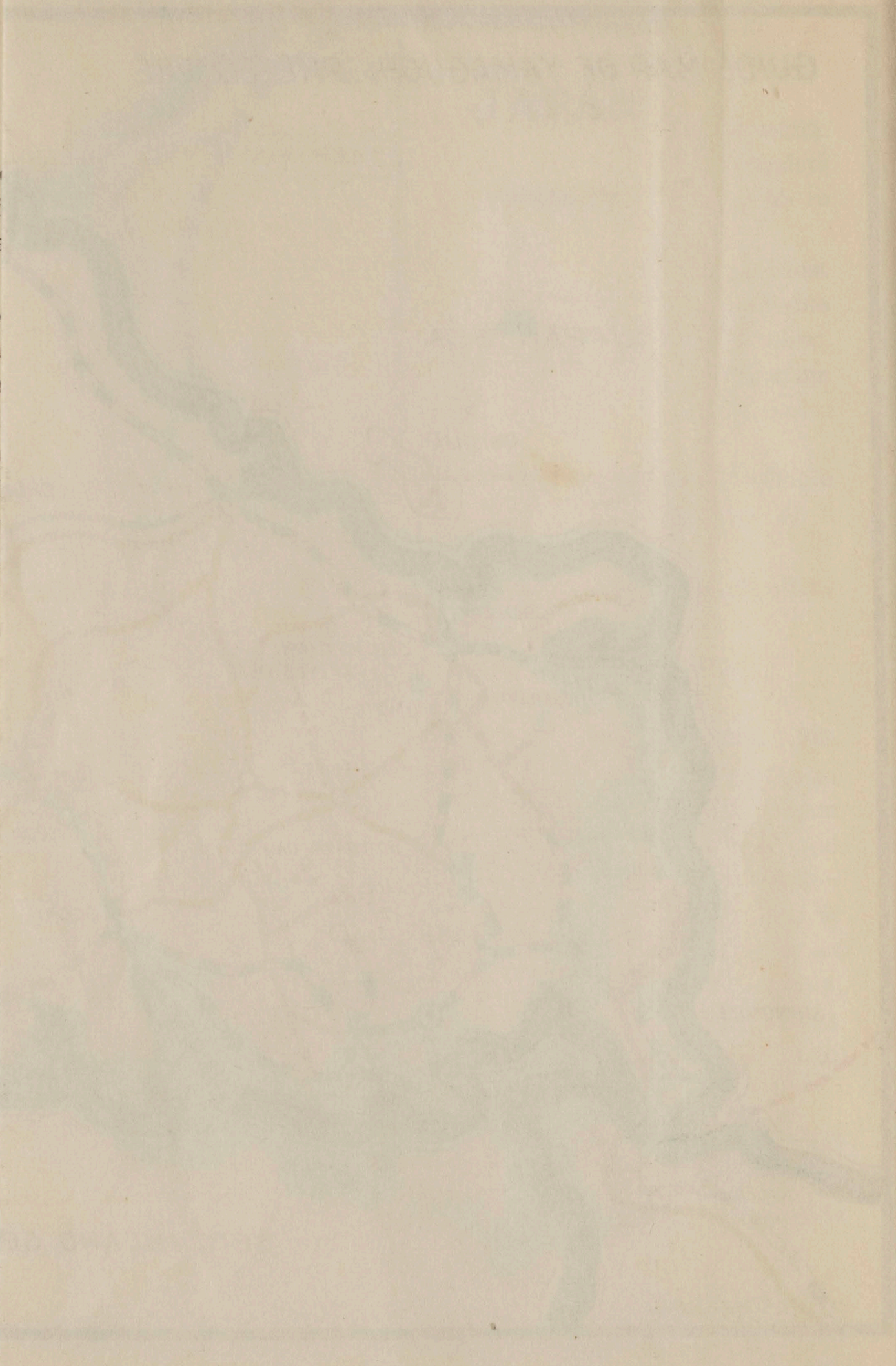
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and railroad supplies and other hobbycraft items for sale. Open daily Monday through Saturday from 0900—2030.

**CPO MESS OPEN:** The CPO open mess is located in Bldg. 439 just across the street and to the west of the station gymnasium. Club and mess privileges are extended to all top three pay graders on the station. Open daily from 0800—2300, the club has a restaurant, bar and bulk liquor sales. The restaurant serves meals from 0800 until 2230; the bar opens for beer and mixed drink sales beginning at 1630 and continuing until 2300. Packaged goods are sold to members only. Weekly entertainment includes a combo band on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Wednesday night Bingo at 2000, floor shows on Thursday nights beginning at 2000 with a dance orchestra before and after the show, a Western band every Friday and the special Happy Hour program each Sunday between 1900 and 2000 which features Special Priced drinks. Mondays are open.

**THEATER:** The station theater is located in Bldg. 168, directly across from the Navy enlisted barracks in Block Seven. It is one of the few theaters in the Far East showing a different feature each day. The daily schedule is as follows:

Sunday: 1400, 1600, 1800 and 2000 hrs.  
Monday: 1500, 1700, 1900 and 2100 hrs.  
Tuesday: 1700, 1900 and 2100 hrs.  
Wednesday: 1500, 1700, 1900 and 2100 hrs.  
Thursday: 1700, 1900 and 2100 hrs.  
Friday: 1500, 1700, 1900 and 2100 hrs.  
Saturday: 1400, 1600, 1800 and 2000 hrs.  
Saturday Kiddie Matinee: 1000 hrs.

**GYMNASIUM:** Located in Bldg. 380 the station gymnasium is open each day from 0800—2100. Athletically inclined personnel will find facilities for basketball, squash, handball, tennis, volleyball, badminton, boxing and weight-lifting. Tennis rackets, footballs and softball equipment are available for issue at the gymnasium and may be drawn on a temporary custody basis while the gym is open.

**GOLF COURSE:** Situated along the western edge of the flight line and parking aprons is Iwakuni's nine-hole golf course which is open

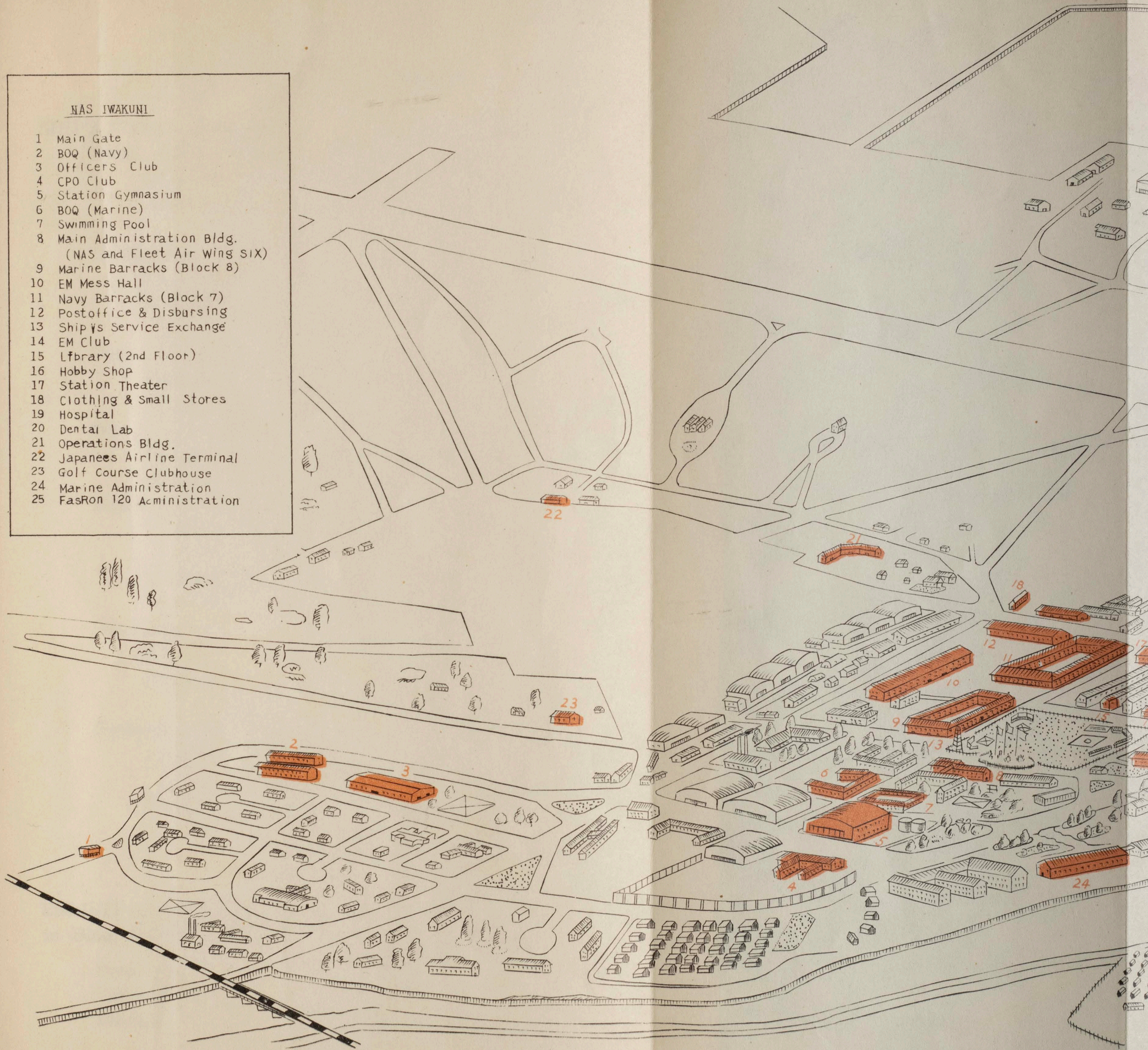
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SWIMMING POOL: The station swimming pool is located across the street from the station gymnasium on the west and the Marine BOQ on the north. It will be open from 0900 until 2100 daily beginning ~~May~~ 15 and closing September 15.

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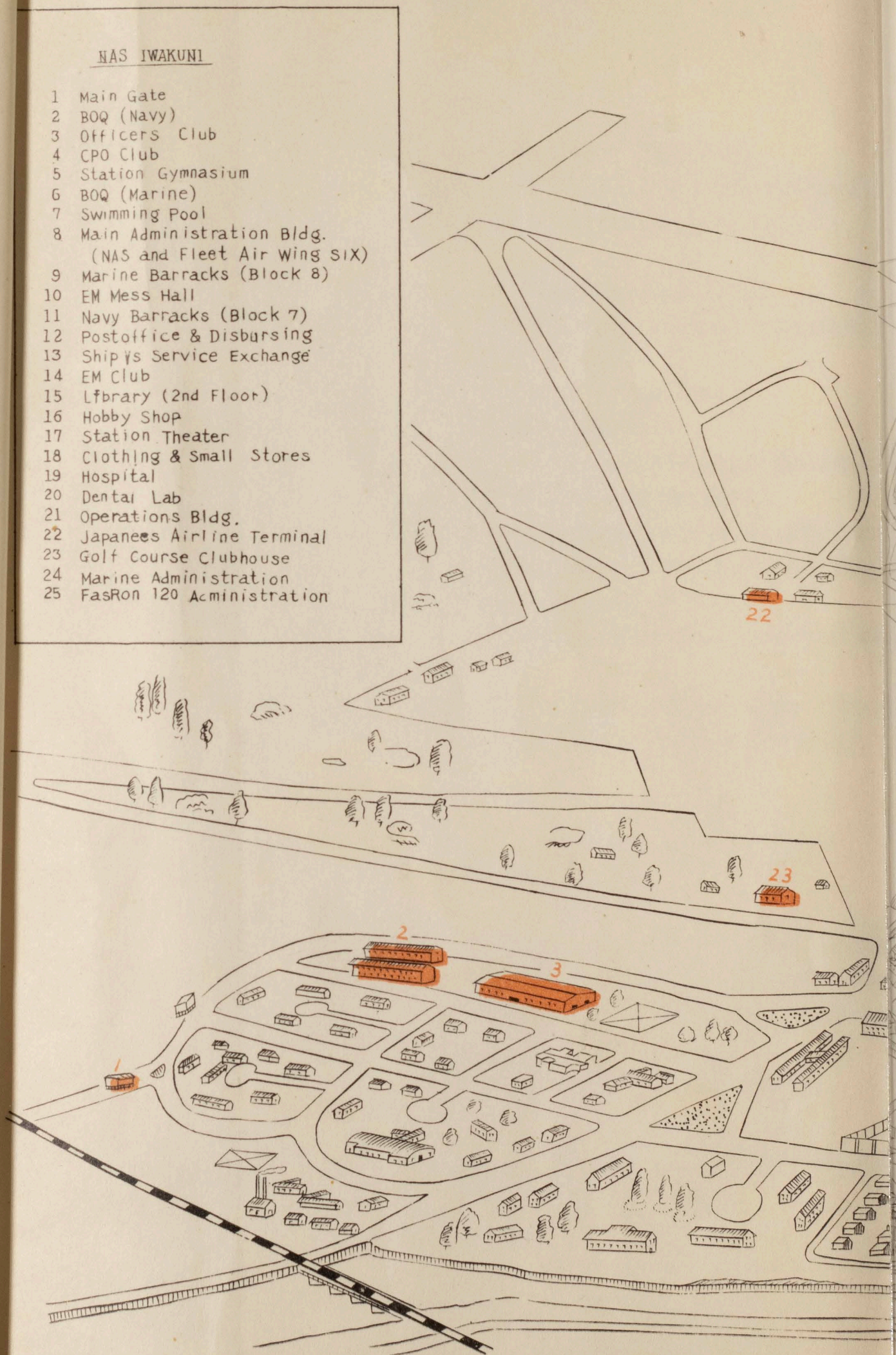
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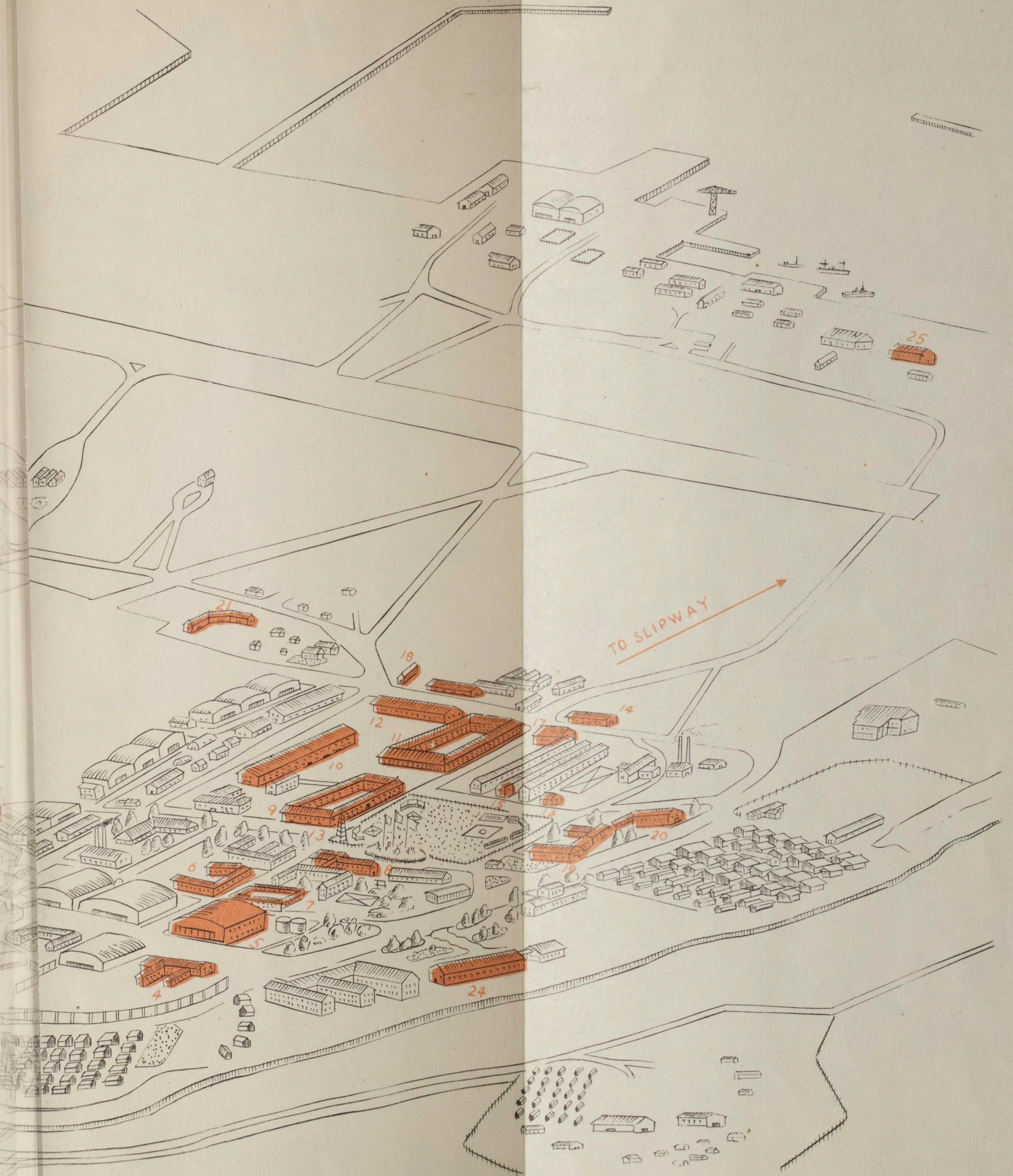
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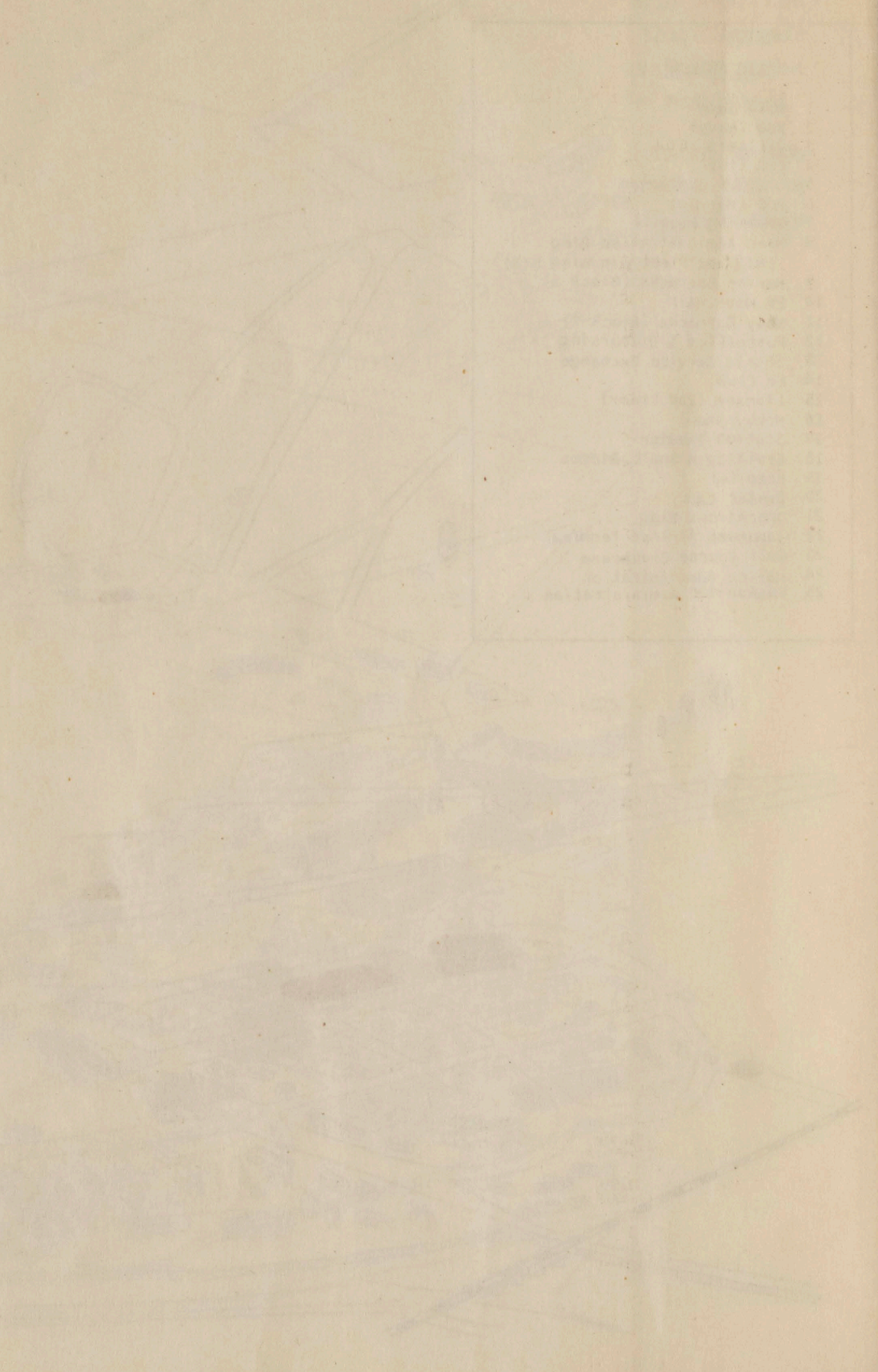
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## SCHEDULE LOG

### SHIP'S STORE FACILITIES:

#### Retail Service Store:

Location: SW corner of Bldg. 210, first floor.

Business Hours: 0900—1700 Monday through Saturday.  
0930—1800 on Marine paydays.

#### Barber Shop:

Location: West wing of Bldg. 210, first floor.

Business Hours: 1000—1800 Monday through Saturday.  
1000—1900 Thursday.

#### Tailor, Photo, Engraving and Watch Repair Shop:

Location: Next to the Barber Shop.

Business Hours: 0830—1730 Monday through Saturday.

#### Wrapping, Miscellaneous Service and Shoe Repair:

Location: Same floor next to Ship Service Retail Store

Business Hours: 0830—1730 Monday through Saturday

#### Commissary Store: Only purchasers with passes.

Location: Bldg. 565, across the street from the Dependent School.

Business Hours: 0930—1700 Monday through Saturday.  
0930—1400 Wednesday and Saturday.

#### Snack Bar:

Location: Bldg. 163.

Business Hours: 0745—2300 Daily except Holidays.  
0745—1530 Holidays.

#### Gasoline Station:

Location: Gasoline pump is adjacent to Bldg. 555, directly behind Australian PX and station beauty shop.

Business Hours: 0900—1200, 1300—1630 Monday through Friday.  
0900—1200, 1300—1400 Saturdays.

ENLISTED MEN'S GENERAL MESS: The EM dining hall is located in Bldg. 220 and operates on the following schedule:

Breakfast:	0545—0745
Early Dinner:	1030—1100
Dinner:	1100—1300

Early Supper:	1545—1615
Supper:	1630—1800
Late Supper:	1815—1900
Sunday Brunch:	0615—1130

**CLOTHING AND SMALL STORES:** Located in Bldg. 844 on G-Avenue, just around the corner from Block Seven. Business hours are from 0830—1200 Monday through Friday and from 0830—1500 on Navy paydays.

**LAUNDRIES:** Station laundries are owned by the Japanese and operated on a concessionaire basis as a branch of the Ship's Store Exchange. Their location and business hours are as follows:

Rose Laundry—Located in Block Seven (Bldg. 206); hours are from 0800 until 1700 Monday through Saturday.

White Cross Laundry—Located in Block Eight (Bldg. 210); open weekdays from 0800—1800, Thursday evenings until 2100 and Sunday afternoons from 1200—1630.

Iwakuni Laundry & Dry Cleaning—Pick up and delivery service is offered dependent housing by phoning 466.

**MILITARY AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS:** Two "ham" radio stations are located on the station for the benefit of personnel wishing to send messages or phone friends or relatives in the U.S. Both stations (Navy and Marine) are open 24 hours daily and "ham" messages may be delivered or phoned in at any time. Contacts are made with amateur stations on the West Coast of the U.S. each day and phone calls may be placed through the stations to various other points in the U.S. Persons making calls in this fashion pay only charges (reversed) from the West Coast to the point of call. The latest schedules of overseas radio contacts may be obtained by phoning either 372 or 322.

The Navy ham station is located in Bldg. 102 in the southeast corner of the base, next to the main supply building. The Marine station is situated along the west edge of the flight line and the golf course in a small frame building.

POSTOFFICE: Located in Bldg. 236, directly behind Block Seven.

Business hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday — 0800—1600.

Saturday — 0800—1130.

Sundays and Holidays — Closed.

Money Orders:

Monday through Friday — 0800—1100, 1200—1430.

Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays — Closed.

Registry:

Monday through Friday — 0800—1100, 1200—1600.

Saturday — 0800—1130.

AMERICAN RED CROSS: Location — Bldg. 210. Represented by a local ARC Field Director. Office Hours are from 0800—1200 and 1300—1700 Monday through Friday and from 0800—1200 Saturdays. The phone number during working hours is 478; at night ARC Personnel may be reached by by phoning the NAS Duty Office at 353.

DISBURSING OFFICE: Located in Bldg. 236 next door to the postoffice. Regular paydays are posted on the Station Plan of the Day. Special pay is from 0815—1100 Monday through Saturday; government checks can be cashed during regular working hours.

Yen sales: 0815—1130, 1230—1430 Monday through Friday.

0815—1100 Saturday

TRANSPORTATION: Station busses follow two routes, the Red Route & the Blue Route, which run continuously from 0630 to 2400 hours.

Both routes begin at the Main Gate and pass through the dependent housing area before circling the office, hangar and barracks area. The Blue Bus also covers the Slipway and returns.

Transportation is also available to and from work on the station to personnel living off-base in the Kurihara and Trailer City sections, with busses leaving Kurihara at 0730 each morning and returning from the NAS at 1150, 1435, 1535 and 1645 each afternoon.

Additional runs are scheduled for children attending the Dependents' School on the station.

Bus transportation is also available to the downtown Iwakuni area each evening beginning at 1755 and continuing each hour at five minutes until the hour from Bldg. 206 (Block Eight). Returning busses leave the Railway Transportation Office each hour on the half hour beginning at 1830 and continuing until 2330.

## DIVINE SERVICES

Jewish: Location — Protestant Chapel (Dependent School Bldg. 553) 1900 Friday.

Catholic: Location — Bldg. 163, first floor.

Sunday — 0700 0900 1100

Daily Mass — 1200

Saturday — Confessions: 1830—1930.

Daily Rosary — 1150

Protestant: Location — Bldg. 553

Sunday — Sunday School 0930

Morning Worship 1100

United Fellowship of Protestants 1900

Tuesday — Mission prayer meeting 1900

Wednesday — Bible Class 1900

Thursday — Choir Rehearsal 1830

Church of Christ: Location — Protestant Chapel (Rm. 1)

Sunday — 0830 Communion and Bible Study

1800 Evening Worship

Thursday — Evening Bible Study 1900

Latter Day Saints: Location — Protestant Chapel (Rm. 6)  
Sunday — 0800 Sunday School

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' OPEN MESS: Located in Bldg. 601  
and open daily from 0600—2400. Meal hours are as follows:

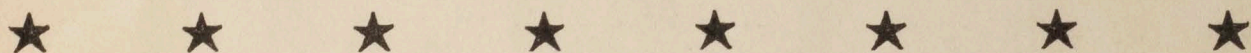
Breakfast: 0600—0800	Ala Carte
Lunch: 1100—1300	Sunday through Friday: 0600—2230
Dinner: 1630—1830	Saturday: 0600—2330

Club dress regulations:

Military Wear — The uniform will conform with the plan of  
the day. Blouses will always be worn after  
1800 hours.

Civilian Wear — Sports shirts, buttoned at the collar, with a  
coat, or a dress shirt with tie and coat.

Beer and soft drinks are sold at the bar until 1600; after 1600  
mixed drinks are served at the bar and in the Cocktail Lounge. Yen  
sales and packaged liquor sales are available. Entertainment features  
change monthly and are posted on the club bulletin board.



In conclusion, it is our sincere hope that your tour at NAS  
Iwakuni will be a happy and rewarding one.

Just keep one thing in mind: THE OCCUPATION PERIOD IS  
OVER; AMERICANS AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS SECURITY  
FORCE PERSONNEL NOW STATIONED IN JAPAN ARE NOW  
HERE AS GUESTS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. CONDUCT  
YOURSELF SO THAT YOUR UNIFORM WILL ALWAYS BE A  
SYMBOL OF RESPECT AND HONOR.

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