



Defense Prisoner of War / Missing Personnel Office



*Archival Research
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Archival Sources



- Personnel Records
- Field Records
- Graves Registration Records





Military Personnel File



- Assignments and Duty Stations
- Awards and Decorations
- Military Schools and Special Qualifications



Individual Deceased Personnel File



- Loss Incident Details
- Search Efforts
- Medical Information



Records from the Field



- Unique sources
- Amount of data varies
- Research material differs with branch of Service



Army Records



- Command Reports
- After Action Reports
- Diaries, Journals, Logs
- Morning Reports





Air Force Records



- Field Search Cases
- Search & Rescue Reports
- Command Reports
- Unit Histories





Navy Records



- Ship's Logs
- Casualty Assistance Branch Records
- Aircraft Accident Reports



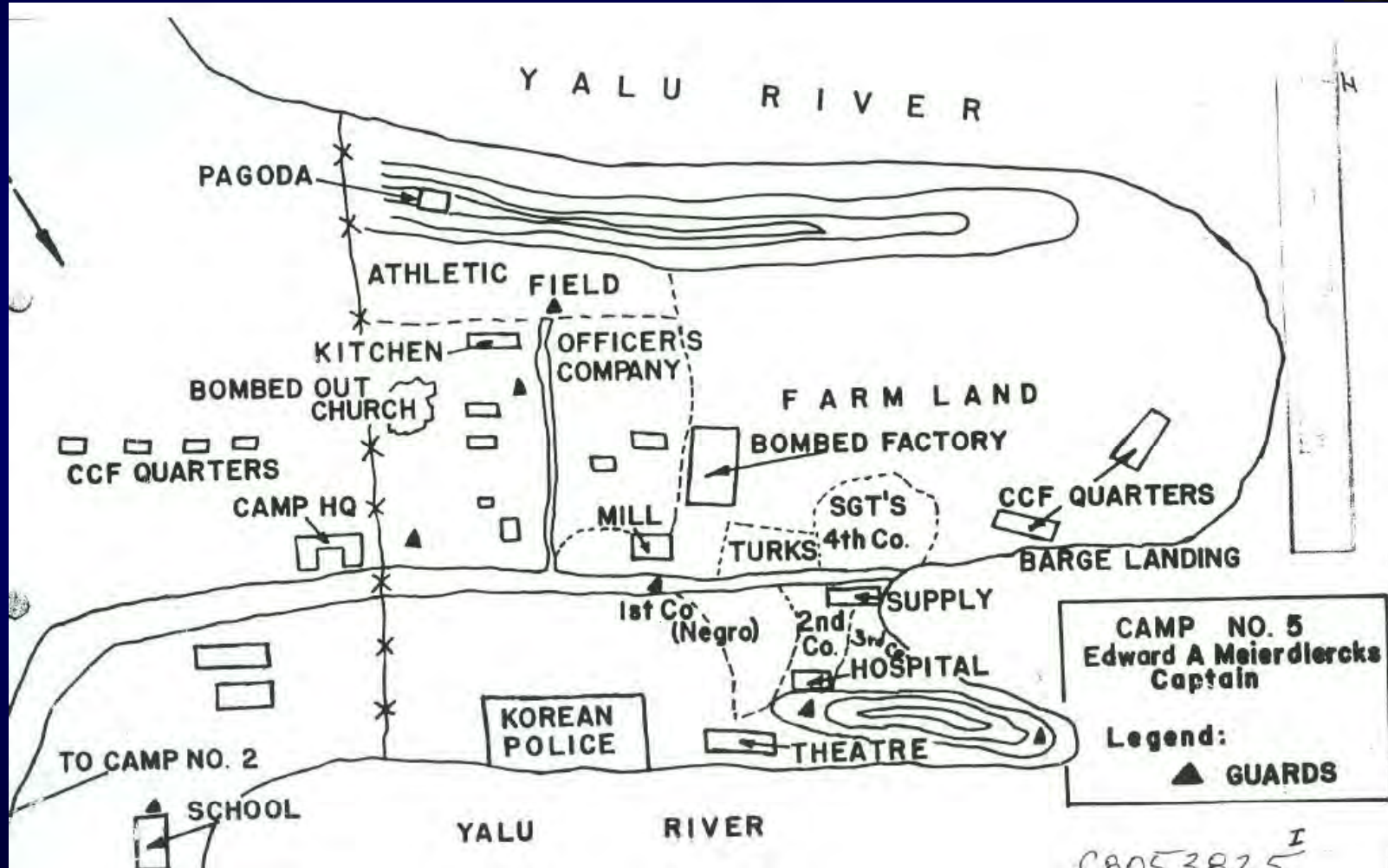
Marine Corps Records



- Operational Records
- Post-combat Interviews
- Unit Diaries



Former POW Reports





Graves Registration Records



- Unknown "X" Files
- Mortuary Records
- Field Search Cases



Foreign Archives



- UN Forces
- Enemy Forces
- Third Parties





POW Research Sources



- Oral History Program with former U.S. POWs:
 - Over 700 interviews to date.

- National Archives College

- Park, Maryland): 

- POW studies
Record Group 59
- War crimes case files
Record Group 153
- U.S. Army Graves
Registration Services'
records,
"Operation Glory"
Record Group 92



- National Personnel Records Center (St. Louis, Missouri)



Battlefield & Air Losses **Research Sources**



- National Archives NARA II:
 - War diaries – Record Group 407
 - Wartime Imagery – North Korea
- U.S. Army Center of Military History/US Forces Korea History Office:
 - Unit after-action reports and studies
- JPAC – field search data – air and ground
- Library of Congress – veterans' oral histories
- Russian Ministry of Defense archives at Podolsk:
 - Retrieved by JCSD
- DPMO/JPAC interviews with U.S. veterans



Archive Challenges



- Number & Geographic Distribution of Records Repositories
- Volume and Quality of Material
- Poor or No Indexing
- Lost, Missing, Misfiled, Burnt or Destroyed Records



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