Japanese POW Camps in World War 2

Known camp locations where American and Allied prisoners were held

More than 200,000 American and Allied soldiers, sailors, and airmen were captured by the Japanese during World War Two. Almost 30% (over 60,000) of these POWs died in captivity.

The Japanese used POWs on many labor projects scattered throughout captured territories in Asia. Some POW camps were small - with just enough prisoners for the project at hand. POWs were used as slave labor in mines, factories, and other work projects.

12 American POWs were killed in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and 8 British POWs were killed at Nagasaki. These POWs were working as slave laborers in those cities.

Entire camps of POWs were massacred by the Japanese near the end of World War Two. It also became common practice toward the end of the war for the Japanese to immediately execute any allied soldier who was captured.

Camp locations are from a U.S. War Department map released at the end of 1945.