

Turkish Captain Fevzi Gurgen's Memoirs in Communist North Korea Prison Camp.

I was liaison officer in our Turkish 2nd Infantry Battalion for US 2nd Division.

In Chongchon battle at Nov 28, 1950. I was surrounded by Chinese and I was wounded from my chest. Chinese got me prisoner. I was walked fifteen days in night. We ate millet, crashed boiled corn, seed of broom.

In walking way, heavy wounded 2nd Lt Naci GOKCE had died. We were sleeping at a room with 40-50 prisoner.

In prison camp, we were, Turkish personel:

Cap. Hamit YUKSEL

Cap. Ihsan SERIN

2nd Lt Fevzi GURGEN

2nd Lt Ali BUYUKKIRICCI

2nd Lt Ismail OKNAZ

Warrant Officer Yakup SERDAR

Warrant Officer Ali OZKAS

In Prison camp, there were Americans, English, French, Greece and an Australian pilot. We were friendly cooperate with each other.

Chinese has chosen a cooker from us.

Chinese were taken us to government farm. We were taken to get wood for cutting.

Our soldiers were very loyalty to us . Cucumber was stolen by them and were given us.

There were Turkish origin Chinese soldiers is called Sincan Turks. They say us "NIDE TURKCE SALAMI" Are you Turk? For that reason they like us, they were giving us soybean, cheese and tobacco and putting them inside inside our pocket.

We were envelope the tobacco inside newspaper and smoked.

We were questioned by a Russian major who knows Turkish. Second questioner man was Chinese is called Kamred who worked Turkey long times.

Kamred liked from Turks and he was probably 45-50 years old.

They were questioned us in day times and put us different cells (blocks) at night times. They are given us a paper, if you write their will, you will earn a grilled pig. This method is called Pavlov method.

They were given us cotton dress and we didn't bath 33 months. Only we were bathed in the Yalu river summer times.

Our translater was educated in Istanbul-Turkey and finished high school. He insists us to collaborate with him and carry the news from us to him.

The goat was cut by Warrant Officer Ali OZKAS and 2nd Lt Kazım UN was a hero, he did a trap from a rope cotton and caught the chickens and we were eaten them.

Chinese were making communism propaganda at specific days. Chinese said me, you are translator. I was translating what they are said. But I am saying our soldiers. Don't believe them, they are lie.

My article was printed in Man magazine in 1956, it is called "Our boys so brave".

My close friend was major PAN. He was prisoned 2nd World War to Japan. He worked boxing, when we returned, I was 44 kg. Pan was 57 kg. He runs 100 meters at 12.4 second.

In officer camp, we were 200 personnel.

English personnel have been prisoned by all battalion from Racister Brigade.

When we hospitalize at morning, we were seeing an old man, we didn't know, he is a doctor or not. He was given us some pills.

Chinese women were liked the blue eyes and blond men. The camp commander's wife fell in love an American. She was feeding him privately.

There was a fat nurse who was looking at me lovely. She was giving some vitamin pills secretly inside my pocket. I was giving these vitamin pills to my friend major COPENSKI also. He was astonishing and saying me are you giving me only.

Our soldiers were resisting bad conditions and we were killing louse. When we found a pot, we boiled our dress. Our soldiers were giving the foods each other and every time divides between us.

Once upon times, Russians have brought the famous Communist to the camp. They were TAGLETTI and NEMNI from Italy and TORES from France and one communist writer from Turkey is called NAZIM HIKMET RAN.

Chinese interpreter introduced The Turkish communist to me. I said him if you are Turk help us. Because we were in bad conditions and hungry. He said, pass to COMMUNIST SIDE. Chinese will help you but Americans were bombing for that reason, Chinese didn't help you. I didn't believe him. He is saying lie and collaborating our enemy of Russians.

I have returned October 1953. I had a child and my wife was pregnant for other child. I kissed my country's ground.