

B29 crash and crew and burial of dead

It was around 10:00 p.m. on April 15, 1945. It is said that it was around the time when the old men, children, and women in the home front were breathing a sigh of relief after a long day of anxiety and a meager and poor dinner. A warning alarm sounded. I forced the sleeping children to wake them up, took them by the hands and hid in an air raid shelter. However, the situation was a little different from the usual air raid warning. It was that the sky and the surroundings on the ground were too quiet. After a while a loud voice was heard out of nowhere.

"Hey!! An enemy plane is burning in the sky and it's coming over here! Everyone, be careful!!" It has become This is because what appears to be an enemy aircraft is lighting up the ground as a gigantic fireball in the air. This gigantic fireball passed over Nishihara Village, then Kaefuchi Village, and finally passed over the forest of Hakusan Shrine at an altitude of 2,000 to 3,000 meters, like a sleepwalker. gone. The people watching were relieved! Everyone wondered what would happen to the houses and people if such a monster fell in the middle of the village.

But the relief was only momentary. The big fire monster, which once disappeared in the shadow of Hakusan Shrine's forest, makes a U-turn and creeps toward us like a devil again. People put their palms together. and closed his eyes. It's time. With a loud roar, this demonic fireball crashed, and this time it flashed a pillar of fire of several dozen meters. For that reason, the surrounding area is as bright as daytime. The fire continued until dawn. Then, from early in the morning, a large number of people gathered at the site of the crash, regardless of distance. The location was in the rice fields owned by Mr. Kurokawa near the current Obitsu Hospital. Large and small wreckage of the B29 scattered not only at the site, but also in villages, rice fields, and mountains several hundred meters

away. That should be it, there are tens of thousands of parts. A huge tail fell on the road in the center of Sueyoshi Village. He who often avoids houses and falls in the middle of the road is a thing. Because it was in the middle of a rice field and at night, there was absolutely no damage to people, livestock or houses. The corpses of several crew members had fallen on the ground, and some of them looked like women's shoes. It is said that all the crew members were lightly dressed with short sleeves and shorts. The cabin was heated and there was no need to wear the thick, bulky flight uniforms worn by Japanese aviators. One of the crew members jumped out with a parachute and landed on the mountain above the elementary school playground.

He crossed the narrow road near Izuna Shrine and hid in the barn of Minoru Tamura's house in the Sueyoshi village, relying on the firefly fire lights of houses.

Below is a recollection of Mr. Tamura.

"I forgot the date, but it was a cold morning. After eating, I casually entered the manure hut in front of the house, and heard a rustling sound inside. I was. Surprised, I went back to my house and started walking to inform the women of the house, and the soldier came with me. I want to say something, but I can't understand the language at all. In the meantime, the neighbors rushed over on the news of the family. A constable from the police station came and took him away, and he walked away without any resistance.

Now that I think about it, shorts? About four to five days had passed since the B29 crashed, and it is believed that he was keep warm on the compost due to hunger and cold. He was a petite aged twenty-two to three years old and did not carry a weapon. No one was violent about what happened in my garden, and now that I think about it, I wish I had given him food. "

The next day, the crews found near the site and in the elementary school yard were collected and buried in a slightly elevated place with a good view in the common forest of Tawarada Village above the school. A grave marker was erected, a simple fence was erected and flowers were laid. It was a dignity of the feelings of the

villagers who, despite being enemy soldiers, did not whip the dead. However, it seems that one or two of the murderous inhabitants tried to act out of the ordinary, but due to the common sense of the people and their self-control, they did not humiliate the dead. After the war, the remains were collected by the American military. It was said that the American military expressed their satisfaction with our village attitude.

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