

Pharmacy

Under the supervision of Pharmacy Director Tani, pharmacy staff who were on duty included pharmacists Mano, Taga, Kawamoto and Kaneko, assistant pharmacists Tanaka, Kikuno, Haraoka and Tanaka, staffs Matsuoka, Nonaka, Matsunaga, Inoguchi, Noguchi, Nishida, Yoshioka, Matsuda, and the then two mobilized students, Amamoto (Kobe Women's College of Pharmacy) and Mitome (Showa Women's College of Pharmacy.)

The situation at the time of the bombing

The Director of Pharmacy Tani, pharmacists Taga and Kawamoto were on leave, and escaped the disaster.

Matsuoka and Nonaka were in the administration office, Tanaka (Hikaru), assistant pharmacist Kikuno and Matsunaga, Mitome and Amamoto in the dispensing room, assistant pharmacists Mano, Kaneko and Tanaka (Megumi) in the pharmacy staff room, Inoguchi in the injection room, Noguchi and Matsuda in the formulation room, Nishida and Yoshioka were in the pharmacy when they were exposed to the atomic bomb.

Pharmacists Mano, Kaneko and assistant pharmacist Tanaka (Hikaru) were severely injured by glass shards.

Assistant pharmacist Tanaka (Megumi) and Amamoto died instantly, and their bodies were confirmed.

Inoguchi's body was not confirmed.

Matsuoka and Matsuda died in Mt. Anakobo after exposed by the atomic bombing.

Matsunaga is missing.

Nonaka was taken to the Irabayashi Relief Station on the 9th, and died at his relative's house in Kamikoshima on or around the 17th.

The staffs were injured by shards of glass but none suffered from burns.

Official position and name of the deceased

| Official position | Name |
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| Assistant pharmacist | Emiko Tanaka |
| Staff | Suna Matsuoka |
| Staff | Tomiko Nonaka |
| Staff | Chiyono Matsunaga |
| Staff | Inoguchi (name unknown) |
| Staff | Hikohichi Matsuda |
| Mobilized student | Takako Amamoto |

The events of the past

Shared by Mitsukiyo Tanaka

I was in the middle of the dispensary. Hearing the sound of an airplane flying by, I went close to the window, and said to Kikuno: "I can't see a shadow not shape, it must be a friendly plane." It was just after I left the window and came back where I was. I thought I saw a flash, and immediately there was a huge sound, and then something hit me on the head with a rattling sound. I thought that a bomb must have hit directly somewhere very close. When I realized, I found myself in a prone position without knowing it. I had been practicing the prone posture regularly so that I think I unintentionally lay down. In my hazy, dark field of vision, I could only make out a ray of light shining from under the dispensing table towards me. I recognized a ray of light. At that moment, I thought that I heard someone calling my name in the distance. Then it seemed like something was touching my waist, so I extended my hand. There was someone's hand. I turned around, and saw it was Kikuno. Only then did I realize that it was Kikuno who was calling my name. He had been shaking me, but since there had been no reaction until then, he seemed to have thought that I was dead. When I think back, I was temporary deaf. Kikuno said, "Let's get out of here quickly." I said: "Kikuno, wait a little longer, we are lying down facing this way towards the entrance, so come this way," and crawled. On the way, I went out the window with Kikuno, but as a direct bomb might have fallen nearby, we thought that bombs would be dropped one after another, and decided to escape to the second floor. Kikuno tried his best to find the stairs, but said, "I can not find it in any direction," and went out from the back of the building.

I had a frontal wound. At first I walked with Kikuno, but it was as if we were going along a shore or a field of pebbles on the riverbank, and there were stones everywhere. I stumbled there. We had decided to go to the mountain behind, but my condition could not follow Kikuno energetic steps. Then, when we finally reached the mountain path, Kikuno and I were separated.

I only wanted to get out as quickly as possible, and left the Pharmacy with Kikuno, so I did not know much about the others who remained inside the Pharmacy. As I parted ways with Kikuno, with whom we had shared escape till now, everyone had to take their own actions.

Tanaka-san was supposed to leave because she was going to get married and go to Saga, but her letter of resignation had not yet been given. She went to Saga once but was visiting the Pharmacy just that day. She was talking with Kaneko-san in the Pharmacy staff room on the second floor. Mano, who was also in the staff room to chat, was blown up as he was leaving the room, crushed against some kind of material of the corridor railing, and hit his waist severely. I heard that Tanaka-san's body was found near the stairs, but Kaneko-san lost herself, and wandered from place to place. Some people saw Kaneko-san wandering around in the dark, with everything covered in dust. I heard that Kaneko-san regained good health later, but she must have hit her

head, and did not know anything for a while. Mano later reached the mountain where he stayed unable to move for two or three days before his family came and took him home.

Both Amamoto-san and Mitome-san had come to the dispensing exercise as they wished, and Mitome seemed to be standing by the dispensing table near the reception desk and appears to have been considerably injured by shards of bottles. Most of the people in the Pharmacy, including but not limited to Mitome-san and others, did not seem to have been exposed to radiation but those who died were being trapped under objects or from being blown away and struck. An old man, Mr. Matsuda, was always adjusting the steam and was appeared to meet the disaster near the dispensary.

Haraoka-san, like Tani and others, seems to have taken leave, but I don't remember for sure anymore.

I thought I had climbed up to Anakobo quite quickly, but the area was already full of people. I thought everyone was fast on the run. I met Dr. Koyano at the foot of Anakobo. He had just ripped open his own operating gown with a knife, and was bandaging the wounded. I was very moved. I stayed with the doctor for a while, thinking that if I stayed with him, I might be able to find out some information. Since before a medical team was organized at the College. When Associate Professor Kido came up the mountain, I said to him, "What about the medical team?" Associate Professor asked: "You have no time for that. Where is your home?" When I replied "It is in Nishiyama," he said, "If it is so, you should quickly pass over this mountain and return home. My house is in Shiroyama, so I can't go home."

I did not go back over the mountain, but I stopped by Nishiyama then went back to my father, who had been evacuated to the countryside. I was fortunate that I left Urakami soon, which is highly radioactive, so I did not suffer from any symptoms later.

The events of that day

Shared by Isamu Kawamoto

I took leave and went back to my house at about 9:00 a.m. That was why I was not at the scene and was saved. So I don't know what happened in the Pharmacy at the time. Around three o'clock in the afternoon or so, I went back to the College. The College had completely changed, and when I went up the mountain, the only thing I learnt from Tanaka was that among the Pharmacy staffs, Kikuno-san and Kaneko-san escaped.

Mano had been hit in the waist and couldn't move, but I was not able to get detailed information. Tanaka-san had come all the way from Saga that day, and we were making fun of her, saying how glad we were that she found a good groom. She was killed in the bombing, so

she was a bride who just saw the face of the groom. She didn't have to come out all the way, but she did, which was a pity and unfortunate.

When I went to ruins of the Pharmacy, there were three dead bodies, but I didn't know who they were.

When I went to the mountain, Dr. Shirabe was there so I helped him responding to the after mass. The wounded who were dying one after the other were being treated by Dr. Shirabe and Dr. Kido, Ueno, a student from the Special Medical Vocational Department and another person were helping them. I helped them too in way ways, and one of which was disposing of the corpses. We were always responsible for carrying and burning corpses or digging holes. So we talked together about it and decided to let Dr. Shirabe carry the corpse once. When a Korean died, I said to Dr. Shirabe, "Let's not burn him this time, let's bury him in the ground." He replied, "Yes, it will take longer if we burn him, so let's do that." So I asked him, "We are digging a hole, please come and carry." He immediately said he would do so. At last he carried a corpse. Dr. Shirabe may have forgotten about such an event.

I helped them for two or three days afterwards, but I had diarrhea and stayed at home in bed for a long time, so I don't know what happened afterwards.

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