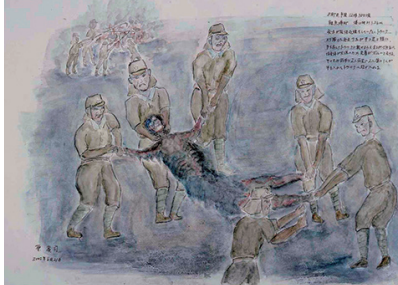


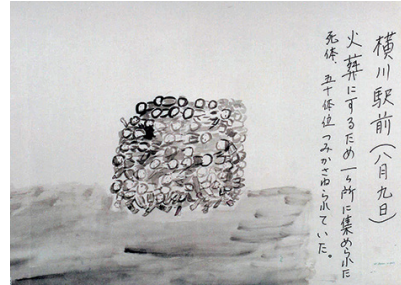
Cremating Bodies

The bodies continued to increase. Like lumber, they were carried, piled up, and burned with firewood and oil. Such scenes were seen around the city for many days.



A team of five hoisted corpses onto a truck.

①Hiroshi Hara ②13→70 ③8/7 ④Kokutaiji-machi 1-chome
Because their whole bodies were burned, their skin slipped off when they were picked up. It took five soldiers grasping the arms, legs, and head to hoist the body into the truck.



A mountain of corpses

①Yoshizo Tsukamoto ②36→66 ③8/9 ④in front of Yokogawa Station
Corpses were gathered for cremation. About 50 were in the pile.



Corpses blow bubbles from the mouth like crabs.

①Tokiko Kuwamoto ②41→70 ③8/9 ④Kako-machi
Soldiers, who had rushed from surrounding prefectures to help, piled up corpses and cremated them. It reeked an indescribable odor.



Cremating a pile of bodies collected from rivers by hooks

①Aiko Tsubonaka ②13→70 ③8/7 ④Hijiyama-hon-machi
The following day, on a side street of Hijiyama Hill. A hell-like scene.



Cremating bodies pulled out of the river

①Shunsuke Makino ②29→86 ③8/7~9 ④—
When heads rolled off the pile, we would scoop them up with shovels and toss them back on. In the foreground are lunchboxes into each of which a few ashes were placed.



Corpses were cremated one after another under a starry sky.

①Hiroe Ito ②31→61 ③8/8~ ④—
Holes were dug here and there in the city; burned steel beams were put in the bottom of the holes, on which corpses were piled up in heaps and were burned with oil. When I looked up at the sky, myriad stars of various sizes were twinkling as if nothing had happend. How can I describe the scene I saw and the emotion I felt.