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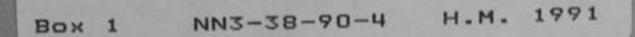
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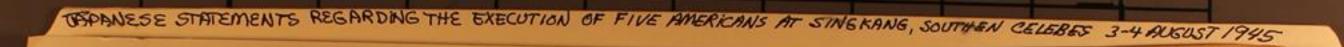
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Lieutenent Roy Del Gilbert, USNR-----executed by Japs on 3 October 1942, in Philipines.

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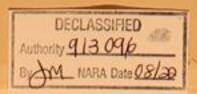
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With the signing of the surrender terms by the Japanese Government the Department of State is now in a position to give the American public information about the Department's activities in behalf of American prisoners of war and civilian internees held by the Japanese. During hostilities it was not possible to release much of this information because the Japanese Government was quick to construe official releases regarding conditions in camps in Japan and regarding Japanese atrocities as "atrocity campaigns". On several occasions officials of the Japanese Government informed the protecting Power representatives in Tokyo that "atrocity campaigns" by the American authorities made conditions unfavorable for concluding negotiations for the shipment of relief supplies to Americans held in the Far East or for concluding arrangements for the repatriation of Americans. Thus, before releasing information about the treatment of Americans by the Japanese it was always necessary for the American authorities to give consideration to the possible consequences of such releases upon negotiations pending with the Japanese Government for sending relief supplies to Americans in the Far East or for arranging for their exchange. The decisions as to whether or not to release official information about Japanese attrocities were made after consultation between the American military authorities, the State Department, and other interested Allied governments. The American public has of course been accuainted with conditions under which American prisoners of war were held by the Japanese by reason of the personal accounts which have been given by Americans who escaped from Japanese captivity.

From the outbreak of war until the capitulation of the Japanese the Department of State has striven to keep as well informed as possible concerning the conditions under which prisoners of war and civilian internees were held in the Far East. On the basis of this knowledge it has endeavored to better the conditions of their captivity. It has sought unceasingly to obtain Japanese consent for visits to all prisoner of war and civilian internee camps. It has repeatedly demanded that the names of all Americans held by the Japanese be reported promptly. It has supervised the spending of large sums of money to provide food and clothing for Americans held by the Japanese.



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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Investigation File re: Ensign Frank Woodrow C'FLAHERTY, A-V(N), 98693 and AMMLC Brune Peter GAIDO, 300 20 05 USN

TO:

Chief, Civil Affairs Division Washington 25, D. C. ATTENTION: War Crimes Branch

1. Herewith Investigation file on Case 2259 concerning the above-named persons. This is being forwarded in compliance with paragraph 2, 3d indorsement to letter, Navy Department to the Judge Advocate General, 13 March 1947.

2. Copy of reference communication is inclosed.

Major, Infantry Executive Officer

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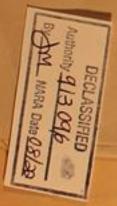
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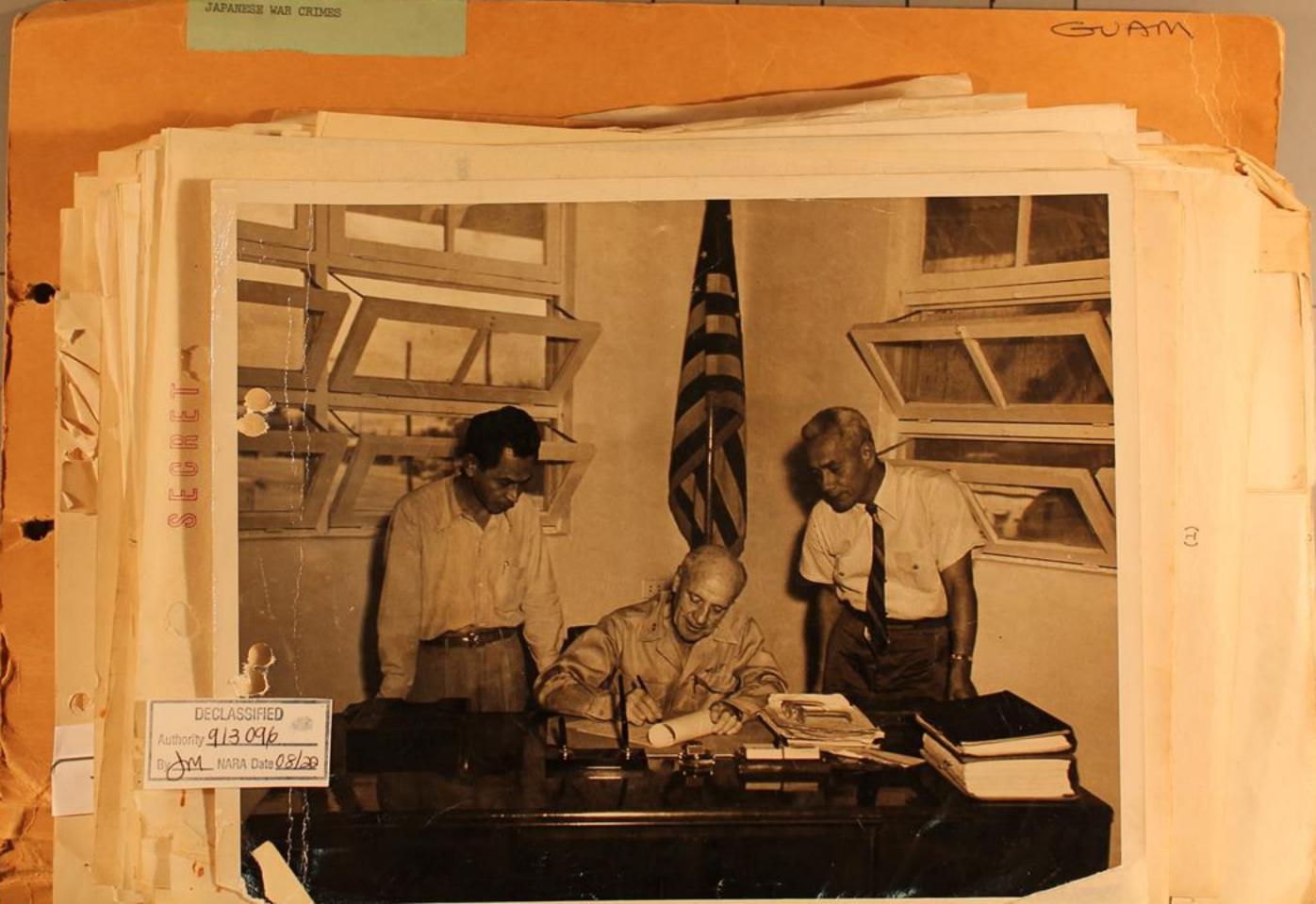
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Director, Navy Division, War Crimes Branch, GAD. Chief, Bureau of Naval Personnel (Pers 532a). Forwarded for information. 1.

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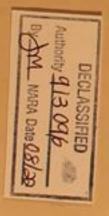
- From: Director, Navy Division, War Crimes Branch, CAD. To: Chief, Bureau of Naval Personnel (Pers-532a).
- Subj: Certificate of death, request for.
- Encl: (A) Copy of CINCFE Radio message Z 17172 to CSCAD-SC Department of the army dated 25 July 1948.

1. It is requested that this office be supplied with the certificate referred to in Enclosure (1).

2. The phase relating to Marine Personnel has been referred to the Marine Casualty Section.

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From: Director, Navy Division, War Crimes Branch, CAD. Chief, Bureau of Naval Personnel. To: Attn: Pers 5321.

Subj: Information Report (Lt. Vernon L. TEBO, 1512 East Gonzalez St., Pensacola, Florida; AOMlc Robert TUCGLE, Jr., Brownwood, Texas and ARMic Warren H. LOYD, 68-11 Burns St., Forest Hills, Long Island, New York).

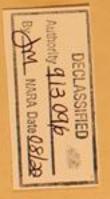
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(A) SCAP, Legal Section War Crimes Trial Status Report T-290, Otohiko INOUE et al, dtd 23 March 1948. (B) SCAP, Legal Section Informational Summary No. 241, dtd 17 March 1948.

Enclosures (A) and (B), which show the outcome of the trial of 1. forty-six Japanese, who were accused of participation in the illegal killing of subject American naval personnel while such personnel were prisoners of war, are forwarded for your information.

It is noted that of the forty-six accused, forty-one were sentenced 2. to death by hanging, one was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment, one was sentenced to five years imprisonment and two were, acquitted.

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Inclosure 2 to 1D Letter (AGAM-PN 000.5 (20 June 16) "DSCA") 21 June 1946

UNITED STATES FACIFIC FLEET COMMANDER MARIANAS

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Serial:

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To : The Commander, Marianas Area. To : The Chief of Naval Personnel.

Subject: Executions on Chichi Jima, Bonin Islands, report of.

Reference: (a) BuPers Dispatch 211440 dated 22 August 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).

1. In compliance with the request contained in reference (a), the following report is submitted:

(a) Aviation Radioman Second Class Lloyd Richard Woellhof, 628 65 11, USNR, was shot down over Ani Jima, Bonin Islands, on or about 4 July 1944, and was captured by the Japanese forces on the island on or about that date. He was delivered to the Japanese Army headquarters on Chichi Jima, Bonin Islands, where he was kept for about a month. On or about 5 August 1944, Woellhof was executed in the Kominato area on Chichi Jima, by being bayonetted and then beheaded. He was bayonetted by Sergeant Masayoshi Takano and Superior Private Matsutaro Kido, and then beheaded by Lieutenant Colonel Kikuji-Ito. His body was buried at the scene of execution. Woellhof's remains were exhumed after the end of the war by the Japanese, cremated, and reburied. His remains were exhumed by the United States Occupation Forces on 16 January 1946, and delivered to the United States Army on Iwo Jima where they were buried in a grave, marked unknown.

(b) An unidentified American aviator, believed to have been Ensign Warren Arthur Hindenland, 30500, USNR, was shot down in PB4Y-1 Number 32263, on or about 4 August 1944. He was the only living survivor of the crash of the aircraft and was captured by the Japanese forces on Chichi Jima on or about this date. He was delivered to the Japanese Army headquarters on Chichi Jima. On or about 5 August 1944, this unidentified aviator was executed in the Kominato area on Chichi Jima, together with Woellhof (paragraph (a) above). He was bayonetted by Superior Private Hisao Shimura and other Japanese unknown, and was then beheaded by Lieutenant Colonel Kikuji Ito. His body was buried at the scene of execution. His remains were exhumed after the end of the war by the Japanese, cremated, and reburied. These remains, with those of Woellhof were exhumed by the United States Occupation Forces on 16 January 1946, and delivered to the United States Army on Iwo Jima where they were buried in a grave, marked unknown. Lieutenant Colonel Ito, Captain Shigeo Ikawa, Captain Seiji Higashigi, and Superior Private Shimura, have already been tried for these murders by the

