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Legal Section
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1945-48

Fukuoka POW Camps #13-#14

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(x) Any other atrocities not specifically mentioned above for which you think the guilty persons should be punished — No

IF ANY QUESTION IS ANSWERED YES, THEN STATE THE FACTS BRIEFLY ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS SHEET.

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CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE

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TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER
FOR THE ALLIED POWERS.
FROM : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo.
SUBJECT : FUKUDA, Tokuro.

C.L.O. No. 6498(PM)

7 December 1946

1. Reference: Legal Section's Check Sheet No. 4051 LS-Z dated 2 December 1946, subject: "Request for Information."
2. FUKUDA, Tokuro was formerly a Chief Seaman in the Japanese Navy.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

T. Katsube
(T. Katsube)
Chief of Liaison Section,
Central Liaison Office.

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BASIC: Ltr fr Sup Comdr for Allied Pwrs, Legal Sec. file 013.36 (29 Jan 47)LS-P,
To: Dr. CAD, WC Br, Wn 25, DC, Subject: Request for Deposition -
Roy L. ANDERSON

SF/000.5 WC

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INTELLIGENCE FIELD OFFICE NO. 1, 6th Army, Hldg 229, PSF, Calif. 16 Apr 47

To: CG, Hq. 6th Army, PSF, Calif.
ATTN: ACoFS, G-2

1. Attention is invited to inclosed memorandum stating that all efforts to contact ANDERSON have met with negative results.
2. Returned for better address.

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memo (trip)

John P. Curto
JOHN P. CURTO
Captain, MI
Officer in Charge

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4th Ind

17 APR 1947

HQ SIXTH ARMY, Presidio of San Francisco, California,

TO: Director, Civil Affairs Division, WDSS, Washington 25, DC

1. Attention is invited to paragraph 1, 3d Indorsement.
2. Returned for whatever action deemed advisable.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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James C. Adams
JAMES C. ADAMS
1st Lt. AGD
Asst. Adjutant General



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(Anderson, Roy L.)

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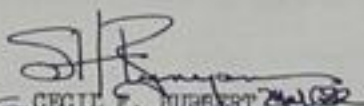
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Civil Affairs Division, War Crimes Branch, Washington 25, D. C.,
14 February 1947

TO: Commanding General, Sixth Army, Sixth Army Area, San Francisco,
California. ATTENTION: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

1. For compliance with basic communication.
2. Attention is invited to paragraph 3 of basic communication. Photograph identification, either of an affirmative or negative nature, should be made on the reverse side of each of the inclosed photographs in affidavit form.
3. Request that an original and four (4) signed copies of deposition, together with photographs identified in accordance with the foregoing, be forwarded to this office at the earliest possible date.
4. If Roy L. Anderson has left your area, correspondence should be forwarded to the headquarters of the respective Army Area in which he is located, directed to the attention of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, notifying this office of the action taken.

FOR THE CHIEF, CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION:


CECIL F. HUBBERT
Acting Chief, War Crimes Branch
Civil Affairs Division

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2d Ind

HQ SIXTH ARMY, Office of The AC of S, G-2, Presidio of San Francisco,
California


24 FEB 1947

TO: Officer in Charge, Intelligence Field Office #1, Presidio of San
Francisco, California

For compliance with 1st Indorsement.

FOR THE AC OF S, G-2:

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FRED GUSTORF
Major, MI
Chief, CI Division

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
LEGAL SECTION

013.36 (29 Jan 47)LS-P

APD 500
29 January 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Deposition.

TO : Director, Civil Affairs Division, War Crimes Branch,
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Request that the following former American Prisoner of War be interrogated and deposition taken regarding atrocities committed at Sasebo Naval Camp, Later Fukuoka No. 18-B, Kyushu, Japan:

Roy L. Anderson ^{1/10}
Basset Street
Agnew, California - *then Alviso + San Jose*

2. The affidavit should include in detail any information reference beatings or other mistreatment of prisoners at this camp, giving names of victims, names and descriptions of perpetrators, approximate dates, and general circumstances surrounding each incident. In addition, particular attention should be paid to the following:

a. Identification of attached photographs of Orito, 1st Naval Camp C.O., Watanabe, 2nd Naval C.O., and Fukuda, enlisted man, in connection with any beatings or other mistreatment of Prisoners of War. What knowledge did Orito and Watanabe have of mistreatment occurring at this camp?

3. Request that identification be placed on photograph itself.

✓ 6 Incls:
6 Photographs.

Theodore R. C. King
THEODORE R. C. KING
Major, Infantry (TD)
Executive Officer

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Official PWIB Investigation Section NO. 139

June 23, 1946.

TO: Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP.
(Via Japanese Central Liaison Office.)

FROM: POW Information Bureau.

SUBJECT: NAME LIST OF PERSONNEL AT FUKUOKA POW CAMP NO. 18
BRANCH CAMP. (INCLUDING THAT AT BASEHO NAVAL
HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT)

Reference is made to the note from Legal Section, GHQ, NO. 1983 LNO, dated June 14, 1946, regarding the subject, the reply being submitted herewith as enclosed. Due to the fact that the enclosed has not been furnished with complete correctness and there may be possibility of some mistakes, we are now making inquiries with the concerned Organizations concerning the matter. So, upon receipt of complete information, we shall be able to append them immediately.

S. Nakanishi

Sadayoshi Nakanishi

Director,

POW Information Bureau.

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CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE

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TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER
FOR THE ALLIED POWERS.

FROM : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo.

SUBJECT : POW Roster of FUKUOKA Camp No. 18.

C.L.O. No. 3711(RG)

29 July 1946

1. Reference: Legal Section's Check Sheet No. 2292 LMO
dated 10 July 1946, subject: "Roster of POWs."

2. The required roster of the Fukuoka Camp No. 18 (the
SISEPO Temporary Camp), submitted by the Second Demobilization
Bureau, is forwarded herewith.

3. The said Bureau states that as the originals of the roster
were destroyed by fire in Tokyo as well as in Sasago, the
enclosed roster was prepared by putting together various
materials available, and that it may consequently be inaccurate
to some extent.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

T. Kabe
(T. Kabe)

Chief of Liaison Section,
Central Liaison Office.

Enclosure: A POW roster of SASEPO Temporary Camp.

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Received the above mentioned
document and translation
thereof. *Witch*

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TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER
FOR THE ALLIED POWERS.

FROM : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo.

SUBJECT: Roster of Allied POWs (Fukuoka Camp No.18.)

C.L.O. No.3933(RG)

9 August 1946

1. Reference: C.L.O. Memorandum No.3086(RG) dated 24 June 1946, subject: "Roster of Allied POWs (Fukuoka Camp No.18.)"

2. According to a letter of the POW Information Bureau, Mr. Fred ZEH's name was left out from the roster submitted with the reference Memorandum. His name is hereby added under the heading "Civilian" of the said roster as specified hereunder:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service rank</u>	<u>Card Number</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
		<u>New</u>	<u>Old</u>	
Zeh, Fred	Civ.	I	511	Deceased

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

T. Katsube
(T. Katsube)
Chief of Liaison Section,
Central Liaison Office.



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C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the official records of the Japanese Prisoner of War Information Bureau indicate that SCHMALJOHN, George W., American Civilian, born 10 March 1919, emergency addressee: Lessie Ash (mother), Montrose, Colorado, civilian occupation: powerhouse operator, was captured on 23 December 1941 at Wake Island, was transferred from Sasebo Naval Base and interned on 13 October 1943 in the Fukuoka POW Camp No. 18 Branch Camp (where he was known as POW No. 342) and was transferred on 17 April 1944 to the Fukuoka POW Camp No. 1 Branch Camp (where he was known as POW No. 186), from which camp he was liberated upon the cessation of hostilities.

15 November 1946

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Henry T. Omachi
HENRY T. OMACHI
2nd Lt., Inf.
AG Casualty Clearance Br.
Japanese Prisoner of War
Information Bureau

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B- At camp #19 near Sesibo, Lester Myers of San Francisco, Calif, was kicked and beaten by a Jap guard by a guard by the name of FUKAMI. The Haso in charge of camp was present at the beating. His name was BOAWA HASO, Jap Navy. While he was in charge of that camp treatment was so bad that fifty three men died out of two hundred and fifty one prisoners.

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/s/ ARTHUR W. YEAMANS

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The following men signing below, who were civilian employees of the Pacific Naval Air Base Contractor on Wake Island, request that Igawa (name) of the Japanese Navy be tried by The War Crime Commission for the death of Lester Myers of San Francisco, California. He allowed this man to be kicked to death.

Ikegami (Sho) of the Japanese Army placed Albert R. Knox of Cuba City, Wis. in prison for cutting up a blanket to make a shirt, saying that he would leave him there until he died. In about five days Knox died from exposure.

Other specific cases could be brought up against these Japanese Officers.

We request that these men be given the death penalty.

Signature

Address

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CERTIFICATE

ALLIED OCCUPATION FORCES)

FUKUOKA, KYUSHU, JAPAN)

I certify that the above photographs, consisting of five (5) photographs on three (3) pages, were taken in my presence on 9th January, 1946 at YUNOKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN, by WILLIAM P. ARNOLD JR. 839413 Cpl. USMC of the 2nd. Marine Div. Photo section; that it accurately represents POW CAMP #18B as it appeared on that date.

Melvin S. Cohen

MELVIN S. COHEN 2nd Lt. Inf
Investigating Officer
Legal Section, GHQ., SCAP

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of January, 1946.

FUKUOKA, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

Charles V. Ramsey
CHARLES V. RAMSEY 1st Lt. CE.
Investigating Officer
Legal Section, GHQ., SCAP.

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POW Camp 18B, Yunoki, Kyushu, Japan
View of Soto Dam showing cement mixer in foreground



POW Camp 18B, Yunoki, Kyushu, Japan
Overall view of plot on 3 levels where prisoners from Camp
18B were buried. The bodies had since been disinterred
by a recovery team but there was evidence of 51 graves.

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POW Camp 18B, Yunoki, Kyushu, Japan

Overall view of what is left of camp. The camp proper extended from the office on the extreme left to the cement store-room on the far right.

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POW Camp 18B, Yunoki, Kyushu, Japan.
Soto Dam where prisoners from POW Camp 18B worked.

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TRANSLATION.

"I, Christiaan Adolph SCHURMAN, Official attached to the Government War Crimes Investigations Bureau, Batavia, on Wednesday, 20 August 1947, showed this photograph, with the legend covered, to Lieutenant E.E. BUYTEN, who stated: "This is the Japanese whom I referred to as "The Stammerer"."

The Affiant
/s/ E.E. Buyten

The Taker of this statement
/s/ Schuurman

I hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate translation into English of a statement in Dutch appearing on the reverse side of the attached photograph, marked "OYAMA MASAKATSU 1635 CIV SUGAMO PRISON 24 FEBRUARY 47"


G. J. Jongejans, Capt. RNIA,
Inv. Div., Legal Section.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

INTERVIEW :

This Friday, 24th September 1947, at approximately 1230 hours **R.M.**, appeared before me Rudolf Willy Steenstra Yonessid, Police Inspector, Second Class, a person known to me as First Lieutenant Hendrik Johan Selman. When shown this photograph, with the legend covered, and questioned as to its identity, he stated as follows:

This person is not the one who beat me up in the coal mine. This is a sergeant who in the very early days had a sprained ankle and was nicknamed "De kankpot" ("The Kink"). In May 1944 he beat Grand, my assistant, and me with a bamboo stick because the Japanese both was not full on account of a shortage of bath water. Grand was fired as a stoker.

This record has been drawn up in pursuance of my oath of office.

The above statement is the truth
and nothing but the truth. So
help me God Almighty.

/s/ H. J. Selman
First Lieutenant

Witness
/s/ E. Koster

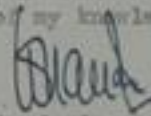
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For having taken the oath
/s/ Illegible
Chief of Local Administration

/s/ A. W. Steenstra Toussaint
Police Inspector, Second Class,
Commanding Police Detachment.

/s/ Office of the Attorney General - Government Bureau for War Crises
Investigations.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate translation
into English of a handwritten certification in Dutch appearing on the
reverse side of a photograph, showing YAMADA, Kenichiro, 1893, Sergeant,
Sugamo Prison, 15 March 1947, to the best of my knowledge and ability.


G. J. Jongejans
Captain, KNIA
Liaison Officer
Legal Section

TRANSLATION

Recognized by me, affiant Wijnants, as "The Stammerer" referred to in affidavit dated 28 November 1947.

Affiant,

/s/ H. G. Wijnants

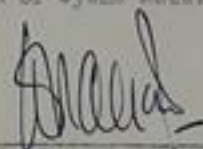
The recorder,

/s/ W. T. Spier

Den Helder, 28 November 1947.

(S&I) Office of the Attorney General,
Government Bureau for War Crimes Investigations.

I hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate translation, to the best of my knowledge and ability, of a legend, in Dutch, appearing on the reverse side of a photograph of Oysse Maaskatsu, 1835 Civ, Sugamo Prison, 24 February 1947.



F. J. Gorgejans, Capt. S&I,
Netherlands Liaison Officer,
Legal Section.

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TRANSLATION

Recognized by me, affiant Wijnants, as "de Stokman" (T.N.:
"Stick Man"). (Affidavit dated 28 November 1947).

Affiant,

/s/ H. G. Wijnants

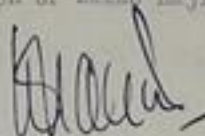
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/s/ W. F. Spier

Den Helder, 28 November 1947.

(SEAL) Office of the Attorney General,
Government Bureau for War Crimes Investigations.

I hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate translation,
to the best of my knowledge and ability, of a legend, in Dutch, appear-
ing on the reverse side of a photograph of Hisko Hajino, 1028 Civ,
Suzano Prison, 28 February 47.



W. J. van der Grinten, Capt. MIA,
Netherlands Liaison Officer,
Legal Section.

TRANSLATION

Recognized by me, affiant, Wijnants, as "de Manpoot" (I.K.: "The Ship"), who among other things injured somebody with the point of his sword (affidavit dated 28 November 1947).

Affiant,

/s/ H. G. Wijnants

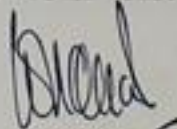
The recorder,

/s/ W. T. Spier

Den Helder, 28 November 1947.

(SEAL) Office of the Attorney General,
Government Bureau for War Crimes Investigations.

I hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate translation, to the best of my knowledge and ability, of a legend, in Dutch, appearing on the reverse side of a photograph of Yasuda Kenichiro, 1893 Sgt, Sugamo Prison, 15 March 1947.



G. J. Jongejans, Capt. ABIA,
Netherlands Liaison Officer,
Legal Section.

Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan

SUBJECT : Informal Report, Team # 10
TO : Lt Col Ruffinall, Legal Sec, GHQ SCAP

1. A correct list of camps in Kyushu was available in Fukuoka.
2. I proceeded to Sasebo where there are two camps: 1. Camp 18B, Yunoki, Kyushu, Japan and 2. Camp 24, Tanomoto, Kyushu, Japan. Yunoki is 3 miles NE of Sasebo. Tanomoto is 15 miles NW of Sasebo.
3. Investigation of 18B has not produced any corroborative evidence but interrogation of the construction engineer for Soto Dam, work place of the prisoners, has secured a complete list of the naval personnel at the camp with addresses in part. Prosecution has a prima facie case against one Egawa, petty O, Jap navy, thought to be the commanding officer at the time the camp was run by the navy and Uichi Ikegami, Army officer who took command in Oct '43.
4. The full name and address, given at time of discharge, of Egawa is: Sachio Egawa Nagasaki-Ken Nagasaki-Shi Kosincho 3. Egawa was not the C.O. during the navy reign as he was only a Petty O, 2nd class which is equivalent to our CPL. However, he was the "go-between" between the prisoners and the authorities and had great powers, which may account for the erroneous belief.
5. The actual commanding officers were:
Oct '42 - Mar '43 Denkichi Orito, Chief Petty O.
Kagoshima-Ken Kunage Gun Nakatane Machi Sakai 317
Mar '43 - Nov '43 Fukuichi Watanabe, Chief Petty O
Oita-Ken
Oct or Nov (not clear) '43 - Apr '44 Uichi Ikegami, Army 2nd Lt
Home believed to be in
Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan
6. Enclosed is the list of naval personnel at camp 18B. I will attempt to find and interrogate one of list, Tokuo Fukuta. Respectfully submit that should prosecution wish to contact any of the others on the list, that they be called into Tokyo as limitations of time and amount of work to be accomplished is prohibitive of more time being spent on this one camp.
7. Investigation of Camp 24, Tanomoto, Kyushu, Japan produced insufficient evidence to make out a prima facie case of any type. No leads were developed so I consider the investigation of this camp closed.
8. The complete formal reports of both 18B and 24 await the printing of pictures.

Melvin S. Cohn
Melvin S. Cohn, 2nd Lt, Inf
Investigating Officer
Legal Sec, GHQ SCAP

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Kiyotera Nakamura, after having been duly sworn, testified at Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, on 5th, Jan, 1946, as follows:

Q. State your full name, age, address, and nationality.

A. Kiyotera Nakamura, 56, Yunoki-mura Tawaramon 230-4 Ban-ohi, Japanese.

Q. Will you remain at this address?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your religion?

A. Buddhi st.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. Construction engineer (At present I am working at the demobilization office in the City Hall)

Q. Did you help supervise the building of the Soto Dam?

A. Yes.

Q. Was POW labor from POW Camp 188, Sasebo, Japan, situated a few hundred yards away from the dam, used?

A. Yes.

Q. Then, are you familiar with Camp 188 and its personnel?

A. Yes, in part. I was allowed inside the compound only seldom.

Q. Give me a date history of the camp and mention all the Japanese personnel you know of.

A. The arrival of the prisoners was 12 Oct '42 (navy in charge)

The army took over the camp in Oct '43

The camp was closed in April '44.

(The attached list of naval personnel of the camp 188 is hereby made a part of my statement)

Q. Where were the prisoners moved at that time -- when the camp closed?

A. Part to Kashi in Fukuoka and part to Nagasaki to the Mitsubishi Plant or to the Kawasaki shipyards.

Q. Did you know Sashio Egawa?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Egawa remain at Camp 188 until it moved?

A. He started in Nov '42 and left in Feb. '44.

Q. What was Egawa's job in camp?

A. He was the duty Sgt and the go-between the prisoners and the navy. When the Army took over, he acted as a supervisor as he knew the work.

Q. What forms of punishment did Egawa use?

A. Decreased food. By eliminating one or two meals at a time. I heard that he struck the prisoners. While the navy was there, there were no solitary cells but the army built and used them.

Q. What do you know of the deaths in camp?

A. From Jan '43 to March '43 over 50 men died from Pneumonia, Malnutrition, former bomb injuries and stomach troubles.

Q. Do you know of any specific cases of beatings and imprisonment without sufficient clothing or food so as to cause death?

A. No, I wasn't in camp much.

Q. What medical facilities were available to the prisoners?

A. A doctor was supposed to come every other day but after a short while he only came once in a great while. As far as I could see there were some medical supplies available.

- Q. Did Egawa ever tell . . . of his treatment of prisoners?
- A. Yes, while playing "majawan" with him he mentioned striking prisoners, slapping them with the palm of the hand and hitting them with a bamboo stick. I have also heard of prisoners being made to kneel and then being struck with bamboo sticks.
- Q. Did you ever hear of mass beatings where several prisoners were beaten at the same time?
- A. Prisoners worked in groups and if one of a group did not act right, the group was punished.
- Q. Do you know Uichi Ikegami?
- A. Yes, he was the highest ranking man when the army took over the Camp. (G.O.)
- Q. Do you know of the punishment given by him?
- A. I don't know of any "brutal" treatments but I have heard of cases where prisoners were put in solitary confinement and deprived of clothing and food. Don't know if these men died or not because the Army was very strict about not allowing information out of camp or admit civilians into the compound.
- Q. Did the POWs ever get Red Cross packages?
- A. The Red Cross did not send any packages while the Navy was there but during the time of Army rule, I heard that some came in but I don't know whether they were handed out.
- Q. Do you have anything further to add?
- A. No.

Kiyoteru Nakamura
(Signature of witness)

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I, Kiyoteru Nakamura, being duly sworn on oath, states that I had read to me and understood the translation of the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein, consisting of 2 pages and attached list of three pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Kiyoteru Nakamura
(Signature of witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan., 1946.

Helvin S. Cohn
Helvin S. Cohn, 2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer,
Legal Section, GPO, SCAP.

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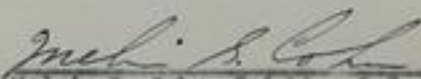
I, Jank W. Oda, T/4, 59950896, ADVON ATIS, being duly sworn on oath, states that I truly translated the questions and answers given from English to Japanese, and from Japanese to English respectively, and that after being transcribed, I truly translated the foregoing deposition containing 3 pages, to the witness; that the witness thereupon in my presence affixed his signature thereto.

Jank W. Oda
(Name) (Rank) (AFM)
Helvin S. Cohn
Helvin S. Cohn, 2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer,
Legal Section, GPO, SCAP.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, 1946.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Melvin S. Cohn, 2nd Lt., 01354831, Infantry, certify that on the 9th day of January, 1946, personally appeared before us Kiyoteru Nakamura, and according to Jack W. Oda, T/4, 39950896 AUS, gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth therein; that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said Kiyoteru Nakamura had read to him by the said interpreter the same and affixed his signature thereto in my presence.


Melvin S. Cohn, 2nd Lt., Inf.
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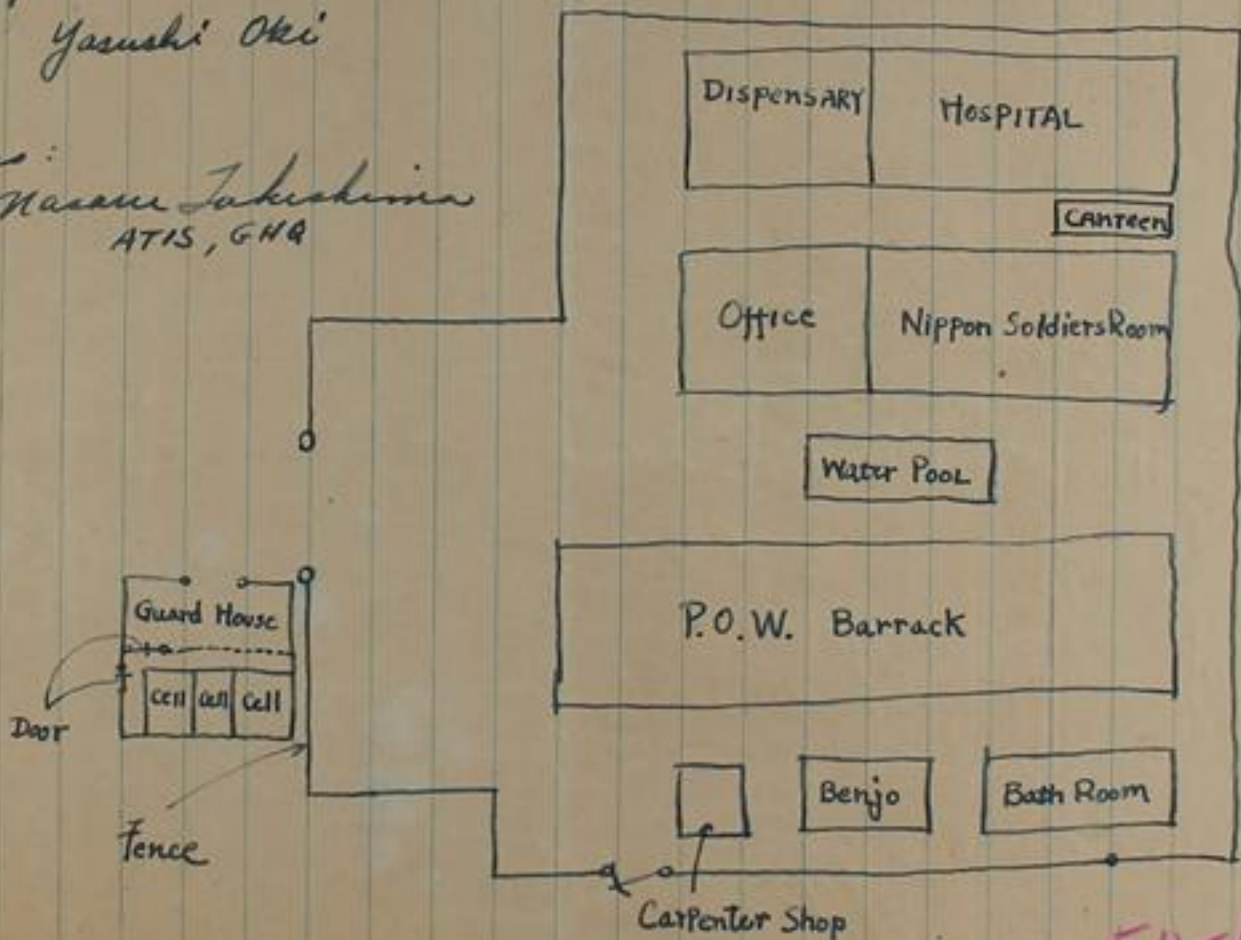
Camp # 18 B FUKUOKA

This drawing is the outline of
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Yasushi Oki

Witness:

T/4 Masaru Takashima
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NR : SPTAE #6022 SCB



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Re your telegram 21 Mar 46 be advised Chester Scott contacted and affidavit secured. Investigation revealed of Theodore Grandstead San Francisco as material witness. Affidavit from Grandstead to be taken 27 March. Will then immediately forward Scott and Grandstead affidavits by air mail

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(LAID) 000.5 War Crimes

3 January 1946

SUBJECT: War Crimes - Leo Harry Levon

TO: Chief, War Crimes Branch
GHQ, AFPAC
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Inclosed herewith are memoranda of information presented by Leo Harry Levon. Mr. Levon was interviewed by this headquarters in connection with the Foreign Positive Intelligence program. There is no preliminary questionnaire on Levon in this office.

2. Forwarded for appropriate action.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: In the matter of the death of Ed Knox at Camp #18, Sasebo, Fukuoka District, Kyushu, Japan, in November or December 1943.

WITNESS: LEO HARRY LEVON, 4308 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

1. On 26 November 1945, LEO HARRY LEVON, 4308 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed by Norman J. Wiener, Agent, SIC, 9SC, at 216 Rowan Building, 458 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, regarding war crimes information. LEVON was employed at Wake Island and was captured there on 23 December 1941 by the Japanese. On 30 September 1942, he was taken from Wake Island and transported to Camp #18, Sasebo, Fukuoka District on the Island of Kyushu, where he remained until 17 April 1944. On that date he was transferred to Camp #1, where he was held until 3 December 1944. From that date until the end of the war he was held at Camp #23 in the same area. LEVON returned to the United States 12 October 1945 at San Francisco, California. He related the following incident which was common knowledge in the camp:

2. Ed Knox, age 40, was employed as a carpenter at Wake Island prior to his capture. When the prisoners were taken to Camp #18, few of them had adequate clothes to protect them from the rigors of the Japanese winter. All the men were issued five cotton blankets. Knox cut one of his blankets up into a shirt in an attempt to keep himself warm. One day during inspection the Japanese discovered that Knox was shy the blanket which he had cut into a shirt, so he was imprisoned in the guardhouse. He was not given any blankets and after remaining there for two or three days he froze to death. Chester Scott of Oakland, California, was imprisoned in the guardhouse at the same time and would be able to furnish evidence on this incident. The Commanding Officer of the camp at this time was a Japanese Lt. Ikakami, approximately 25 years old, 5'2", 150 pounds, heavy set, heavy drinker, did not wear glasses.

Norman J. Wiener, Agent, SIC, 9SC

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29 November 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

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2. Sometime in May 1942, at Wake Island one Julius Hoffmester, age 30, an American citizen, employed as a roofer by the P.M.A.B. Contractors, was caught after he stole food from the warehouse on the island. It was his second offense and the Japanese apparently wanted to make an example of him. He was taken out to an open area, a grave was dug, and before several hundred Japanese soldiers and about fourteen or fifteen American witnesses, Hoffmester was beheaded by a Japanese officer. His body was kicked into the grave, and he was immediately buried without any further ceremony. The Commanding Officer at this time was a vice admiral named Fukucho who was said to be a Harvard graduate of 1911, approximately 50 years of age, spoke English well.

Norman J. Wiener, Agent, SIC, 9SC

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