

Kiyotera Nakamura, after having been duly sworn, testified at Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, on 8th, Jan, 1946, as follows:

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

A. Kiyotera Nakamura, 36, Yunoki-mura Tawaramen 250-4 Ban-cho, Japanese.

Q. Will you remain at this address?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your religion?

A. Buddhi st.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. Constructio n engineer (At present I am worki ng 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 fro m POW Camp 18B, Sasebo, Japan, situated a few hundred yards away from the dam, used?

A. Yes.

Q. Then, are you familiar with Camp 18B 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 18B is hereby made a part of my statement)

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

A. Part to Kashii in Fukuoka and part to Nagasaki to the Mitsubishi Plant or to the Kawanami Shipyards.

Q. Did you know Sachio Egawa?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Egawa remain at Camp 18B until it moved?

A. He start ed 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 30 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 aftxqax 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 you 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.

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

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I, Jack 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 5 pages, to the witness; that the witness thereupon in my presence affixed his signature thereto.

Jack W. Oda
(Name) (Rank) (Arm)
Melvin S. Cohn
Melvin S. Cohn, 2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer,
Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP.

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

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CERTIFICATE

I, Melvin S. Cohn, 2nd Lt., O1B34851, Infantry, certify that on the 9th day of January, 1946, personally appeared before us Kiyoteru Nakamura, and according to Jack W. Oda, T/4, 39930896 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.

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