

LEGAL SECTION, SCAP
PROSECUTION DIVISION

Case Analysis

In Re: Inouye, Morio

1. Inouye, Morio; Interpreter, Moji Camp, Fukuoka No. 4.
2. Description not considered necessary:
Apprehended.
3. Fukuoka Area, No. 4, Moji Camp, Kyushu.
4. Summary of Facts:

Inouye, Morio, Interpreter at Moji Camp, Fukuoka No. 4 was guilty of severe and brutal beatings of the following prisoners of war:

1. Walter W. Cole, Seaman 2/c USN
2. James W. Kinder, ASN 6833158, USA
3. William Earle Braye, Staff Sergeant, 20900649, USA
4. George W. Spencer, Cpl. ASN 19020894, USA
5. George R. Powell, Staff Sergeant, USA
6. John Sullivan, Staff Sergeant, USA

5. Summary of Evidence:

Specification No. 1

Affidavit of William J. Burns showing that he saw Inouye (Inui) beat Kinder and Cole for a half hour with a huge bamboo pole of solid material sometime in November 1944.

Affidavit of William Earle Braye showing that he witnessed the beatings of Kinder and Cole by Inouye (Enui) in May or June 1945.

Specification No. 2

Affidavit of William Earle Braye showing that Inouye (Enui), in January 1944, beat him with a saber inflicting a cut 1/2 inch deep and 10 inches long.

Affidavit of William Earle Braye stating that Inouye (Enui) beat prisoners on numerous occasions.

Affidavit of E. F. Horton showing that Inouye (Enui) beat Braye. Affiant does not state whether he was an eye witness.

Affidavit of Wilford H. Chapman showing that Inouye (Annui-san) broke a quart size bottle of alcohol over the head of Braye. That Inouye (Annui-san) took off his belt and beat Braye in the face. Affiant states incident occurred in May 1945.

Affidavit of Joseph J. Bush showing that he saw Inouye (Enui) beat Braye for five to ten minutes. That Braye fell to the ground and Inouye (Enui) kicked him. Date is given as March 3, 1945.

Specification No. 3.

Affidavit of George W. Spencer showing that Inouye (Annui) beat and kicked him breaking a rib. Date is given as latter part of June, 1945.

Specification No. 4.

Affidavit of Joseph J. Bush showing that he saw Inouye (Ennui) beat an American soldier by the name of Powell and that Powell's head was cut open. Date is given as 6 March 1945.

Specification No. 5.

Affidavit of Arthur C. Louis showing that he saw Inouye (Ennui-san) beat S/Sgt. John Sullivan with his fist and a thick stick for an hour. That Sullivan was beaten until he was senseless. That Sullivan lived but his spine was injured so that he walks with a definite jerk to his body. Date is given as sometime in July, 1945.

The foregoing presents a prima facie case.
24 June 1946

CLARK S. GREGORY

Date: 29 November 1946

Report of Investigation Division, Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP.

Inv. Div. No. 1140

CRD No.

Report by: Gordon T. CHARLTON
Major, CMP

Title: Morio INOUE

Synopsis of facts:

Petition from Nobuyuki KAGOSHIMA received at Sugamo Prison in behalf of Morio INOUE making certain allegations as to the reputation and previous conduct of the latter while on duty with POW camps.

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DETAILS:

At Tokyo:

On or about 25 November 1946 an envelope was received at Sugamo Prison addressed to Members of the Military Tribunal, Sugamo Prison containing a petition from KAGOSHIMA addressed to Chief of Military Tribunal, dated 28 October 1946 and presented in behalf of Morio INOUE, was apparently either a doctor at the POW camps or a former member of the Medical Corps on duty with such camps. The petition translated reads as follows and the originals of the translation obtained from the Sugamo Prison have been forwarded to the Criminal Registry Division for its files:

" 28 October 1946

TO: Chief of Military Tribunal

FROM: KAGOSHIMA, Nobuyuki
Fukuoka-ken, Kyoto-gun, Kyobashi-cho, Mondo Shita-machi

Dear Sir:

The writer of this is a friend of INOUE, Morio. I wish to mention the following matters which I hope you will take under consideration.

This man INOUE is of a noble character, he values honor, and he is warm-hearted. Even among our friends he was admired by all.

Distribution:

- 1 Prosecution Division ✓
- 1 CRD
- 3 Inv. Div. (File 1140)
- 1 Fukuoka Office

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Especially when he was working in the Prisoners of War Camp he treated the prisoners with great courtesy. Since the opening of the Camp there were numerous patients, and drugs and other medical supplies were scarce.

In giving medical treatment he devoted all his efforts, showing not the slightest discrimination and doing more than the authorities over him.

As a member of the medical corps he carried out fully his responsibilities.

Regarding the Camp's facilities and maintenance, he as a member of the medical corps, constantly expressed his views, greatly contributing toward improvement of the situation. For example, he made a calorie computation and hastened the purchase of nutriments to meet with shortages.

I cannot imagine that he carried out atrocities against prisoners. When the persons, who were prisoners, were returning home he received a letter of thanks from Army surgeon Captain Barkley (sic) and a ring from Corporal Hosson (sic). I believe that fact alone should prove that he had not done any harm to prisoners.

Furthermore, he is a man who keeps his promises.

When Captain Gail (sic), sub-lieutenant Dour (sic) and two others were returning home, he gave them articles of Japanese art which he promised them.

When Captain Gail (sic) and three others were returning home he received Japanese painting and from a certain person in Moji City, and handling these over to Captain Gail (sic) and others he was deeply thanked.

There are other things which show that he is a man of honor but I will omit them.

When the persons, who were prisoners, were leaving for home, he made them all very happy by seeing them off at Moji Harbor Station.

You are aware of his daily life, the one he is leading before the trial.

At home his wife and three year old child are meeting with increasing difficulty, and they are waiting for his return home every day. A day to them is like one year of waiting.

I beg you to sympathize with his wife and baby, and I also beg of you to deal with him leniently.

(signed)

Nobuyuki KAGOSHIMA "

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Tokyo Office -- At Tokyo -- Will place a demand on the Japanese Government for the full military and biographical history of subject.

Interview subject at Sugamo Prison and obtain a statement from him concerning his duties and activities at POW Camps.

Fukuoka Office -- At Fukuoka -- Will interrogate KAGOSHIMA to ascertain and report whether or not he is in possession of information sufficient to clear INOUYE of the charges under which he is held.

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