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DATE: Sept. 11, 19 45

1. YOUR NAME: BROWN CHESTER ROBERT
Last First Middle

2. RANK: S/SERGEANT SERIAL NO. 36348319
(If civilian, write in word "Civilian") (Armed Forces personnel only)

3. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS 1420 N. SPRINGFIELD, Av. Chicago, Illinois
Street No. City State

4. AT WHAT ENEMY CAMPS AND HOSPITALS WERE YOU CONFINED AND WHEN WERE YOU AT EACH?
(If never a prisoner of war or internee, then state principal places you have been from time to time while overseas).

OFUNA, JAPAN - FEB + MAR - 1944

Ashio-98 - MARCH '44 to Sept. '45

5. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ATROCITIES AGAINST OR MISTREATMENT OF AMERICANS, PRISONERS OF WAR, CIVILIAN INTERNEES, OR THE CIVILIAN POPULATION FOR WHICH YOU THINK THE PERPETRATORS SHOULD BE PUNISHED? (Answer by stating YES or NO in the spaces provided below)

(a) Killings or executions No
yes or no

(b) Torture, beatings or other cruelties Yes
yes or no

(c) Imprisonment under improper conditions Yes
yes or no

(d) Massacres, wholesale looting or burning of towns No
yes or no

(e) Use of prisoners of war on enemy military works or operations Yes
yes or no

(f) Exposure of prisoners of war to danger of gunfire, bombing, torpedoing, or other hazards of war Yes
yes or no

(g) Transportation of prisoners of war under improper conditions Yes
yes or no

(h) Public exhibition or exposure to ridicule of prisoners of war Yes
yes or no

(i) Failure to provide prisoners of war with proper medical care, food or quarters Yes
yes or no

(j) Collective punishment of a group for offense of others Yes
yes or no

(k) Any other atrocities not specifically mentioned above for which you think the guilty persons should be punished No
yes or no

If any question is answered YES, then state the facts briefly on reverse side of this sheet.

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DETAILS OF ATROCITIES

KIND OF CRIME	WHERE IT HAPPENED	WHO WAS THE VICTIM? (include name, nationality & whether military personnel or not).	STATE IF YOU SAW IT YOURSELF, IF YOU DID NOT SEE IT, WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT IT?
1. c)	ANPOINA, I and members of our crew were imprisoned in the fort at Ambon.	We were kept in a small darkened room for 36 days. During that time we had very little food and inadequate med. attention. My arm had been smashed when our plane was shot down & they never attempted to fix it. We all suffered much during this time and when released were in a very weakened condition. We also had to undergo bombings while in the cell. Never were we allowed in a bomb shelter altho we were in the center of the bombers objectives.	
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3.			
4.			
5.			

Have you previously been questioned by any military or naval authorities about atrocities or mistreatment? No
 If YES, by WHOM, WHERE, WHEN. yes or no

Did you make a signed statement? No
 yes or no

John R. Brown
 Sign your name here.

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