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I, IIDA, Kakuro, after having been duly sworn to speak the truth conscientiously, adding nothing and concealing nothing whatsoever, testified at Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, Japan, on 22 June 1946, as follows:

Q. Please state your full name, age, religion, and nationality.

A. IIDA, Kakuro; 43 years of age; Buddhist; Japanese.

Q. What is your home address?

A. Kanagawa-ken, Yokohama Shi, Hodogaya ku, Futamataki-Machi, Hangeawa 5-15.

Q. Are you married?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your wife's address?

A. Kanagawa-ken, Kamakura Gun, Ofuna Machi Ueki 252.

Q. What were your activities from Dec. 8, 1941 until the end of the war?

A. Dec. 8, 1941 - 16 Dec. 1941, Canton, China, with patrol craft (no rescue work). Hongkong, May 1942, guard duty. On my return to Japan, I was assigned to Yokosuka Guard Unit, where I was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and attended school for Petty Officers from June 1942 to Sept. 1942. From 28 Sept. 1942 to the end of the war, I was Commander of Ofuna Detached Unit.

Q. Why do you think you were appointed to Ofuna?

A. While attending school, I became sick and my body was weak, and in view of Ofuna being excellent weather, I was sent there.

Q. Who appointed you Commander of the Ofuna Detached Unit?

A. <sup>Vice</sup> Admiral MIZUNO, Junichi, Commander of Yokosuka Naval Guard Unit. The order was transmitted to me verbally through Lt. Comdr. HIGURASHI, Saguro.

Q. To whom were you immediately responsible for the operation of this camp?

A. First, HIGURASHI, who was succeeded by Comdr. SAKUMA, Eiji. In the early part of 1944; Lt. MIZUNO, Teru, succeeded Comdr. SAKUMA. In Sept. 1944, Lt. Comdr. YAMAGUCHI, Mitsunori, replaced Lt. MIZUNO, and held the position until the end of the war.

Q. Did <sup>Rear</sup> Vice Admiral MIZUNO remain as Chief of Yokosuka Naval Guard duty during your entire stay at Ofuna?

A. No. MORI, Kuniso; Hyotara EDO; KUDO, Kyuhaichi, all held this position successively. These men were of Admiral rank. I never received any orders from Yokosuka as to the treatment of POW's. Capt. SANEMATSU, of the 5th section, Naval General Staff, told me how to run the camp. I received more orders from SANEMATSU than I did from the Yokosuka Naval Guard Unit Command. He was down at Ofuna about every other day, so I did what he told me to. SANEMATSU said I was to obey his command as

A. They were oral.

Q. Were you ever present when a beating of POW's took place?

A. Yes. One time in Feb. 1945. The POW's were urinating and excreting in their cells, and eating the vegetables out of the garden. There were five of them--one had failed to answer SAKEMATSU's questions. The guards reported the first two charges against four of the POW's and SAKEMATSU made the charge against the fifth POW, and said he should be punished for not answering the questions. The guards had been watching the four they reported for some time, and I ordered the POW's to be punished, because SAKEMATSU had said if the POW's broke the rules they should be punished. I told the guards they could hit them. It was understood they would be punished as is customary in the Japanese Navy--that is, by striking them across the buttocks with a stick. This POW punished for refusing to answer was an old prisoner--I believe a submarine officer. Two guards punished these five (5) POW's--their names I don't recall. The POW's were struck about 7 times.

Q. Were you responsible for the medical treatment POW's received?

A. KITAMURA was the medical orderly in charge of the dispensary. There wasn't sufficient medical supplies and those that were available were for minor ailments. However, it was KITAMURA's job and I never interfered. I also feel that Lt. TAKEHASHI of the Yokosuka Naval Guard Unit was responsible, as KITAMURA made a written report once per month, of which I received a copy, to Lt. TAKAHASHI. When a man was sick, KITAMURA had to contact Lt. TAKAHASHI.

Q. Were there any deaths in the camp?

A. Six died within the camp and two died at Kanigaya Hospital, Tokyo Communications Unit. Their bodies were sent back to Ofuna for burial. There were 14 men sent to Tokyo Communications Unit from Ofuna before I came to Ofuna; and they did not come back until after the war. Of the original 14, 12 returned, and 2 died.

Q. Do you feel that KITAMURA was adequate for the needs of the Ofuna Camp--don't you think there should have been a doctor in the camp?

A. I believe there should have been a doctor in the camp. At one time there was a construction unit in Ofuna and I asked a Doctor, whose name I don't recall, to come to the camp. This Construction Unit was the Oshima Unit. This was in April - May 1945. I asked him to come because the Yokosuka Unit would not send one. The POW had acute influenza. I believe his name was Norman Inel.

Q. Did a physician inspect your camp and treat the sick, and if so, how often?

A. They only came two or three times a year. They looked at the ones KITAMURA thought were sick. No changes were made in camp routine as a result of these inspections. Lt. TAKAHASHI and another Doctor from the Navy Ministry, whose name I don't recall.