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P.W.S AT AMBON

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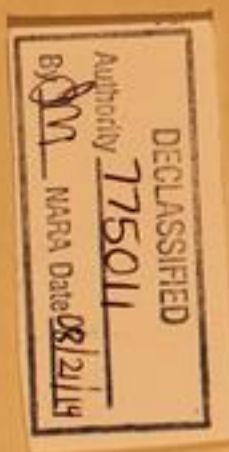
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SUBJECT: Removal of Documents from this file

TO : All persons handling this file.

1. If it is necessary (whether this file is in Records and Files, or signed out to an individual or Division), to remove a document from this envelope for any length of time, the person removing the document will fill out the receipt form attached hereto.
2. One form may be used for any number of documents.
3. When the withdrawn documents have been returned to the file, the receipt will be destroyed by the person returning the document or the file clerk.
4. Request your cooperation in this procedure as it is the only way we have of knowing the whereabouts of each document.
5. Non-cooperation in this matter will necessitate signing out of each individual document from Records & Files rather than by complete envelope as is the present practice.

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NUMBER AND AREA BREAKDOWN WITHIN OUR FILES

I NUMBER BREAKDOWN

5 March 1945

1. A file given the number zero (0) relates to:
 - a. Matters re. P.W. cps and other general information within an area breakdown.
 - b. Material too indefinite to pinpoint to a specific location or classification yet can be pinpointed to at least within an area breakdown.
 - c. Matters re. P.W.'s, P.W. Cps and other general information relating to all of Japan are filed in To-O (Tokyo - O) (an abbreviated system of symbols is used for camp identification usually the first two letters of the name e.g. Hi for Hiroshima, Fu for Fukuoka and so forth).
2. A file given the numbers one (1) to one-hundred (100) inclusive relates to POW. cps and atrocities committed within that camp.
3. A file given the numbers one-hundred and one (101) to one-hundred and fifty (150) inclusive relates to a civilian internment camp.
4. A file given the numbers one-hundred and fifty-one (151) to two-hundred (200) inclusive relates to atrocities committed in a prison or jail.
5. A file given the numbers two-hundred and one (201) to two-hundred and fifty (250) inclusive, relates to mistreatments and atrocities committed within a hospital.
6. A file given the numbers two-hundred and fifty-one (251) and any number above that contains some atrocity committed outside any of the first five number groups except the High Seas. (See Exhibit "A" Below)

EXHIBIT "A"

NUMBER BREAKDOWN

0 -	General Information
1 -	P.W. Camps
101 - 150	Civilian Internment Cps.
151 - 200	Prisons & Jails
201 - 250	Hospitals
251 -	Specific Incidents

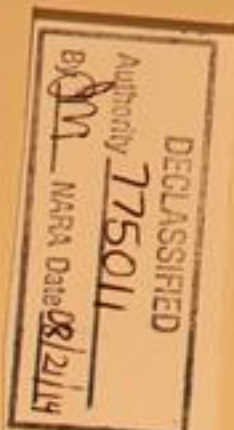
II AREA BREAKDOWN

1. Files have been broken down into areas both within and outside of Japan. Whenever documentary evidence or other allied papers are received in this section, we first determine where the atrocity occurred, then title it with an area file designation and number depending upon whether we already have a case file on the same atrocity or not. For example: An atrocity occurring in a PW cp. in Kanagawa Prefecture will be given the title and number "To-50" since Kanagawa Prefecture is within the Tokyo Area. (See Exhibit "B") Below

EXHIBIT "B"

AREA BREAKDOWN

Ca	Caroline Is. Area
Ch	China Area
Fo	Formosa Area
Fu	Fukuoka Area, Japan
Gi	Gilbert Is. Area
Ha	Hakodate Area, Japan
HS	High Seas
Hi	Hiroshima Area, Japan
Ko	Korea Area
Man	Manchuria Area



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MARCUS	Marcus Island
Mar	Mariana Island
MARS	Marshall Islands
Na	Nagoya Area, Japan
NEI	Netherlands East Indies Area
NG	New Guinea, Area
Os	Osaka Area, Japan
Pa	Palau Island
Ph	Philippine Islands Area
Ry	Ryukyu Is. Area
Se	Sendai Area, Japan
So	Solomon Islands Area
SEA	Southeast Asia Area
To	Tokyo Area, Japan
Tr	Transportation of P.Ws.
Wa	Wake Island Area

2. Atrocities occurring on the High Seas (except improper transportation of P.W.'s by ships) are filed under the title "HS-1" inclusive to any number.

3. "201" Files

a. At the present time we have approximately seven-hundred and thirteen (713) "201" files on known perpetrators. We suggest that whenever you have a case file mentioning perpetrators, inquire for their "201" as well since there may be additional information contained therein which is not mentioned in the camp file. "201" files may be withdrawn at any time in the same manner as a camp file.

b. A concurrent file is also maintained wherein certified copies of original signed statements are stored. It is recommended that you check with our files to determine whether there are certified copies of the particular original statement already filed before requesting the administration section for additional copies to be made up.

4. (Ja) Japanese Background and Reference Files.

a. These files contain documentary matter and reference material which does not specifically fall within the scope of any particular camp file but serves as a broad reference source. The following list has been compiled by this section for your information and may be withdrawn by the usual charge out slip procedure.

Ja - JAPANESE AND REFERENCE FILES

Ja-12 (A-62)	ATIS Research Report #72, 29 April 1944 "Japanese Violations of Laws of War."
Ja-13 (A-63)	ATIS Research Report #72, Supp. #1. 19 March 1945. "Japanese Violations of the Laws of War"
Ja-14 (A-64)	ATIS Research Report #117. 26 Jan 1945. Infringement of the Laws and Ethics by the Japanese Medical Corps."
Ja-15 (M-24) (M-25)	ATIS Research Report #72 Supp. 2, 23 June 1945. Japanese Orders of Cannibalism and Extracts from Jap Diaries (not yet received from Manila).
Ja-34	AFA(Aust. Forces Advanced) Translation #5 parts III and IV mimeographed. statistical classifications of PW's and Internees Borneo Area.
Ja-28	Civilian Internment Camps as Indicated by Personnel List furnished by Japanese.
Ja-6	Deceased P.W.s Lists of Furnished by Japanese.
Ja-16	Demands made Upon Japanese Gov't (and replies thereto)
Ja-8	Instructions by Japanese to P.W. Camp Personnel re questioning concerning treatment of P.Ws.
Ja-27	"Information re the sinking of merchant ships in the Indian Ocean, furnished by the Japanese Liaison Office dtd 19 Nov 45.
Ja-7	Japanese Military Discipline report on
Ja-9	Japanese Uniforms and Insignia
Ja-20	Japanese Law, Articles & Studies On.
Ja-24	Japanese Gov't Officials - 1937-1945.
Ja-36	Movement of P.O.Ws.

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Ja-32 Organization Reports - The Cabinet of the Imperial Japanese Gov't., and each of its Bureaus and Boards.
 Ja-37 PACMIRS War Crimes Information Series No. 1. (re Philippines)
 Ja-5 P.W. Camps Personnel (Lists furnished by Japanese)
 Ja-21 (N-2) Report on War Crimes Against Australians. (Reports by Australian Gov't. dated Oct 1944).
 Ja-23 Rules, Regulations and Orders Governing PW Cps.
 Ja-25 Request for apprehension of War Criminals.
 Ja-26 "Reports pertaining to Japanese Naval personnel of vessels, which transported allied P.W.'s furnished by Japanese Liaison Office, dtd 19 Nov 45.
 Ja-30 Rosters of Recovered Civilians.
 Ja-31 Reports from Foreign Economics Administration, Food, and Agriculture Div.
 Ja-33 Rosters of Japanese Military Police.
 Ja-10 Sugamo Prison Internment Lists.
 Ja-22 Surrender Documents, Part II-Containing List of P.W. Camps and Places of Employment with maps (2 copies) GFQ, AFPAC and G-2 dated 21 Aug. 1945.
 Ja-29 SCAP - Organization and General Orders.
 Ja-35 State Dept Communications (Photostatic Copies of orig. doc. in files of the Dept of State.)
 Ja-17 Treatment of American P.W.s in Philippines.
 Ja-18 Unidentified Pictures.
 Ja-1 War Criminals - Lists of
 Ja-2 (J-97) War Criminals -General Info. on
 Ja-3 (E-45) War Criminals - Pictures of
 Ja-4 War Criminals - Passenger lists for repatriated Japanese.
 Ja-11 War Crimes, Activities by Japanese Gov't. and Individuals.
 Ja-19 War Crimes & Criminals, Letters and Information from Japanese Concerning (deemed to be of little value).

6. Suggestions for the maximum usefulness of Records and Files.
- a. This section advises all personnel withdrawing case files to check for possible further information with the following sources.
1. General Information (Zero (0) file).
 2. "201" Perpetrator file.
 3. Japanese Background and Reference File

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FILE NO.	SUBJECT	HEADQUARTERS	DATE
	1. Extract from a NEFIS interrogation report. 2. Extract from interrogation of civilian, Javanese from Maglang, Java. 3. Extracts from Recent reports of bayonetting of POW by Japanese.		

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Recent Reports on Bayonetting of PsW by Japanese (ATIS). (For complete report see File A-42.)

3. NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

a. Informant No. 8 stated:

"With the fall of LAHA, a week after AMBON was captured in Feb 42, 69 prisoners were taken. - 68 AUSTRALIANS and one DUTCH officer, Major of the Engineers Corps. On one occasion these POW asked for a bath. They were allowed to go to DJEMBATAN LAMH (old bridge) where they could bathe in the Sea. Eight AUSTRALIANS dived through the surf in the direction of an AUSTRALIAN plane while the others made as much noise as they could in order to attract the attention of the guard. The eight AUSTRALIANS managed to escape with the plane in the direction of AMBON town. The remaining POW were led back to the prisoners' camp and were bayoneted one by one by the JAPANESE. The bodies were buried in a trench nearby."

"A week after this an old AMBONESE native, accused by the JAPANESE of fighting with a fellow coolie, was dragged behind a truck to the headquarters, where he was bayoneted three times and died a slow death."

(NEFIS Interrogation Report No. 2683, p. 3.)



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22 January 1946

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2. Prior to digesting and filing this material I had a talk with Lt. J. Reilly (Rm 26) Investigation Unit, C.I.C., Dai-Ichi Building.
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....fr Interrogation of Civilian, Javanese from Maglung, Java.

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*Soewardjo reported that in March 1942, 40 Australian soldiers were interned in a house at Djokjakarta, Java. One day the Japanese took these soldiers to an air strip called Mikoewon, near Djokjakarta. The Australians were first beaten until they were barely conscious. Then they were stuffed in woven baskets, one per basket. (These baskets were used by the Japanese as a place to keep pigs while taking them to market) The lids were fastened on these baskets, the baskets were loaded in a truck. The truck was then driven in a circle around the air field.

After about two hours of this the Japanese stopped the truck near a long trench which had previously been dug for the event.

The Australians were then lined up one behind the other, beside the trench. A Japanese soldier then stood at the front of the line and bayoneted the first Australian. The Australian immediately behind him was forced to deposit his comrades body in the trench. This same thing was repeated until all forty of the Australians were killed. If an Australian did not die immediately the Japanese would shoot him in the head with a pistol.

Soewardjo witnessed the following while in Bandung, Java: The Japanese took from 30 to 40 white men, tied their hands behind their backs; then connected them together with a long rope. This rope was fastened to the rear of the truck and the men dragged the truck so he was unable to tell whether or not all the men were killed*.

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.....from a NEFIS interrogation report:

"AMBON: It was rumored that at LAHA in Aug 42 about 60 AUSTRALIAN troops came down from the HITOE mountains to the shore just off LAHA. The BINONGKOS reported them to the JAPANESE. All prisoners were caught and beheaded one by one in a house at LAHA."
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