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INTERROGATION NO: 302

PLACE: Magoya
DATE: 5Nov 45

Division of Origin: Oil and Chemical, Team #4

Subject: Plant Operation - Second Naval Fuel Depot, SHIOHAMA YOKKAICHI.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Tech Major OZABA, Hideo (Jap Navy): and MIZOGUSHI, M.

Where interviewed: Second Naval Fuel Depot, SHIOHAMA, YOKKAICHI.

Interrogator: W. E. Lawson, C. E. Phel, Paul Konz, and J. Brooks.

Interpreter: D. Kim, A. V. Kolpakolff, Ken Yamada

Allied Officers Present: Capt. J. C. Webb

Lt. H. E. Wyman, AUS

SUMMARY: Inspected new plant for concentration of hydrogen peroxide from 30% to 80% located at Mountain Laboratory about 4 Kilometers from Fuel Depot. Only two of the six concentration units had been completed but all were under construction, including a tunnel for each unit sufficient to house underground 24 cu. meters of product. The single unit which has been operated intermittently for four months was in excellent condition and gave evidence of high quality, design and construction. Repeated questioning confirmed earlier statements that no Germans had visited this hydrogen peroxide factory and depot. The construction units were above ground, but were sheltered by trees and presented a poor aerial target.

Capt. Webb and Lt. Wyman, AUS inspected and plotted bomb hits and assessed damage of the distillation plant, repair plant, warehouses, acetylene absorption and separation apparatus and the catalyst manufacturing plant at the Second Naval Fuel Depot, YOKKAICHI.

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