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Testimony regarding crimes committed by a
Japanese Force.

The organization of the "EI" 1644 force, in Central China, a
Water Supply and Purification Unit was as follows:-

1. General Affairs Bureau.
2. Epidemic Prevention Section.
3. Material Section.
4. Physics and Chemistry Section.
5. Intendance Section.

The General Affairs Bureau was in charge of the office work, person-
nel affairs, education, instruction, etc. of the unit in general.

Epidemic Prevention Section was dealing with the examination and
culture of microbes, prevention of contagious diseases and other general
epidemic prevention work.

The Material Section was in charge of the various medical supplies,
water supply materials and other work regarding material in general.

The physics and Chemistry Section was working on the examination
of poison, the culture of vaccines, examination of drinking water and
on other scientific research.

The intendance Section was managing the accounts, supplies, etc.
of the Unit.

The principal officers of the unit in September, 1943, were as
follows:-

The Commander of the unit at Nanking, H.Q.:
Col. SATO Shunzo, Army Medical Corps.
The chief of the General Affairs Bureau at Nanking H.Q.:
Maj. AWAYA Ippo, Army Medical Corps.
The chief of the Epidemic Prevention Section at Nanking H.Q.:
Capt. OKOCHI Masao, Army Medical Corps.
The Comdr. of the detachment at Chinchiang: Maj. OKURA, A.M.C.
The chief of the Epidemic Prevention Section at Chiuchiang:
Lieut. SAITO Shichiro, A.M.C.

I do not remember the names of the others.

The original duties of this unit were to look after the health of
Japanese soldiers, the prevention of the contagious diseases, the pre-
ventative examination and vaccination of the Japanese nationals. The
unit was established for the purpose of preventing diseases. In opera-
tions they also supplied drinking water to the forces engaged in the
operations by organizing water supply sections.

It is a fact that this unit cultured the microbes such as those
mentioned below. However, even in the unit only the officers directly

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concerned with the matter knew and the matter was kept secret from the other officers, and men. It is a fact, though, that the following microbes were cultured during June, 1942. (1) Cholera, (2) Typhus, (3) Plague, (4) Dysentery.

All members of the Epidemic Prevention Section participated in culturing the microbes.

The diffusion of the microbes took place during June and July of 1942, but the number of times the diffusion took place or the quantity diffused is unknown. Microbes were spread in the area around Kihwa of Chekiang prefecture, but as the withdrawal of Chinese Armies from the area was so rapid, the advancing Japanese Army entered the contaminated area. And as the Japanese made short rests or camped in the area and used the nearby water for drinking and cooking purposes, a large number of cases of contagious disease resulted.

A great number of Chinese inhabitants also suffered from the epidemics and died. It is not clear how the command for the culture of microbes was issued, but as I do not believe that the unit would take such measures at its own discretion. I believe that the orders came from some one like the Commander of the Army, (The Comdr. of the 11th Army SHIMOMURA Sadamu) or the Comdr. of the Division (Divisional Commander - SAKUMA Tameto). The object of such an operation is to diffuse the malignant microbes in the rear of the enemy and to spread the epidemics artificially in order to kill and to demoralize the enemy. It is an inhumane act which also badly affects the inhabitants. When I visited the Hangchow Military Hospital about the middle of September, 1943, it was overcrowded by Japanese soldiers suffering from contagious diseases and every day three to five men were dying. I was told that about August of the same year they accommodated thousands of cases by laying straw mats in the open yard of the Hospital.

According to the words of TATSUZAWA Tadao of Tokyo, a lance corporal of the Army Medical Corps of "EI" 1644 Force, he flew to the front lines to scatter the microbe from the aircraft. The unit had two or more aeroplanes for its own use.

I am one who was attached to the Epidemic Prevention Section of the Water Supply and Purification Corps, from May, 1942 to March, 1943, but who deserted from the unit upon discovering that under the name of "Sacred War" inhuman acts, such as I mentioned, were being committed. The Physics and Chemistry Dept. was also making researches on poisons.

Former member of Epidemic Prevention Section of
"EI" 1644 Force.

April 17, 1946.

(Signed) HATABA Osemu.

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Kawashiro-mura, Kurazawa, 358.

Drawn by HATABA, April 19th, 1946.

"EI" 1644 Force.

Building for
animals.

CREEK

Civilian
employee's
quarter.

4 storied Bldg.
No admittance
above 2nd floor
except officers.

Culture
Room of
Microbes

Research
Room

2 Storied Bldg.

Cooking
Room

Officers'
Canteen

Lecture
Hall.

2 Storied
Hospital

HAYABUSA
Air Unit

Ware-house

6 Storied
soldiers quarters

Main Entrance

← To Station

I HSIEN Bridge

CHUN SHAN
EAST ROAD

Flying field.

Botanical Garden

128 KUNSHAN Road, Shanghai.

A Committee for culture movements against Japan.

SHIZUOKAKEN, Ogasagun, Kawashimura, Kurasawa, 358.

c/o TAKAFUJI Genjiro.

Tokyo-to, Hongo-ku, Nishikatamachi, Tono 10

OKADA Yoshihoko.

Tokyo-to, Koishikawa-ku, Tanaka Bunkyo Do.

(Book store).

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that I am associated with the International Prosecution
Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Command Allied Powers,
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Crimes committed by a Japanese Force

Kaw 17 April
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of my official business and in the following manner, to wit:

(place and from whom obtained, including specific Japanese
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Hataba Osamu, a Japanese, at Shizuoka-ken,
Ogasagun, Kawashiro-mura, Kuragawa, 358.

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日軍罪業證明書

中支那派遣日軍榮一六四四部隊即予防疫
給水部、構成ハ次ノ通りデアツタ。

一、總務部 一、防疫科

一、材務科 一、理化學科

一、經理科

總務部ハ部隊全般ノ事務、人事、教育、指導
等ノコトヲ管理シテイタ。

防疫科ハ細菌ノ檢索、培養、傳染病ノ防疫、

其他一般防疫業務ヲ管掌シテイタ。

材務科ハ各種衛生材料、給水用器具、其

他一般資材業務ヲ管掌シテイタ。

理化學科ハ毒物検査、豫防注射液製造、

水質調査、其他ノ理化學的的研究ヲ主トシテイタ。

經理科ハ部隊内ノ經理ヲ主管シテイタ。

當時昭和十八年九月ノ部隊ノ主要ナル責任

者ハ次ノ如クデアツタ。

南京本部

部隊長 陸軍軍醫大佐 佐藤俊三

同 總務部長 同 軍醫少佐 栗屋一步

同 防疫科長 同 軍醫大尉 大河内雅夫

九江支部部隊長 軍醫少佐 大隈

九江支部 防疫科長 軍醫中尉 齋藤七郎

其他ノ者ハ忘却シテ記憶ガナイ。

此ノ部隊ノ主要ナル原來ノ任務ハ、一、一般日
軍士兵ノ健康維持ノタメ、傳染病ノ豫防トカ、
居留民ニ対シテ防疫検査トカ豫防注射ヲ行フト
カ、總テ疾病防止ノ爲ニ設置サレタモノデアリ、
又作战中ハ給水班ヲ組織シテ作战部隊ニ淨
水補給ヲ行ヒタリ。

此ノ部隊ニ於テ左記ノ如キ傳染病徴菌ヲ製
造セルコトハ確實ナレドモ、部隊内ニテモ一般士
兵ニハ秘密トサレテオリテ、直接關係セル將校
ノミ之ヲ知レリ。然シ乍ラ昭和十七年六月中
ニ、左記種類ノ徴菌ヲ製造セルコトハ事實ナリ。

- 三、
一、コレラ 二、チブス 三、パスト 四、赤

痢。

製造

關係者ハ防疫科員全員ナリ。

撒布セル時期ハ昭和十七年六月ヨリ七月マデノ間ナリテ、回数、數量、等ハ不明ナリ。

撒布区域ハ浙江省金華ヲ中心トセル地域ナリ。此ノ結果ハ中国軍ノ撤退急ナリシ爲、進軍セル日本軍カ撒布地域ニ進出シ、小休止又ハ宿泊セル結果、飲料水、炊事等ニ附近ノ水ヲ使用シ、以テ多數ノ傳染病患者ヲ出シタリ。

又中国住民中ニモ多數ノ患者ヲ出シ、仆レタリ。徴菌製造ノ命令系統ノ詳細ハ不明デアルガ、部隊カ自動的ニ右ノ行爲ヲ行フモノデハナク、

土軍

軍司令官

下村定

師團長

佐久間為人

軍司令官、師團長等ノ要求ニ依リテ行フモノ
デアルト思フ。

此ノ目的ハ、悪性猛烈ナル病原菌ヲ敵軍陣
地後方ニ撒布シテ、人工的ニ傳染病ヲ猖蹶セ
シテ、敵軍ヲ斃シ、士氣ヲ沮喪セシムルヲ目的ト
シテ行ルモノデ、一般住民ニ対シテモ頗ル悪結果
ヲ及ボス非人道的行爲デアル。

五、
昭和十八年九月中旬ニ自分ハ抗州陸軍病院
ニ赴イタガ、當時ニ於テモ、同病院ハ傳染病患
者（日軍兵士）デ充滿シテ居リ、毎日五^B至三名ノ
死亡者ガアツタ。同年ノ八月頃ハ同病院ノ營
庭ニ蓆ヲ敷イテ、數千ノ患者ヲ收容シタト

云ツテ其夕。

又榮一六四部隊ノ衛生兵長立澤忠夫(東京出身)ノ言ニ依レバ、彼ハ飛行機ニ依リテ前線ニ病原菌撒布ニ出動シタト話シタ。

部隊ニハ専用機が最少ニ~~一~~台以上アツタ。自分ハ昭和十七年五月ヨリ十八年三月マデ防疫給水部防疫科ニ勤務シテ其夕が、聖戦ナゾト云フ美名ノ下ニ、右ノ如キ非人道的行爲ヲ行フヲ知リテ、部隊ヲ脱走セル者デアル。

尚理化學科テハ毒藥ノ研究ナゾモ行ナツテ其夕。
元榮一六四部隊防疫科員

民國廿五年四月十七日

榛葉 修

静岡縣小笠郡河城村倉澤三五八志茂

三五年四月十九日

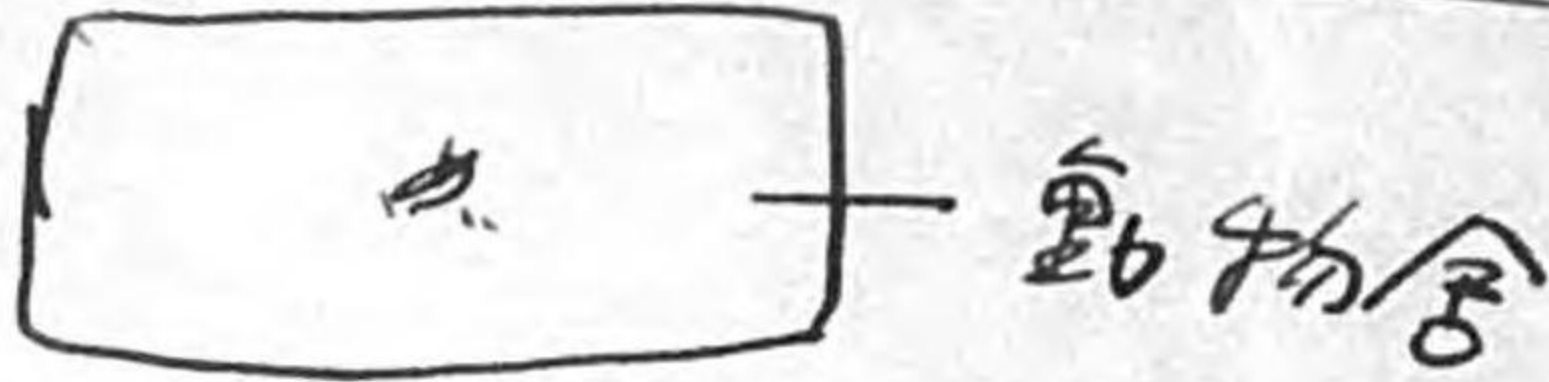
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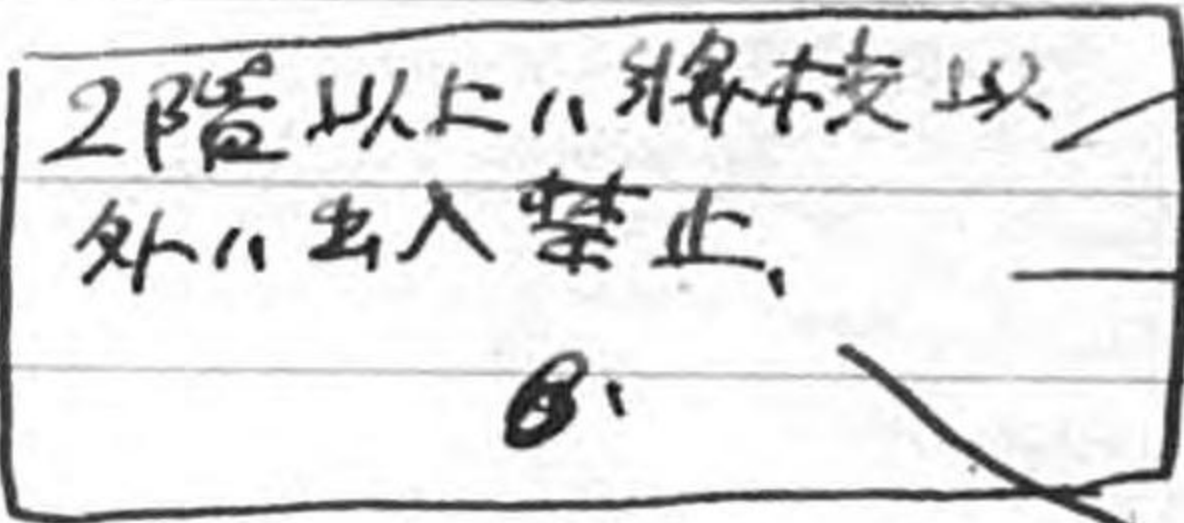
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動物舎

クリーク

培養室



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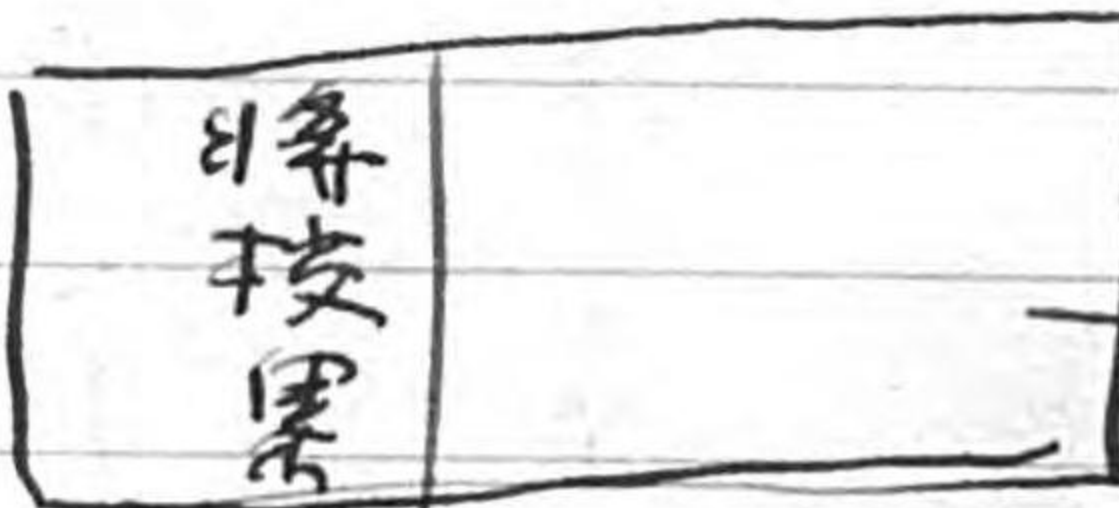


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研究室



炊事



將校集會所

2階講堂

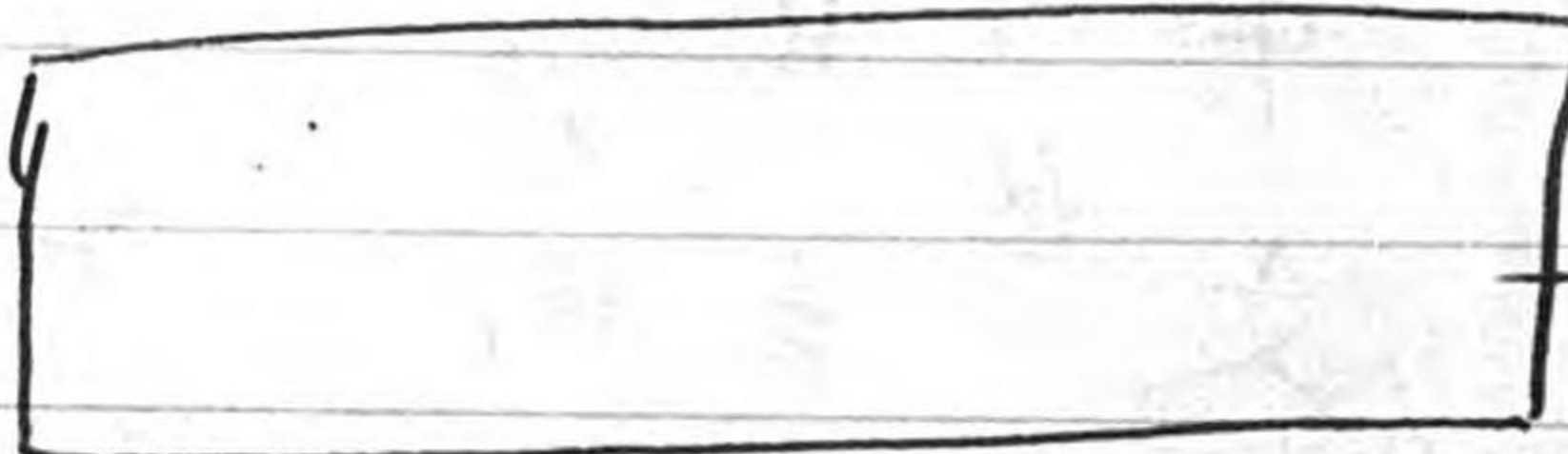


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浴室



倉庫



第1644部隊

6階兵舎

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