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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Sworn Statement of Anthony Warren Dawson-Grove,  
Former POW at Shinagawa POW Hospital

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LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Legal Section, SCAP

PERSONS IMPLICATED: Ofuna POW Camp Officials

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Maltreatment of POWs

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Sworn statement of Anthony Warren Dawson-Grove, former POW, at  
Shinagawa POW Hospital describing condition of POWs arriving from Ofuna.

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CITY OF TOKYO )  
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HONSHU, JAPAN )

I, ANTHONY WARREN DAWSON-GROVE, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say:

That I was a Prisoner of War of the Japanese from December 25, 1941 until the Japanese surrender. That I was taken a Prisoner of War at Hong Kong, that I was a Prisoner of War at Shinagawa Prisoner of War Hospital, Honshu, Japan, from 13 May 1944 until the end of the war.

That I am a medical graduate of Oxford University, with a degree of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and <sup>and</sup> Biochemistry, Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery. That I practiced medicine for 2½ years in various hospitals in England, where I was House Physician and Medical Registrar. In 1937 I came out to Hong Kong to practice internal medicine. At the outbreak of war I was commissioned in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve with a rank of Surgeon Lieutenant.

I was the Prisoner of War doctor at the Shinagawa Hospital. Among the group that came from Ofuna Prisoner of War Camp to Shinagawa Hospital was a Major in the United States Air Corps by the name of William Walker, who was shot down on the 26th of December 1944, parachuting down into Tokyo Bay. I witnessed the parachute coming down, but did not know that it was Major Walker until the 27th of August 1945. This is the only parachute <sup>descent</sup> I saw during the war in <sup>Japan</sup> <sub>H.K.</sub>

Major Walker weighed 44 kilos on admission to the Shinagawa Hospital. He exhibited the most extreme case of malnutrition that I have seen. He was nothing but skin and bones with a slight degree of puffiness around his ankles.



He had no control over the muscles controlling his head and neck. The muscles normally used in keeping the head up right were so wasted and paralyzed that when he sat up with assistance, his head fell back, so that he was unable to look straight ahead. With the help of his hands he could push his head forward, in which position he was just able to feed himself. He was most of the time irrational but he had phases during which he was able to tell me where he came from, that he was married and had, I believe, two children, and he was also able to recall some of the terrific punishment and beatings and absolute starvation which he had to undergo at the hands of the Japanese in Ofuna. The reason why he had this very severe punishment was that he was the highest ranking officer first to be shot down over Japan in an air force plane coming from the Mariannas. He had been given instructions to hold out as long as possible and not give information to the Japanese about air installations, numbers of planes, etc. in Guam and Saipan. I believe his normal weight was around 200 lbs. By the time he came to Shinagawa Hospital, he exhibited no external evidence of injury because he had not been interrogated by the Japanese for three or four months previous to his arrival in Shinagawa Hospital. He was considered to be the most ill patient in Shinagawa Hospital, and he was taken on board the American Naval Hospital Ship, "Benevolence", as a priority case where he rallied at first but died some 36 hours after his arrival on board the Benevolence. The American Naval Hospital personnel said







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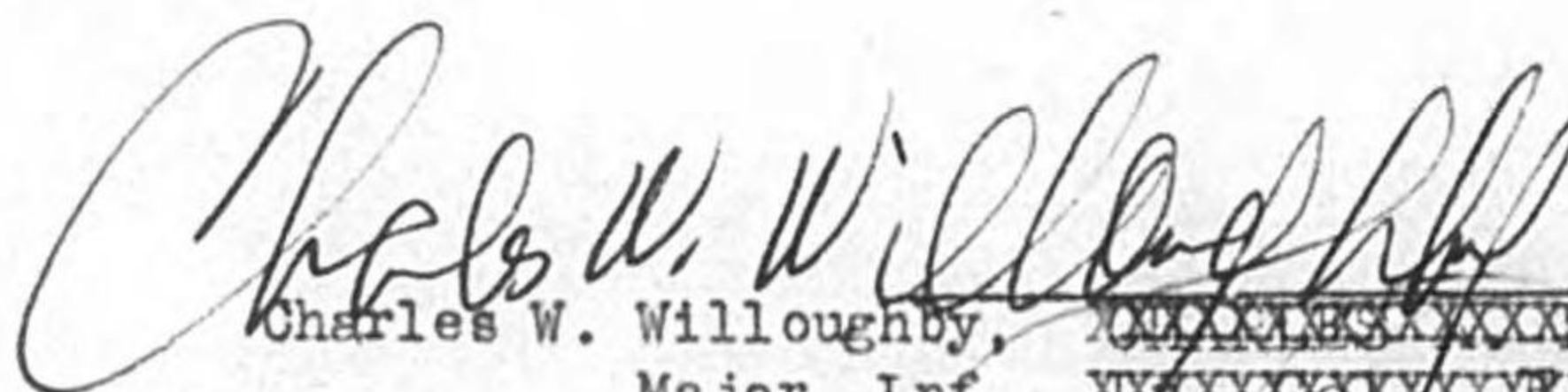
27 October, 1947

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached document is a true copy of an affidavit purporting to be sworn and subscribed to by Anthony Warren DAWSON-GROVE

at Tokyo, Honshu, Japan

on the 4th day of October, 1947.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that it was copied from an original in my custody as Chief, Criminal Registry Division, Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP, Tokyo, Japan.



Charles W. Willoughby, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
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