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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Miscellaneous copies of Extracts from Documents pertaining to POWs held by Japanese. Prisoner of War Information Bureau

Date: 1943-1944 Original ( ) Copy (x) Language: Japanese

Has it been translated? Yes (x) No ( )  
Has it been photostated? Yes ( ) No (x)

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

Prisoner of War Information Bureau, TOKYO

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Japanese POW Information Bureau (Lt. Omachi)

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Geneva Convention

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

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Extract from "B.A. 84, Prisoner of War Information Bureau No. 20, Sub No 51, Rearrangement of List of Punished Prisoners of War".

This extract is from the Chief of POW Information Bureau addressed to all chiefs of POW Internment Camps, 27 July 43, and states that list of POW shall contain no more than those punished by Courts Martial or Special Courts Martial while those punished in other ways should be reported monthly on a separate list as heretofore.

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Extract from B.A. 84, Prisoner of War Information Bureau No. 20, Sub 52 re punishment of American and British Marines in the Philippines, dated 29 July 43.

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This extract is from Chief of POW Information Bureau to Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and states that thirty-two officers and men received summary punishment of two months' confinement for violating martial law in concealing the fact that they were military men, and that after expiration of this sentence, they were interned at Philippine's POW Internment Camp.

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Extract from B.A. 84, Army Information No. 1374, "Points Pertaining to Rearrangement of Revision of Censorship Matters Requiring Special Attention", dated 20 Dec 43, from Chief of Army Intelligence Bureau.

This extract lists various types of information re POW that were to be prohibited after 20 Dec 43.

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Extract from B.A. 87, Eastern District Army Special Report No. 3 re partial destruction of Fifth Branch of Tokyo POW Camp and listing POW casualties resulting from accidental collapse of this building. Dated 11 Jan 44.

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Extract from B.A. 98, being telegrams from THAI POW Internment Camp to Chief of POW Information Bureau dated 5 and 7 Sep and revealing that main diseases among POWs are malaria, malnutrition, cortex disease, beriberi and that 37.06% of all POWs are sick.

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Extract from B.A. 84, being a communique re "Matters Pertaining to Investigation of Communication Technicians", and dated 21 June 43. Request is made that investigation re such technicians be made and sent to Army General Staff Hdqrs immediately. It further states that assembly technicians of wireless transmitters and receivers will for the most part, be employed at such places as KOKUSAI; SUMITOMO; NIPPON; OKI and other communications companies, the Broadcast Association Co., and MANCHURIAN Electric Co.

(All documents stamped certified as true copies by Lt Henry T. OMACHI, Aus, AG Casualty Clearance, Japanese P/W Information Bureau)

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陸報第...三四號...

檢閱注意事項整理改訂...

昭和...年...月...日...

陸軍省...

首題...

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一、俘虜優遇又ハ虐待ノ事象ヲ具シテ報告スルノ旨ヲ示シ、(ハ禁示ス  
 研、世為美命) 或ハ獎勵條件優遇ニ過シカ如キ印象ヲ予  
 示スルハ、俘虜ノ虐待或ハ保体獎勵等、虐待印象ヲ示スル  
 二、收容所内等ニ於テハ設備給與ニ衛生其外他生添状態等  
 三、關心且具體的事項ニ付、(ハ禁示スル旨)  
 三、俘虜所在ニ關シテ、龍記以外ヲ用ヒ、或ハ其ノ位置ヲ明示スルモノ  
 函館、東京、大阪、軍通寺、福岡、公津、朝鮮、奉天、  
 比島、馬來、爪哇、ボルネオ  
 四、正式ニ俘虜收容所ニ編入シ、至ラズル俘虜ノ情況特ニ氏名、  
 出生地、所屬部隊、明示スルモノ(捕獲重慶軍將兵除カ)  
 別、捕獲直後、俘虜ノ皇軍精強ニ對シテ感想ヲ述ベ、等  
 報道ハ可クモ其ノ取調狀況ヲ敘シ、或ハ該俘虜ノ氏  
 名、出生地等ヲ明記スル等、取扱ニ悪影響ヲ及ボ  
 ス虞アルモノハ不可トス

對捕虜

- 五、東洋人俘虜ヲ收容シ勞役セシメアル事ヲ示スモノ
  - 六、勞役以外ニ俘虜ヲ利用セシムル事ヲ示スモノ
  - 七、高級俘虜ノ陳述感想等（特ニ陸軍者ニ於テ認可スルモノヲ除ク）
- 以下略ス

BA 84 Army Intelligence No. 1374.

Points requiring Re-arrangement or Censorship Revision  
Matters Requiring Special Attention.

20 December, 1943 (SHOWA 18)

The Chief of Army Intelligence Bureau.

Please be informed that the following re-arrangement and revision  
will be made regarding the above subject matter from 20 December 1943.

Re Information and Guidance on the Two Rank Promotion of Army  
Officers and Men.

Will be omitted here.

Matters requiring Special Attention in Censoring Information  
on P.O.W.

News within Japan in regard to P.O.W. must mainly contribute  
to the stirring up of the fighting spirit of the nation and to the  
encouragement of production increase. Care must be taken, however, not  
to misinform on our fair attitude in order not to give the enemy a good  
chance for making evil propagandas or bring troubles upon our people  
interned by the enemy. For this reason information of the following kinds  
(including photographs and pictures) are prohibited.

1. Information giving such impressions as that the P.O.W. are  
handsomely or cruelly treated.  
e.g. Information that would give the impression that they are  
being well fed without doing anything, or that their working con-  
ditions are too good or such that would give the impression that  
they are ill-treated, such as information on their punishment and  
their working naked.
2. Specific matters about the accommodations, rations, sanitary con-  
ditions and other living conditions in Prisoner of War Internment  
Camps.

3. Information that would show the location of prisoners of war or give names of places other than the following: HAKODATE, UKYO, OSAKA, ZENTSUJI, FUKUOKA, FORMOSA, KOREA, MUNDEN, PHILIPPINES, MALAYA, JAVA AND BORNEO.
4. Information about the conditions of prisoners of war who are not yet properly taken into prisoner of war camps, especially information on their names, birth places and units (excepting captured officers and men of the Chungking Army).  
e.g. Though it may be well to give information on war prisoners' impressions on the bravery of the Imperial forces soon after their captivity, the condition of the investigation must not be recorded, nor the war prisoners' names, birth-places, etc. for this might have a bad effect upon the treatment of ?
5. Information showing that some orientals are interned as prisoners of war and are compelled to work.
6. Information showing that prisoners of war have been used in some other ways besides labor.
7. The statements and impressions of higher officers taken as prisoners of war (except those especially approved by the War Department).

The rest will be omitted.