

29 April 1947

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Requested by Hata

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THE SWISS DIPLOMATIC MISSION
IN JAPAN

Tokyo, April 25th, 1947.

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Egley

Dear Sir,

Referring to our conversation of March 4th, I have the honour to inform you that I have received only recently an answer from our Consulate General in Shanghai concerning Mr. Eglé.

Here are the following particulars you asked to provide:

1. Name: Edouard EGLE
2. Date and place of birth: July 5th, 1896,
at Degersheim (St. Gall, Switzerland).
3. Mr. Eglé left Switzerland in 1910 and worked with the firm Messrs. Siber Hegner and Co., Ltd., in Shanghai since 1911. In 1942, he was appointed as delegate in China of the International Red Cross Committee. Mr. Eglé left China in 1946 and is at the time being staying in Switzerland. His present address is c/o Messrs. Siber Hegner and Co. in Zurich.

I should like to add, in case you would ask Mr. Eglé to act as witness at the International Military Court for the Far East, that in similar cases,- for instance when former delegates of the International Red Cross Committee were called as witnesses at the Nuremberg tribunal,- they never appeared in Court but only answered in writing to written questionnaires.

Yours truly,

Ch. Alb. Dubois

Lieutenant J.A. Curtis,
International Prosecution Section,
War Ministry Building,
T o k y o .

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Request by: HATA, Shunroku

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REPORT BY: H. Shimojima

11 Feb 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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A check of IPS case files reveals nothing on subject.

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Report By: Lt. J. Curtis

11 March 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David N. SUTTON, Associate Prosecutor
FROM: DOUGLAS L. WALDORF, CHIEF, INVESTIGATION DIVISION
SUBJECT: Defense Witness

The Swiss Legation has been contacted for information on Egle, a Swiss citizen requested by Hata, who was a representative of the IRC in Shanghai during the war. This information will be transmitted as soon as a reply is received from Shanghai through the Swiss Legation. He is reported to have returned to Switzerland.

DOUGLAS L. WALDORF,
Chief, Investigation Division
IPS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. DAVID H. SUTTON
FROM : DOUGLAS L. WALDORF, Chief, Investigative Division, IPS
SUBJECT : Defense Witnesses

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witnesses subpoenaed by the Defense:

DEPENDANT - HATA, Shunroku

<u>Witness</u>	<u>List of Material Available</u>
KATO, Michio	1. Subpoena
<u>EGLEY, (PNU)</u>	1. Subpoena
KAWAMURA, Saburo	1. Subpoena
JACQUINOT, Father	1. Subpoena

2. In the event that this is not complete, the remainder of the data will be forwarded to you without delay as soon as it is received by this office.

3. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

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(Described above)

DOUGLAS L. WALDORF
Chief, Investigative Division
IPS

7 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David N. Sutton
FROM : Mr. Smith N. Crowe, Jr.
SUBJECT : Defense Witness EGLEY

1. Please find attached herewith further reference to the subject matter of the testimony of defense witness EGLEY. This testimony is relative to the treatment of prisoners of war in China by the Japanese Armed Forces. This information will be pertinent to any witness testifying on this same subject matter.

2. On record page 3436, the interrogation of a defendant MUTO was introduced in evidence as Exhibit No. 255. Referring to the question of prisoners of war, the following questions and answers appear:

"Q And, of course, you took prisoners from the Chinese Armies?

"A No. The question of whether Chinese captives would be declared prisoners of war or not was quite a problem and it was finally decided in 1938 that because the Chinese conflict was officially known as an 'incident' that Chinese captives would not be regarded as prisoner of war. This time, however, if there was to be a declaration of war all captives were to be treated as prisoners of war.

"Q As a matter of fact the China Incident was a war, was it not?

"A Actually yes, but the Japanese Government looked upon it as being an incident.

"Q So that when you became Chief of Military Affairs Bureau in 1939, you carried on a policy of not treating the Chinese captives as prisoners of war?

"A Yes.

Smith N. Crowe Jr.
SMITH N. CROWE, JR.

1 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. D. N. Sutton
FROM : Mr. S. N. Crowe
SUBJECT : Defense Witness - EGLEY (EGLE)

1. Please find attached hereto report on the above witness who has been called for the China Phase.

Smith N. Crowe
SMITH N. CROWE

1 Incl
Reprt, EGLEY (EGLE)

1 May 1947

MEMORANDUM RE: EGGLEY (EGLE)

I. Subpoena subject of testimony - He will testify as to the treatment by the Japanese Forces of prisoners of war in China.

II. Information from the Investigation Division - The witness is a Swiss National and a member of the International Red Cross. His real name appears to be "Egle". He was a representative of the International Red Cross in Shanghai during the war. It appears that he was a member of the Swiss Legation or Consulate in Shanghai. IFS has no Curriculum Vitae on this man.

III and IV. There are no case files or cross-index files on this witness.

V. Evidentiary document card file in Document Division - This source of information will be investigated at a later date.

VI. Reference in evidence to witness or to the subject matter of his testimony - There is no mention of this witness in the record by name, and investigation is still being conducted regarding possible excerpts of the record dealing with the treatment of prisoners of war in China.

VII. Summary of testimony given - This witness has not testified.

VIII. No decorations from the Japanese Government as far as our records show.

IX. Non-listed investigation - None.

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INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION

2 May 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. D. N. Sutton
FROM : Mr. Smith N. Crowe
SUBJECT : Defense Witness - EGLEY (Egle)

Forwarded herewith is additional information on the above witness, which particularly deals with reference to the subject matter of his testimony.

In the direct testimony of A. A. Dorrance beginning at record page 3390 appears the following description of occurrences which took place during the occupation of Hankow in October 1938:

"At the customs wharf the Japanese collected, oh, several hundred Chinese war prisoners, or rather soldiers and I presume they were war prisoners. They were held up alongside the customs house there and picked -- well, more or less herded there.

At that time, as you are probably aware, in the Yangtse River the water is extremely low, and they use gangplanks that run maybe a quarter, half mile from the solid ground out into the river. The soldiers, the Japanese soldiers, who were at the head of this gangplank would occasionally walk up to this crowd of Chinese soldiers -- well, Chinese people, most of whom were soldiers according to their dress, would select at random three or four of them and apparently with no personal selection, just more or less point for three or four to walk on down." * * * * *

"Arriving at the water's edge where the water was deep, the soldiers would kick these Chinese into the water and shoot them when their heads appeared above the water."


Smith N. Crowe

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