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U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
(PACIFIC)
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ANNEX B

INTERROGATION NO. 347

PLACE Tokyo
DATE 27 October 1945.

DIVISION OF ORIGIN: MILITARY ANALYSIS (Ground).

Subject: Requirements, Production and Distribution
of Ground Ordnance Supplies.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Lt.-Gen. KAN, Haruji - Chief, Ordnance Administrative Headquarters.
Maj.-Gen. ITO, Reishi - Chief, Field Ordnance Directorate.
Colonel MATSUO, Tadayoshi - Ordnance Bureau.
Major SUZUKI, Hideei - Arms Section, Ordnance Bureau.
Major KAZUO, Otsu - Mechanized Section, " "
Major ICHIRO, Kawado - Communications Equipment Section,
Ordnance Bureau.

Where interviewed: Room 238, Meiji Building, Tokyo.

INTERROGATOR: Colonel J. F. Rodenhauer

INTERPRETER: Captain P.W. Aurell
Major ROKURO, Nago.

Allied officers present: Capt. W.M. Drozd.

SUMMARY:

1. The interrogation developed the fact that the Japanese were not able to give "on the spot" answers to questions. After considerable discussion to develop the subject matter and make plain exactly what was desired, it was agreed that the Japanese would submit written answers to a six page questionnaire by 1400, 5 November 1945.
2. Very general information on Japanese plans, methods and problems of supply was developed. A very rough sketch of the location of important supply points outside Japan proper was made. Destruction of documents by fire was claimed as the reason for lack of immediate, specific information.
3. Production facilities were set up to produce ammunition for use in captured French weapons; however, only the ammunition found with the weapons in the immediate area was utilized with captured U.S. weapons, no effort being made to produce additional.
4. "Spare parts" for Ground materiel were generally a serious problem throughout the war; in fact, it was stated that a considerable quantity of materiel was "deadlined" for lack of spare parts.
5. The greatest concentration of effort was placed on the production of anti-aircraft materiel.
6. The priorities set up for procurement in the last twelve to eighteen months of the war placed Ordnance behind other high consumers of raw materials, making the Ordnance shortages even more acute.