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Doc. Nos. 2687 - 2701, incl 8 October 1946

ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Handwritten and Carbon Copied File of Japanese Orders and Instructions Relating to Handling, Employment, and Disposal of Allied Prisoners of War, Covering General Policy Principally as related to TAIWAN (FORMOSA) POW Camps

Date: 1942 - 45 Original (x) Copy () Language: Japanese

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

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Captured or confiscated from Imperial Japanese Army Headquarters for Taiwan, Taihoku, Taiwan (Formosa)

PERSONS IMPLICATED: KAWABARA, Naoichi (Vice Minister of War)

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Violation Geneva POW Convention

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

Doc. No. 2687 - Certificates covering seizure and translation of Exhibits "A" through "O" (see below)

Doc. No. 2688 - Radio 5 Jun 42 from Chief of POW Control Bureau setting out work to be given PWs. (Marked "A")

Doc. No. 2689 - Radio of 2 Apr 42 from Chief of POW Info Bureau, Tokyo, telling of plans for use of POWs in production in Formosa. (Marked "B")

Doc. No. 2690 - Radio of 2 Apr 42 from Taiwan Army Chief of Staff saying he will use Pows in farming and "as material for education and guidance of local islanders". (Marked "C")

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- Doc. Nos. 2687 2701; incl Page 2 SUMMARY Cont'd
- Doc. No. 2691 Radio of 2 Apr 42 from Taiwan Army Chief of Staff to Hongkong asking for POWs for same purposes as given in telegram above. (Marked "D")
- Doc. No. 2692 Radio of 3 Apr 42, Hengkeng to Taiwan Army C of S stating agreement with his radio of 2 Apr 42, above. (Marked "E")
- Doc. No. 2693 Radio of 7 Apr 42, Chief of Staff, Taiwan Army to Tokyo, asking for 7,000 POWs. (Marked "F")
- Doc. No. 2694 Radio of 29 Apr 42 from Chief of POW Control
 Bureau to Taiwan, stating desire to send as
 many POWs as possible to Taiwan, responsibility
 for facilities to rest with local commands.

 (Marked "G")
- Doc. No. 2695 Radie of 6 May 42 from Vice-Minister of War KAWABARA, Naeichi, to Taiwan Army C of S, outlining policy on POWs, and stating that they are to be used in Kerea, Manchuria, and Formesa "for the enlargement of our production and as military labor". (Marked "H")
- Doc. No. 2696 Instructions of Chief of Staff to Commander of Taiwan POW Camps. (Undated but found among entries of early July 1942) Excerpt which emphasizes white POWs are to be used in such a manner that Japanese power over them to be shown for benefit of recalcitrant Formosans. (Marked "I")
- Doc. No. 2697 Radio of 20 Aug 45 from Chief POW Camps Tokyo
 to Chief of Staff Taiwan Army authorizing
 transfer or immediate release without record
 of Japanese Army personnel who mistreated
 prisoners of war or incurred their enmity and
 destruction of "unfavorable" documents.

 (Marked "J")

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- Doc. Nos. 2687 2701, incl Page 3 SUMMARY Cont'd
- Doc. No. 2698 Communication 30 Mar 45 C of S Taiwan Military
 Juris to Chief of Taiwan POW Camps and one of
 17 Mar 45 from Vice Minister of War To Chief
 of Staff Taiwan Mil Juris noting enclosure of
 "Summary for Arrangements for Prisoners of War",
 etc. (see below) (Marked "K" and "L")
- Dec. No. 2699 Pelicy Draft, "Summary of the Arrangements for POWs in Conformance with Transition in the Situation", undated but presumably early 1945. POWs to be moved quickly, in anticipation of new Allied landings, to places where they can work, if possible, with care to be used if extreme measures taken against rioters. (Marked "M")
- Doc. No. 2700 Radio 16 Mar 42 from Vice Minister of War to C of S Taiwan Mil Juris ordering duty hours of POWs be changed to fit demands of local situation, discretion in hands of camp commanders. (Marked "N")
- Doe: No. 2701 Extract from Journal of Taiwan POW Camp HQ in Taiheku, entry of 1 Aug 44, in which instructions for urgent or emergency disposition of prisoners are given, allowing any means available, but in any case all are to be annihilated, leaving no traces. (Marked "0")

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I, ARTHUR A. SANDUSKY, hereby certify:

- 1. That I am Chief of the Document Division of the International Prosecution Section, G.H.Q., S.C.A.P., and as such have possession, custody and control of original or copies of all documents obtained by the said Section.
- 2. That the exhibits A through O referred to in the accompanying affidavit of James T. H. Cross, Major, Royal Artillery, dated 19 September 1946, were received in the Document Division and were assigned document numbers as follows:

A - 2688	H	- 2695
B - 2689	I	- 2696
C - 2690	3	- 2697
D - 2691	K and L	- 2698
E - 2692	M	- 2699
F - 2693	H	- 2700
G - 2694	0	- 2701

ARTHUR A. SANDUSKY

I hereby swear that exhibits A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. and O attached hereto and initialed by me are original documents duly requisitioned and confiscated from Imperial Japanese Army Headquarters for Taiwan. Taihoku. Taiwan. (Formosa) and handed over by a representative of the Imperial Japanese Army in April 1946 to the British American Formosa War Crimes Team of which I was then a member.

James T. N. Cross, Major, Royal Artillery,
Commanding, War Crimes Liaison Section
(Formosa) Allied Land Forces, South
East Asia.

Sworn before me this 10th day of September 1946.

Statement of witness sworn (affirmed) before me (signature) /s/
P. A. L. Vine Rank Major Royal Marines DAJAG (War Crimes) S.E.A.
this 19th day of September 1946.

(Authority: - ALFSEA War Crimes Instructions No. 1 para 7).

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I hereby swear that exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, and O, attached herete and each initialed by me, are true and accurate translations by me of original documents duly requisitioned and confiscated from Imperial Japanese Army Headquargers for Taiwan, Taihoku, Taiwan (Formosa), and turned over to the Iritish-American Formosa War Crimes Team there during April 1946.

/s/ Stephen H. Green, Interpreter.

I herety swear that exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, and O, attached hereto and each initialed by me, are true and accurate translations by Mr. Stephen H. Green, a qualified official Japanese-English interpretor for the War Grimes Liaison Section (Formosa), Allied Land Forces, South Fast Asia, or oxiginal documents duly requisitioned and confiscated from Imperial Japanese Army Headquarters for Taiwan, Taihoku, Taiwan (Formosa) and turned over there in April 1946 to the British-American Formosa War Crimes Team of which I was then a member; and that the original documents from which the translations were made have been since then and are now in my possession and custody.

James T. N. Cross Captain, Royal Artillery Commanding, War Crimos Liaison Section (Formosa) Allied Land Forces, South

East Asia

Statements of Mr. Stephen H. Green and Captain James T. N. Cross both subscribed and sworn before me this 31st day of May 1946 at Shanghai, China.

James O. Monroe, Jr.

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Captain, United States Army Air Corps
Attached, War Crimes Liaison Section (Formosa)

Allied Land Forces, South East Asia

(Classified Judge Advocate and Qualified
to administer oaths; Authority Article
of Mar 114)

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(signed) Arthur A. Sandusky Arthur A. Sandusky