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PLACE: Tokyo
DATE: 16 Nov. 1945.

Division of Origin: Military Analysis.

Subject: Testing of Army Aircraft.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Col. MATSUZAWA, Kyohei - Chief of Ordnance Section and
Aircraft Sub-section of Air General Army and Air Hq.

Where interviewed: Meiji Building, Tokyo.

Interrogator : Captain Logan.

Interpreter : Lt. Condr. Nichols.

Allied Officers Present: Captain Haskins.

Summary:-

Colonel MATSUZAWA outlined the responsibility for testing Army aircraft before and after acceptance by the Army Air Forces.

- Q. Was there any part of the Army Air Force responsible for making further tests of Army aircraft after acceptance from the manufacturers and prior to delivery to tactical units?
- A. Army pilots, following directives of the Inspectorate General of Aviation, tested planes at the factories prior to acceptance, and the Air Depots were responsible for further testing after acceptance and prior to delivery.
- Q. We have been told that these depots did not perform any tests after acceptance. (See Interrogation No. 337 of Col. HARA, Hiroshi of the Osaka Air Depot, and Interrogation No. 300 of Major General YUI, Sadao of the Kagamigahara Air Depot). Can you explain this?
- A. During the later stages of the war, these depots were short of pilots and the pilots they had were inferior, so it is possible that these tests were not always performed. Also, the depots were so short of pilots, that they sometimes borrowed transport ferry pilots to do this work. The division of work was not always clear and often it was not done, but the depots were supposed to do it.

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