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INTERROGATION NO: 168

PLACE: TOKYO
DATE: 27 Oct 45

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 Hdqs.
Maj Gen ITO, Reishi - Chief, Field Ordnance Directorate.
Col MATSUO, Tadayoshi - Ordnance Bureau.
Maj SUZUKI, Hideei - Arms Section, Ordnance Bureau.
Maj KAZUO, Otsu - Mechanized Section Ordnance Bureau.
Maj ICHIRO, Kawado - Communications Equipment Section,
Ordnance Bureau.

Where interviewed: Room 238, Meiji Building, Tokyo.

Interrogator: Colonel J. F. RODENHAUSER

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 material 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.

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