

HEADQUARTERS
U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
(PACIFIC)
APO #234
C/O POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO

INTERROGATION NO. 141
Division of Origin Capital Equipment
& Construction

PLACE Tokyo
DATE 27 Oct., 1945
TIME 1030

Subject: Lumber Industry

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Mr. NOHARA, Japan Lumber Co., in charge of distribution and allocation of National Lumber.

Mr. TAKASHIO and MR. OMISHI, Member of the Organization.

Where interviewed Room # 361, Meiji Bldg.

Interrogator Lt. Call.

Interpreter Lt.(jg) Holmes

Allied Officers Present None

Summary:

1. Questionnaire returned.
2. Discussion of bottlenecks in Lumber Industry.
3. Reply to questionnaire previously submitted was handed over. Information still some what incomplete, but gaps should be filled by 31 October. Questionnaire dealt with organization of the control Ass'n (called Japan Lumber Co.), how it controlled production and allocation, and available statistics on planned and actual production of Lumber.
4. Discussion of bottlenecks in Lumber industry revealed (1) that shortage of food was the most serious. Laborers, whose minimum food requirements for efficient working were 1 sho per day, had to work on 40% of this amount. (There are 10 go in 1 sho; and there are about 7 go in 1 kilogram). (2) Shortage of fuel of trucks, railroad cars, etc., was second in importance. (3) Shortage of metals - Sawblades, nails, and wire rope was next.

Distribution: All Divisions.