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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.

- AGAINST 
ARAKI, SADAO, et al.

I, Eiguma ISHIDA, do swear on my conscience that the following is true:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at CHANGI GAOL, SINGAPOLE, this day 9th of November 1946. /s/ K.S. Kalsi Major

Eiguma ISHIDA.

### CERTIFICATE

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General ISHIDA reviews some history of construction of Burma-Thailand Railroad, and authorities responsible for use of prisoners on same.

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班特設鉄道隊司 上在緬田本軍 一人をいい 陸軍 道隊 及世佛領印 歌鐵道 九月四旦同处海省次 当 CHANABURI, 頃東京 司令部 建設 陸軍 指揮 軍務服以 ラ建設指揮の場にクシ コンコイター 少二次世界大戰,對斧當时、 補、 行心原網終過起設司分部五十二九四 四〇〇科 道底湖船的資輸送等 余八次八三部门,指揮一任六 月中 司令部 八十二般道监部中四特 大臣ョリ、中二鉄道监及事 命习受力 三住じタり。 给物資輸送三供也 旬、アンホン北方 2 クナラルンプ ニシテ、 一九六年 一九四三年 り。余八旬十 方命 定成 三赴十、表國 一於ケル 女平 をする 赴

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展然,在 本鉄道一完成八五季日本軍隊か 一致歌門 那門中將、修属一時人人食料等可補給人物物廠可指揮 柳给习我们是一十月道味又心也上十 其一結果 一個水艦及也安里少九攻擊 言此水上輸送一個推三基因也了 ナランメクル直接五因八野術上一要求国 當時之が建設以電下心且以急速九建設了電也所以对日本船船 相り仕一下りり 建設工事一数功可見見後之余、徐、依 國前一陸上輸送了一十一在在七世中上が故一之子必要 四三年一八四和十八年一 七月中、余少本鉄道指揮官一就任又上先立今, 人KATO大佐、建設工事了視察也り、 使後得為三年英人張州人名蘭 緬甸之在山日本軍隊, 飢 一般後でうり 泰面鉄道八主上デ作使及苦力,另役言り建設也方し、一九 4月十七日校功也り 尚少数修 7 がボール盤及方面ヨリノ物質 此處額然道一個的輸送監 飲い頭にワックレ次かきこう 此正二三天當時事情,緬甸家 殿治がかり軍司の官タリし ,可続并保線及比輸送 泰緬鉄道建設了張力 於か上型175世科及上 1-29

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