

HEADQUARTERS
U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
(PACIFIC)
APO #234
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PLACE: Tokyo.

DATE: 5 November, 1945.

INTERROGATION NO. 234
(Obtain from G-2)

Division of Origin: Oil

Subject: Oil questionnaire

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Colonel MASUDA; Lieutenant Colonel TORII; Colonel HAYASHI;
HACHIYA (their interpreter).

Note: See summary regarding background information.

Where interviewed: Meiji Building, Room 209

Interrogator: Lieutenant T.M. Welch.

Interpreter: Jack Adachi.

Allied Officers Present: None

Summary:

Colonel MASUDA was chief of the general affairs section from April, 1945, to date. He was chief of the Fuel Section of the Army Ministry from May, 1944, to April of 1945. For six years prior to that time he was a member of the equipment section of the Army administration, working on allocation of all military supplies.

Lt Colonel TORII has been an assistant to Colonel MASUDA from April of this year. Since 1942 (to April of this year) he was a member of the general affairs department of the Fuel Board.

Colonel HAYASHI has been chief of the equipment section of the equipment department from April of this year. From March of 1944 to April of 1945, he was chief of the production section of the production department. From 1939 to March of 1944 he was chief of the supervising section of the Ordnance Department.

Major TAKAHASHI - background previously noted.

INTERROGATION NO.234 (cont'd)

PLACE: Tokyo
DATE: 2 Nov. 1945,

Summary: Organization and operation of the Military Fuel Board.- They purchased oil from the civilian oil companies and directed the production of the Army refineries, and the storage of Army crude oil; also Army research. All of the regular fuel offices were ordered to burn all their records on August 16 by the War Ministry. The head of those offices have been ordered out of those jobs, so it is felt that no records could be obtained by visiting the regional fuel offices.

Army oil supply departments maintained records showing stocks of oil and distribution of the oil obtained; however, Colonel MASUDA explained that all of their records have been destroyed pursuant to the War Ministry order of August 16: to burn all records. The men in charge of the oil depots are still at their posts: will be there until November 15, at which time they will be demobilized.

Major TAKAHASHI felt that more accurate information than that available in Tokyo could be obtained by visiting the managers of the various oil supply depots, and that if he had more time to obtain information he himself would endeavor to obtain information from these men by mail.