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A REPORT ON THE COURT MARTIAL FOR ALLIED AIRCRAFT CREWS  
CAPTURED IN THE CENTRAL JAPAN DISTRICT ARML AREA

I. This report is based on reports from the Central Japan Demobilization Bureau.

II. Substance:

The men who were executed after trial by court martial were Nelson and Augnus, who were both captured after incendiary raids on Tokyo on the night of March 9th, 1945, Osaka on the night of March 14th, 1945, and Kobe on the night of March 19th, 1945, respectively.

III. Facts of the Court Martial:

1. The Accused:

Second Lieutenant Robert Warson Nelson, U.S.A.  
Sergeant Algy Stanley Augnus, U.S.A.

2. Date of taking in charge:

Taken in charge from the Central Japan Kempei Tai HQ the first part of May, 1945, and imprisoned on the same day.

3. Place of imprisonment:

Detention ward of the Kusunoki 12490 Butai (inside Osaka Military Prison).

4. Investigation:

The investigation ended May 31st, after detailed investigation by the prosecutor for two days on the basis of the reports from the Kempei Tai HQ. Under investigation, the accused frankly stated the facts.

5. Place and Date of Judgment:

Court of the Central Japan District Army Headquarters. Sentenced to death on July 18th, 1945.

6. Date of Execution:

4:00 p.m., July 18th, 1945.

7. Place of Execution:

At the Army Manoeuver Grounds in Yokoyama-Mura, Senhoku-Gun, Osaka Prefecture.

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8. Disposal of Corpses.

Buried on the same day (temporary burial). Cremated at the same place on August 24th. The formal funeral took place at the Sanadayama Army Cemetery on the 25th of the same month.



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Signed at Tokyo on this

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/s/ Ayao OYAMA  
Signature of Official

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Witness: /s/ Keishi Hashimoto

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I, J. A. Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

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/s/ J. A. Curtis, 2nd Lt.  
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