A REPORT ON THE COURT MARTIAL FOR ALLIED AIRCRAFT CREWS CAPTURED IN THE CENTRAL JAPAN DISTRICT ARM 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 Melson, U.S.A. Sergeant Algy Stanley Augnus, U.S.A.

2. Date of taking in charge:

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

3. Place of imprisonment:

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

4. Investigation:

The investigation ended hay 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 Julgmanh:

Court of the Central Japan District Army Headquarters. Sentenced to death on July 18th. 1965.

6. Date of Execusion:

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 Cemetary on the 25th of the same month.

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