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Evidence #18
Excerpts from VA 1. 2. 13

"Examples of Officer POWs' Voluntary Work"

- 1. The four men voluntarily engaged in knitting fishing-nets for use in the north-sea fishing area have proven to be very efficient. (an excerpt from "Laboring Officers", the monthly report of Hakodate POW Camp, April issue 1944)
- 2. In the Second Detachment, Captain ZEKURA, and Second Lieutenant May among other officers at labor, have worked voluntarily with eagerness and seriousness. Their results were far better than those of the average Japanese workers. Their great contribution was recognized by the firm and after many conferences it was decided that a sum of money for encouragement was to be given to the two officers as a reward.

 (an excerpt from the monthly report of Hakodate POW Camp, June issue, 1943)
- 3. The Officer POWs who were transferred and assembled at the detachments of Ikuno and Oeyama, are actively engaged in farming.

 Particularly in the Oeyama Detachment they raise wheat, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and vegetables for themselves and before long they are expecting to harvest as much as 8 sacks (T.N. about 16 bushels) of wheat.

 (an excerpt from the monthly report of Osaka POW Camp, May issue, 1945)
- 1. The officer FOWs who were transferred from Hiroshima POW Camp to Rokuroshi Military Training ground, have volunteered to do farming, and have been working diligently since the end of last month.

 (an excerpt from the monthly report of Osaka POW Camp, June issue, 1945)

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