

HEADQUARTERS
U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY
OIL CHEMICAL AND RUBBER DIVISION
(PACIFIC)

PLACE: Tokyo.

TIME: 29 October, 1945.

INTERROGATION NO. 172

Division of Origin: Oil and Chemical.

Subject: Army - Navy production of oil and overall allocation.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Rear Admiral ENOMOTO, Ryuichiro.

Nov. 1938 - July 1942 Chief of Synthetic Fuel Section,
Fuel Bureau, Commerce and Industry
Ministry.

Aug. 1942 - Nov. 1943 Naval Attache Singapore.

Dec. 1943 - June 1944 Chief of Naval Fuel Depot, Yokkaichi.

July 1943 - May 1945 Chief of Oil Bureau Munitions Min.

June 1945 - Aug. 1945 Chief of Fuel Bureau, Munitions Min.

Where interviewed: Room 748, Meiji Building.

Interrogator: Lt. Comdr. G.M. Williams.

Interpreter: Lt. Thorlackson
Kawakita, S. Japanese Army-Navy liaison committee.

Allied officers present: None

Summary:

1. Overall allocation of oil.
2. Fuel Bureau Chief customarily Rear Admiral.
3. Army-Navy relations at Singapore.
4. Navy organization in South.
5. Shipments from occupied areas.
6. Transportation of Oil.
7. Synthetic Oil.
8. Submarines along Japan.

Note: The importance of this interview in the interrogator's mind is that it establishes that there was no overall governmental control of oil thru the Cabinet Planning Board (or General Mobilization Bureau) and that such unity and coordinated control as existed lay in the Army-Navy Joint Committee, with the peculiar situation of the Army controlling about 3/4 of all production and the Navy being the principal user of oil.