

Extract from  
Interrogation of Hideki Tojo  
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- Q Did not the heads of the various prison camps have to make a monthly report to the Military Bureau with respect to the prisoners under their care in connection with food, health, labor, and so forth?
- A I think they did on a basis of regulations. This is a routine matter.
- Q And those reports were consolidated, were they not, and sent to the War Minister?
- A The War Minister received a stack of papers about a foot and a half high each day, and I suppose that was among them.
- Q You do know, do you not, that those reports were compiled and forwarded to the War Minister?
- A The extracts were probably reported on at the meetings of the bureau chiefs which took place twice weekly.
- Q Was the matter of the death rate from malnutrition, and other causes, shown by these reports discussed at these meetings?
- A Yes, it was, and I paid particular attention to it. The responsibility for these matters belongs to the army commanders in the field. However, when they couldn't fulfill their responsibilities, they would make requests of the War Ministry. These requests came to the chief of the Military Affairs Bureau and, after consultation between the latter and the commanders in the field, the War Ministry would take action either by sending food, or some other means.

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