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STATEMENT OF THE WITNESS (TOMILIN NIKOLAI IVANOVITCH)

March 12, 1946, Moscow I, Military Investigator for the U.S.S.R. at the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo, Colonel of the Judicial Corps Dolitsky have, with due warning of the responsibility for giving false evidence according to article 95 of the R.S.F.S.R. Criminal Code, examined the under-named as a witness, who stated:

I, Tomilin Nikolai, Ivanovitch, born 1902 in the Gorky District, in the town of Sormovo, military rank colonel, at present an instructor of the Frunze Military college address Moscow, Building No. 14, Zubowsky street flat 124.

Not previously under trial.

In 1939 I was in the rank of major and the second in command of the 1st Army Artillery Group in the Battle area of the Khalhin-Gol river.

In September 1939 when the active hostilities were over, I was appointed by the Soviet Government to the Committee for exchanging of war-prisoners and delivery of corpses.

Personally I received about 60 Soviet war prisoners according to the list from the Japanese Command. All the prisoners were extremely exhausted. They could hardly stand on their feet because of their weakness. Their thinness and paleness were striking. Their faces and bodies were bruised and scratched all over.

After the prisoners were transferred to me they told me in detail about the brutal treatment of the Japanese authorities. The prisoners had been subject to systematic beating and they had been starved for a long time.

In summer 1941 I was President of the 2nd Subcommittee for the frontier demarcation between the Mongolian People's Republic and Manchukuo in the area of battles at the Khalkhin Gol river.

Shinomura an official of the Foreign office in Manchukuo was a representative on the Japanese side. Shinomura is a diplomat by profession. Once at our joined meeting at one of the points when we were setting up the frontier, Shinomura said: "In due time I warned Tokyo that we should not begin this conflict at the Khalkhin-Gol river, as I knew beforehand, that with our strength nothing would come out of this. But Tokyo did not want to take my opinion into consideration and here are the results". Later on we changed the topics of our conversation.

I have nothing else to state.

My testimony has been written down and read to me, to which I sign my name.

Colonel of Judicial Corps,
Dolitzky.

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENT

I, Menshova, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the Russian and English languages; and the above is a correct and true translation of the indicated document.

Signature Menshova

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lt. Colonel Taranenko G.I.,
a member of the military forces of the U.S.S.R., do here-
by certify that affidavit of witness Tonilin, an eye-wit-
ness of the Khalhin-Gol river incident of March 12, 1946, on
2 pages.

was delivered to me by Colonel Dolitsky
on or about March 20, 1946, and that the original of the
said document may be found in _____.

I do further certify _____

/s/ Lt. Col. Taranenko
(Signature and rank.)

Tokyo, Japan,

June 15, 1946.