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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al,

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent : ICHIDA, Jiro

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

I, ICHIDA, Jiro, appeared as a witness in the above styled case on September 4, 1947. My former affidavit is Exhibit 3089.

I was a Major-General at the end of the war stationed in Burma under General KIMURA after surrender. I assisted the Chief of Staff in war times, and was acting Chief of Staff after surrender. Concerning Court Exhibit 1539 in which is mentioned 27 Burmese as being missing in July of 1945 and which is also known as the Moulmein case, I state as follows:

After the surrender, around the beginning of October 1945, I had occasion to talk to Commander of Gendarmerie KUME who was on his way from a place about 50 kilometre southeast of Moulmain to Rangoon with his subordinates by order of the British Army. He had stopped to rest at Thongwa village.

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The Headquarters of the Burama Area Army was then located in Thongwa village about 30 kilometers to the southeast of Moulmein. In this conversation Commander KUMBE told me about the so-called Moulmein incident for the first time. Commander KUMBE told me that the Burmese who had been kept in custody at Moulmein had been handled by the Chief of the detachment of the Moulmein military police at his, the Chief of the detachments own discretion and without orders from anyone. Later on after the ranking officers of the Area Army in Burma had been moved to the POW camp in Rangoon as prisoners, around the end of October 1945, I informed General KIMURA of the Moulmein case. General KIMURA told me that that was the first time he had heard of the case. Military Headquarters of the Area Army in Burma had not issued orders nor received any information regarding the matter before the termination of the War.

I have read all of the court Exhibits concerning Atrocities in Burma presented to this tribunal. Reports concerning such matters would have come to me and I in turn would have transmitted them to General KIMURA. No reports concerning the illegal acts mentioned in the exhibits read by me were received consequently there was none to go to General KIMURA.

On this 11 day of Sept, 1947

At I.M.T.F.E.

DEPONENT : /S/ICHIDA, Jiro
(seal)

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I, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn
by the Defendant, who affixed his signature and seal thereto
in the presence of this witness.

On the same date, at I.M.T.F.E.

Witness: /S/ KORETSUNE? Tatsumi
(seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the
whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/S/ ICHIDA, Jiro (seal)