

HEADQUARTERS

U. S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY (PACIFIC)

INTERROGATION NO. 96

PLACE Tokyo
DATE 23 Oct. 45

DIVISION OF ORIGIN: Military Supplies.

SUBJECT: Shipbuilding

Personnel Interrogated and background of each:

Mr. SUNAGAWA - Superintendent URAGA Dockyard
Business Manager " "
Chief Engineer " "

Where interviewed: Uraga.

INTERROGATOR: Lieut. J. C. PETTEE

INTERPRETER: Lieut. (jg) R. H. STERN

Allied officers present: Lieut. T. J. LETTES.

SUMMARY: Exhibits Provided:

1. Financial statement showing officials, financial organization, and something of the facilities of the URAGA Dock Company.

2. Berth Schedule showing dates of keel laying, launching and delivery, name length, g.r.t., H.P., and ship type for all ships built at URAGA Dockyard, 1 January 1935 to present.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. During the war the yard concentrated on the production of type 2TM (medium tanker), railroad car ferries for the HAKODATE AOMORI ferry, coast defense vessels, destroyers and a few cargo vessels.

2. Of the eleven Seikan Maru class railroad ferry ships, four were built before the war and seven during the war. All but the first two were built at URAGA. Number 12 is now under construction.

3. Employment reached a peak of 11,000 in late 1943, and fell off considerably in late 1948 because of the draft. Conscripted Korean labor was used in the yard to a significant extent.

4. There were no raids at URAGA though preparations, such as shelters and firebreaks had been made.

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