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Gratitude Expressed by the Prisoners of War At the Tokyo POW Camp.

5. Commander Mayer, a senior officer to this internment camp tendered the following letter of appreciation in behalf of the internees to express gratitude for the various entertainments given on Christmas day, 25 December.

Letter of Appreciation

TO: Col. SAKABA

Dec. 26, 1944

Chief of the Tokyo POW Camp

In behalf of all the prisoners of war in the Tokyo
POW Camp, I wish to express our warm appreciation for being
allowed to enjoy a wanderful Christmas day. For us prisoners
here this day means so much and the fact that we are able
to celebrate this day according to the customs of our
country is indeed a previlege.

The majority of prisoners here, who are separated so far from their homes and families, have already observed Christmas twice in this camp but I am certain that this was the merriest of all. Had it not been for the Japanese military authorities we would not have been able to enjoy this day.

I wish to express again our heartfelt appreciation to Colonel SAKABA and his subordinates for their efforts in making our Christmas so enjoyable.

Mayer, Commander, U.S.N.

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I hereby certify that the document hereto attached, entitled "Cratitude of the Prisoners of War in the Tokyo FOW Camp" is an exact and authorized excerpt from an official document in the custody of the Japanese Government (The Prisoner-of-War Information Bureau).

on this 16th day of June, 1947

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Loting Chief of the Prisoner-of-War
Information Bureau.