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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

-vs-

RAKI, Sadao et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: URESHINO, Michinori

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.

From the outbreak of the Great East Asia War in December 1941 until its end in August 1945, I was continuously in the service of the 10th Section of the Army General Staff, my last rank being Lieutenant-Colonel.

The 10th Section, Army General Staff, was in charge of shipping and railway transportation.

Transportation for the field of operations to Japan proper was handled by the Army General Staff. It was controlled by such personnel as Director of Transportation and Communications, Chief of Shipping Command, and Chief of Shipping Transportation Command under the Chief of General Staff.

These prisoners of war who were in PW camps in the field were controlled by the local Army Commanders under the supervision of ^{the} War Minister. In transporting to Japan Proper such PW's who were under the General Control of War Minister, the War Ministry made a request for their transportation to the General Staff (usually to Chief of Shipping Transportation) and, thus, such sea-transportation was carried out at the responsibility of the General Staff. While aboard the ship in the course of such transportation the Chief of PW Camp, or the Acting Chief, in charge of the PW group being transported, comes under the supervision of ^{the} War Minister. However, as far as the general matter of transportation (including rations) is concerned, he comes under the Chief of Transport Command and the General Staff. The notification concerning PW transportation, RIKUANITSU No. 1504, that is: Court Exhibit 1965, was sent from the Vice-War Minister and the Vice-Chief of General Staff in 1942 to the units concerned. This was sent because, as mentioned above, the relationship between War Ministry and General Staff with regard to the transportation of PWs from the field to Japan Proper was such that it required cooperation from both of them.

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It does not mean that the War-Minister issued an order as to the High Command with regard to the latter's affairs.

On this 29th day of January, 1948
at the International Military Tribunal For the Far East

Deponent: /s/ URESHINO, Michinori (signed)

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

On the same date,

at the same place.

Witness: /s/ KAWAKITA, Kenjiro (seal)

OATH

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

/s/ URESHINO, Michinori (written)
seal

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宣書供述書

荒木貞夫	其他	極東國際軍事裁判所
		亞米利加合衆國
		其他

供述者
ウレシ
野ノ
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軌

私は一九四一年十二月大東亞戦争の開始より一九四五年八月終戦に至るまでの間は引續き參謀本部内第十課に勤務して居りました。最後の階級は陸軍中佐であります。

參謀本部第十課は船舶及鐵道關係を所管して居りました。

作戰地より内地への輸送は參謀本部の所管であります。參謀總長の下に運輸通信長官船舶司令官、船舶輸送司令官等の職員があつて之を管理します。現地の俘虜收谷所に入りたる俘虜は現地軍司令官が陸軍大臣の統轄の下に之を管理します。此の陸軍大臣統轄の下にある俘虜を内地に輸送せんとする場合は陸軍省側より參謀本部側へ多くは船舶輸送司令官に輸送請求を爲し參謀本部の責任の下に海上輸送を行います。此の場合船舶内に於て俘虜の一團を引率する俘虜收谷所長又はその代理官は陸軍大臣の統轄を受けつつあります。連隊行爲一般としては一結集を含む輸送司令官其他參謀本部の権限下に立ちます。法廷證第一九六五號即ち

昭和十七年陸軍密一五〇四號停戦の輸送に關する通牒が陸軍次官及參謀
次長より陸軍部隊に發せられたのは作戦地より内地への輸送關係が石の
如く省部双方の協力關係にあるからでありまして陸軍大臣が統帥部内の
ことに付き指令を發したといふことを意味するものではありません。

昭和二十三年（一九四八年）一月二十九日

於極東國際軍事裁判所構内

供述者 喜野通軌

右ハ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス。
同日於同所

立會人 河北健治郎

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