

P-51 pilot died. He had internal injuries and when he would eat his food would pass right out. It would not stay in his stomach, and he slowly went crazy and finally beat his head out against the wall and the next morning he died. I know of that. Whenever he caused any trouble, the Jap guards went into his cell and beat him with the butt of their rifles.

- Q. Did you know any of the guards that did this?
A. No. That fellow on Omori, a no good guy, they called him "Glass Eye". Another of the guards was called "Pudding Head". I understand from the other fellows that "Laughing Boy" Nishida administered beatings. It was also said that Watanabe administered punishment.

/s/ Herbert L. Law

Mr. Stanley A. Reese of the Prosecution Division is preparing Case #150 for trial. He has in his possession a photographic copy of the above sworn statement by Lt(jg) Herbert L. Law.

On 4 February 1947, Mr. Stanley A. Reese interrogated Takao MORI, former Interpreter and Sgt Maj in the Osaka Kempel Tai Headquarters, who witnessed the execution of 2nd Lt Robert W. Nelson and S/Sgt Algy S. Auganus (Auganus). Although Takao MORI made a sworn statement, he lied when he described the scene of the execution. Takao MORI stated that 2nd Lt Nelson and S/Sgt Auganus (Auganus) were shot, however, a sworn statement made by Kenzo NABAO on 18 March 1947 and contained in Report #150, dated 27 March 1947, describes how the two (2) fliers were beheaded. Takao MORI's sworn statement is as follows:

I, Takao MORI, after having been duly sworn, testified at Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, Japan, on the 4th day of February as follows:

- Q. After the Court was opened who made the first statement, or asked the first question?
A. Major YAMANAKA. He said for these two men, the crew of the B-29, the trial will now begin. Major YAMANAKA asked Lt. NELSON for his name, rank, age, organization and next asked Sgt. AUGANUS the same questions.

Lieutenant OGIYA made the short statement (prosecutor). These two men of the crew of the B-29 have bombed the cities of Japan, such as Tokyo, Hamamatsu, Osaka and Kobe since December 1944 until March 17, 1945, so they are to be tried on this deed.

- Q. Did Lt. OGIYA tell AUGANUS or NELSON that they were being tried for indiscriminate bombing of civilians?

- A. He did not mention the word "indiscriminate" bombing, but only said bombing and caused death and injuries to civilians, except for telling them that they were being tried for the bombing of cities in Japan.
- Q. Except for telling them that they were being tried for the bombing of cities in Japan, did he tell them of the details of charges against them, or that they were being tried for the death sentence?
- A. They are to be tried on the charges of bombing, he said. He did not mention that they should be tried for indiscriminate bombing or that the death sentence was involved, and didn't use these words.
- Q. Was that all that Lieut. Ogiya said in his statement?
- A. Yes, his statement was very short.
- Q. Then what happened?
- A. Captain Ono asked a series of questions according to documents made by Lieutenant Ogiya and the other documents made at the MP station. As the questions were being asked I saw Captain Ono turn the pages.
- Q. Now, I want you to tell me, in your own words, just what questions Captain ONO asked and what the answers were.
- A. First Captain ONO questioned him about their family conditions and their Army career, such as how they come to Saipan case. It was a very short question.
- Q. What did Lt. NELSON answer?
- A. NELSON answered that he was born some place in the states. I do not remember the name of the place. He gave the name of a school and college, only the number in the family, also he gave the date when he entered the army. He came to Saipan in September or November 1944 as a member of the crew of a B-29.
- Then Captain ONO asked the same question of Sgt AUGANUS and he answered that he was born in the states and then he went to school there and then entered the army and then came to Saipan about the same time as Lt. Nelson as a crew of a B-29. The name of the place and the name of the school, I do not remember. He asked Lt. NELSON first and then asked the same questions to Sgt. AUGANUS before he questioned NELSON alone.
- Q. What did ONO do next?
- A. He asked if they were both members of the same crew and did they know each other. Both of them answered yes.

Then Captain ONO asked NELSON how many times had he been in on bombings of Japan since he came to Saipan until captured, and he answered about ten times. Then he asked the same question to AUGANUS and AUGANUS also answered about ten times.

Then Captain ONO asked NELSON what his work on the crew was when he joined the bombing of Japan and he answered, "I am a navigator."

Captain ONO asked, "What is a navigator?" "Will you show me what-kind of work this is?" Lt. NELSON answered: "As a navigator I use radar equipment; navigation maps, and lead the plane straight to the bombing target." That was his duty or work.

Captain ONO repeated the same question to AUGANUS and AUGANUS answered, "I am a radio operator. As a radio operator I communicated with the base in an emergency. My other work was giving first aid to crew members."

Then Captain ONO proceeded to the question of bombing. Chiefly asked questions to Lt. NELSON. Did you actually join the bombing of cities in Japan from December until February, using high explosive bombs?

NELSON answered, "I did, as I already have told you (meaning both the MP investigation and documents made by Lieut. Ogiya.)"

Captain ONO pointed out certain cities from documents before him. Then Captain ONO asked if the targets were definite targets or not, and Lt. NELSON answered that they had bombed definite targets, such as aircraft factories, arsenals, etc.

Captain ONO asked, "Did you actually join in bombing over Osaka and Kobe in March?"

NELSON answered, "Yes."

Q. When you joined the bombing, how many planes were there at Osaka and Kobe?

NELSON answered, "Between one hundred and one hundred fifty planes in groups at both places."

Q. What was the time of the bombings, when they started and when they reached the cities?

NELSON answered that they left after supper and reached both cities about midnight. Osaka was bombed first and the day after the next day Kobe was bombed. As to the types of bombs, NELSON answered, "I didn't see them loaded, but I was told they were incendiary bombs."

Captain Ono's next question: "When you came over to these cities, how did you know and what did you see?"

NELSON answered, "We use radar in navigating and through radar scope use we obtain site of the city in checking with maps, and when I came over these two cities our plane was usually in the middle of the group and usually there were planes ahead of us. Over cities there are clouds and I cannot see the ground, by my eyes, but there were fires reflected against the clouds." NELSON stated, "We usually fly straight course we are given when we leave from the base."

By Capt. Ono

Q. When your plane came over the city, what did you do?

A. In checking up the site of the city and noticing that the plane was just over the city, I informed the Commander of the plane to that effect. Then our plane flew over the city, according to the course.

Q. Captain ONO - Did you know actually that the plane dropped bombs over the cities?

A. Nelson answered that he was told that bombs were dropped.

Q. Did you know about the target? Was there some definite target at that time?

He did not know the definite target. When we left at the briefing I was told just the center of the city was the target. That is all.

Q. Were there any other questions asked Lt. NELSON by Capt. ONO?

A. Yes, he asked Lt. NELSON if the statements he made and were written down in the investigation were true. Lt. NELSON answered that these statements were written as I told them and so I signed on them.

Q. Did Capt. Ono have any statements that NELSON had made read to him during the trial?

A. No, he didn't.

Q. Were you asked at any time during the trial to translate to Lt. NELSON anything taken from the statements he made during the investigation?

A. No.

In the trial Capt. ONO looked at documents which he had returned the pages at times when he asked questions of Nelson but no part of these statements were translated by me to English. Only I translated questions asked by Captain ONO when he looked at documents. No, I only saw turning of pages and had no chance to look at the documents myself.

Q. Did you examine the documents which Captain ONO had before him?

- A. No, I never examined them at the trial.
- Q. What documents did Captain ONO have before him?
- A. I don't know. Some documents were piled up on his desk and stand.
- Q. Do you know how thick these documents were?
- A. No, I couldn't see them, as the stand was very high. I only saw him turn the pages.
- Q. So, when Captain ONO asked Lt. NELSON if the statements which he signed were true did Lt. NELSON get a chance to see the statements which Captain ONO had before him?
- A. I am not sure. He may have seen where his signature was, but I don't know, but I think he showed the documents over the stand.
- Q. How high was this stand? (Witness indicated about seven feet.)
- Q. How far out from the bench was NELSON standing.
- A. About two meters or two full steps.
- Q. Did Captain ONO ever hand these documents to NELSON?
- A. No, he didn't.
- Q. Did NELSON have an opportunity to see the contents of the documents?
- A. No opportunity to see himself at all.
- Q. If he had seen the documents would he have understood anything in them except his signature?
- A. Only his signature he would understand.
- Q. Are there any other questions you can think of that ONO asked Lt. NELSON?
- A. I think that is about all.
- Q. About how long did Captain ONO question Lt. NELSON?
- A. I think Captain ONO's questions occupied most of the hour and including the questions asked of Sgt. AUGANUS, I think 40 minutes is right.
- Q. How long did it take Captain ONO to examine NELSON and how long did it take him to examine AUGANUS?
- A. I think NELSON about 30 minutes and AUGANUS around ten minutes. All in 40 minutes.

- Q. In a statement yesterday you said that from the beginning of the trial to the recess was one hour, or from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, so if Captain ONO took up 40 minutes what was done during the other 20 minutes before the recess?
- A. Major YAMANAKA, the presiding judge about 10 minutes and Lt. OGIYA about the same time. And there was a little time lost in getting the Court started and signing the paper as interpreter and instructing NELSON and AUGANUS not to speak to each other.

COMMENT: This wouldn't take much time.

Q. Do you know why Captain ONO questioned Lt. NELSON about 30 minutes and AUGANUS only about ten minutes?

A. I don't know the reason, but in my opinion it was because NELSON was an officer and he knows better about the bombing and was more responsible for the bombing, because if the navigator was not there the plane wouldn't come to its destination. This is my private opinion.

Q. Then from what you have said, was it true that Lt. NELSON was put in the position of having to speak for both of them?

A. Yes.

Q. All right. Now tell me the questions that Captain ONO asked Auganus individually during the ten minutes also he questioned him.

Captain ONO asked what did AUGANUS do when the plane came over the city in bombing, and AUGANUS answered that as a radio operator I am only attending the radio and if there are any messages from the base or from other planes; that is emergency messages, between planes or the base, I was in charge of handling these messages.

Then the other questions, Did you see any fire in the city?

A. I didn't see any fires myself, but I was told that the city was on fire when the plane came over the city. That is all, I think.

Q. Did ONO ask the radio operator if he attended the briefing before leaving on the mission?

A. No, he didn't.

Q. Did Captain ONO ask AUGANUS if he knew anything at all about where they were going to bomb in Japan?

A. Yes, and AUGANUS said that he heard some other members of the crew say that they were going to Osaka or Kobe, but he didn't know anything about targets, or what they would bomb.

- Q. Did ONO ask AUGANUS if they knew what kind of bombs they were carrying?
- A. Yes; he was told by the crew that they were carrying incendiary bombs.
- Q. Can you think of any other questions which Captain ONO asked Sgt. AUGANUS?
- A. These were all of the questions, I think, except Captain ONO did ask AUGANUS, "Do you admit these statements already mentioned to the interrogator?" and showed him his signature over the stand and AUGANUS repeated just the same as Lt. NELSON said to Captain ONO.
- Q. Did the Court have you translate to AUGANUS any statement he had made? Did AUGANUS know anything about the statement shown over the bench, except his signature?
- A. He only saw his signature.
- Q. After Captain ONO finished his questions to NELSON and AUGANUS, what was the next step in the trial?
- A. Lt. OGIYA made a short statement to the Court.
- Q. Did Lt. OGIYA ask any questions of either NELSON or AUGANUS?
- A. No, he didn't.
- Q. As well as you remember, what did OGIYA say in his statement?
- A. He stated that these two men, a crew of a B-29 had actually joined in the bombing of cities in Japan since December to March and above all in connection with vast bombings of Osaka, Kobe, they used incendiary bombs and induced many losses of civilian lives and property. This indiscriminate bombing are charges against military law in Japan and against international law. So these men should be given the death sentence. That is all, I think.
- Q. Was this all that Lieut. Ogiya said during the trial, except the short introductory statement?
- A. That is all. He was acting as procurator and Capt. ONO was the only judge who was a legal member.
- Q. Did the Court request you to translate the statement of Ogiya in English for the benefit of Lt. NELSON and Sgt. AUGANUS?
- A. No, I wasn't asked at all.
- Q. Were the Japanese words for indiscriminate bombing ever translated by you into English before the recess of court?

A. No.

Q. Were you asked to do so, or did you translate into English at any time before the recess the fact that Lt. Nelson and Sgt. AUGANUS were being tried for the death sentence?

A. No.

Q. YAMANAKA was one judge, ONO was second judge, and there was a third judge. Do you know his name?

A. No.

Q. Did he ask any questions during the trial?

A. He said nothing.

Q. Were NELSON or AUGANUS asked to make any statement in their defense before the recess of the court?

A. Yes, they were asked if they had anything to say, but they said nothing at this time.

Q. What time did the court recess?

A. About 11:00 a.m.

Q. Did the judges leave the room?

A. Yes, they left for another room.

Q. How long were they gone?

A. About 15 minutes.

Q. When they returned what happened?

A. The guard called the court to attention.

Q. Where were NELSON and AUGANUS?

A. They were in the same place, before the stand.

Q. Were they standing?

A. Yes, they stood all the time, as there were no chairs.

Q. After the guard called attention, what was the next step?

A. Judge (Major) YAMANAKA announced the sentence.

Q. Just what did he say?

A. Lt. NELSON and Sgt. AUGANUS you two are sentenced to death according to military law and then Capt. ONO explained the reason in several words.

Q. What did he explain?

A. The facts submitted by OGATA, as witness-procurator, there are three parts. First part, bombing of cities during December to February. Second and third facts, regarding bombing of Osaka and Kobe during March. On the first point you are not guilty, but on the second and third you are guilty under military law. That is all.

Q. As I understand your answer, they were not guilty for the first fact which is bombing from December to February, and the second fact of bombing Osaka was a verdict of guilty and the third fact of bombing Kobe was found guilty. Is this correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Besides YAMAMATA and ONO did OGATA or the other judge make any statement?

A. No.

Q. Did you translate what YAMAMATA and ONO said to the prisoners?

A. Yes.

Q. That statement, if any, did Lt. NELSON make?

A. After the sentence was read out, some judge, I don't remember whether it was YAMAMATA or Capt. ONO, he asked if there was anything the Lt. wanted to state in the Court. Lt. NELSON said that he didn't know that there is such a military law in Japan exists, and moreover he didn't think their deeds are against international law or military law, as we are only obeying the orders of our army, but a soldier's deeds or conduct in obeying the orders of the army should be to be sentenced to death, all soldiers, regardless of nationality, Japanese or American, should be to be sentenced to death. He protested like that.

Q. What was his reaction to the pronouncement of the death sentence?

A. I noticed he was very much shocked by the announcement of the death sentence, although he was standing still, but he protested to the head of the judges on the spot.

Q. Did NELSON say anything else?

A. No.

Q. Did Sgt. ARGENTIS make any reply?

A. No, he didn't say anything.

Q. Was there anything else to the trial?

A. After the protest, Lt. NELSON said that if the sentence is fixed, there is no help. I only did my best to the States.

- Q. Did they say anything to you?
- A. They noticed my face, and said "Hello."
- Q. Did you go to the place of their execution?
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Who asked you to go there?
- A. I don't remember. Some officer of the legal section.
- Q. What did he say to you?
- A. He said "Please go to the execution place and interpret some sentence to them."
- Q. How did you go to the execution place?
- A. He went by army truck together with the prisoners.
- Q. How many people were on the truck. Name them.
- A. I can only name OGIYA, Capt. ONO, Commander of the Military Prison and 5 or 6 non-commissioned officers of the legal section. Some guards, about ten or twelve.
- Q. Do you think Captain Ono went along?
- A. I am not sure whether he went with us.
- Q. Did you see him at the execution?
- A. I am not sure. Only OGIYA and the head of the military prison were there and some Japanese Buddhist priest whose occupation was a guard in the legal section. I think there was one doctor, but do not know his name.
- Q. Did the doctor go on the truck or come later?
- A. All of them went on the truck.
- Q. Did any other vehicle go to the execution?
- A. Only the one truck. It was my first experience to be with those in the legal section, so I don't remember all the names and faces.
- Q. Where did the execution take place?
- A. It was in Army Firing Range named YOFUYAMA FIRING RANGE near TAKAYAMA.
- Q. How long did it take to get there by truck?
- A. About one and one-half hours.
- Q. What time did you leave the Osaka Castle?
- A. About 1:00 p.m.

- Q. Were the prisoners returned from the Oeska Castle where they were tried to the Oeska Military Prison?
- A. No, they were kept in the castle in the waiting room next to the Court.
- Q. How far by automobiles is the Oeska Castle from the Oeska Military Prison?
- A. I don't know. I have never been there.
- Q. There did you meet the superintendent of the prison and the other guards?
- A. They come to the castle.
- Q. Was the superintendent of the prison at the castle during the trial?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Where did you first see him?
- A. At first I don't know him, but at YOPUYA'A I was told who he was.
- Q. At the Oeska Castle when did you first see him?
- A. Maybe I saw him about 1:00, but I don't know who he is.
- Q. Did he get on the truck at the Oeska Castle?
- A. Then I got on the truck they were already on the truck.
- Q. How were Lt. NELSON and Sgt. AUGANUS dressed during the trial?
- A. They were wearing their own uniforms.
- Q. Who helped Sgt. AUGANUS walk from the waiting room to the truck?
- A. I don't know. He was on the truck already.
- Q. Were they blind-folded when you saw them on the truck?
- A. Yes, they were blindfolded all the time from the castle to the place of execution.
- Q. Did you hear them say anything to each other.
- A. No, they kept silent.
- Q. Tell me, in your own words, what happened after they arrived at the place of execution.
- A. Just as we arrived there were some guards who were digging the graves came down to meet us. They said, 'It is ready.'
- Q. How many guards were there?
- A. Three or four.

Q. Were they already there when you arrived?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know how they got there?

A. No, I was told they started early in the morning on bicycles.

Q. Who told you this?

A. One of the guards who was with me on the truck.

Q. When did he tell you this? Before you got there or after?

A. On the way to the place of execution one of the guards said that other guards were already over there digging the hole.

Q. Did he tell you what time they went there to dig the hole?

A. He didn't mention the time. Only early in the morning.

Q. After the truck stopped, tell me in your own words, just what happened.

A. They all got out of the truck, and the one guard was carrying ADAMUS on his back and NELSON was escorted by other guards and all of us went up a small hill. At the top of the hill where the place was flat, I found two holes dug.

Q. Describe the two holes you saw already dug.

A. There were two holes. One for each flyer. Each hole was about (indicating) about three feet wide by $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet long and about four feet deep.

Q. After the party came to the two holes, what happened?

A. They took a rest for a while. Then I think the head of the military prison called them together to line up in front of the holes and the two prisoners sat on the edge of each hole. There was some space between.

Q. Were they still blindfolded?

A. Yes.

Q. Hands tied?

A. Yes.

Q. Feet tied?

A. No.

Then the commander said in Japanese to those who were there. The execution will be held from now on and the guards were made ready for the execution. The guards put the bullet in the rifles and then facing to the prisoners he read off the sentences of execution.

Q. The next day?

Q. Who read out the sentence of execution?

A. The head of the military prison. The sentence was interpreted. It was very short. "From now on we are going to execute the two men in the name of General UCHIYAMA, I think it was UCHIYAMA as then, 'Is there anything you want to say or want to do now?' After I interpreted these words to the flyers they wanted to shake hands with each other. Just before that Nelson said he didn't have anything else to say, except to please convey to my family in the States that I was executed, where and in what way, just as it is, and AUGANUS said, 'I don't hate none of you, because you did your duty as I did my duty, only what I want to say is that this summer will be over soon and there will be peace forever. That is all.'

Q. Then what happened?

A. Then they wanted to shake hands with each other before they were executed.

Q. Did they do this?

A. Both of them untied their hands and NELSON went to AUGANUS and they clasped their hands for a while and they said to each other. 'Good luck!' 'See You Again', or some such thing. AUGANUS had tears in his eyes but Lt. NELSON tapped his head and he returned to his place.

Q. Were they blindfolded at this time?

A. Yes, they couldn't see each other.

Q. How did you know that AUGANUS was crying?

A. Tears were flowing down his face.

Q. What happened then?

A. Lt. NELSON returned to his place and there the commander said 'Ready' to the people there and the guards took the post for shooting and NELSON and AUGANUS were put in the holes, I think, and the guards took their post. There were three guards. One each and one spare. I think their hands were tied once more, and they were very still. Then the word was issued, 'Fire'. The guards fired and after that the guards were ordered to stand back and the doctor went to the holes in order to ascertain whether the flyers were dead or not, but he found AUGANUS was not killed by one bullet, so the commander ordered another shot. When they were all finished the riflemen cleaned their guns and the other guards pulled in the dirt. I do not think there was any sign for the graves but they put some pieces of wood with a number was put in the hole and the ground was levelled. There was a small heap to indicate the size of the grave, and then all the men lined up again in front of the graves. I want to insert that the doctor had already ascertained that they were dead. And when they were all lined up in front of the graves, a guard came in front of the line and he was a Buddhist priest and he made a prayer in Buddhist ceremony, and that place prayed for both of them. Then we all got on the truck. I want to insert that just before the execution the words said by Nelson and AUGANUS were all recorded by some officers.

- Q. What officer?
- A. I don't remember.
- Q. But only two officers went. That is, OGUYA and the superintendent of the prison, unless GNO was there.
- A. I am not sure - only two or three.
- Q. Do you think he recorded the words?
- A. I met OGUYA at the trial for the first time. I think he recorded the words unless Capt. GNO was there.
- Q. What did Lt. OGUYA do or say at the execution?
- A. He didn't say any words as I recall.
- Q. These boards with numbers, were they buried under the ground with the bodies?
- A. Yes.
- Q. While you were there was there any marker or indication above the ground?
- A. No, only a heap of clay.
- Q. Is there anything else you want to add about the execution?
- A. I remember one thing NELSON said. He wanted to know the place where he is and I asked, "May I tell the name of the place?" and an officer replied to him, "It is up in the hills on a Military Firing Range, situated outside a city near the sea." He didn't mention the name of the firing range. That is all.
- Q. Was this near the same place where other flyers were executed?
- A. No.
- Q. Were any of the other flyers who were executed put to death at the same firing range?
- A. These two men only. When we returned to the city, I got out of the truck and went home.
- Q. The next day how many people at the Osaka Military Headquarters did you tell about the execution?
- A. At first I informed Major SHIUCHI and as a topic I told my experience to Sergeant Officer NADA and other comrades.
- Q. Who was it that told you to remain silent and not say anything about the trial or the execution?
- A. Major Shiuchi, and after the War by Lieut. Col. Fujioke of M. P.

Q. What time was this?

A. The day I informed my experience to Himejiuchi said that I had better keep silent to the outside world, and I only told T. O. Ueda and my comrades, but even then I didn't mention the place or the full story. This is the first time I have told the whole story.

Q. Later what officers of the 15th Army visited you and asked you not to say anything about this incident to the allied forces, isn't that correct?

A. I never received such a visit.

Q. How did you leave the place?

A. 16th day of August.

Q. Where did you go?

A. I went to my relatives place.

Q. Did you stay there until you came to Sugamo?

A. No, about a month.

Q. When did you return to Osaka?

A. In September.

Q. Since September until now who have you talked with about the matter of concealing the bodies of the flyers?

A. I have never had any conversation with any one in the legation.

Q. What members of the G-2 do you have you talked with about this matter that is about ABEYAMA and NELSON?

A. Sgt. MORIMOTO, SAKAI, and Warrant Officer WADA.

Q. Was SAKAI an interpreter?

A. No, he cannot speak English.

Q. MORIMOTO?

A. No.

Q. What was your conversation with them?

A. SAKAI interrogated NELSON and ABEYAMA as my assistant, and another man, and I told them that where the flyers were captured and their name, organization, and rank, etc.

Q. What was SAKAI's full name?

A. I don't remember.

- Q. What was his position at Osaka Military Police?
- A. He was a Sgt. Major with Foreign Section and was in Niihuku at the time the war ended.
- Q. Where is his home?
- A. Prefecture Kochi.
- Q. What place in Kochi is his home?
- A. I don't know his home.
- Q. Could you name other personnel of Osaka Military Police who questioned NELSON or ALDANE besides yourself or SASAKI?
- A. I am not sure. Warrant Officer WADA may have questioned him. He can't speak English. He could read an interpreter.
- Q. Was there any difference in the way NELSON and ALDANE appeared at the trial in July as compared to the time you last saw them about the middle of April?
- A. Were slimmer in their faces. They looked thin and slender.

/s/ Takao Mori

ALLIED OCCUPATION FORCES)

TOKYO, JAPAN)

I, Takao MORI, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and answers contained therein consisting of fifteen (15) pages and that each answer is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the English language; however, an interpreter was present both at the time of my examination and at the time of my reading the transcription to explain to me any words, the spelling and meaning of which I did not understand.

Takao Mori (S)

Sworn to and subscribed to before me
this 6th day of February 1947.

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One (1) original copy of the above sworn statement by Takao MORI is being transmitted to the GPO with the GPO copy of this report.

On 4 April 1947, Mr. Stanley A. Reese interrogated Dr. Kezo YOSHIDA, former medical officer at the Osaka Kampo Tai Headquarters. Dr. Kezo YOSHIDA's sworn statement is as follows: