

INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 27

PW's Name: [REDACTED]
No: JA 145935
Secret No: M 15
Rank: Superior Private
Unit: KUSUNOSE BUTAI
KIHARA Bn. MORI Coy,
2 Platoon, 3 Section
Where Captured: OIVI
When Captured: about 15 Nov 1942
Height: 5' 4"
Weight: 125 lbs
Age: 32
Private Address: [REDACTED]
Education: Primary School 6 years
Civil Occupation: Farmer, all his life.

1. PREAMBLE

PW, somewhat reticent and apparently not too intelligent; appeared to answer questions truthfully, but was dense on most subjects.

Stated he was resigned to being a PW and promised to give no trouble.

2. CHRONOLOGY

Pre SWPA

23 Jul '32 Conscription examination
20 Jan '33 Inducted as 2nd Class Private, 11 Coy, 3 Bn.
44 Regt. at KOCHI.
30 Nov '34 Discharged at expiration of term
18 Aug '37 Recalled and proceeded to neighbourhood of
SHANGHAI on active service.
2 Nov '37 Wounded and hospitalized.
3 Jan '38 Returned to JAPAN to KOKURA Hospital

His parents were not interested in political parties and he himself never voted. He had no views as to whether or not JAPAN would have been happier if she had kept out of the war. It was possible that JAPAN would have been better off if she had stopped at NORTH CHINA but he had given no thought to it. He had no views as to whether the war was a blunder or not and had no idea if Germany was lending any aid.

PW did not accept Hitler's idea about German superiority. He considered that Hitler must be brilliant to have raised himself from his low status, but could not subscribe to his claim of being entitled to worship.

PW was at his home in KOCHI both when the CHINA war broke out, and at the time of the MAMCHUKUO Incident. He knew no details of the war of 1894/5 but he had not thought that the present conflict would end quickly. He said CHINA was now stronger than in 1894/5 but did not admit JAPAN was weaker.

He had no relatives on active service and he had no idea as to the number of men mobilized in JAPAN. As far as PW knew, none of his old school mates had become casualties.

He had given communism little thought but did not consider it a good thing. He was at his home in KOCHI at the time of the Feb 26 '36 incident and knew nothing of its origin but in any case did not consider it a good show.

PW knew nothing of an anti-English movement in JAPAN, and he had no idea why the Chinese dislike the Japs. In his opinion, next door neighbours should be friends.

Did not consider the Emperor liked war, but felt he had no option in the matter if his advisers thought otherwise. PW felt TOJO was acting under the Emperor's orders.

PW believed all natives in Jap occupied territories were receiving kind treatment. He thought that the Rescript of the Emperor MEIJI had been followed.

PW had suffered from dysentery and had been wounded in CHINA in 1937 and again in this campaign.

PW stated that there are brothels at RABAU occupied by Japanese and Korean women.

PW was emphatic that no women were used as gunners, radio operators, pilots or in any other capacity in the Jap Army or Air Force. He added that they were not suitable as they were too small and in any case there were plenty of men to draw on for soldiers.

PW said he had no desire to write a letter home.

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