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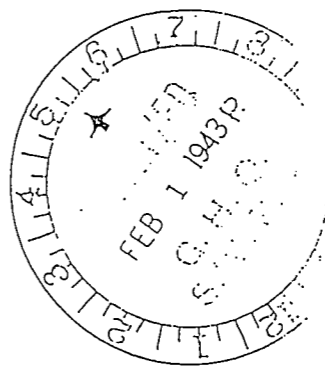
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INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 28

PW's Name: [REDACTED]
No.: JA 145078
Secret No: M 23
Rank: 1st Class Private
Unit: YAZAWA BUTAI
MIYAMOTO Bn. SEO Coy
KODERA Pln. (No.2)
Where Captured: GONA
When Captured: 7 Dec 1942
Height: 5' 5"
Weight: 120 lbs
Age: 25
Private Address: [REDACTED]
Education: Primary School 6 years and Higher Primary School
for 2 years.
Civil Occupation: 5 years in different iron foundries.

1. PREAMBLE

PW is not very intelligent and some of his statements were confusing at times, but believed truthful.

2. CHRONOLOGY

Pre SWPA

Apr '41 Called up to FUKUYAWA, joining 41 Regt as 2nd Class Private
(See Sec.9)
26 Aug '41 Left UJINA in "AOBASAN MARU" for SHANGHAI, in company with
another ship, unescorted. (see Sec.5)
29 Aug '41 Arrived SHANGHAI.
1 Sep '41 His Coy was sent to NINGPO, CHEKIANG Province, on board "NARUTO
MARU" an ordinary passenger boat, where it was attached to
MIYAMOTO Butai.
30 Sep '41 PW was sent to Field Hospital sick and then to a hospital in
NINGPO Area.
20 Dec '41 Discharged from hospital.

20. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE OR
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRES

Last letter PW received from home was in May 1941 when he was in SHANGHAI. His people were all well and getting on all right at that time. PW last wrote home from RABAUL in August 1942 as there was a hospital ship in the harbour and she was going back to Japan with wounded and sick on board. Only letters can be sent to Japan, not parcels.

There may be a war boom on in Japan, but his father is a maker of mats (TATAMI) and made only a fair living as cost of raw materials, and selling prices were fixed by Government. At the time he left, materials for making mats were not rationed. Many things were rationed but the majority of the Jap people were not suffering from a lack of necessities as they were all living simply.

PW stated he would very much like to write a letter home but he was not sure of the consequences and wanted to think more about it.

PW had one cousin back from active service in China, but he was recalled. He was a superior private. Did not know where he was now. He had another cousin in the Navy, a 1st class seaman. Did not know where he was either. His elder brother was with the Army in Northern China but was now back home, having served his time. He was wounded in the leg but now recovered. None of his school mates had been killed. One got sick in China and returned to Japan. PW himself saw no action in China and was not wounded in NEW GUINEA.

PW did not know anything of the matter of troop mobilization in Japan.

PW had not suffered from diseases. Not many soldiers had diseases now-a-days as women in brothels are periodically examined. Brothels are controlled by the Military Authorities and were located in all the principal towns. PW had only been to the ones in Manila. There are 5 or 6 houses there, each with about 10 girls, Koreans, Filipinos and Chinese. PW had heard that there were brothels in DAVAO and RABAUL. Brothels were plainly marked in Japanese "IANJO" so were easy to locate.

PW had only seen Filipinos and natives do coolie work, not white men. Natives worked under military guards posted by the unit for which the natives were at the time working.

PW graduated from Higher Primary School only. He was in the 3rd year of the Primary School 15 years ago when he heard that some people in large cities like Osaka had been put into jail because of communistic activities. Beyond that he knew nothing of communism. He was in Osaka at the time of the Feb. 26 Incident and heard about it over the radio and read about it in the newspapers. He held no views. His father voted for SEIYUKAI. PW himself did not vote and had no interest in politics. He had nothing to say regarding Anti-British movements in Japan.

PW listened to broadcasts from Tokyo only when he was in China. He did not believe all that was written in newspapers but believed the radio broadcasts although he naturally assumed that bad news was held back. The only actual fighting he saw was in NEW GUINEA and being without a radio there, he was not in a position to state whether the war as described on the radio differed from his experiences.

PW said that he personally did not like war but wars under certain