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INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 07

PW's Name: [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED]

Rank: Medical Captain

Unit: 51 Ind Engr Regt (MTO 2808)

Where Captured: SE of TUFU, PAPUA.

By Whom Captured: Natives and handed over to Aust tps

How Captured: On landing from collapsible boat

When Captured: 13 Apr '43

Height: 5' 7"

Weight: 136 lbs

Age: 33

Private Address: [REDACTED]

Education: Primary, Higher Primary, Middle, Medical Preparatory and Medical schools

Civil Occupation: Doctor

1. PREAMBLE

PW was highly intelligent and although a patriotic and loyal Japanese he was not the usual jingoistic type of Japanese Offr. He continually maintained that his sole interest was the practice of medicine and that he hated war. However, from the start he frankly stated that while he would be glad to answer questions truthfully, he would not reply if it meant revealing military information. This attitude was maintained throughout. In general PW was co-operative but never gave information of consequence if he could avoid it.

2. CHRONOLOGY

Personal History After Primary, PW's schooling was as follows:-

- '30 One year Higher Primary School.
- '31 ENACHU Middle School in OIPU.
- '34 Completed a Medical Preparatory Higher School.
- '38 Completed Medical School and spent 4 months at its attached Hosp practicing Medicine.

PW studied English at Middle School and was taught German and Latin at his Medical Preparatory School. He confessed that he had forgotten a great deal, not having used any language but Japanese during his five years in the Army.

He had attended Impan Medical School, TOKYO. This school had no actual connection with TOKYO Imperial University but was started by its tutors. There were about 120 to 130 students in each of the four classes.

After four months at the hospital attached to his Medical School he felt

government there as in MANCHURIA, because unlike the situation in the latter country, NORTH CHINA was surrounded by hostile armies. This war was not a blunder on the part of TOJO. If any blame could be laid, it should be attributed to the country as a whole. To a certain extent even if a country were being forced into war it could abstain from fighting, but JAPAN had been forced to fight without any alternative. Thus she cannot be considered as having made a mistake.

Conditions in Fighting Services P/ had no idea of how many men JAPAN had mobilized in the past five years. He had only one cousin on active service but he did not know what had happened to him. In general, the men of his family were not strong. He thought that many of his school-mates had gone to war but as he had had no communication with them he did not know if any had been killed or wounded. Neither he nor any of his companions had suffered from disease and he had never been wounded. P/ insisted that the Army did not run brothels but merely supervised those run by civilians under an arrangement whereby supervision began with the war and ended immediately after cessation of hostilities.

Attitude to Allied Nations P/ claimed that he had not heard of the anti-English movement in JAPAN. If such existed, it was the work of individuals and certainly not of Govt. In any case he thought there was no anti-English organization as such. He did not think that the Chinese disliked the Japanese but their leaders incited them, taking advantage of the disordered condition of the country. P/ believed that the natives of occupied countries should be and were being treated as equals. In no case were natives enslaved or restricted in any way. They were free and independent. He had not read the prospect of MEIJI regarding treatment of prisoners and natives, but thought it was being followed. He had never seen white men doing coolie work and in RABAUL he had seen no prisoners.

Attitude to Axis Nations JAPAN was getting no assistance from GERMANY. He had not studied the German people and had never heard of HITLER's theories. JAPAN and GERMANY were different countries and he did not feel qualified to express an opinion on a people he did not know.

Propaganda Radio P/ had never listened to the radio while in camp.

Leaflets Had never seen nor heard of Allied propaganda leaflets.

16. CHEMICAL WARFARE

Gas Attacks P/ stated that all men of the EISEI TAI were given respirators but as a rule they did not carry them as they were cumbersome. The only gas instruction given was in method of donning respirator.

There were no units that specialized in gas warfare although there might be 2 or 3 men who understood gases, attached to a unit. There were none such in his TAI. MOs had no special training in decontamination work but all of them would naturally know what to do in event of gas attack. Regular Army MOs might know more about gas warfare, but he had no interest in the subject whatsoever and being a Reserve MO only, he did not consider the subject worthy of study. In P/'s opinion gas warfare would not be resorted to in this war.

17. MEDICAL

51 Div Med Organization In each div there was:-

- a) EISEI TAI attached to Div HQ.
- b) MO, of Fd rank, attached to Div HQ.
- c) MO with each regt.
- d) Fd hosp.

Each of these sections were separately organized. P/ described their functions as follows:-