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For the WAR CRIMES OFFICE

Judge Advocate General’s Department – War Department

United States of America

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In the matter of atrocities \* Perpetuation of testimony of Alvis
committed at Fukuoka Camp #3, Japan \* O. Loveless, ASN. 6293931. Sgt.

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Taken at: Mt. Vernon, Texas

Date: May 27, 1946

In the presence of and questions by: Michael Sydorko Counter Intelligence Corps.

Q. State your name, and rank, serial number, permanent home address.

A. Alvis O. Loveless, ASn. 9293931 Sgt. Mt. Vernon, Texas.

Q. State your age, date of birth, place, education received and family status.

A. Thirty years old, Mar. 5, 1916 Granfield, Oklahoma, Mt. Vernon H.S. (Single).

Q. Have you recently returned to the United States from overseas?

A. Yes, I returned to the United States in October 1945

Q. What was your organization?

A. I was with the 27th. Bomb. Group, Hq. Sq.

Q. Where you a prisoner of war?

A. Yes, I was a Prisoner of War of the Japanese Government. Captured on Luzon, P.I.

Q. At what places were you held, state the approximate dates?

A. I was a prisoner at San Fernando PW. Camp from Aug. 1943 Until Aug. 1944. At Cabanatuan Camp from Aug. 1944 to Sept. 1944. At Fukuoka Camp #3 from Sept. 1944 until Oct. 1945.

Q. Describe in detail the beatings and mistreatment of American POW’s, give a full description of the perpetrators and general circumstances surrounding each incident.

A. On or about July, 1944 at the San Fernando PW. Camp I witnessed the drowning of an American PW. Whose name I do not know. The Jap guards forced water in the American’s mouth until he was unconscious, then they proceeded to jump on his stomach. The American PW. Then was revived and the process was repeated until he died. I do not know the perpetrators nor can I describe them. A Jap official named MOCKY MOORE was a witness to this crime and a negro named WADE who lives on the island.

Q. What do you know about the mass punishment inflicted upon a barracks of men by TATSUO ABE and GENJI MINENO in January 1945?

A. On or about Jan. 1945 I was present when the mass punishment was inflicted, all of us had to give up one meal. About five of the PW’s were beaten. I do not recall their names. One of the Jap officials was named NAPOLEON, he was about five feet six inches tall, weighed about one hundred and thirty-five pounds, twenty-four years old.

Q. Can you recall any other incidents regarding mistreatments?

A. On or about Aug. 1945 at Camp #3 Fukuoka, Japan, a Jap ward boy in the camp hospital beat me up, he was about twenty to thirty years old, about five feet eight inches tall, weighed about one hundred and seventy pounds. The Jap was called EDITH and he was crazy acting. The camp commander was named RICKY TICKY.

Q. Did you hear of further instances of a similar nature?

A. A Jap official named SNOOKS was always beating up the Americans, he was about 22yrs. Old, about one hundred and thirty-five pounds, short built. He always beats up sick men. All of this took place at Camp #3, Fukuoka, Japan.

Q. Can you name other American PW’s who can give more information concerning mistreatments at Camp #3?

A. Bill Snyder, whose address I do not know and Johnny Teneskie, no address.

 Signed: Alvis O. Loveless

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STATE OF Texas )

COUNTY OF Franklin )

I, Alvis O. Loveless, of lawful age, after being duly sworn on oath, state that the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers therein contained are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: Alvis O. Loveless

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Sworn and subscribed to before me the undersigned authority this 28th day of May 1946.

My commission expires June 1 of 1947.

Signed: H.L. Edwards

 Notary Public

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