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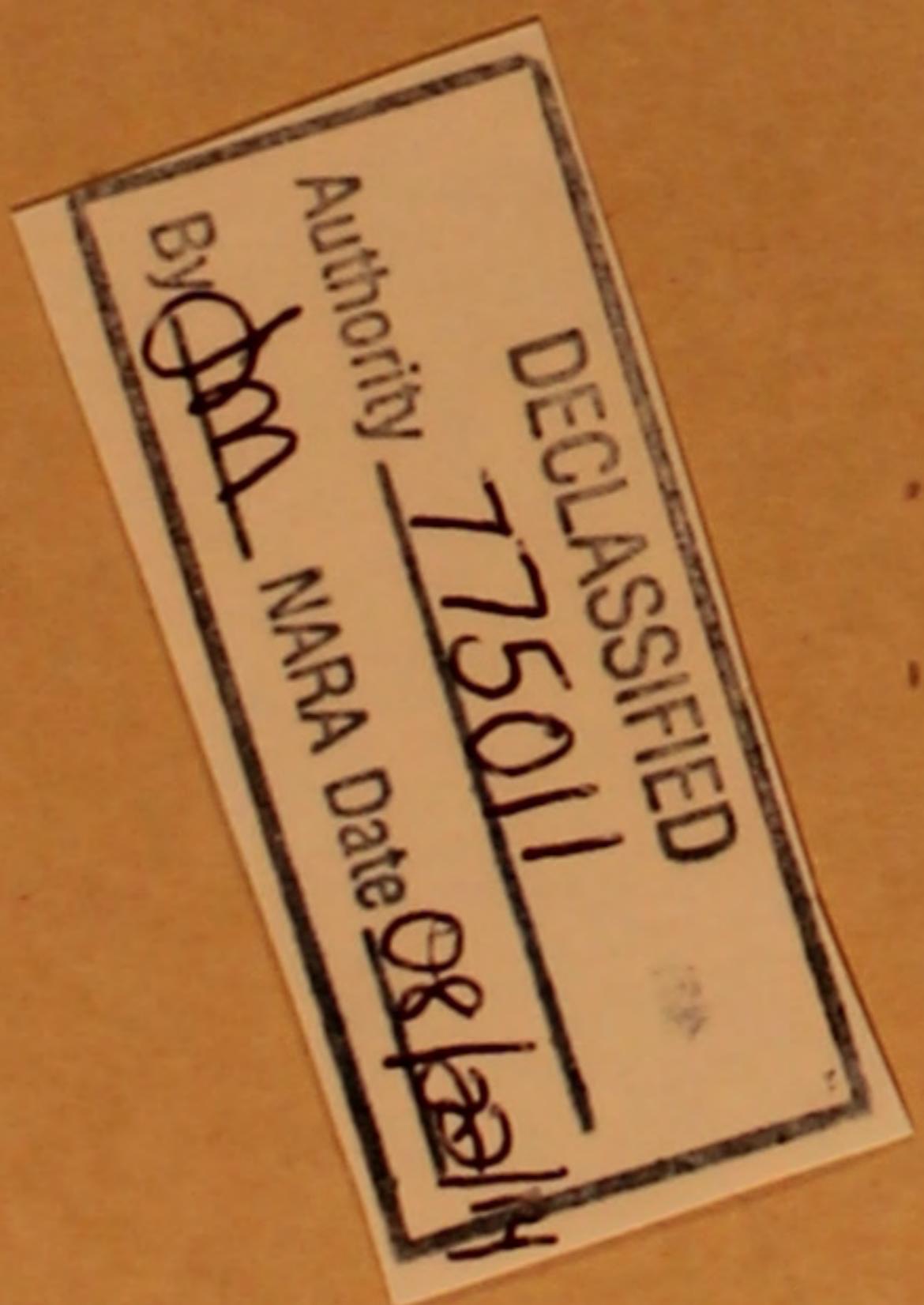
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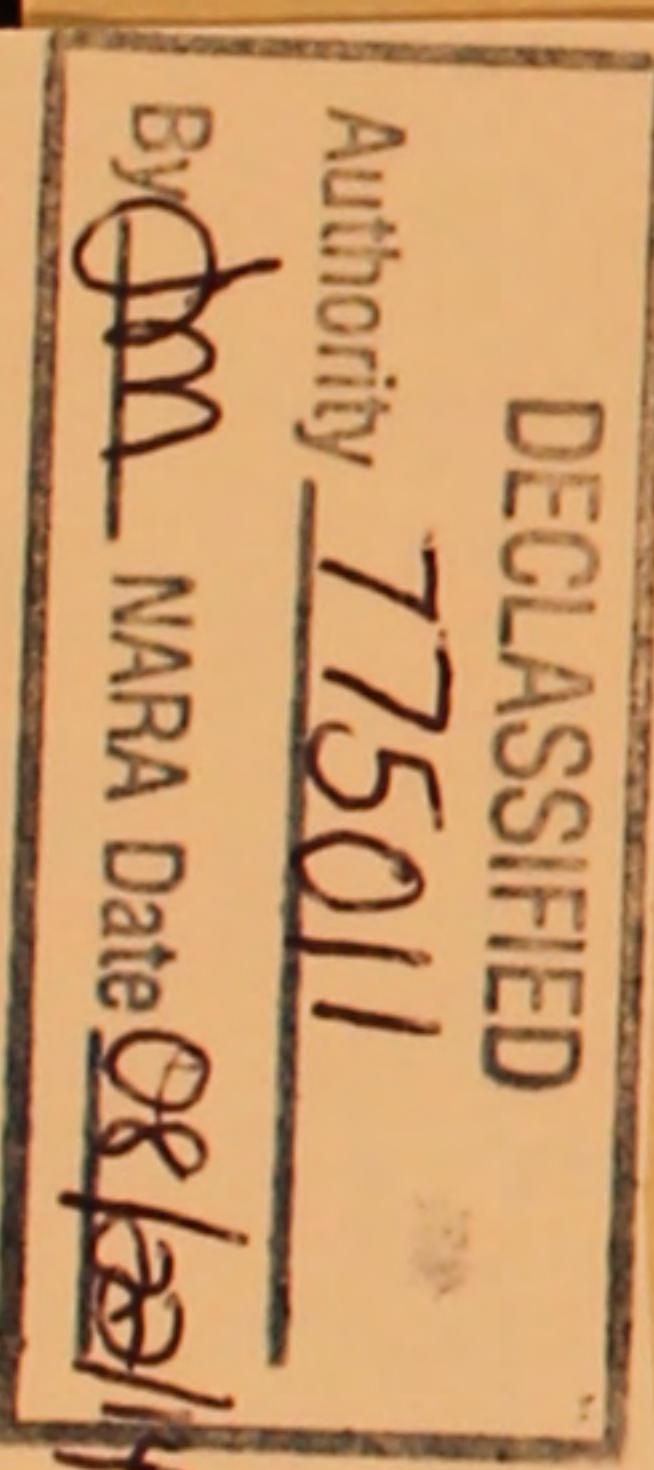
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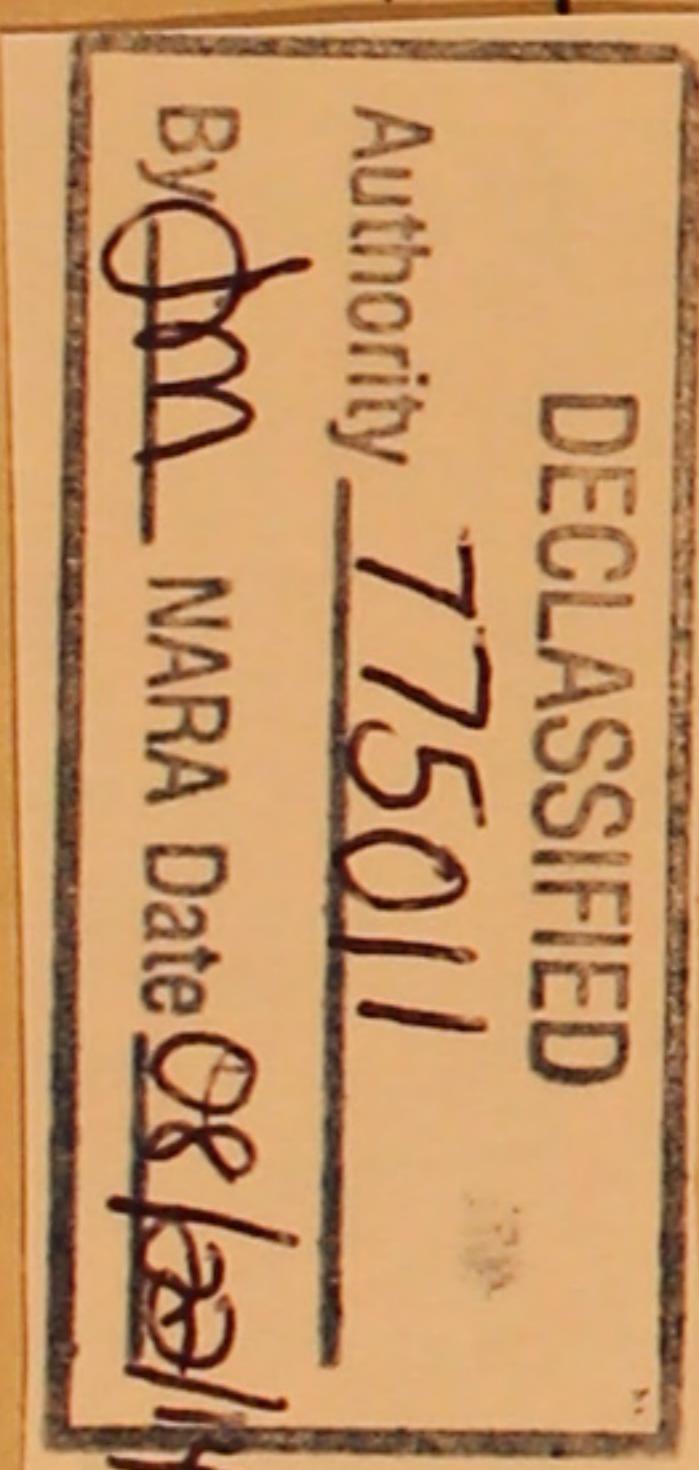
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TESTIMONY OF YAGI, YOSHIKA

YAGI, YOSHIKA, at Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, Japan, having been sworn to tell the truth conscientiously, concealing nothing adding nothing whatsoever, states the following:

My name is YAGI, YOSHIKA, and I was a civilian guard at Fukuoka Area P W Camp #4, Moji, Kyushu, Japan from 29 June 43 until 7 Sept. 45. Except for the first two months, my commanding officer during this entire period was Capt. Saito.

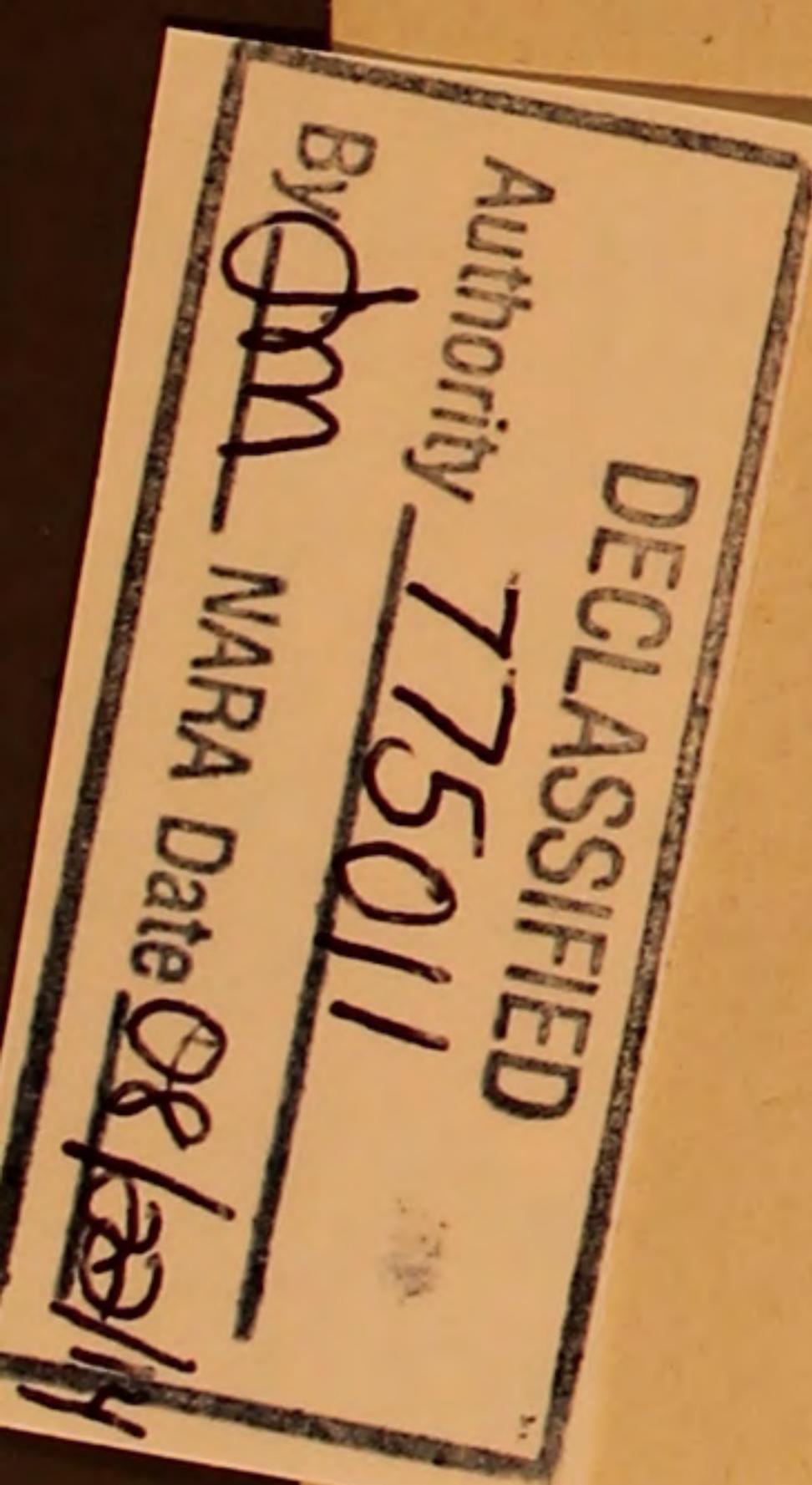
I have observed YOSHIOUKI IKEDA hit prisoners on two or three occasions with both his fists and ~~and-bamboo-pele-er-stick~~--The-pele his hands. One incident that I saw occurred sometime ~~last-year~~ in 1944 when I saw Ikeda hitting an American P.W. who had stolen some sugar. I heard that Ikeda, Takano, Fiyikawa and other guards punished two American P.W.s on another occasion for stealing sugar, and I saw these two prisoners in the guard house after their punishment. They were confined there for about a week as additional punishment by Capt. Saito. Two days after their confinement guard Fiyiyama was ordered by Saito to give the prisoners one ~~lick~~ /s/ GY lick with a bamboo pole. I was watching the entire proceedings and heard the order given by Saito and saw the blow struck.

When I first came to Moji, Saito instructed all guards not to ~~strike~~ /s/ GY strike P.W.s. Later he changed his policy and did not take disciplinary action against guards who struck P.W.s for a good reason. However, if there was no reason for striking the prisoners, Saito would become angry if they were beaten.

I hear that Takano lined up a work detail around March of 1945 and struck each man with a bamboo pole because they would not work. I never worked on a detail with Takano, and therefore know only what I heard. This was known by everyone in the camp.

In the spring of 1944 I saw Takano strike a prisoner with his fist five or six times, for what reason I do not know. This took place in front of the guard house. I can't recall any specific instances of other beatings in 1944 because it was so long ago.

/s/ GY
In 1945 because one of the prisoners smoked at the wrong time, I reported the PW to Fiyiyama the fact and I hit him with our hands on the face. We hit them four or five times each.



I saw the Japanese soldiers, six or seven of them, strike prisoners on several occasions. These soldiers supplemented our guard complement when we began getting many prisoners.

In 1943, in about August or September, I struck a prisoner who had stolen some canned goods. (Fish). /s/ GY I think I hit him with my hand. In about November of 1943 I was supposed to get a ship loaded very quickly and one Dutch P.W. would not work hard enough. He said he wasn't sick and I did not feel that this was fair to all concerned. I struck him four or five times, with my open hand. The first blow almost missed because the P.W. ducked back, causing the blow to hit his nose rather than his cheek. Therefore it caused his nose to bleed.

About August or Sept. of 1944, I caught someone upstairs during an inspection, smoking, and other were not properly in line. Because it was my responsibility that they be in proper order during inspection, I struck about five P.W.s one blow each with my open hand to correct them and to teach them to obey the rules.

When I think of the next time I struck a prisoner I remember it was the time that Fiyiyama and I struck the PW for smoking in the wrong place. I now remember that we each struck about five blows with bamboo poles about one (1) inch in diameter and thirty six (36) inches in length. This was the incident I have already told about as having occurred in 1944.

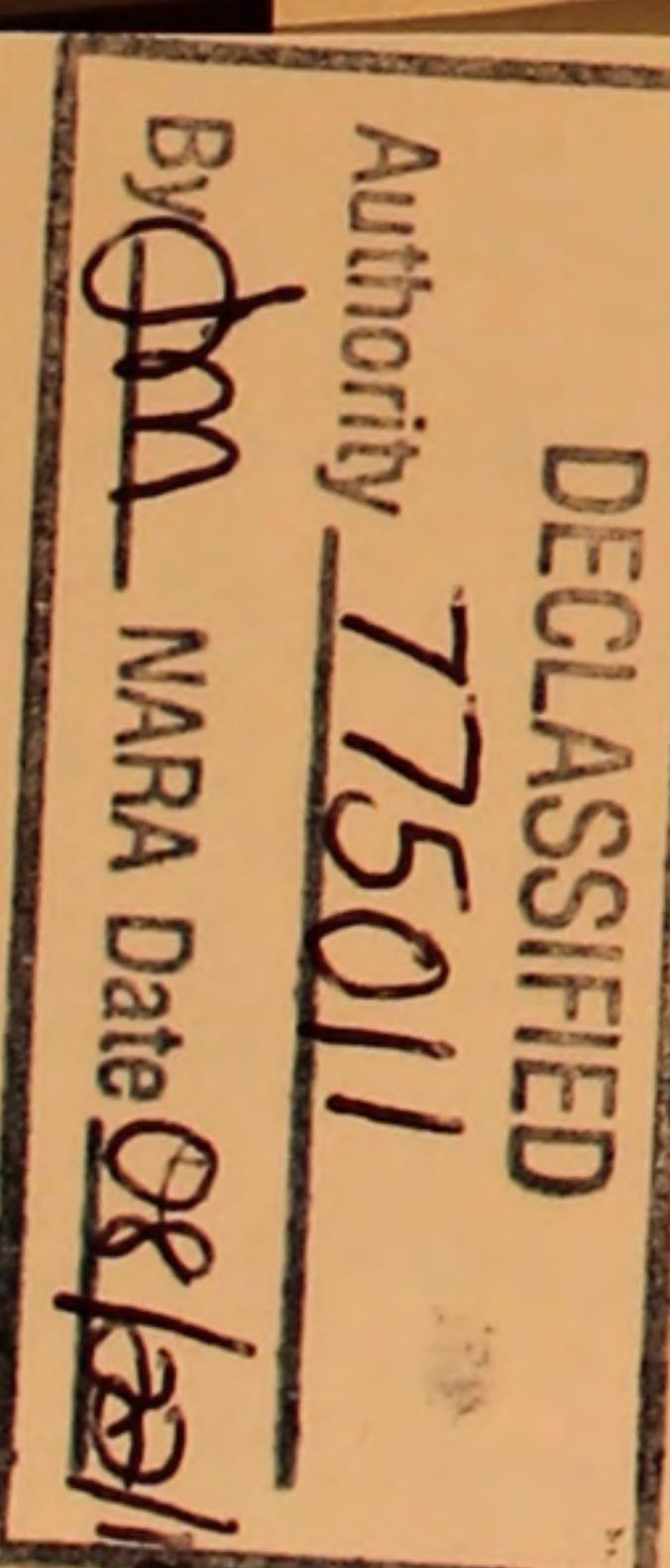
In about June or July of 1944, I struck a prisoner who ~~it~~ had been reported (Fruit) /s/ GY to me for stealing canned goods. I hit him four or five times with a piece of buttocks /s/ GY firewood, across the back. The piece of wood was about 30 inches long and two inches in diameter.

Sometime in 1945 I struck a prisoner who had stolen some sugar. I hit him with my hand three or four times.

I deny that I ever struck any group of prisoners except on the occasion of the inspection which I have already related.

My name may be read either Yashika or Zenka, because the Chinese Character may be read either way. I remember a civilian guard named Nagamatsu, who kept the camp records of the incoming and outgoing P.W.s.

I went to school for seven and one half years, and I can read and write. /s/ GY simple I can read a newspaper, although I can't understand the more difficult words.



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Because we were instructed to take what action we thought was necessary to control the men, I feel that I treated PWs fairly and have done some good for them. Sometimes I gave PWs beer and food at my house and would let sick PWs leave my work details.

I have nothing further to add to this statement. I have read the preceding three pages through an interpreter and they are true.

WITNESS: /s/ George Yasui /s/ Japanese Characters
36926797 GHQ, ATIS YAGI, YOSHIKA

I George Yasui, BEING duly sworn, state on oath that I truly translated the questions and answers given from English to Japanese and from Japanese to English respectively and that the statements of YAGI, YOSHIKO, contained in these four (4) pages, were truly translated to the witness after being completely written out as herein contained, and I further state that the witness fully understands these contents and has in my presence affixed his signature in characters hereto.

This the 12th day of February, 1946.

/s/ George Yasui
36926797 GHQ - ATIS

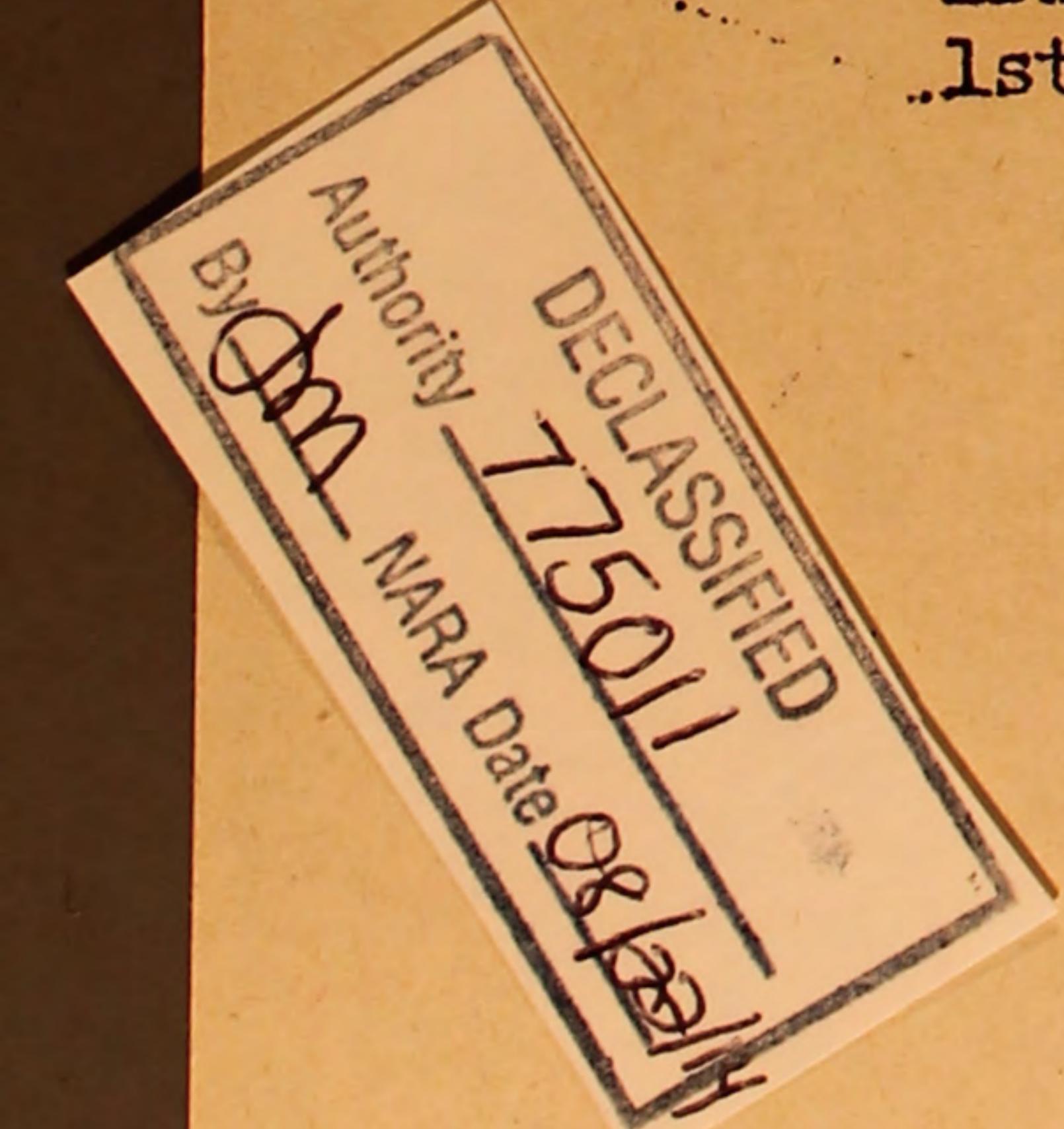
Sworn to and subscribed before me at Sugamo Prison, Tokyo,
Japan, this 12th day of February 1946.

/s/ Simeon F. Caldwell
SIMEON F. CALDWELL, O-787766
2nd Lt. A.C.
Pros. Div., Legal Sec. GHQ., SC.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Edwin F. Svare

EDWIN F. SVARE
1st Lt., Infantry



Q. State your full name, rank, branch of service, serial number, permanent home address, and other pertinent information.

A. My name is Richard Bland WILLIAMS, Lieutenant, U.S.N. Medical Corps, Serial #22650, permanent home address 136 Harvard Street, Norfolk, 5, Virginia. I am 30 years of age and have had 19 years of schooling. I am a graduate of the University of Virginia Medical School.

Q. Where were you serving at the time of your capture?

A. I was attached to the U. S. Naval Hospital on Guam, when I was captured on Guam 10 December 1941.

Q. Did you witness or learn of any atrocities or mistreatment of prisoners of war while a prisoner of the Japanese Government?

A. Yes. While I was at the Moji (YMCA) Prison Camp on Kyushu from November 1942 to August 1943 I witnessed numerous instances of failure on the part of the Japanese authorities who were in charge to provide the prisoners of war with proper medical care and quarters. During the first three weeks at this camp I saw 115 English prisoners of war die because of the lack of adequate medical facilities and the proper sanitary conditions. Because of these same sanitary conditions 11 out of a group of 19 Allied medical personnel contacted bacillary dysentery; I was one of these so infected. The only medicine available to treat these men consisted of charcoal, bismuth (1000 grams), magnesium, sulfate, 500 grams of sulfanilamide, a negligible quantity of glucose solution, and sodium NACL solution. The sulfanilimide proved useless; it was represented by the Japanese doctor YOSHIDA as sulfapyridine, which had been requested because it was known by the Allied medical personnel that the Japanese had this drug.

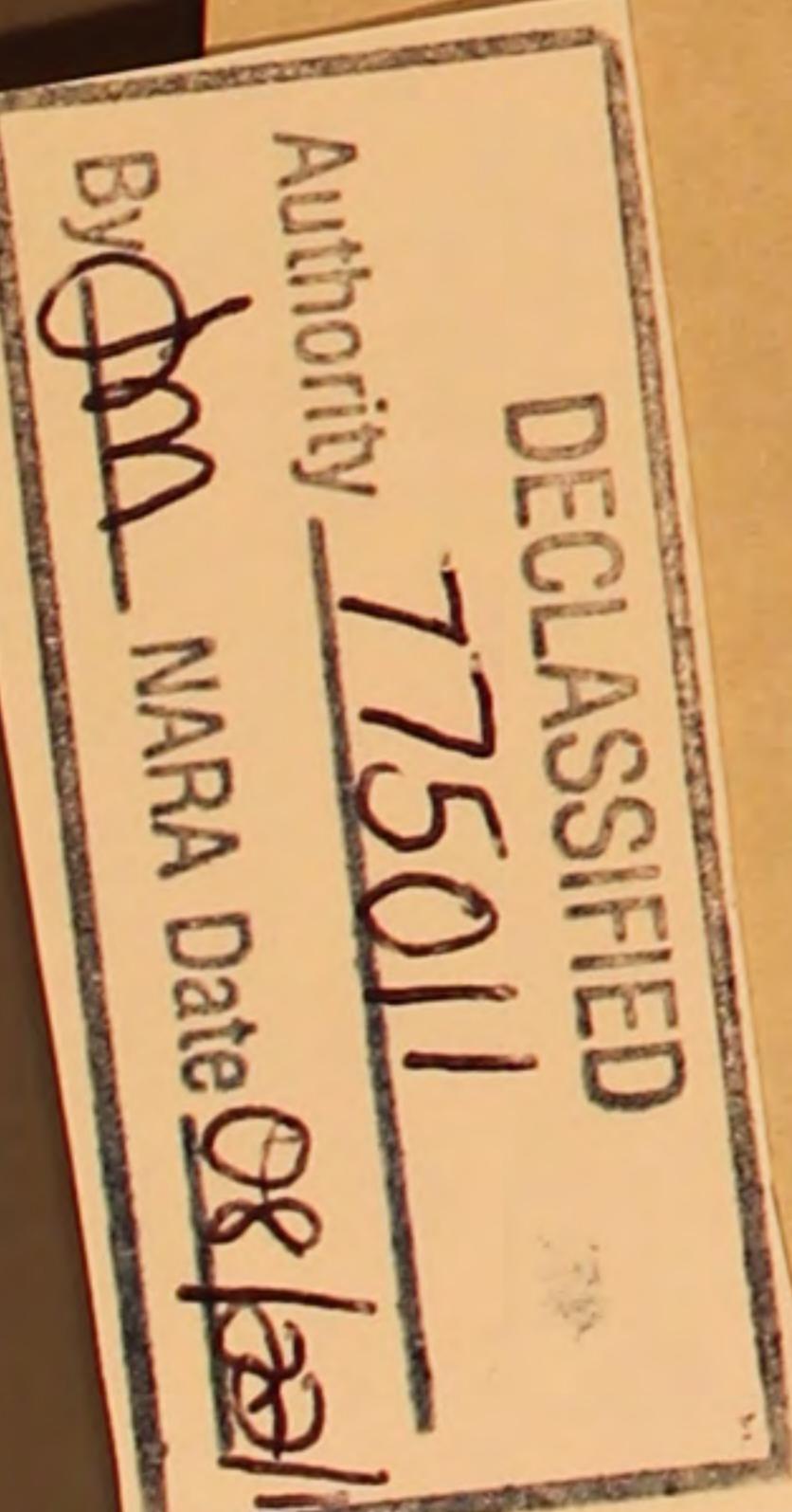
The work of the Allied medical personnel in this camp was entirely controlled by a Japanese Sergeant "dermatologist" Dr. YOSHIDA (previously mentioned, and several army orderlies under him; these men displayed no knowledge or interest in the cases of sick prisoners. YOSHIDA, for example, insisted on giving MgSO₄ in repeated doses to cases suffering from severe diarrhea. On my arrival in this camp men were sleeping side by side on blankets on wooden platforms; blankets and floors were soaked with excreta, the only bed pans available were small wooden boxes in the isles which were overflowing with excreta. The medical group. of which I was a member, was given a small section of a wooden platform, but no facilities for separate messing were available. During these first three weeks, the Japanese kept carefully away from the sick. In addition to bacillary dysentery, diphteria and tuberculosis were also present. The Japanese made no provision for segregation of cases, and it was impossible to secure permission for transfer to a Japanese hospital for any surgical or medical condition. The sick men were transferred, under Japanese orders despite the protest of Allied medical personnel, to the ground floor platform which was both cold and damp. I fully believe this transfer contributed to the death of a number of these men.

R.G.W.
In January 1943 Red Cross medical supplies, which I believed had been in the country for some time, were brought to the camp. Sergeant YOSHIDA was removed from the camp; and a Japanese doctor, medically honest and qualified in my opinion, and named MAIKAWA (Second Lieutenant), came to the camp and did the best he could I believe with the facilities available. The Japanese camp commandant was changed in January 1943, and was replaced by Lieutenant TAKEDA. (He went to Princeton Seminary in the United States, I believe). Approximately two months after TAKEDA arrived, American Naval Hospital Corpsmen (sent to this camp to treat the sick

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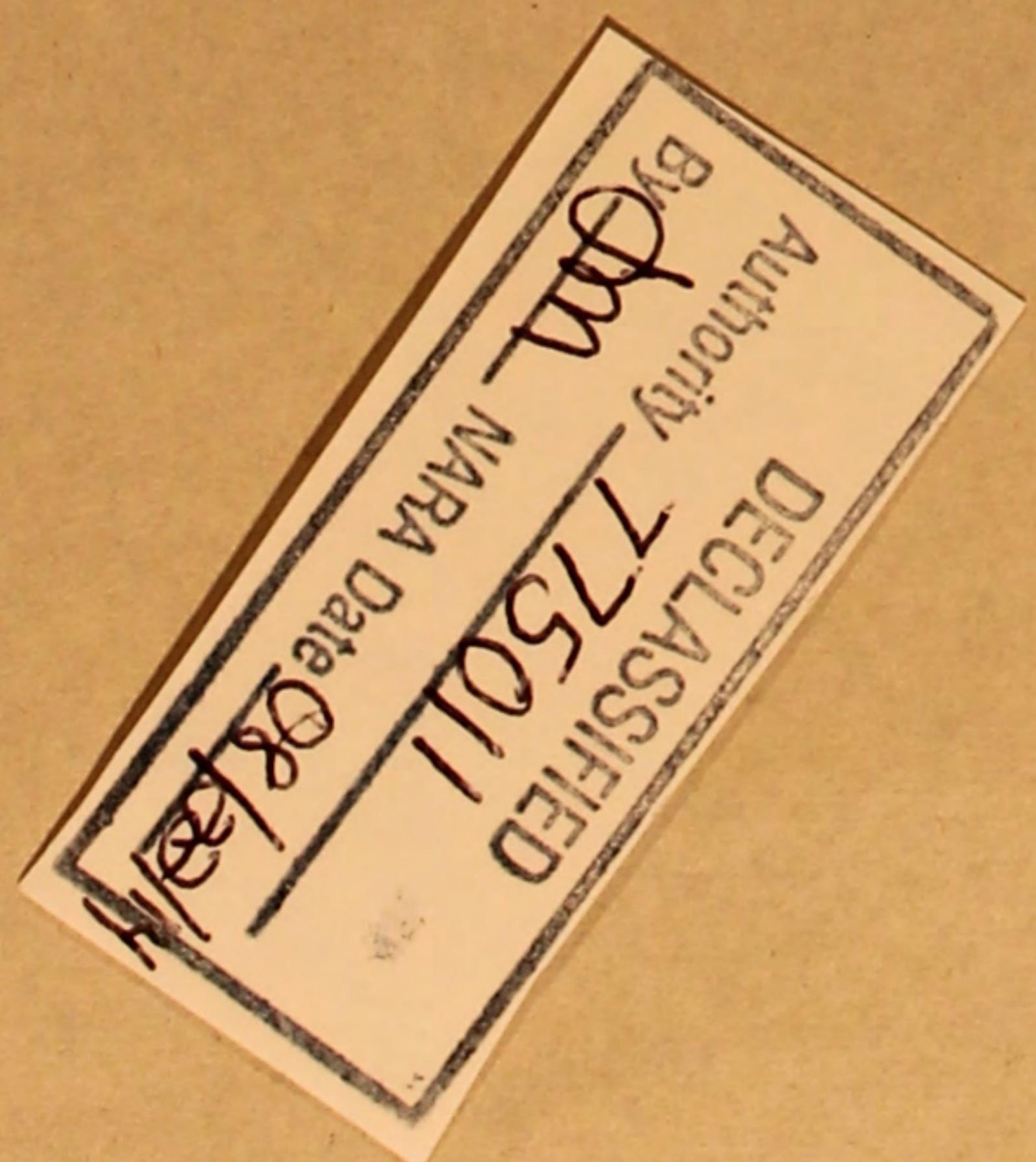
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cases) were ordered by TAKEDA to work as stevedores on the ships in Moji Harbor, which work they were forced to continue until the first of July 1943. On one occasion these same corpsmen were forced to work for 26 hours with a short time out for meals. Permission for working these men had to be granted the stevedoring company, I believe, by the camp commander, Lieutenant TAKEDA.

R. Eland Williams



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA :
County of Alameda :

I, Richard Bland WILLIAMS of lawful age,
being duly sworn, state that I have read the foregoing transcription of
my interrogation, consisting of three pages, and that all answers con-
tained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. Bland Williams
October Subscribed and sworn to before me this fourth day of
19 45, at Oakland, California.

James W. Reynolds
(Rank) Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

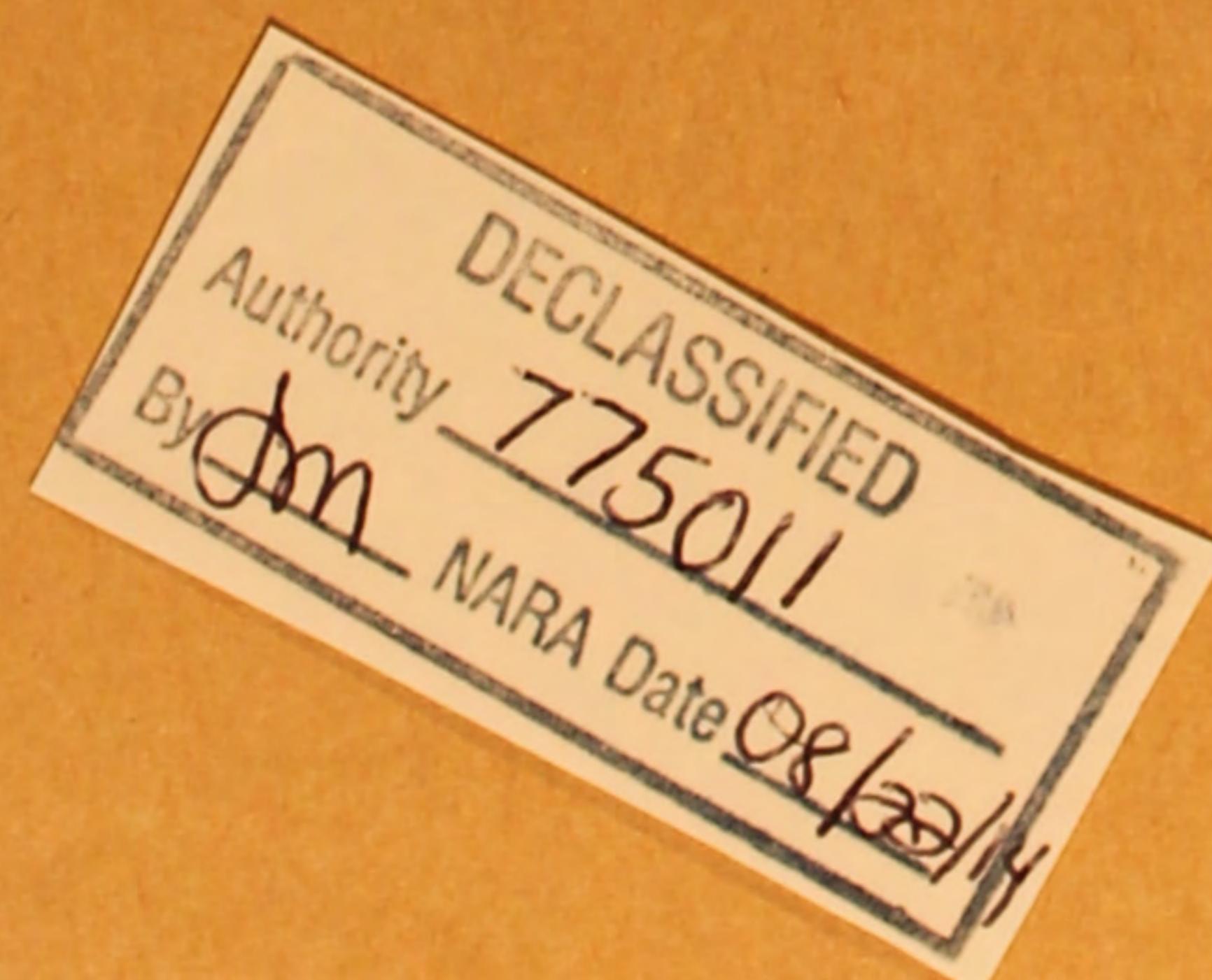
STATE OF CALIFORNIA :
County of Alameda :

I, Lieut. James W. REYNOLDS, U.S.N.R., certify that
(Name) Richard Bland WILLIAMS, (Rank) Lieut. (MC) U.S.N. (ASN) 22650,
personally appeared before me on the fourth day of October, 1945,
and testified concerning war crimes; and that the foregoing is an accurate
transcription of the answers given by (him (her) to the several questions
set forth.

Place: Oakland, California.
Date: 4 October 1945

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AUSTRALIAN WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.

QUESTIONNAIRE.

NOTES :—

- (a) This questionnaire should be completed by :—
(i) All repatriated Australian prisoners of war (A.I.F., R.A.A.F. and R.A.N.).
(ii) All repatriated Australian civil internees.
(iii) All repatriated British civil internees in the Pacific Area (excluding Malaya and China).
(iv) All members and ex-members of the Allied forces who have actual knowledge of war crimes committed by the enemy.
- (b) It will be completed in the presence of an officer who will countersign the signature of the person making the statement.
- (c) It is important that a full statement on page 3 (carried on to page 4 if necessary) be furnished as well as the answer to 8 (f).

1. Army number..... 857058 2. Rank..... GUNNER

3. Full name (in BLOCK letters)..... WILLIAMSON ALBERT EDWARD

4. Unit at time of capture and/or place of capture..... 15/6 H.A.A REGT A.A
JAVA

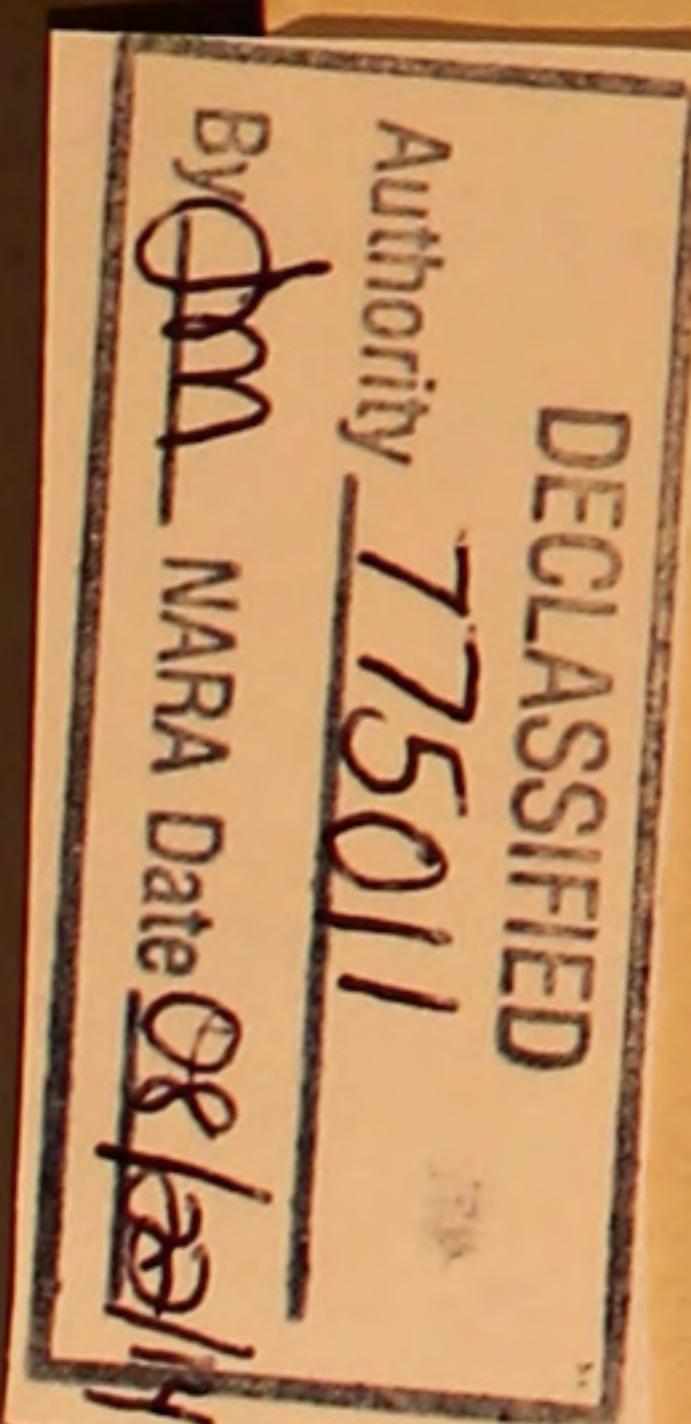
(State here unit in which soldier was serving at time of capture, e.g., 2/1 Fd. Regt. or H.Q. 6 Aust. Div., &c.)

5. Home address..... 2 EXETER ST WEST HARTLEPOOL DURHAM ENGLAND

6. At what enemy camps and hospitals were you confined and when were you at each?

7. Do you have any information about any atrocities against, or mistreatment of, *Allied* soldiers, prisoners of war, civilian internees or the civilian population for which you think the perpetrators should be punished? (Answer by stating YES or NO in the spaces provided below)—

- (a) Killings or executions
- NO
YES or NO.
- (b) Rape, torture, beatings or other cruelties
- YES or NO.
- (c) Imprisonment under improper conditions
- YES or NO.
- (d) Massacres, wholesale looting, pillage, or burning of towns or villages
- YES or NO.
- (e) Use of prisoners of war or civilians on enemy military works or operations
- YES or NO.
- (f) Exposure of prisoners of war to danger of gunfire, bombing, torpedoing, or other hazards of war
- YES or NO.
- (g) Transportation of prisoners of war under improper conditions or deportation of civilians
- YES or NO.
- (h) Public exhibition or exposure to ridicule of prisoners of war
- YES or NO.
- (i) Failure to provide prisoners of war or internees with proper medical care, food or quarters
- YES or NO.
- (j) Collective punishment of a group for offence of others
- YES or NO.
- (k) Breaches of rules relating to the Red Cross
- YES or NO.
- (l) Cannibalism
- YES or NO.



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(m) Mutilation of the dead

YES or NO.

*(n) Any other war crimes not specifically mentioned above for which you think the guilty persons should be punished

YES or NO.

If any question is answered YES then state the facts in 8 (f) and on pages 3 and 4.

8. Details of Atrocities.—

(a) Kind of crime (1) BAD TRANSPORTATION, 2 BAD FOOD, 3 BAD TREATMENT, 4 STEALING OF RED CROSS PARCELS

(b) When and where it happened (1) ON "SINGAPORE MARU" (2) MOJI CROSS PARCELS

(3) JAPAN (4) JAPAN

(c) Who was the victim? (Give complete description including name and whether military or civilian personnel) ALL P.W.

(d) Who was the perpetrator? (Give as complete description and as much information as possible) JAPANESE GUARDS

(e) State if you saw it yourself. If you did not see it, who told you about it? (Give names and addresses of other witnesses)

SEEN BY ME

(f) Give brief story of crime. Full statement required on pages 3 and 4.

To the best of my belief the above particulars are correct.

Anthony H.

(Signature of Interrogating Officer.)

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a e Williamson

(Signature.)

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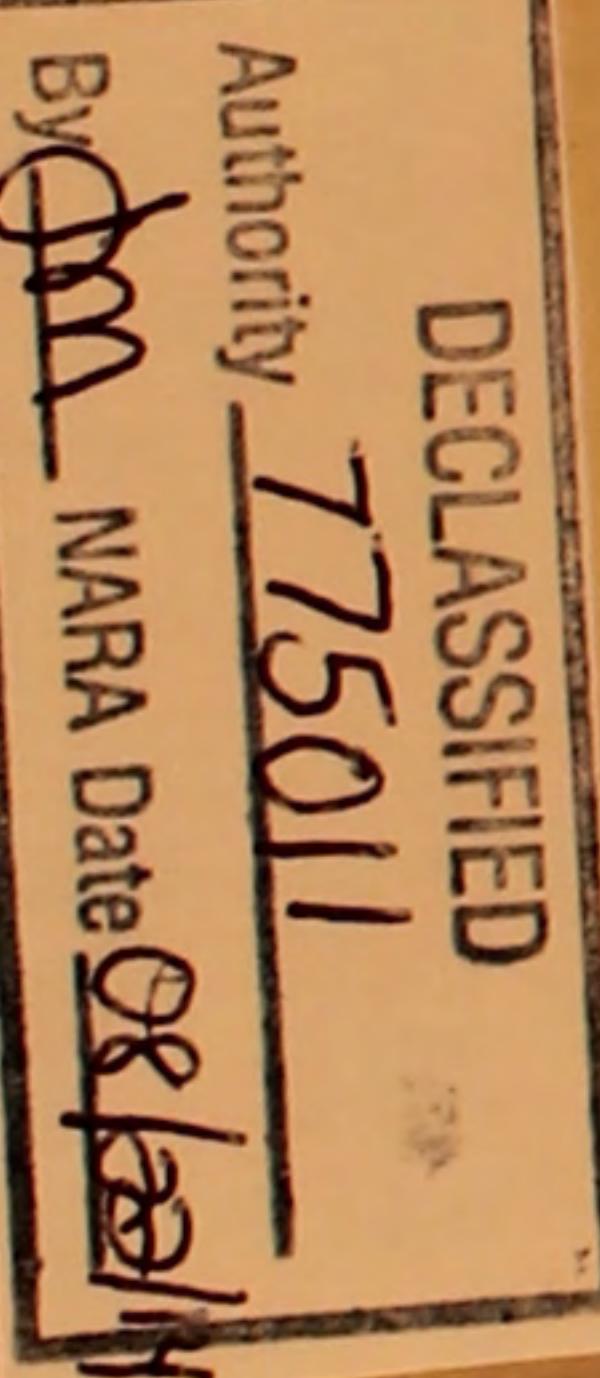
(Place and/or Unit at which interrogation was made.)

Paula

Comment by Interrogating Officer

* Other war crimes not specifically mentioned include :—

- (i) Usurpation of sovereignty during military occupation.
- (ii) Compulsory enlistment of soldiers among the inhabitants of occupied territory.
- (iii) Attempts to denationalize the inhabitants of occupied territory.
- (iv) Confiscation of property.
- (v) Exaction of illegitimate or of exorbitant contributions and requisitions.
- (vi) Debasement of the currency and issue of spurious currency.
- (vii) Deliberate bombardment of undefended places.
- (viii) Wanton destruction of religious, charitable, educational and historical buildings and monuments.
- (ix) Use of explosive or expanding bullets and other inhuman appliances.
- (x) Directions to give no quarter and refusal of quarter.
- (xi) Misuse of flags of truce.



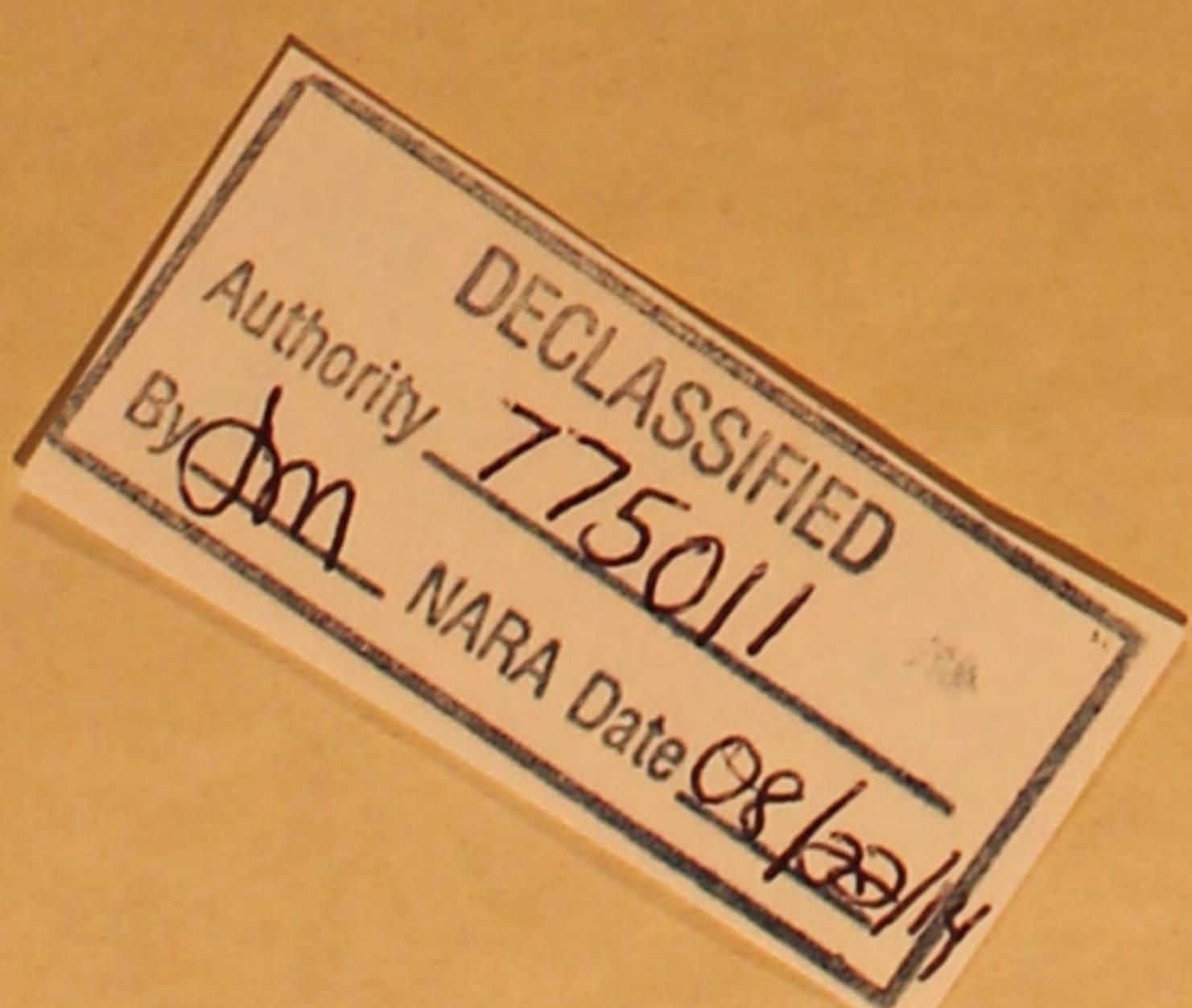
FULL STATEMENT OF ATROCITY OR CRIME.

This MUST be signed by the person making the statement and countersigned by the interrogating officer at the end of the statement.

- (1) Transportation of P.Ws from Singapore to Moji on the "Singapore Maru" October 1942 till November 1942. 1100 officers and men were packed into two holds at the bottom of the boat and over 100 died through dysentery
- (2) Lack of Medical Treatment at Moji December 1942 and January 1943 was the cause of over 100 men dying
- (3) If one man did wrong the whole camp was generally punished by stoppage of cigarettes for a month or sent to work on a ~~rest~~ rest day
- (4) The Japanese Staff at Moji, Kashi, Fukuoka, and Orio used to help themselves to the Red Cross Parcels, and the Japanese Interpreter called Katsura at Fukuoka used to sell Red Cross supplies in the town.

a. e. Williamson

Jan Watt Jr.



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DETAILS OF ATROCITIES

KIND OF CRIME	WHERE IT HAPPENED	WHO WAS THE VICTIM (include name, nationality & whether military personnel or not).	STATE IF YOU SAW IT YOURSELF. IF YOU DID NOT SEE IT, WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT IT.
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1. Torture & Execution Balanga Bataan 9 Filipino civilians I saw it myself

(1st Lt. Sasaki, Motor Transport Trs)

Unloading munitions - Lamsao Bataan Amer Soldiers Personally witnessed

Exposure P.O.W.'s to war hazards - I was passenger on Oryoku Maru and Jap Freighter both of which were sunk by Amer air activity.

2. g - Extreme crowding in hold of Oryoku Maru where 50 died of suffocation.

I was present. Transportation to Kyushu from P.I. without proper clothing, food or water. I was present

(h) Exposure of captured airmen shot down in B-29 over Mukden Dec 8/44 to public.

3. (i) Thirst and starvation on voyage to Japan where I was passenger. No proper medical care Moji Military Hospital, Moji, Kyushu. I have notes in my personal possession pertaining to voyage Oryoku Maru & freighters from departure Dec 15/44 to arrival Moji Jan 31/45

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5.

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN QUESTIONED BY ANY MILITARY OR NAVAL AUTHORITIES ABOUT ATROCITIES OR MISTREATMENT, No. IF YES, BY WHOM, WHERE, WHEN _____
yes or no

DID YOU MAKE A SIGNED STATEMENT, No.

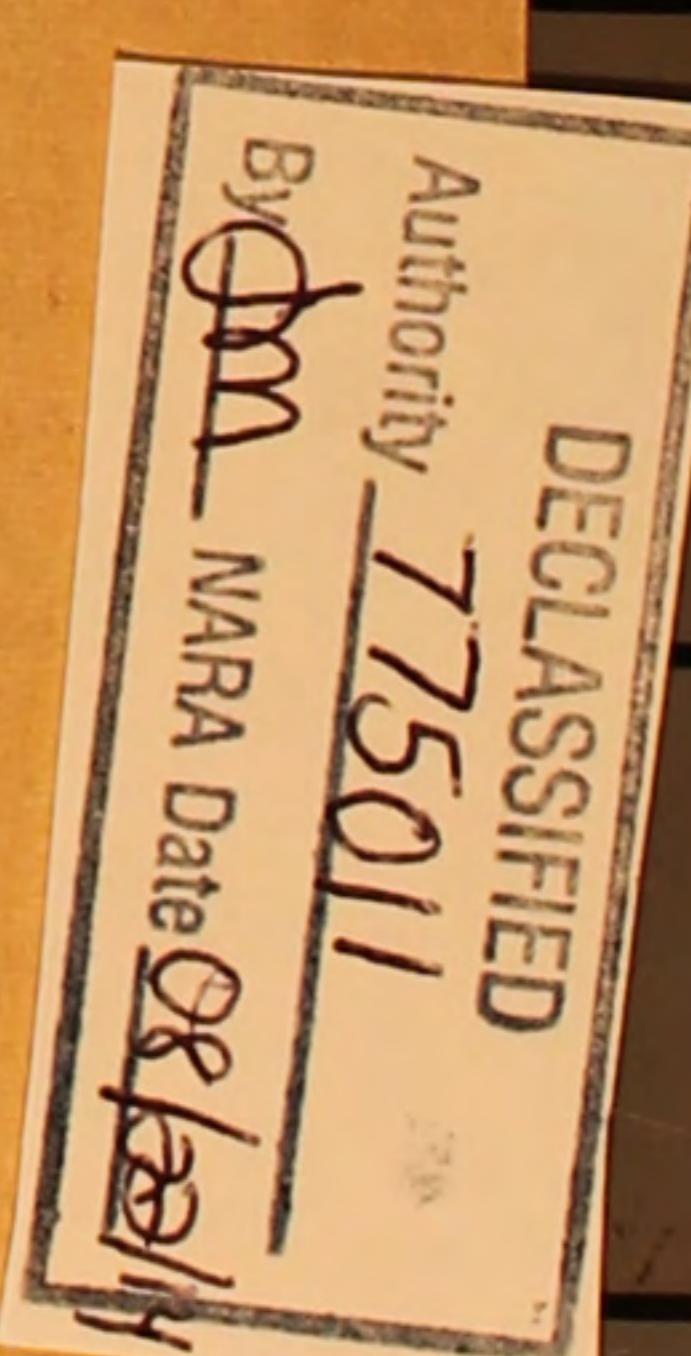
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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

William H. Brown
WILLIAM H. BROWN
Capt., Inf.

/s/ Daniel W. Weitzner

Sign your name here.



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AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT L. VALOIS
PHARMACIST'S MATE SECOND CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY
SERIAL 382-04-97

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } SS

ROBERT L. VALOIS, being duly sworn deposes and says:

1. I am 28 years old and my permanent home address is 3400 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. I am, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, and I now am a Pharmacist's Mate Second Class, United States Navy, Serial No. 382-04-97.

2. I was a prisoner of war of Japan at the following times and places:

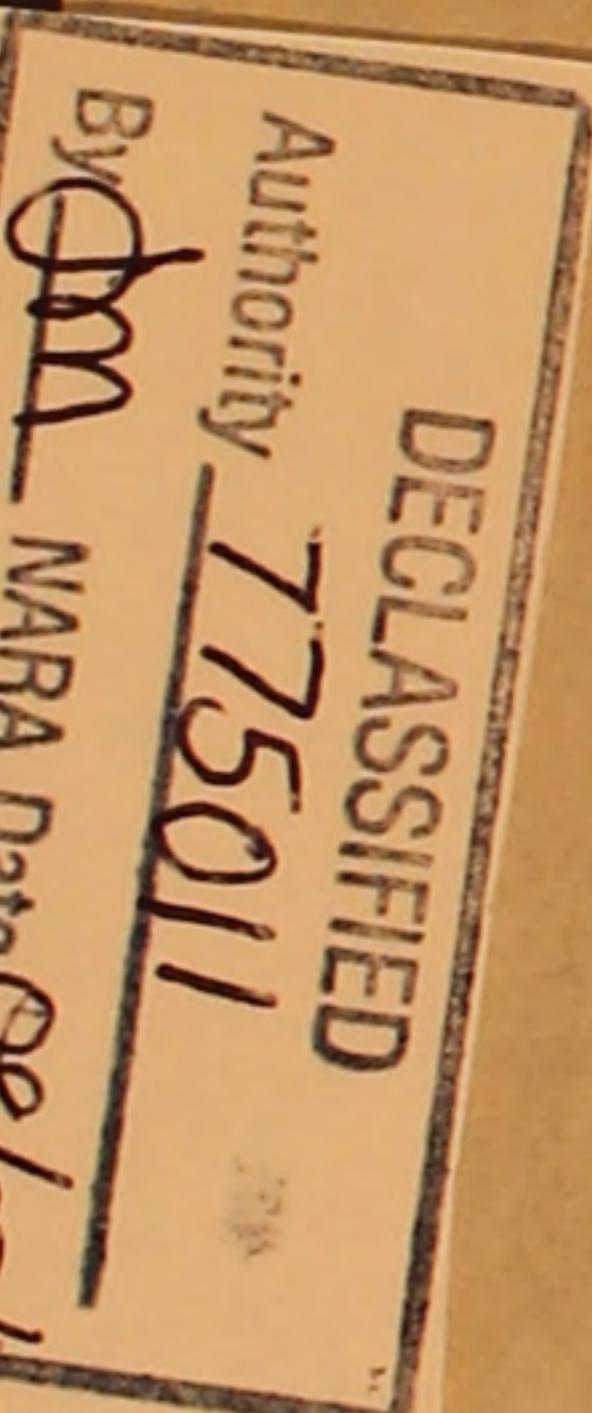
- a. ZENTSUJI, SHIKOKU ISLAND, JAPAN - January 15 to November 28, 1942.
- b. MOJI, FUKUOKA KEN, KYUSHU, JAPAN (Y.M.C.A. Bldg.) November 28, 1942 to July 5, 1943.
- c. ZENTSUJI, SHIKOKU ISLAND, JAPAN - July 6-8, 1943.
- d. SHINAGAWA HOSPITAL CAMP, HONSHU, TOKYO, JAPAN - July 12 to August 29, 1943.

3. MOJI, FUKUOKA KEN, KYUSHU, JAPAN: About November 28, 1942 I was transferred to the English Hospital Camp in the Y.M.C.A. Building in MOJI on KYUSHU. This used to be an auditorium but it was completely boarded up and dark when we arrived. There were five tiers of bunks and everybody in the hospital was flat on his back with many dying from malnutrition, dysentery and similar causes. The Commandant of the Hospital, who, incidentally, I found out was educated in the United States at Asbury College in Virginia and who was a Methodist Minister, was the most cruel Japanese official I met while in prison.

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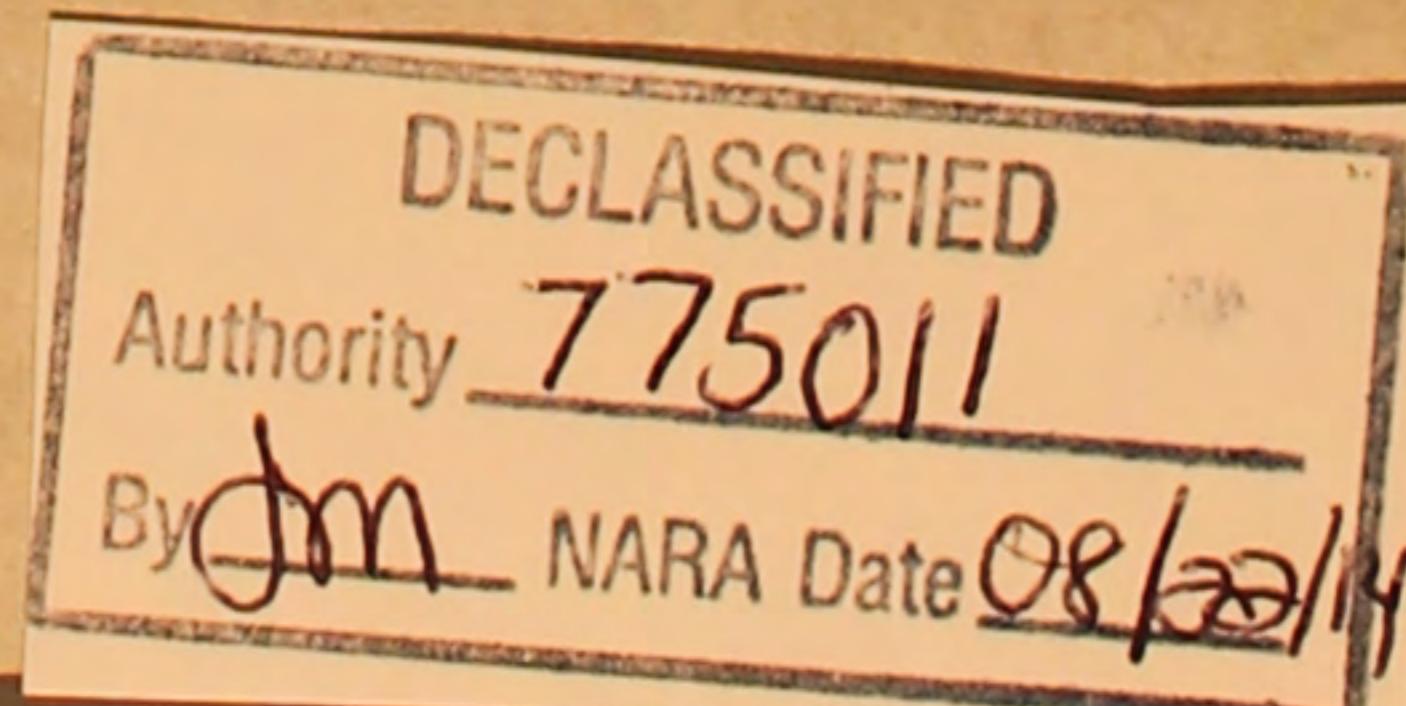


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Every available person in the hospital, Doctors, Corpsmen and patients who could walk were put on one of two working parties either stevedoring in the harbor or working in the iron foundry at KUAKORA. The patients would be put on these work parties regardless of their condition if they could get on their feet. Many would get on their feet so as to receive full rations, that is two meals a day instead of one-half rations to which they were limited as patients. The Commandant held inspections every Friday morning and he, personally, administered beatings for slight infractions of rules which he would make up on the spur of the moment. I received several beatings from guards in the presence of the Commandant for alleged violation of these so-called regulations. In the first month I was there, the Commandant refused to allow any medicine to be brought in and it was then that most of the deaths occurred.

When I was sent on the working gang at the iron foundry, a Japanese civilian working next to me thought I was not working hard enough and slugged me on the body. I complained to the guard nearby who thereupon told the civilian to beat me again, which he did with the approval of the guard. Most of us who were not patients were 'worked over' two or three times a week for allegedly violating regulations which we would not know about until after we had supposedly violated them. By 'working over' I mean beatings of three to four minutes duration which would cause bruises but not necessarily any bleeding. I cannot remember the name of this Commandant but he spoke good English



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and was very cruel, personally, and as a matter of policy.

4. I brought out my complaint with respect to this Commandant at GUAM and also on the U.S.S. BENEVOLENCE and on my way back to the United States after being released.

19 October 1945

R.L. Valois USN PhM^{2c}
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of October 1945.

Franklin N. Smith
Lieut., U.S.N.R., (231357)

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Judge Advocate General's Department

United States of America

IN THE MATTER OF THE BEATING OF OSCAR)

WOODROW UPSHAW BY TUKANA-SON AT FUKUAKA, : Desposition of OSCAR WOODROW UPSHAW
MOJI, HONSHU, JAPAN, AT CAMP NUMBER FOUR,) Sgt: 6582828

ON OR ABOUT MARCH 1945. :

Taken at : Letterman General Hospital
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Date : 2 October 1945

In the Presence of : George D. Hinson, Jr.
Agent, SIC, CD, NSC

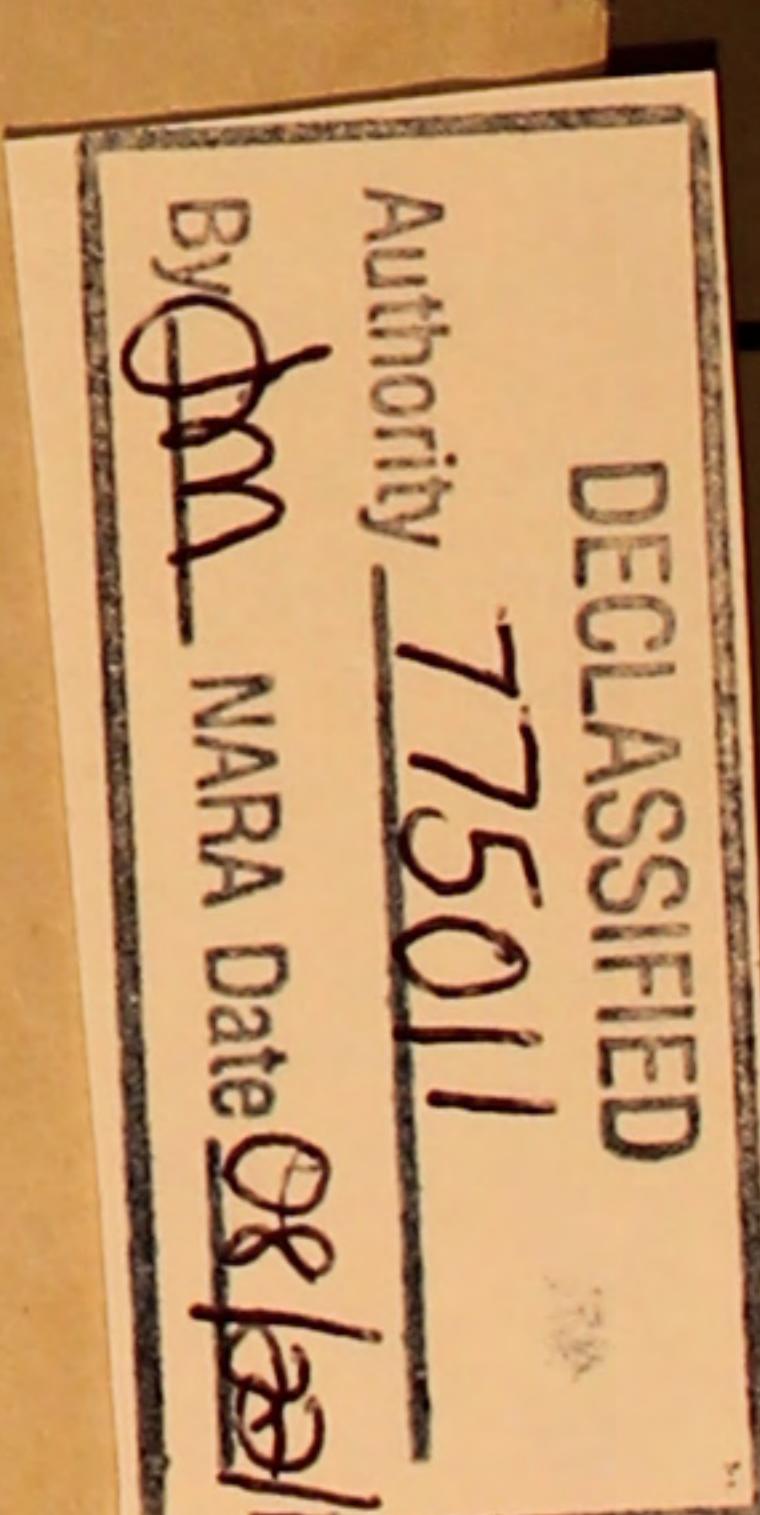
Questions by : George D. Hinson, Jr.
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Q. What is your name, age, rank, serial number and permanent address?

A. Oscar Woodrow Upshaw, age 32, permanent address is 1015½ Ferris Avenue, East Los Angeles, California, my rank is sergeant and my serial number is 6582828.

Q. On what dates were you inducted, sent overseas and returned from overseas?

A. I enlisted in the Army 22 December 1939, was shipped overseas October 1941 and returned to the U. S. 29 September 1945.

Q. Were you ever a prisoner of war of any of the Axis powers?

A. Yes, of the Japanese.

Q. State the organization with which you were serving at the time of your capture, and when, where and by whom you were taken into custody, or otherwise made a prisoner of war.

A. I was with the 7th Materiel Squadron on Bataan and was captured 9 April 1942.

Q. Where were you kept and what were your movements while you were in such custody?

A. I was taken to Camp O'Donnell from April to June 1942 and at Cabanatuan Number I from June 1942 to August 1944 and then at Camp Fukuaka Number IV at Moji on the Island of Honshu, Japan, from August 1944 to September 1945.

Q. Were you an eye-witness to any illegal conduct, either by way of omission or commission, the part of Japanese nationals or soldiers which resulted in the death or serious injury of any American national?

A. Yes, Tukana-son (Scarface) beat me with a bamboo pole on or about March 1945.

Q. Describe in detail the conduct which you believe to be illegal, giving particulars as to the nature thereof, the name and identification of the victim and of the accused.

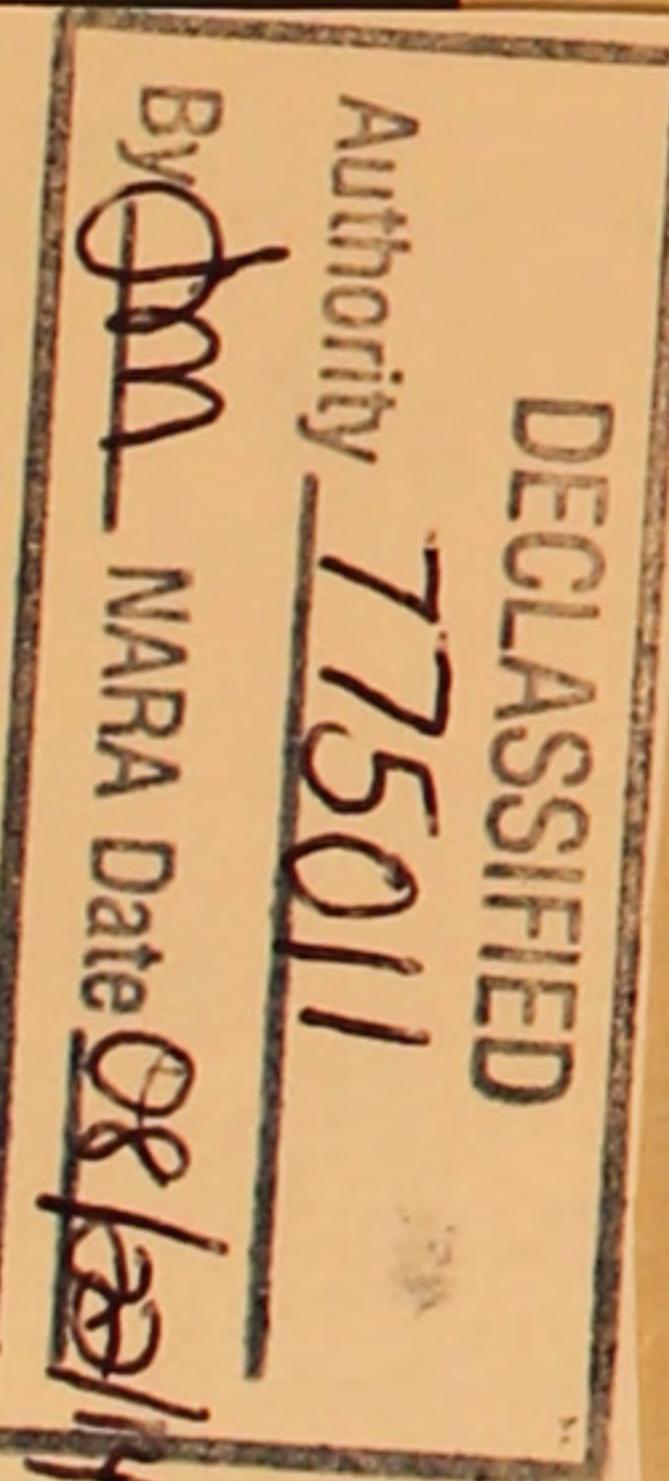
A. Tukana-son was drunk and came up to where I was working with other men in my group moving dirt out of a tunnel some time between the hours of 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM during March 1945. Myself and an English boy were carrying dirt out of one of the camp tunnels in a sack tied to a bamboo pole which we carried across our shoulders. We were outside of the tunnel carrying the dirt and had just

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finished the job for the day and were all lined up ready to go home. Tukana-son was in charge of all the tunnels at the camp. He was a Jap civilian guard. When Tukana-son came up to where we were lined up he talked to the Jap guard for about 30 minutes who had been guarding us while we were moving the dirt. We were all standing at attention with our bamboo poles and Tukana-son walked up to me and took my bamboo pole and told the rest of the men to lay their poles on the ground and all the English and Dutch to step forward out of ranks and then he walked in front of the column and ordered us to step out one at a time. He would hit each one of us as we stepped in front of him and would knock us down with the pole and keep hitting until we rolled out of his range down the side of the hill. He did this to each man as he stepped out of the column and after the last man had passed in front and had been beaten by Tukana-son he would reform the column and repeat the same procedure. This was done three times before he would stop beating us; and he would hit us about five times; each time this procedure was followed. He beat me about the head and face and cut me up with the bamboo pole. He would always beat us when the Americans had won a battle or something. At the time of this beating we later found out that it was because it looked as if they were going to lose Okinawa. The beating lasted about 20 minutes.

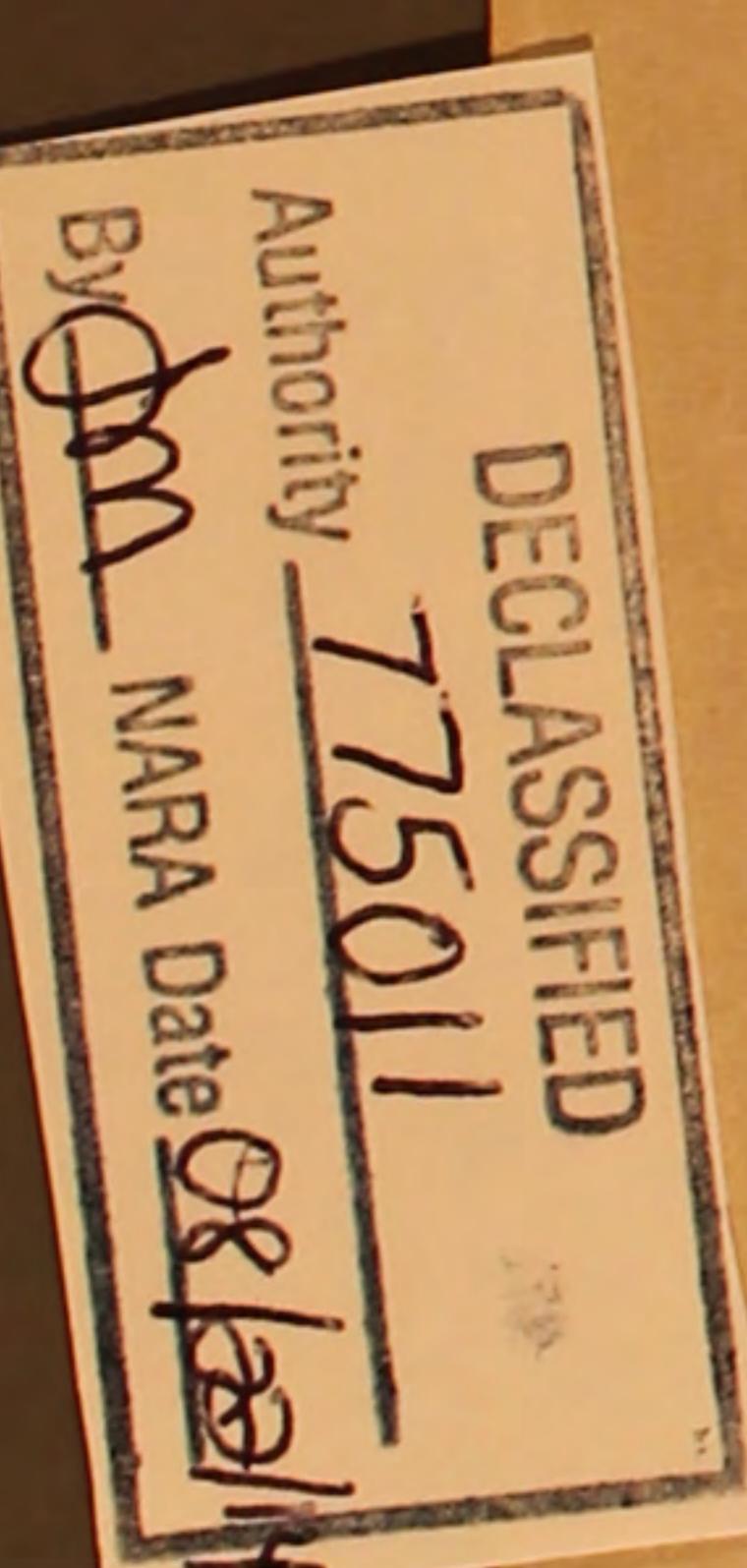
- Q. Do you know the name of, or can you describe any distinguishing characteristics of commanding officer of the camp, or other officer or official responsible for the actions of the person guilty of such conduct?
- A. I do not know the name of the camp commander but Tukana-son often referred to as Scarface, had a scar diagonally across the right side of his face extending approximately from the temple to the lower part of the cheek bone. He was about 5'8" in height and weighed about 165 pounds; and husky in build.
- Q. Do you have, or know the location of, any physical evidence, such as photographs, relating to this incident?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know the name of or can you identify any other eye-witnesses to this incident?
- A. No.

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Q. Does the testimony you have given herein cover all the pertinent details of this incident which you are able to remember?

A. Yes.

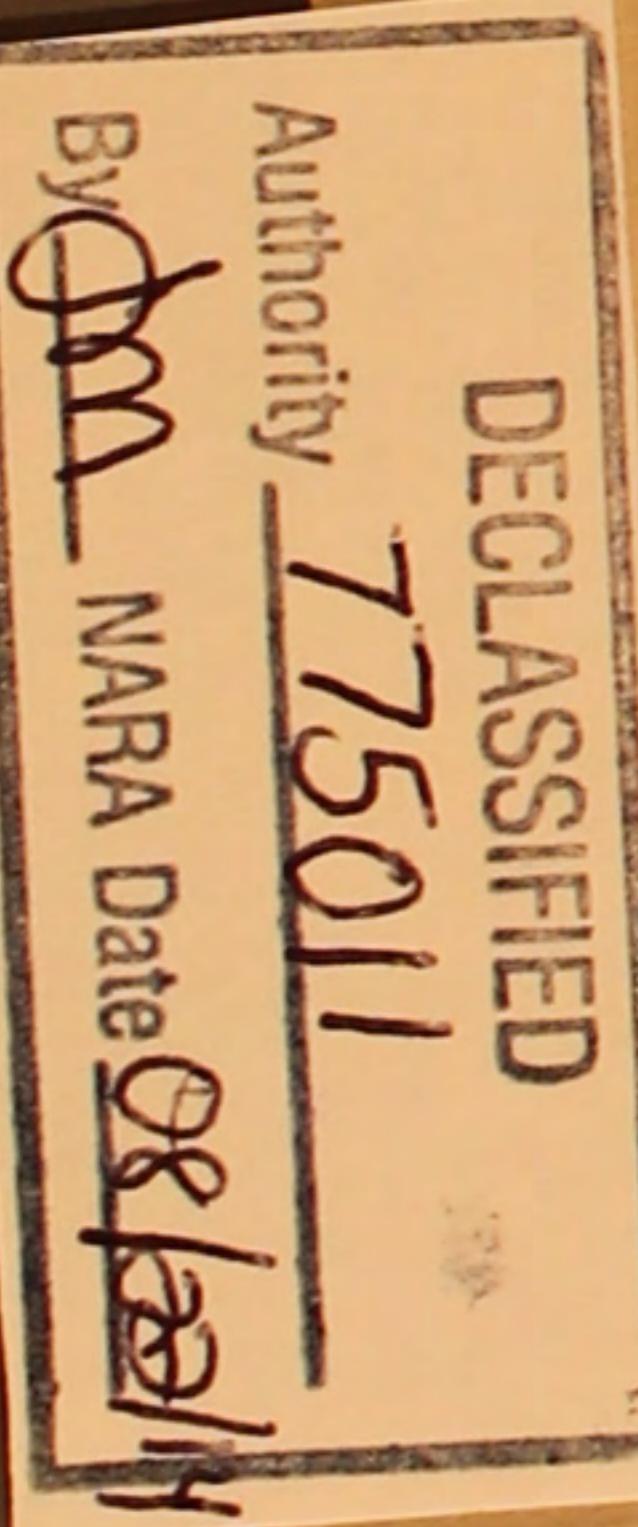
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA :
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County of SAN FRANCISCO :

I, OSCAR WOODROW UPSHAW, of lawful age,
being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read the foregoing transcription
of my interrogation, consisting of 5 pages, including this and the title
page, and that all answers contained therein are true to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

Oscar Woodrow Upshaw
OSCAR WOODROW UPSHAW

October, 1945, at San Francisco, Calif.

Albert A. Lee

ALBERT A. LEE
CAPT. SIGNAL CORPS,
SUMMARY COURT

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STATE OF :
: SS.
County of :

I, _____, of lawful age,
being duly sworn on oath, state that I truly translated the questions
asked and answers given and that after being transcribed, I truly trans-
lated the foregoing deposition containing _____ pages, including this and
the title page, to the witness; that the witness thereupon in my presence
initialled each page of the deposition and affixed his signature thereto.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of
_____, 19_____, at _____

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA :
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I, GEORGE D. HINSON, JR., certify that
(Name) OSCAR WOODROW UPSHAW, (Rank) Sergeant, (ASN) 6582828,
personally appeared before me on the 2nd day of October, 1945,
and testified concerning war crimes; and that the foregoing is an accurate
transcription of the answers given by (him) (~~her~~) to the several questions
set forth.

Place: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Date: 2 October 1945

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