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WAR CRIMES OFFICE

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Date: Sept 17, 1945

1. YOUR NAME: Ernst Norman Louis
2. RANK: Corporal 2nd Class A.M. SERIAL NO. 18013603

PERMANENT

1. HOME ADDRESS 122 Helena St. San Antonio Texas
2. AT WHAT ENEMY CAMPS AND HOSPITALS WERE YOU CONFINED AND WHEN WERE YOU AT EACH? (If never a prisoner of war or internee, then state principal places you have been from time to time while overseas).

Oct. 15, 1945 Apr 15-1942 Oct 19-Sept 1, 1944

Cabanatuan O’Donnell Las Pinas

Feb 1, 1945 – Sept 11, 1945

Moji Japan

1. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ATROCITIES AGAINST, OR MISTREATMENT OF AMERICANS, 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).
   1. Killings or executions. No
   2. Torture, beatings or other cruelties. Yes
   3. Imprisonment under improper conditions. Yes
   4. Massacres, wholesale looting or burning of towns. No
   5. Use of prisoners of war on enemy military works or operations. Yes
   6. Exposure of prisoners of war to danger of gunfire, bombing, torpedoing, or other hazards of war. Yes.
   7. Transportation of prisoners of war under improper conditions. Yes.
   8. Public exhibition or exposure to ridicule of prisoners of war. Yes.
   9. Failure to provided prisoners of war with proper medical care, food or quarters. Yes.
   10. Collective punishment of a group for offenses of others. Yes.
   11. Any other atrocities not specifically mentioned above for which you think the guilty persons should be punished. Yes.

IF ANY QUESTION IS ANSWERED YES, THEN STATE THE FACTS BRIEFLY ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS SHEET.

DETAILS OF ATROCITIES

WHO WAS THE VICTIM STATE IF YOU SAW IT

(include name, nationality YOURSELF. IF YOU

KIND OF WHERE IT & whether military personnel DID NOT SEE IT, WHO

CRIME HAPPENED or not). TOLD YOU ABOUT IT?

1. (5-B) Theft Moji #4 camp, Civilian, Peterson, Barnes, Chaptman & Bikerstaff (English). I saw punishment myself.

(5-C) Improper housing, sanitation & food. In all Jap P.W. Camps I witnessed them myself.

(5-E) Las Pinas, P.I. P.W.’s working on air port under bombings.

1. Murder on the sea & at San Fernando province to San Fernando LA Union. Yanks sunk ship we were on in Subick bay Dec 14 – 15-16, 1944. Many were murdered by Jap sentries who fired on them for no reason.

(5-H) Moji Japan, P.W.’s victim. Beat us mass in front of civilian.

(5-I) Moji Carpenter died from leg infection but could have been saved with proper care.

1. Died Aug 1945.

(5-I) Moji Japan P.W.’s Witnessed it myself

(5-I) Moji Japan P.W.’s Nakamora San Beat men with hand hook used to lift heavy sacks of grain.



HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN QUESTIONED BY ANY MILITARY OR NAVAL AUTHORITIES ABOUT ATROCITIES OR MISTREATMENT? No. IF YES, WHERE, WHEN

DID YOU MAKE A SIGNED STATEMENT? No.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Normal L. Ernst

Sign your name here.

WILLIAM H. BROWN

Capt., Inf.

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ERNST, NORMAN L. Cpl. ASN 18013603

(Name) (Rank)

after being duly sworn at 29th Repl. Depot, Luzon, P.I. on 19 Sept., 1945, testified as follows:

Q. How old are you?

A. **22**

Q. Were you captured by the Japanese and made a prisoner of war? If so, when and where?

A. **Bataan – 9 April 42**

Q. At the time of your capture of what unit were you a member?

A. **21st Pursuit Squadron**

Q. By what Japanese unit were you captured?

A. **Army – Field Artillery**

Q. Do you expect to be repatriated, and if so, to what country?

A. **Yes – U.S.A.**

Q. What will your complete address be after your repatriation?

A. **122 Helena St., San Antonio, Texas.**

Q. Will you state the names and locations of the camps at which you were held as a prisoner of war and the dates you were confined at each camp?

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Or Camp Location Dates

A. **Camp O’Donnell Luzon, P.I. 15 Apr to 25 Apr 42**

**Cabanatuan Luzon, P.I. 1 Jul 42 to 15 Oct 43**

**Las Pinas Luzon, P.I. 19 Oct 43 to 13 Dec 44**

**Oryoku Maru &**

**Brazil Maru Enroute to Japan 13 Dec to 1 Feb 45**

**Moji # 4 Moji, Japan 1 Feb to 13 Sep 45**

Q. Do you know, or have you reason to believe, that the Imperial Japanese Forces failed to treat prisoners of war with humanity or otherwise committed atrocities and war crimes against them?

A. **Yes.**

Q. Will you state all facts in detail pertaining to atrocities, war crimes, violations of Rules of Land Warfare and human decency at **MOJI #4, MOJI, JAPAN**, the dates thereof, the perpetrators, giving their names, ranks, units and other identifying information?

A. In March of 1945, a soldier by the name of Carpenter (first name unknown), from the Coast Artillery and a Tech Sgt., I believe, received a leg injury while helping to unload a boatload of rice. Several of the bags fell on his right leg and it evidently injured the bone as a large ulcer started in a very short time. In a very short time the sore was so bad that Carpenter had to be hospitalized and the Japs still refused to give the internee doctor, and Englishman by the name of Barkley, any medicine to stop the spreading of gangrene. It became so bad the last of July or first part of August that Dr. Barkley informed the Japs that the leg would have to be amputated if the man was to survive. The Japs still refused to provide medicine or move Carpenter to a larger hospital where he could be properly taken care of and as a result he died a short time later.

ENNUI SAN, a former Army pilot who had been shot down over China, and was a   
“granted person,” was in charge of the hospital. He evidently had some small knowledge of medicine, but was certainly not a doctor in our sense of the word. He was 5’10”, 150 lbs., 28 years old, large frame but was slim built, good-looking, light complexioned, military figure, at times he was temporarily insane due to injuries received in action, speaks fair English, home, unknown.

NANKAMORA SAN, Korean civilian labor gang boss, 5’5”, 165 lbs., 40 or 45 years old, slim face, pointed chin, high cheek bones, husky build, walked very fast, spoke no English, home in Korea. He was a dope fiend and a drunkard and screamed and hollered when he was drunk or doped up. Was very nervous and moved in jerks. He was a labor boss of a gang of workers for Mitsui & Mitsubishi, in Ingon & Ruico warehouses. The prisoners worked as stevedores loading box-cars, trucks, etc., and Nankomora San would beat the weakest men with a hook, about a foot long and weighing about a pound – used for grabbing bags of rice, etc., for not being able to keep up with the rest of the workers. The men were so weak and sick that they could hardly stand, much less work. This boss would beat the men with this hook until they were nearly unconscious and then he would kick them.

I can think of nothing further to add to this statement.

( S ) NORMAL L. ERNST

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of September, 1945.

( S ) JAMES R. LOCKE, 1st Lt., CMP

Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Det.

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Charles H. ?????????

Capt. C.M.P.