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On or about February 7, 1945, Cpl. Mitsuno administered the following "treatment" to these men who were suffering from beri-beri, Holley L. Wilkinson, W.O., USA, W.

Willem De Gruiter, Sergeant, Dutch army, ~~Willem~~
 Pieter Von Wingen, Pvt., Dutch army,
 G. Von Galen, Cpl., Dutch army.

/put/

He ~~minored~~ a small ball of cotton in alcohol, placed the saturated cotton on the man's body and set fire to the cotton with ~~xxx~~ a match. This was supposed to give a cure. Capt. Neelson, senior officer in camp at the time, protested this action to Mitsuno and also to Lt. Matsuo with no results. Matsuo told him something to this effect, "This is an old Japanese remedy. When everything else fails or we have nothing else to use, we try this." The men of course showed no improvement after the burning. It, however, was not repeated. Men from other camps, coming to this one, bore horrible scars from repeated burns.

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

17 September 1945

I, JOHN E. LEWIS, ASN 14039472, PFC. USA, swear that on or about March 10th, 1945, while I was suffering with two broken fingers, I attended the regular sick call of this camp for treatment. For no apparent reason I was attacked by the Japanese Medical Attendant, SHIGEMARU ODEISHI, IJA, of Tomoeda Village, Ohikujo District, Fukuoka Prefecture, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ who beat me with his fists about the head and face and kicked me in the shins.

On several occasions during the months of April, May and June while attending the sick calls for treatment I received the same treatment by the said Odeishi.

On or about July 7, 1945 while attending sick call for treatment for edema, I was kicked and beaten by the said Odeishi. My edema continued to become worse but the Japanese Medical authorities would not excuse me from working in the local coal mine. My condition became so bad on or about July 31 that I appealed to the Sergeant of the Guard to be excused from work after having been ordered to go to work by the said Odeishi. The Sergeant of the Guard excused me from the detail and instructed me to report to the next sick call. However upon reporting to the said sick call, Odeishi became very angry and beat me with his fists in the face, and kicked me in shins with his wooden shoes causing lacerations and abrasions.

John E. Lewis
JOHN E. LEWIS
14039472
PFC, USA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945

August J. Lawrence
AUGUST J. LAWRENCE
Capt., Inf.
Summary Court Officer

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23, JAPAN

17 September, 1945

I, MARION L. SCOBY, ASN.6277052, Staff Sergeant, Med. Corps. USA., swear that on or about May 14, 1945, at the regular sick call of this camp, where I was in attendance, Major Kenneth R. Hagen, MC, USA, asked the Japanese Medical Department attendant ~~SHIGEMARU ODEISHI~~ SHIGEMARU ODEISHI, TOMOEDA VILLAGE, Chikujo District, Fukuoka Prefecture, for certain medicines. Odeishi told Major Hagen that ~~the~~ the medicine was not available, but I volunteered the information that we had this medicine on hand. A short time later in the dispensary the said Odeishi beat me in the face with his closed fist for about 15 minutes. That afternoon at about 2:30 PM I was ordered to go out of camp on a duty by the Japanese Camp commander and as I started out I was called by the said Odeishi. I reported to him and asked him what he wanted and without replying he started hitting me with his fist in the face, and after a short time he picked up a chair and hit me about the head and shoulders with the chair. A part of this beating was witnessed by Major K.R. Hagen, who made an unsuccessful attempt to stop the beating.

Marion L. Scoby

MARION L. SCOBY
ASN.6277052
Staff Sergeant, MC USA

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August J. Lawrence

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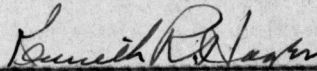
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FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

17 September, 1945

I, KENNETH R. HAGEN, Major, Medical Corps, USA, O-19620, certify, that on or about February 25, 1945, after holding sick call at this camp I was told that Sergeant Herbert H. Shoemaker was a fool in Japanese by Corporal TATSUO ANDO, IJA, Medical Department, of Ooita District, Ooita Prefecture, Japan. I firmly stated that Sergeant Shoemaker was not a fool and that I refused to hear one of my men so called. Ando then became angry and kicked a pan of instruments from the stove and siezed the stove poker, ~~striking~~ attempting to strike me about the head and shoulders. I avoided the blows to the head, and took all of the beating on my arms and shoulders, which I used as a guard. His anger remaining unabated, he turned to Private Clifford P. Parker, ASN 19056676, and attempted to kick him in the testicles, but ~~he~~ Parker protected himself by holding his hands over his testicles, receiving the blows on his hands. The back of his right hand was lacerated and abraided by Ando's shoe. Staff Sergeant Marion L. Scoby also witnessed this beating.

I further certify that to the best of my memory, it being dangerous to keep accurate records of mistreatment in this camp, that on or about February 15, 1945, Private Erwing J. Kilburn, ASN 320485501, USA, was examined by me at the sick call and the diagnosis of diarrhea of some three days duration was made. I obtained permission from the above named Ando for this man to remain in camp. Ando found out that this man had not reported to sick call the previous evening and became angry and ordered Kilburn to stand at attention. He was made to stand at attention, allowing him only to go to the latrine from time to time, and only a short time of approximately 15 minutes for lunch. He remained standing at attention from approximately 7 AM until approximately 2:30 PM. It was necessary for me to admit this man to the hospital for his diarrhea and weakness where he developed paresis of the legs and still remains a hospital patient.


KENNETH R. HAGEN
Major, MC

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

17 September 1945

I, Melvin R. Madero, 20900727, PFC, USA, swear that on or about July 21, 1945, ~~ixxxxx~~ after working all night in the coal mine, and suffering from a severe toothache, I reported to sick call in camp where Major K.R.Hagen, MC, USA, examined my tooth and advised extraction. Major Hagen asked permission of the Japanese doctor, MASANO DANNO, of Nagata Town, Isahaya City, Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan, to pull the tooth. The aforementioned Lieutenant Danno, IJA, then examined the tooth, laughed at me refused permission for the tooth to be pulled, and slapped me three times with his open hand. Major Hagen was then permitted to put a small amount of iodine on the gum in an attempt to stop the pain, but without success.

Melvin R. Madero
MELVIN R. MADERO
20900727,
PFC, USA

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August J. Lawrence
AUGUST J. LAWRENCE
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Sergeant Shoemaker, HH (Con't)

When Sergeant Chihara finished beating me, Odeishi again resumed beating me in the face with his fists.

The beatings, above described, lasted for a total of approximately 30 minutes.

As a result of this beating, I am still unable to introduce a toothbrush into my mouth to properly wash my teeth, jaw motion being limited by stiffness of the jaw muscles.

Herbert H. Shoemaker

HERBERT H. SHOEMAKER

6296315

Staff Sergeant, M.D. (VS)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945

August J. Lawrence

AUGUST J. LAWRENCE

Capt., Inf.

Summary Court Officer

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23, JAPAN

17 September 1945

I, Herbert H. Shoemaker, 6296315, Medical Department, (VS), Staff Sergeant, USA, swear that on or about August 14, 1945 I was doing clerical work on the weight chart of the camp personnel entering data. In this connection the weight of one man had been inadvertently omitted by the group doing the weighing, of which I was not a member. I was questioned about this omission by SHIGEMARU ODEISHI, of Tomoeda Village, Chikujo District, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, Private Medical Department, IJA, and while attempting to explain this omission to him, he spoke to me rapidly in Japanese which I did not understand. He would not listen to my explanations, and would not listen to reason when I told him that I could not understand him. He ~~then~~ then began to beat me in the face with his fists. Following this he removed his shoe and beat me about the body and arms with the shoe. He then kicked me in the abdomen and legs sufficiently hard to cause me to lose control of my bowels and defecate in my pants. I asked him for permission to go to the latrine and clean myself, but he refused. He ceased beating me momentarily and I went across the path to the Sick Room to go to the latrine to clean myself, but he followed me and before I could get to the Sick Room latrine, resumed his beating. This time he beat me about the face with his fists and kicked me in the abdomen with sufficient force to cause me to defecate in my pants again. It may be explained that I was suffering from a mild attack of diarrhea this day, which had been explained to him before the question of the weights arose. At this time Major K.R. Hagen, M.C., USA, entered the sick room and attempted to stop the beating unsuccessfully. Major Hagen went to the Camp Headquarters in search of the Camp Commander who was at the time out of camp. Major Hagen called the Japanese O.D., Sergeant Chihara, IJA, Kitashinmati, Kyorakutei, Oita Prefecture who came to the Sick Room and stopped the beating, and permitted me to clean myself and told me to report to the Camp Headquarters.

I reported to Camp Headquarters as directed and the beating was resumed by the said Odeishi. He also kicked me in the abdomen again causing me to defecate in my pants. I asked the Japanese Sergeant ~~for~~ Chihara for permission to clean myself and this was refused. At this time Major Hagen and Captain Frank M. Turner, CAC, appeared at the office and attempted to stop the beatings, but they were ordered away by Sergeant Chihara. Then Sergeant Chihara began to beat me with his fists in the face over the already much swollen lower jaw on both sides.

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23, Japan

17 September 1945

I, Richard O. Hudson, 6546371, Technical Sergeant, USA, swear that on or about May 10, 1945, while at work in the Meiji Mining Company at this place, I was struck on the head by a supervisor, HARANA, of Keisen Mati, (this place), with a heavy brass lantern for allegedly shirking my work because of having too many bowel movements. I was suffering from diarrhea at the time but since there was so much diarrhea in the camp at the time the Japanese Medical Personnel would not excuse prisoners from work for this cause, even though they were too weak to work.

The blow, above described was so hard that it rendered me unconscious and made an open wound in my scalp, even though the blow landed on the rubber padded hat that I wore.

Richard O. Hudson

RICHARD O. HUDSON

6546371

Technical Sergeant, USA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945

August J. Lawrence

AUGUST J. LAWRENCE

Capt. Inf.

Summary Court Officer

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FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN.

17 September 1945

I, Richard Charles Hudson, 6546371, Technical Sergeant, USA, swear that on or about ~~June~~ ^{June} 15, 1945, the Japanese Interpreter at this camp TERNO ONO of Tarumizu Town, Kimotsuki District, Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan, entered the room in which I slept and bid me stand and began a torrent of abuse and blows. He claimed that my work in the mine was unsatisfactory. After an especially heavy blow to the jaw, I was lying upon my back in a stunned condition and stepped forward and kicked me forcibly in the testicles, sufficiently so to arouse me to some extent by the severe pain of this kick. I was later carried to the dispensary by an American Medical Attendant, and was refused treatment by the Japanese Medical attendant, SHIGEMASU ODEISHI of Tomoeda Village, Chikujo District, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, despite entreaties of Major K. R. Hagen, Medical Corps, USA,

Richard C. Hudson

RICHARD C. HUDSON

6546371

Technical Sergeant, USA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1945

August J. Lawrence

AUGUST J. LAWRENCE

Captain, Inf.

Summary Court Officer

Fukuoka Camp 23

17 Sep. 1945

6853557

I, Richard Haines, Sgt. U.S. Army ASN / swear that on or about May 19, 1945 I reported to the sick call because of an infected left leg, which Major K. R. Hagen, M.C. U.S.A. dressed. Following the dressing the major asked the Japanese Medical Noncommissioned Officer Motoiehi Sakagami, of Tomeda, Chikujo District, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan for permission for me to remain in camp which he denied. The major continued to ask permission calling his attention to the severity of my leg infection and he refused to permit me to remain in camp and called the major the equivalent in Japanese of a fool. I fell in to line to go to work, another man assisting me. The Japanese Sergeant of the Guard noticing my leg, took me from the line and called Private Shigemasa Odeishi, Medical Department, Japanese Army, Tomeda Village, Chikujo District, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, who came out to see me and took me into the treatment room where he beat me about the face with the open hand. The Major was told to remain in the examining room and Odeishi took me to the Sick Room across the path where he proceeded to beat me about the face with his fists and knocked me to the floor and kicked me about the face and body for about fifteen minutes. This procedure was witnessed by Captain T. R. Taggart, and Technical Sergeant Marion L. Scoby, Medical Department, USA. I then returned to the dressing room for redressing of my leg and the Major explained that the wound had already been dressed, and I was sent to my barracks to rest on the Major's advice.

Richard Haines
 RICHARD HAINES
 Sergeant, USA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945

August J. Lawrence
 AUGUST J. LAWRENCE
 Captain, Inf.
 Summary Court Officer

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FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

17 September 1945

I, D. H. Watson, 295-95-99, Chief Yeoman, USN, swear that on or about July 15, 1945, Private Shigemasu Odeishi, of Tomoeda Village, Chikujo District, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, did, while I was waiting to receive medicine at the medicine room door, kick me in the testicles without cause or provocation. I had reported at sick call at the proper time and had bowed to him as required by Japanese order, and consulted Major K.R.Hagen, Medical Corps, USA, for diarrhea, and he prescribed for me the medicine for which I was waiting.

"D.H. Watson"

D. H. WATSON
295-95-99
Chief Yeoman, USN

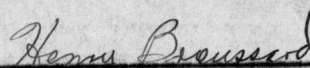
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August J. Lawrence
AUGUST J. LAWRENCE
Captain, Inf.
Summary Court Officer

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

17 September, 1945

I, Henry Broussard, Machinist, USN, certify that on or about August 7, 1945 I reported to the foreman in the mine shops where I worked as a blacksmith that I was suffering with a severe cold and asked to be relieved from the blacksmith shop for a few days and be assigned to work elsewhere. The foreman reported to camp that I was ill, and that night when I returned from work I reported to the evening sick call. I was approached by the Japanese Medical Sergeant, MOTOICHI SAKAGAMI, IJA, of Kuga Town, Kuga District, Yamaguchi Prefecture, who came up to me as I was awaiting treatment, and without any explanation, beat me with his fists in and about the face and head. I was sent away from the sick call without any treatment and without being allowed to see Major K.R.Hagen, MC USA, the Camp Physician.



HENRY BROUSSARD
Machinist
U.S.N.

War Crimes

Fukuoka
Camp No. 9
27 August 1945
(Camp Comdr) Sakemoto (Chui)

On June 22, 1945, when working at the farm, I was attacked by a guard named Yama, who thrashed my bare back with a bamboo and raised many bloody weals. On return to the camp, Capt. Ractliffe, the senior British Officer in the camp, who had interceded at the beating and who had received several blows himself, decided to report the matter to the camp commander direct. Capt. Ractliffe then started to make his report to the Nipponese Sergeant. There was much interruption from other Nip NCOs and men who were in the office, which attracted the attention of the camp commandant. Capt. Ractliffe endeavored to explain the position to him, but although he must have seen my lacerated back which had been bared for exhibition, his only action was to strike Capt. Ractliffe, Furness, and myself violently in the face, and to say that we would be punished if we did not work hard. Capt. Ractliffe received about 6 heavy blows in the face, and Furness and I about 6. He then dismissed us. His attack was quite unjustified and he did not listen to the complaint before striking us or afterwards.

E.R. Maud, Lt. R.E.

Harlod G. Ractliffe, Capt. RA
(Senior British Officer)

A TRUE COPY:

AXEL G. RASMUSSEN
Capt AGD

1800 hrs. nine days out of ten. Officers 6 feet in height were 46 kilos in weight, but had to carry on working. Work was compulsory.

The sentries and goons would beat up officers for no particular reason whatsoever and when I, as Senior British Officer, protested to the camp commander or NCOs, I was usually beaten up also, for making complaints.

Sentries at this time were beating up officers if they did not give them cigarettes.

Stealing by Nips from the officers and men was an every day occurrence, and when reporting instances of this to the camp commander, no action was taken by him whatsoever, even when we were able to point out the culprits.

/s/ Harold C. Ractliffe
HAROLD C. RACTLIFFE
Capt. RA
Senior British Officer

Fukuoka
POW Camp No. 9
(Camp Comdr) Sakameto (Chui)
28 July 1945

At this time I was in charge of a party of 45 prisoners, which was made up of 20 officers and 25 O.R.s. We worked on a farm under civilians.

The civilians in charge of us were very kind to us and often gave us vegetables in order to make a soup for our lunch. On the 27th of July, Nakoa, the NCO in charge of all officers farm work, seeing us eating soup, stated that we had stolen the vegetables and would all go to prison. I protested, and the civilians at the farm explained to Nakoa that the vegetables were gifts from them and were not stolen. Even after the civilians explanation, after returning to camp, the whole party was beaten up with sticks by Nakoa, the NCO in charge of the guard and another NCO. As I was in charge of the party, I received an extra severe beating.

/s/ Harold C. Ractliffe
HAROLD C. RACTLIFF
Capt RA
Senior British Officer

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(Copy Signed)

Fukuoka
 P.O.W. Camp No. 9
 (Camp Cndr) Sakemoto (Chui)
 12 June 1945

At about 1900 hrs., on the 11th of June, 1945, I was sitting in my room writing up the officer's work book for the following day. Lieut. J.H.D. Duckham came in to tell me that he was sick and would not be going out to work the next day. I was registering the particulars of this officer, my back was towards the window, when a sentry walked past the window, outside the hut. As I was occupied writing, I was a little late in saluting him, but I did salute. The sentry called all the officers in the room outside, although all the officers, with the exception of myself, had saluted promptly and correctly, and beat them up brutally with sticks. He beat me for 45 minutes. During the time he was beating me, he was shouting to the B.O.s in the next hut, that I, their captain, was no good and had not saluted him. I was so badly beaten up, I fainted twice, and during the faints I was badly kicked about. After my beating, I was put in jail, where I was beaten over the head with sticks by the sentries. After fainting in jail, I asked for water and one of the sentries produced a bucket of urine and flung it over me. That was all the water they would give me. I was in such bad condition, that I had to go into the hospital for two days after this treatment. I complained to the camp commander through the Nipponese interpreter about this treatment, and also to the Nipponese Seargant Major, but it was of no use. They would not listen to complaints. I was the Senior British Officer in this camp at that time, and this is only one of the numerous unjust beatings I have received in this camp.

/s/ Harold C. Ractliffe
 HAROLD C. RACTLIFFE
 Capt. R.A.
 Senior British Officer

(Witness)

M. Bladen
 Lieut. RA

Fukuoka
 P.O.W. Camp No. 9
 Camp Cndr-Sakemoto (Chui)
 June 1945

The month of June was a particularly bad month for the British Officers in this camp. Every day there were instance of officers being severely beaten up by the Nipponese Comdr., N.C.Os, sentries and goons.

At this time officers were in a very weak state of health. During their P.O.W. life they always had less food than the men, although they 27 Yen amonth for food, an also had to work very hard from 0645 hrs. to

PRISONER OF WAR CAMP 2
FOKKOKA

17 SEP 1945

I, MILTON P. LaFrentz, Sergeant, USA,

SWEAR THAT ON OR ABOUT JUNE 15, 1945 while I was working in the mine of the Meiji Mining Company, Keisen Mati, I was pushing a small coal car in the mine. The car got out of my control and came to a stop. While I was standing there the foreman, KYOJIRO SAITO ^{OF THIS PLACE} came to me and slapped me. I pushed him away, and he tore off my mine lamp and took the battery case and beat me over the back with the case. After the case broke loose from the wire, he picked up a club and beat me over the head and back with the club, until I was nearly unconscious.

I further swear that on or about February 1, 1945 I was ill with dysentery and asked to be excused from work. I was severely slapped by Japanese soldier, on duty at sick call at that time and forced to go to work in my sick condition

Milton P. LaFrentz

MILTON P. LAFRENTZ

Sergeant, USA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 Sep 1945.

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Thomas R. Taggart

THOMAS R. TAGGART
CAPT. USA

FUKUOKA CAMP No. 23.

17 Sep 1945.

I, Roger J. Keegan, Corporal, USA, swear that on or about August 15, 1945 while working in Meiji Mining Company, Keisen Mati, I was sent by my foreman MATSUO ARASE ^{OF THIS PLACE} to get a mine timber. While I was gone my mining lamp went out and it being ~~dark~~ complete blackness I was forced to wait to get a light. When I returned this foreman, took a pole and beat me about the head and shoulders until I was nearly unconscious.

Roger J. Keegan
 Roger J. Keegan
 CORPORAL, USA.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of September, 1945.

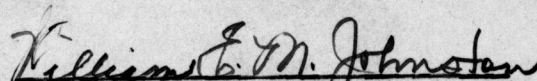
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 Thomas R. Taggart
 Capt, USA.

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

18 September 1945

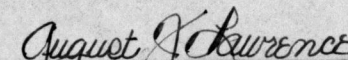
I, William E. M. Johnston, ASN. 17016029, Pfc. USA, swear that on or about July 1, 1945 I worked in the Meiji Mining Company at this place. At about 2:30 PM I was assigned to load rock on a car in a place known as Y-No. 1 Lateral. My car was about 3/4ths loaded (about 3 tons) when it slipped its track block and I attempted to reblock it so it would not get away. As I bent over to block it my light on my cap went out and since the lateral was very narrow at this point, I had to jump on the front bumper of the car to keep from being pinned against the wall of the lateral. There was a steep grade on the track at that point and the car gained a great deal of momentum. Going at considerable speed through the darkness, the car came to a curve in the track which threw me from the front bumper where I was riding, but I managed to keep hold of the handles on the front of the car and swung myself astraddle of the bumper. Shortly thereafter the car I was on ran into a car loaded with coal, catching my leg between the bumper on which I was riding and the bumper of the coal car. I was brought into the Mining Company's hospital where my left leg was amputated just below the knee at about 5:00 PM that date.

The cause of the accident was due to the unsafe conditions in which we were forced to work and especially due to the condition of the mining lamps which were furnished us by the Mining Company. These lamps continually going out and the particular one that I was wearing at the time of the accident was the third one that I had worn on that day. Continual complaints had been made to the mine officials through the proper channels about the condition of these lamps, but no steps were taken to improve these conditions.



WILLIAM E. M. JOHNSTON
17016029
PFC, USA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1945



ANGUST J. LAWRENCE
Capt., Inf.
Summary Court Officer

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FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

18 September 1945

I, Robert G. Gaydos, ASN. 35014781, Pvt. USA, swear that on or about March 7th, 1945 I was a bed patient in the Sick Room of this camp. At about 9:30 AM said date I was lying in bed reading when the Japanese Medical Attendant, SHIGEMARU ODEISHI, Pvt. Medical Department, IJA, of Tomoeda Village, Chikujo District, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, came into the sick Room. He saw me reading in bed and became very angry and came to my bedside and beat me in the face and head with his fists. There was no order against reading in the Sick Room at that time and a few days later an order was issued that patients could only read at specified periods two hours a day.

I further swear that on or about May 25th, 1945, while I was still a bed patient in the Sick Room of this camp, confined with beri-beri, I reported to sick call in the morning for treatment. Major K. R. Hagen, MG, USA, asked the above named Odeishi for medicine. He was refused and the Major asked a second time. The said Odeishi became angry and came over to where I was standing at attention and kicked me in the shins with his wooden shoes and beat me about the face and head with his fists.

Robert G. Gaydos
ROBERT G. GAYDOS
ASN 35014781
Pvt., USA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, ~~18~~ 1945

August J. Lawrence
AUGUST J. LAWRENCE
Capt., Inf.
Summary Court Officer

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

18 September 1945

I, George Ulrich, 239-13-11, Chief Watertender, USN, swear that on or about March 25, 1945 I was a patient in the Sick Room of this camp suffering with pneumonia. I was lying on my side in my bed when the Japanese Medical Attendant, SHIGEMARU ODEISHI, Tomoeda Village, Chikujo District Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, came into the Sick Room. He saw me lying on my side and became angry with me because I was not lying on my back. He picked up a cribbage board made of heavy wood, about 12" long and proceeded to beat me over the head with it until I was nearly unconscious.

I further swear that on or about April 1st, 1945 at about 8:00 AM I was sitting beside the Sick Room stove warming myself, it being very cold at that time. The above mentioned Odeichi came in with a large bamboo stick and seeing me sitting beside the fire, he beat me about the head and shoulders with this stick causing lacerations, contusions and abrasions.

George Ulrich
 GEORGE ULRICH
 239-13-11
 Chief Watertender, USN

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August J. Lawrence
 AUGUST J. LAWRENCE
 Capt., Inf.
 Summary Court Officer

FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23 JAPAN

18 September 1945

I, Alfred P. Kmiec, Civilian, swear that on or about April 6th, 1945 while I was working in the Meiji Mining Company at this place I was working in one of the laterals with a group of other prisoners trying to pry one of the coal cars onto the track. I was prying at the end of a long pole together with another man on this same pole. I was prying as hard as I was able when MIAGAWA, of this place, one of the foremen at the mine came up, and without saying anything, or without any provocation, he hit me over the head with his mining hammer, a hammer with a handle about 3' long. This blow was severe and stunned me for a moment, causing me to lose my grip on the end of the pry pole and fall about 4 feet backwards, landing on ~~the~~ my back on the tracks. The blow with the hammer on my head caused contusions and when I fell on my back on the tracks, my back was injured so that it still gives me pain to this time.

Alfred P. Kmiec
ALFRED P. KMIEC
Civilian

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1945

August J. Lawrence
AUGUST J. LAWRENCE
Capt., Inf.
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FUKUOKA CAMP NO. 23, JAPAN

18 September 1945

I, Erwin J. Kilburn, ASN. 32048501, Pvt., USA, swear that on or about February 15, 1945 I was suffering from diarrhea. I had been troubled with this diarrhea for about three days and was able to do little work in the mine so that the mine foreman told me to get treatment at the camp. On the evening of the 14th our detail returned home so late that it was impossible to go to sick call so the next morning before work I went to see Major Hagen who got permission to have me excused from work the 15th. When I came to sick call the Japanese Medical ~~Sergeant~~ Corporal, TATSUO ANDO, Medical Department, IJA, of Ooita District, Ooita Prefecture, Japan ~~asked me to~~ became angry because I had not come to sick call the night before and ordered me to stand at attention, and then hit me with his closed fists about the face and head, knocking me down several times. He then threw me down with "judo", ordered me to get up and would throw me down again. After he had beaten me and thrown me around for about 15 minutes, he made me stand at attention in the Examination Room office. I was forced to stand at attention from about 7:00 AM to about 2:30 PM that day. I was allowed to go to the latrine only twice and at noon I was given 15 minutes to go to lunch and then had to return to the Examination Room to stand at attention.

I was in a weakened condition at the time and at about 2:30 PM I collapsed on the floor and the said Ando told me to go home. The next morning I was unable to walk and was taken to the Sick Room where I have been a patient ever since. I am suffering from paresis of the legs, and can hardly walk at this time.

Erwin J. Kilburn
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ASN 32048501
Pvt., USA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945

August J. Lawrence
AUGUST J. LAWRENCE
Capt., Inf.
Summary Court Officer

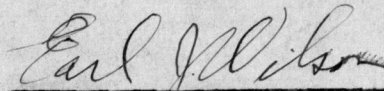
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17 September 1945

I, Earl J. Wilson, Civilian, swear that on or about April 15, 1945 while I was working at the Meiji Mining Company here, I neglected to report to the mine office before reporting to the working place. A short time later, while I was working, the foreman, ^{KUNIZO} YAMASAKE, of this place, came to me and ordered me to stand at attention. While I was at attention with my arms at my sides, the said Yamasake took his small mining hammer with a 3 foot handle and hit me on the backs of my hands, on my legs, and on my arms and head. This attack was so hard that my arms were sore for several weeks thereafter.

This same Yamasake attacked another prisoner who was with me at the same time.

On other occasions this same Yamasake administered this same treatment on me for no apparent reason. I was mistreated by this said Yamasake because of eating my lunch before the scheduled time on one occasion, for failure to salute, and for other trivial matters.



EARL J. WILSON

Civilian

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AUGUST J. LAWRENCE

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