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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY  
United States Army  
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Yokohama, Japan  
2 March 1948

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS IJU SUGASAWA  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS KAZUMOTO SUEMATSU  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS TSUGUO IWANUMA  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS MASAKATSU HOZUMI

Review of the Staff Judge Advocate

1. The attached record of trial of Iju Sugasawa, Kazumoto Suematsu, Tsuguo Iwanuma and Masakatsu Hozumi at Yokohama, Japan, from 3 September 1947 to 10 September 1947, by a Military Commission appointed by paragraph 2, Special Orders No. 201, Headquarters Eighth Army, United States Army, dated 27 August 1947, having been referred to the Staff Judge Advocate, this review thereof is submitted to the Commanding General.

Personal Data Concerning Accused

NAME: Iju Sugasawa  
AGE: 56  
RESIDENCE: Chiba-Ken, Katori-Gun,  
Tako-Machi, Iesasa 1365  
MARITAL STATUS: Widower  
RELATIVES: Son, two brothers and  
two sisters  
EDUCATION: 16 years of schooling,  
Military Academy of Japan  
VOCATION: Soldier  
MILITARY CAREER: Active service from  
December 1915 to termination of war.  
Commissioned Second Lieutenant in  
December 1915. Present rank, Colonel.

DATE OF CONFINEMENT: 24 September 1945  
DATE OF ARRAIGNMENT: 3 September 1947  
PLACE OF TRIAL: Yokohama, Japan  
PERIOD OF TRIAL: 3 September 1947 to  
10 September 1947  
DATE OF SENTENCE: 16 September 1947  
SENTENCE: Death by hanging  
CLEMENCY RECOMMENDED BY  
COMMISSION: No

NAME: Kazumoto Suematsu  
AGE: 46  
RESIDENCE: Fukuoka-Ken, Chikushi-Gun,  
Kasuga-Mura, Kamishirozu 74  
MARITAL STATUS: Married  
RELATIVES: Father, stepmother,  
brother, wife, three sons and one  
daughter  
EDUCATION: 16 years of schooling, at  
Seinan-Gakuin, Fukuoka (Mission  
School College)  
VOCATION: Banker  
MILITARY CAREER: Imperial Japanese  
Army from December 1925 to April 1927  
and from December 1941 to termination  
of war.

DATE OF CONFINEMENT: 15 August 1946  
DATE OF ARRAIGNMENT: 3 September 1947  
PLACE OF TRIAL: Yokohama, Japan  
PERIOD OF TRIAL: 3 September 1947 to  
10 September 1947  
DATE OF SENTENCE: 10 September 1947  
SENTENCE: Death by hanging  
CLEMENCY RECOMMENDED BY  
COMMISSION: No

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NAME: Tsuguo Iwanuma  
AGE: 34  
RESIDENCE: Guma Prefecture, Takasaki  
City, Shimowada-Cho No. 374  
MARITAL STATUS: Married  
RELATIVES: Wife, two daughters, father,  
mother, four sisters  
EDUCATION: Higher primary school,  
8 years  
VOCATION: Farmer  
MILITARY CAREER: Inducted 10 January  
1936, discharged 14 August 1945, became  
warrant officer through ranks.

DATE OF CONFINEMENT: 3 August 1946  
DATE OF ARRAIGNMENT: 3 September 1947  
PLACE OF TRIAL: Yokohama, Japan  
PERIOD OF TRIAL: 3 September 1947 to  
10 September 1947  
DATE OF SENTENCE: 10 September 1947  
SENTENCE: Death by hanging  
CLEMENCY RECOMMENDED BY  
COMMISSION: No

NAME: Masakatsu Hozumi  
AGE: 30  
RESIDENCE: Kumamoto Prefecture, Kumamoto  
City, Kurokami, Tsuboi 723  
MARITAL STATUS: Married  
RELATIVES: Wife, daughter, and mother  
EDUCATION: College, 4 years  
VOCATION: Middle school instructor  
MILITARY CAREER: Inducted 10 January  
1941, discharged 31 July 1944 with  
rank of sergeant.

DATE OF CONFINEMENT: 24 July 1946  
DATE OF ARRAIGNMENT: 3 September 1947  
PLACE OF TRIAL: Yokohama, Japan  
PERIOD OF TRIAL: 3 September 1947 to  
10 September 1947  
DATE OF SENTENCE: 10 September 1947  
SENTENCE: Death by hanging  
CLEMENCY RECOMMENDED BY  
COMMISSION: No

2. Synopsis of Charges, Pleas, Findings, Legal Sufficiency and Sentence:

<u>Charges and Specifications:</u>	<u>Pleas</u>	<u>Findings</u>	<u>Legally Sustained</u>
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SUGASAWA

Charge: Accused, at the times and places set forth in the specifications hereto attached, did violate the Laws and Customs of War.	NG	G	Yes
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Sp 1: On or about 21 August 1943, accused did willfully and unlawfully cause the death of G. A. Irwin, an Australian PW, by ordering, causing and directing the said Irwin to be killed, whereupon the said Irwin was choked, shot, stabbed and otherwise abused until he was dead.	NG	G	No
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Sentence imposed: Death  
Maximum legal punishment: Death

SUEMATSU

Charge: Accused, at the times and places set forth in the specification hereto attached, did violate the Laws and Customs of War.	NG	G	Yes
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Sp 1: On or about 21 August 1943, accused did willfully and unlawfully cause the death of G. A. Irwin, an Australian PW, by ordering and causing him to be choked, shot, stabbed, and otherwise abused.	NG	Guilty, except the word "stabbed"; of the excepted word, Not Guilty.	No
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Sentence imposed: Death

Maximum legal punishment: Death

IWANUMA

Charge: Accused, at the times and places set forth in the specifications hereto attached, did violate the Laws and Customs of War. NG G Yes

Sp. 1: On or about 21 August 1943, accused did willfully and unlawfully kill G. A. Irwin, an Australian PW, by shooting him. NG Guilty, except the word "kill", substituting therefor the words "participate in the killing of"; of the excepted word, Not Guilty, of the substituted words, Guilty. No

Sp 2: Between 1 June 1943 and 28 February 1944, accused did willfully and unlawfully withhold Red Cross supplies intended for the use and benefit of Allied PW's. NG G Yes

Sp 3: Between 1 June 1943 and 28 February 1944, accused did willfully and unlawfully mistreat numerous Allied PW's by beating, kicking and otherwise abusing them. NG G Yes

Sentence imposed: Death

Maximum legal punishment: Death

MOZUMI

Charge: Accused, at the times and places set forth in the specifications hereto attached, did violate the Laws and Customs of War. NG G Yes

Sp 1: On or about 21 August 1943, accused did willfully and unlawfully kill G. A. Irwin, an Australian PW, by choking, stabbing and otherwise abusing him. NG Guilty, except the word "kill", substituting therefor the words "participate in the killing of"; of the excepted word, Not Guilty, of the substituted words, Guilty. Yes

Sp 2: On numerous occasions between 22 April 1943 and 11 October 1943, accused did willfully and unlawfully mistreat A. E. Findlay, an Australian PW, and numerous other Allied PW's by beating and otherwise abusing them. (as amended R. 97). NG NG

Sentence imposed: Death

Maximum legal punishment: Death

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