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

Yokohama, Japan
6 October 1948

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS MASAJI INO
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS CHOSUKE ONODERA

Review of the Staff Judge Advocate

1. The attached record of trial of Masaji Ino and Chosuke Onodera at Yokohama, Japan, from 21 August 1947 to 8 September 1947, by a Military Commission appointed by paragraph 1, Special Orders No. 190, Headquarters Eighth Army, United States Army, dated 14 August 1947, having been referred to the Staff Judge Advocate, this review thereof is submitted to the Commanding General.

Personal Data Concerning Accused

NAME: Masaji Ino ✓	DATE OF CONFINEMENT: 21 July 1946
AGE: 37	DATE OF ARRAIGNMENT: 21 August 1947
RESIDENCE: Saitama-ken, Kitaadachi-gun, Kitamotojuku-mura, Oza, Ishit-shuku 701	PLACE OF TRIAL: Yokohama, Japan
MARITAL STATUS: Married	PERIOD OF TRIAL: 21 August 1947 to 8 September 1947
RELATIVES: Father, mother, wife, 3 children, 4 brothers and sisters	DATE OF SENTENCE: 8 September 1947
EDUCATION: Eleven years of schooling, graduate of Kumaya Agriculture School	SENTENCE: CHL for life
VOCATION: Farmer	CLEMENCY RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSION: No
MILITARY CAREER: Served in the Imperial Japanese Army from 10 January 1931 to 9 July 1932; from 13 October 1938 to 29 April 1940; and from 23 December 1943 to 15 September 1945. Rank: sergeant.	

NAME: Chosuke Onodera ✓	DATE OF CONFINEMENT: 24 July 1946
AGE: 42	DATE OF ARRAIGNMENT: 21 August 1947
RESIDENCE: Miyagi Prefecture, Motoyoshi gun, Yanegizu-cho, Aza-nachi No. 34, Momofu-gun, Momofu-mura, Ura Nagai 114	PLACE OF TRIAL: Yokohama, Japan
MARITAL STATUS: Married	PERIOD OF TRIAL: 21 August 1947 to 8 September 1947
RELATIVES: Father, mother, wife, six children, 3 sisters.	DATE OF SENTENCE: 8 September 1947
EDUCATION: Eight years of schooling, graduate of Junior High School	SENTENCE: CHL for life
VOCATION: Farmer and employee at the Shibaura Electric Company	CLEMENCY RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSION: No
MILITARY CAREER: None	

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

<u>Charge and Specifications:</u>	<u>Pleas</u>	<u>Findings</u>	<u>Legally Sustained</u>
<u>INO</u>			
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: Between 1 Dec 1944 and 19 Feb 1945, at or near Tokyo Area POW Detached Camp No. 11-D, also known as Camp No. 14-B, Yokohama, Honshu, Japan, accused did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse A. J. Harper, an Australian PW, by beating and kicking him when he was sick, thereby causing his death on or about 19 Feb 1945. NG Guilty, except the words "thereby causing his death on or about 19 February 1945", of the excepted words Not Guilty. Yes

Sp 2: On or about 16 Dec 1944, accused did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Wilhelmus Voorjans, a Dutch PW, by denying him necessary medical and hospital treatment when he was in a serious and critical physical condition, thereby contributing to his death. NG NG ---

Sp 3: In or about Dec 1944 and Jan 1945, accused did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Albert Forth, a British PW, by forcing him to work when sick and physically unfit to do so and by denying him necessary medical and hospital treatment when he was in a serious and critical physical condition, thereby contributing to his death. NG NG ---

Sp 4: Between 1 Jan 1945 and 22 Jan 1945, accused did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse I. G. Hahn, an Australian PW, by forcing him to work while sick and physically unfit to do so, thereby contributing to his death on or about 15 Feb 1945. NG NG ---

Sp 5: On or about 15 Apr 1945, accused did willfully and unlawfully kill Gerard A. Van Merode, a Dutch PW. NG G Yes

Sp 6: On numerous occasions between 25 Dec 1943 and 15 Aug 1945, accused did willfully and unlawfully withhold, misappropriate and convert to his own use Red Cross and other supplies intended for the use and benefit of Allied PWs. NG NG ---

Sp 7: On numerous occasions between 25 Dec 1943 and 15 Aug 1945, accused did willfully and unlawfully require and force numerous Allied PWs to perform arduous manual labor when they were physically unfit and inadequately clothed to do so, thereby contributing to their suffering and ill health. NG NG ---

Sp 8: Between 25 Dec 1943 and 15 Aug 1945, accused did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse numerous American and Allied PWs, by beating them and otherwise abusing them. NG G Yes

Sp 9: From about 25 Dec 1943 to 15 Aug 1945, accused did unlawfully disregard NG Nolle Prossed (R 3)

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and fail to discharge his duty as Second in Command of said Camp to control and restrain members of his command and persons under his supervision and control, by permitting them to commit the following acts, atrocities and other offenses against Allied PWs:

a. On or about 16 Dec 1944, the unlawful torture and killing by Chosuke Onodera, a civilian guard, of Wilhelmus Voorjans, a Dutch PW, then in a sick and weakened condition, by kicking and beating and clubbing him, by breaking a plate across his head and by otherwise abusing him, thereby resulting in his death.

b. Between 1 Jan 1945 and 15 Feb 1945, the unlawful mistreatment and abuse by Chosuke Onodera, a civilian guard, of I. G. Hahn, a sick Australian PW, by beating him, thereby contributing to his death on or about 15 Feb 1945.

c. On numerous occasions between 1 Jan 1944 and 11 Jan 1945, the willful and unlawful mistreatment by Chosuke Onodera, Masami Konno, and other civilian guards of Albert Forth, an Australian PW, by beating him with fists and clubs, by forcing him to work while physically unfit to do so and by otherwise abusing him, thereby contributing to his death on or about 11 Jan 1945.

d. Between 1 Jan 1945 and 19 Feb 1945, the unlawful mistreatment by Chosuke Onodera, a civilian guard, of A. J. Harper, an Australian PW, by kicking, clubbing, beating and otherwise abusing him, thereby contributing to his death on or about 19 Feb 1945.

e. In or about Jan 1945, the unlawful mistreatment and abuse by Chosuke Onodera, a civilian guard, of William Mayne, an Australian PW, by beating him and by forcing him to work when he was physically unfit to do so.

f. In or about Nov 1944, the unlawful mistreatment and abuse by Chosuke Onodera, a civilian guard, of a Dutch PW, whose Camp PW number was 117, by beating him with a wooden club, by throwing cold water in his face and by forcing him to work while in an injured condition without benefit of first aid.

g. At divers times between Oct 1944 and Mar 1945, the unlawful mistreatment and abuse by Chosuke Onodera, a civilian guard, of Fred D. Thompson, an American PW, by kicking him and by beating him with a club.

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