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

Yokohama, Japan

4 March 1949

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS JUKICHI SASAKI
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS KAKUJI ISHIGAKI

Review of the Staff Judge Advocate

1. The attached record of trial of the case of Jukichi Sasaki and Kakuji Ishigaki, tried at Yokohama, Japan, from 21 May 1948 to 1 June 1948, by a Military Commission appointed by paragraph 2, Special Orders No. 113, Headquarters Eighth Army, United States Army, dated 18 May 1948, having been referred to the Staff Judge Advocate, this review thereof is submitted to the Commanding General.

Personal Data Concerning Accused

NAME: Jukichi Sasaki
AGE: 43
RESIDENCE: Akita Prefecture, Kazunogun, Akebomo Mira, Nagaita, Tatara #14
MARITAL STATUS: Married
RELATIVES: One brother, wife, six children
EDUCATION: Eight years schooling
VOCATION: Farmer
MILITARY CAREER: January 1927 to July 1928, Pfc in infantry, Akita 8th Division, duty as light machine gunner; September 1937 to November 1939, rank of Superior Private, Akita 108th Division, duty as light machine gunner.

DATE OF CONFINEMENT: 22 March 1948
DATE OF ARRAIGNMENT: 24 May 1948
PLACE OF TRIAL: Yokohama, Japan
PERIOD OF TRIAL: 21 May 1948 to 1 June 1948
DATE OF SENTENCE: 1 June 1948
SENTENCE: CHL for five (5) years
CLEMENCY-RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSION: No

NAME: Kakuji Ishigaki
AGE: 40
RESIDENCE: Akita Prefecture, Kazunogun, Setaishi, Aza, Hachimondai 2-2
MARITAL STATUS: Married
RELATIVES: Father, two brothers, five sisters, wife, five children.
EDUCATION: Six years elementary school
VOCATION: Farmer
MILITARY CAREER: None

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PERIOD OF TRIAL: 21 May 1948 to 1 June 1948
DATE OF ACQUITTAL: 1 June 1948

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

<u>Charges and Specifications:</u>	<u>Pleas</u>	<u>Findings</u>	<u>Legally Sustained</u>
<u>SASAKI</u>			
Charge: Accused, during a time of	NG	G	Yes

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war between the United States of America, its Allies and Dependencies, and Japan, did violate the Laws and Customs of War.

Sp 1: In or about December 1944, the accused, Jukichi Sasaki, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Pat R. Howell, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	NG	
Sp 2: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse one Urban, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	NG	
Sp 3: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Charles Stewart, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	G	Yes
Sp 4: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Maurice a Mazer, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	G	Yes
Sp 5: On or about 14 July 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Curtis S. Gartman, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	G	Yes
Sp 6: In or about April 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse George W. McCullough, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	NG	
Sp 7: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Claude H. Harrell, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	NG	
Sp 8: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Stanley G. Allen, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	NG	
Sp 9: In or about February 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Bill B. Haynie, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.	NG	G	Yes
Sp 10: In or about December 1944, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Albert L. Protz,	NG	NG	

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an American Prisoner of War, by beating him.

Sp 11: Between 15 September 1944 to 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Shelby Embry, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him. NG NG

Sp 12: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse George E. Felty, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him. NG NG

Sp 13: In or about July 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat and abuse Elmer E. Bowers, an American Prisoner of War, by beating him. NG NG

Sp 14: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat, abuse and beat numerous American Prisoners of War. NG NG

ISHIGAKI

Charge: Accused, during a time of war between the United States of America, its Allies and Dependencies, and Japan, did violate the Laws and Customs of War. NG NG

Sp 1: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Stanley G. Allen, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him. NG NG

Sp 2: In about December 1944, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Elmer E. Bowers, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him. NG NG

Sp 3: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Edward C. Canfield, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him. NG NG

Sp 4: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Robert C. Sheats, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him. NG NG

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Sp 5: That in November 1944, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Hoyt R. Haynie, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him.

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Sp 6: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Wilborn O. Lacewell, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him.

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Sp 7: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Albert L. Protz, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him.

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Sp 8: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Clyde Winters, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him.

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Sp 9: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat Phillip Mann, an American Prisoner of War, by beating and otherwise abusing him.

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Sp 10: Between 15 September 1944 and 15 August 1945, the accused, did willfully and unlawfully mistreat numerous American Prisoners of War, other than those specified hereinabove, by beating and otherwise abusing them.

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3. Summary of the Evidence:

a. For the Prosecution:

As to Specifications 1 and 2 (Sasaki): Not Guilty.

As to Specification 3 (Sasaki): Accused Sasaki, known as "The Pig", was a company guard from 15 August 1944 to about 15 August 1945 at PW Camp No. 6 located near Hanawa. It was his duty to escort PW's to and from the camp and the mine, a distance of approximately two and one-half miles. PW Goodman states that in July 1945 he saw "The Pig" beat Stewart about his head six or seven times with a wooden club. This beating took place on the road a mile out of camp and the reason for the beating was that Stewart was too weak to keep up with the column. Stewart was rendered unconscious and carried to the mine hospital for medical treatment and could not work for two weeks thereafter (Ex 15). Stefanski: Stewart, a member of Section 4-C, was always sick, suffering from dysentery and a bad stomach. One day fellow PW's were helping Stewart along when the accused gave him a bad beating. Stefanski did not see the beating but saw Stewart the same day after returning from the mine and was told by him and other members of Section 4-C about the beating. Stewart's head was split open by the blows he received from "The Pig" who was usually in charge of Section 4-A (Exs 30, 31). PW Stewart, the victim, states

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