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Translated by Defense Language Branch

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

Sworn Deposition(Translation)

Deponent ; -- SAKURAI, Fumio

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

I am an ex-army-major and at present residing at No. 938 SAKUSABE MACHI, CHIBA City.

At the time of TUNG-CHOW incident, I moved in to that walled city, on July 30, 1937, for purposes of rescue as a platoon leader in the Second Pegiment which was stationed in China, along with the main strength of the regiment, and saw closely the spectacle of the massacre of TUNG-CHOW. So I will relate the conditions of that time as follows:

1. As soon as I entered the walled city, at about 4 p.m. I was ordered to sweep the southern half of the walled city TUNG-CHOW with the platon under my command, as the commander of the mopping up force and I immediately commenced operations.

First of all, as we moved out the east-gate of the garrions camp, we witnessed the massacred bodies of men and

women of our residents lying scattered, every few KFN (TN: 2 yards). Our indignation reached its clims but as we would no find any enemy soldiers about, we exclusively engaged ourselve the accormodation of those who were still alive until midnight

As we examined each house crying loudly, "Is there no Japanese?", from here and there, crawling out one after another from garbage-bins, trenches, or from behind a wall, a child whose nose was pierced crosswise with wire as an ox, an old woman whose one arm was cut off, or a pregnant woman whese abdomen was stabbed with bayonets etc. came forth.

2. Inside a certain restaurant, I witnessed the remains of an entire family massacred, with each of the individuals with the heads and both arms cut off.

All and any women more than 14 or 15 years of age were al raped. It was indeed an unbearable sight.

- 3. Whe we entered an eating-house called the "ASAHIKEN", we found the corpse of seven or eight women completely stripped, raped, and shot or bayonetted. Among them, there were those whose private parts had a broom inserted, these whose mouth were stuffed with sand, those whose abdomen were cut open longthwise etc., it was indeed unbearable to see.
- 4. There was a pond near a shop kept by a certain woremin the neighborhood of the east-gate. In this pond, whose water was dyed red with blood, were found the six corpse of an entire family; their necks were tied together with rope and their two hands tied together and pierced with No. 8-iron-wire as beads.

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a rosary. Pvidence was quite clear that they had been dragged about.

Thus it was after 9 o'clock that night if I remember correctly, when we finished mopping up. I remember that up to that time I had seen about a 100 massacred bodies, and that we had collected about 20 seriously or slightly injured persons from the area with which I was responsible for morning up.

Among these who were injured, there were some who became insane, others, almost without exception, were in a dazed stupefied state.

This tragic "picture-ecroll of hell" which I had seen with my own eyes is deeply engraved in my brain even now.

Since I took some pictures of some of these messacred bodies of our residents, I will present them here.

on this 10th day of April, 1947 At Tokyo

DPPONENT SAKURAI, Funio, (seal)

was sworn by the Depenent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

on the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: (Signed) MIYAMA Mitsuo (seal)

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In accordance with my conscience I swearto tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/S/ SAKUPAI Fumio (seal)

TRANSLATION CERTIFICATE

I, Yukio Kamamato, of the Defense Language Branch, hereby certify that the foregoing translation described in the above certificate is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible to the meaning of the original document.

/S/ Yukio Kawamoto

Tokyo, Japan Date <u>14 April 1947</u>

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