

PERSONNEL OF SOUTH EAST FLEET HQ

Civ Interpreter	TAKAMOTO Masayuki	Arrived RABAU 12 Oct 43.
"	"	MIZOKAWA Tadashi From Oct 43 till end of war.
"	"	HONDA Chikaki From Aug 43 till 16 Feb 44.
"	"	IZUMIDA Jun In RABAU in 1945
"	"	KAWASAKI Jun
Lt	TAKAHARA Genichi	
Lt-Comdr	NOMURA Morihiro.	Adjt from Jan 44 to Apr 45
Medical Lt	FUJIMOTO Kazuaki	
"	Lt-Comdr MITSUNO Takao	May 43 till end of war.
"	Lt INOUE Toshihiko	
	GANAGI Sadamu	Senior Staff Officer from Dec 43 until end of war.
Vice Adm	KUSAKA	C-in-C.

PERSONNEL OF 8 NAVAL BASE FORCE

Vice Adm	KANAZAWA Masao	CO during 1942 executions
	MATSUNAGA Keisuke	Former Senior Staff Officer from Jan 42 to Mar 43.
Rear Adm	TOKUNAGA	CO in May 43.
Rear Adm	IRIFUME	CO) Both attended execution of 10
Comdr	MATSUMOTO Chief of Staff) PW, Nov 43.
	SEKIGUCHI Kozo	Former communications Staff Officer and Adjt under MATSUNAGA.

PERSONNEL OF 81 NAVAL GARRISON UNIT

Lt SHIMIZU Iwao, former 2 i/c from about Jun 43 to Dec 44.

WO HAYANO Itsuo, in charge of personnel affairs and Command Platoon leader. Commanded the PW compound from HQ from Feb 43 to Apr 44.

Lt NATSUME Kusuya, former Adjt during 1944.

Seaman KITAMURA Kitaro, gives information re killings in 1942.

WO FUJISAKI Kunihel, Deck Officer or Master at Arms attended executions in 1942.

Sup PO ICHINOSE Harukichi) Senior Guard NCO's re executions

Sup PO KOYAMADA Toshi) between Nov 43 and 17 Jan 44.

1 Aug 43 till 20 Aug 44

SEKINE Sanichi, former truck driver with Transport Section.

Lt Comdr TODA Kichijiro

WO YOSHIMURA Minoru, former Command Platoon leader from Apr 42 to Feb 43.

SATO Yasuo, former driver eyewitness of execution of 12 airmen in 1943 at MATUPI.

Sup PO YACHI Akitaro, attended two executions in May, June or Jul 1942.

Lt. NAKAYAMA Shiro, former Adjt. Attended executions in Oct 42 and Nov 43.

Ensign AKAMATSU Eiji Platoon leader) Took part in Nov 43

Ensign HOSHINO Rikio Chief of Clothing Sec) execution of 12 PW

WO YAMAI Koji OC Transport Sec) American flyers.

TSUJIKAWA Jiro, former driver. Named as being present at execution of 12 PW in 1943.

TAKIZAWA Genkichi) former recruits, TAKIZAWA took part in Oct

WATANABE Yukio) 42 execution and was a guard at the execution in late 1943 or early 1944. WATANABE was a witness of an execution 1943.

1st Class PO MIZUOCHI Tomiji Attended execution about May 43. States Capt KIYAMA attended also.

PO YAMASE Toichiro. One of working party that dug pits for at least 3 executions.

PO HAMADA Daizo I/c PWs from Dec 42 to approx Nov 43.

KANAO Ruita I/c PW from Nov 43 to approx Apr 44.

Ensign IZUMI Junichi) Reserve Ensigns. Took part in execution

" TANAKA Tadatsune) in Jun 43.

HOSHINO Rikio Former QM. Execution at the killing of 12 Allied PW about Jun 43.

→ WO SUGAWARA Nisuke, former Infantry Gun Platoon leader. Named as having participated in Nov-Dec 43 execution.

PO YOSHIO Seiichi, admits he stabbed a PW at execution of 12 PW approx Feb 44.

KUBO Saichiro, former Assistant Sgt at Arms from end 1942 until 1944.

PO OTAKE Kumagoro, admits being at two executions one of them about Jun 43.

Lt Comdr NAKAMURA Kinichi, former Executive Officer during 1944/45.

1st Class Seaman WATANABE Ginzaburo, attended execution in 1943 States KIYAMA and SHIMIZU present.

WO HOSAKA Katsumi Attended two executions, one Former Deck Officer in 1943/44 in Jun 43.

PERSONNEL OF NAVAL CIVIL ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

Civ Int. MATSUDA Kiyoshi, from Sep 42 till end of war.

NAGANO Kazuma, former Chief of this bureau from July 44 till end of war.

Civ. OMORI Kihachiro, re killing of natives in 1944.

PERSONNEL OF OTHER NAVAL UNITS.

Vice Adm FUJINAGA Shiro, CO Naval Sea Transport Unit in RABAU.

Lt Comdr KATO Takeshi, 8 Naval Hospital re dissection of 3 PW about Sep 43 after being shot.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR

MINUTE PAPER

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SUBJECT: BODIES FOUND JAPANESE NAVAL EXECUTION GROUND MATUPI. RABAU.

D.P.W.&I.

1. It is desired to confirm the information verbally conveyed to Captain Leach that a R.A.A.F. search party under Flight Lieutenant K.M. Rundle has recovered 30 bodies from the site of a Japanese Naval execution ground near the Matupi Volcano.
2. The majority of the bodies appear to have been decapitated. In some cases the victims had been tied with wire before being killed.
3. Of the identified victims 4 Australians and three Americans had been known to be in the hands of the Japanese Navy in Rabaul and had been allegedly sent away by ship. The other nine identified R.A.A.F. were not previously known to have been captured. It is the opinion of this Section in the light of the recent discoveries that the total number of prisoners murdered at Matupi over the whole period must be about 100 and is probably in excess of this figure. The victims include at least 17 R.A.A.F. and 1 R.A.N. and an unknown number of U.S. servicemen and Australian and other civilians.

4. Details of bodies recently recovered are as follows:-

<u>Rank</u> <u>R.A.A.F.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Means of</u> <u>Identification</u>	
Sgt.	D.S. BROWN	Teeth	} previously known to be prisoners at Rabaul.
W/O.	J.P. BAILEY	Discs	
F/O.	R.B. O'LOGHLEN	Teeth	
F/Lt.	G.H. VINCENT	Teeth	
F/O.	F.O. ANDERSON	Discs	
LAC.	J.J. BURNS	Discs	
F/O.	F.A.D. DIERCKS	Teeth	
LAC.	V.H. HARDWICK	Teeth	
CPL.	A.R. HOCKING	Discs	
CPL.	A.H. LANIGAN	Discs	
LAC.	E.J. McDONALD	Teeth	
F/O.	A.L. NORMAN	Discs	
LAC.	W.M. PARKER	Discs	

U.S.

Lt.	Phillip L. BECK	Discs	} previously known to be prisoners. <i>OK</i>
Ensign	Phillip K. PHILLIS	Discs	
Petty.Off.	Paul Munroe MANNON	Discs	

Unidentified R.A.A.F. 2

Unidentified U.S. 9

Unidentified Nationality Unknown 3.