

Jap Officer Declares Homma Had Very Thin Interest In Captives

By JAMES HALSEMA
 MANILA, Jan. 3 (AP)—Japanese Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma must have seen orders for the brutal "Death March" of Americans and Filipinos from Bataan in 1942, but had "a very thin interest" in his captives, one of his former staff officers testified as Homma's war-crimes trial opened today.

The witness, Maj. Gen. Toshimitsu Takatsu, said that Homma's headquarters on Bataan were less than 500 yards from the death-march route, and that Homma traveled 20 miles down the highway while the prisoners were driven merely a few feet.

Describing the death rate among captives as 300 daily at the O'Donnell prison camp, Takatsu said medicines were "not sufficient," and "I think there was a lack of food, which was mostly rice. Also, there was not much water." He said he reported these conditions to Homma's headquarters but nothing was done.

Sentenced



Tatsuo Tsuchiya (above), known as "Little Glass Eye," was convicted of killing an American prisoner of war and sentenced to life at hard labor by a U. S. war crimes commission in Yokohama, Japan. A prison camp guard, he was the first war crimes suspect to be tried in Japan. (AP wirephoto).

"Honor Bound"
 His statement that Homma's interest in prisoners was "very thin" was quoted by prosecutors from an earlier, written statement, and Takatsu today declined to elaborate. He explained to Prosecution Questioner Lt. Benjamin F. Schwartz, Los Angeles, that he was "honor bound" not to speak badly of Homma in the latter's presence.

Defense counsel had objected that many of the specifications filed against Homma in his trial "for violations of the laws of humanity" were vague, and the prosecutors introduced additional details.

Women Attacked
 In establishing "widespread raping and brutal mistreatment of American and Filipino women," they said, they would offer proofs that such actions for which they blame Homma, included the "inhuman" treatment of an unnamed, married American woman at the swank Rosario apartments two days after the fall of Manila. As to the rest of her treatment, they said, the woman was sent to an asylum as insane.

Homma, the prosecution asserted, was directly in charge of all Japanese forces in the Philippines at the time.

As the trial opened, prosecutors told the U. S. military commission hearing the case that Homma has no rights under the American constitution and is "being tried for violations of the laws of humanity."

Basin Man Discharged

Among men who received honorable army discharges at Fort Lewis recently were: M/Sgt. Mark I. Hanna, 613 Austin; PFC. Howard O. Dodson, Main street; PFC. Delbert E. Crumpacker, 1831 East; T/5 Elmer H. Hanson, 58 Main.

T/5 Leo J. Brennan Jr., 1500 Worden; 1st/Sgt. William D. Milne, 747 N. 9th; T/5 Donald S. Dyer, route 2, box 5084, all of Klamath Falls.

Sgt. Donald J. Fitzgerald, Lakeview; T/5 Franklin R. Hall, Ely; Ernest M. Monroe, Chiloquin; T/4 James S. Conners, Ely; T/4 Ralph E. Pierce, Cpl. Wendell C. Neasham, both of Lakeview.

50 Rooms Found For Vets At University

EUGENE, Jan. 3 (AP)—A room hunt for veterans planning to enroll at the University of Oregon has produced an estimated 50 rooms previously unlisted.

The Eugene chamber of commerce and other civic groups sponsored the drive here when shortage of living space threatened to cancel plans of many veterans to enroll at the university.

LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS
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 MAE WEST, Plaintiff,
 JESS WEST, Defendant.
 TO: JESS WEST, Defendant.
 IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF OREGON, GREETINGS: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit and court on or before January 17, 1946, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint. To-wit: A divorce from you upon the grounds of Desertion for a period of more than one year. This summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable David H. Vandenberg, Judge of the above entitled Court, said Order being dated December 18, 1945, and by publication thereof once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Herald and News of Klamath Falls, Oregon. The date of the first publication is December 20, 1945, and the date of the last publication is January 17, 1946.
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