

Military Secret Order No. 2190

28 July 1942

From: Vice-Minister of War Heitaro KIMURA

This is to communicate to you that the crews of the enemy aircraft which are captured in air raiding the Imperial territory, Manchukuo, or our operational areas, shall be treated as follows:

1. An enemy warplane crew who did not violate war-time international law, shall be treated as prisoners of war, and one who acted against the said law shall be punished as a war-time capital criminal.
2. National Defense Commanding Generals and Commanders of Army (in Japan Proper, Japanese-occupied territories and Hong Kong) shall transfer those enemy warplane crews who flew over the territories under their control and who are suspected of being wartime capital criminals, to the Military Discipline Council.

The above mentioned Military Discipline Council shall apply the regulations concerning a special court martial of the military court martial law.



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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Ayao OYAMA, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Chief of Legal Research Division of the 1st Demobilization Bureau and that as such official I have custody of a copy of the document hereto attached consisting of 2 pages, dated 28 July, 1942, and described as follows: Concerning the crews of enemy aircraft at the time of air raids

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Signed at Tokyo on this

6th day of Nov. 1946.

/s/ Ayao OYAMA  
Signature of Official

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Witness: /s/ Torakichi Nakamura

Chief of Legal Research Division  
of the 1st Demobilization Bureau

Statement of Official Procurement

I, 2nd Lt. Eric W. Fleisher, O-935000, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this

6th day of November, 1946.

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher, 2nd Lt. AUSMI  
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Witness: /s/ Henry Shimajima