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NAME: Ludlum, David W. RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ ASS: RA 19361682

1. Have you been advised as to your rights under Article 31 of the Military Justice Code? *Yes.*
2. How soon were the squad leaders or unit leaders in the camp selected? *3 days after POW arrived at Mining Camp. POW stayed at Mining Camp for three months.*

- a. Why was your squad leader picked? *Based on physical condition and capabilities. After arriving at Camp #1 squad leaders were picked by their cooperation with Chinese.*
- b. Who called the roll or otherwise checked on the prisoners? *Squad and Platoon leaders called roll and reported to Chinese.*

- c. Were any POW responsible for such checking? *Squad leader John S. Granger, Pfc. Platoon leader John T. Harbear, Cpl.*

- d. Were squad leaders changed at any time? Under what circumstances? *Squad leaders and squad personnel were changed after two (2) weeks at Mining Camp. Those who were appointed as squad leaders could not quit on their own.*

3. Did any of the POW attempt to indoctrinate other POW? *No. Most men who acted as good progressives did so only in front of Chinese for personal gain.*

- a. Did any POW try in any way to influence other POW to accept enemy propaganda? What were the circumstances?

*Peace Committee members use circulated petitions*  
*Mbrs. Peterson*  
*Ford.*

- b. If so, was it ever done in the absence of the enemy? *Yes by Ford.*

4. Did you know of any POW holding camp offices or other favored positions?

*No #1 Progressives*

*Sgt. Olsen (Cmn) -*  
*Reesner, Thomas - worked for own benefit.*  
*Hammond, Joe - worst progressive in Mining Camp.*

- a. If so, why were they given such positions? (Did they have special aptitudes, or were they selected because they cooperated with the enemy?)

*Olsen wrote articles for papers and magazines*  
*Hammond - drew cartoons for Chinese and received better quarters.*

*Later on at Mining Camp Hammond participated with Capt. (Ltn) (Cmn) Medical Corps. in obtaining various goods to POW.*

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