## Japanese Order Posted in POW Camps 1944

EDITOR'S NOTE: Submitted by the AXPOW Dept. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the copies of the Japanese order that our men saw posted in their camps are from the original now in the U.S. National Archives at Washington, DC. An English translation of the order follows.

## KILL THEM ALL ORDER 1/8/1944

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From the Journal of the Taiwan
POW Camp H.Q. in Taihoku
Entry 1st August, 1944
(entries about money, promotions
of Formosans at branch camps,
including promotion of Yo Yutoku 1st Cl Keibiin - 5 entries).

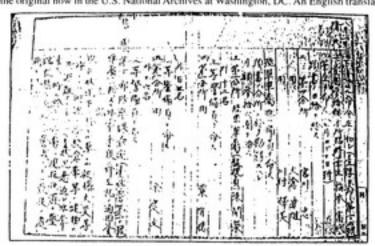
The following answer about the extreme measures for POWs was sent to the Chief of Staff of the 11th Unit (Formosa POW Security No. 10).

"Under the present situation if there were a mere explosion or fire, a shelter for the time being could be had in nearby buildings such as the school, a warehouse, or the like. However, at such time as the situation became urgent and it be extremely important, the POWs will be concentrated and confined in their present location and under heavy guard the preparation for the final disposition will be made.

The time and method of this disposition are as follows:

(1) The Time

Although the basic aim is to act under superior orders, individual disposition may be made in the following circumstances:





- (a) When an uprising of large numbers cannot be suppressed without the use of firearms.
- (b) When escapees from the camp may turn into a hostile fighting force.
- (2) The Method
- (a) Whether they are destroyed individually or in groups, or however it is done, with mass bombing, poisonous smoke, poisons, drowning, decapitation, or what, dispose of them as the situation dictates.
  - (b) In any case it is the aim not to allow the escape of a single one, to annihilate them all, and not to leave any traces.
  - (3) To: The Commanding General

The Commanding General of Military Police reported matters conferred on with the 11th Unit, the Keelung Fortified are H.Q., and each prefecture concerning the extreme security in Taiwan POW Camps."