

A JAPANESE SOLDIER'S CONFESSION

This is a photograph of a Japanese soldier's note, found on the battlefield by the Allied Forces after their crushing defeat (of the Japanese Army) at SANANANDA.

Men of the Japanese Forces! Watch the conduct of your superior officers. Who shall say that in the hour of crisis your officers will not again abandon you?

On the night of 21 Jan, the scores of men including His Excellency ODA and down to NCOs departed on a large MLC leaving us behind.

We, Road Construction BUNTAI, were left behind.

We are filled with bitterness and disappointment.

23 Jan

BUNTAI leader, YANO.

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日本兵の告白
 日軍兵ハ「サナナシタ」撃滅戦後聯合軍ガ戦場デ
 殺見シタ日本兵ノ書デアル。
 日本軍兵士諸君、上官ノ行動ニ注意セヨ。
 最後ノ土壇場ニ部下ヲ見捨テ、逃スル
 網枚將来ナイトハ何人が断言シ得ヨシ。

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一月の夜に小田原

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 貴方々ハ我々ガ一
 大に殺シテ来ル候ヘ
 我々道 兵隊残リ
 一ヶ月廿三日

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