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Content:	This is an Allied Translator and Interpreter Section (ATIS) interrogation report for Superior Private WATANABE Shōtarō of the 50th Independent Anti-Aircraft Battalion 3rd Company, who was captured on an unknown Papuan island on 16 March 1943. WATANABE, a 24 year old Superior Private from Yamagata, was unconscious when he was captured by Australian troops. After the sinking of <i>Oigawa Maru</i> , he and three companions drifted on a raft for twelve days. He was the only survivor. During the interrogation, WATANABE provided some information on anti-aircraft guns and equipment and morale among the Japanese troops.
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