

MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

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ACCUSED

(1) S.M. TAKAHASHI Kohei.
(2) Cpl. KASE Tatsuo.
of the Imperial Japanese Army,
attached 61 Coy, R.A.S.C. (GT).

PLACE AND
DATE OF TRIAL

Singapore. 21,22,23 and 25 Jan, '47.

COURT CONVENED BY

G.O.C. Singapore District.

PRESIDENT

Lt-Col. L.A. MASSIE. Royal Scots Fusiliers.
(Solicitor).

MEMBERS

Major. N.G. WAIT. General List.
Major. D.H. de T. READE R.I.A.S.C.

CHARGE

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at or near
the 67th Japanese Hospital near TANOURA, New
Britain, between 1 December 1944 and 18 August
1945 were in violation of the laws and usages
of war concerned in the ill-treatment of Indian
Prisoners of War which ill-treatment included
assaults and forcing unfit men to work.

PLEA

Each Accused - Not Guilty.

FINDING

Each Accused - Guilty with the exception of the
words "and forcing unfit men to
work".

SENTENCE

25 Jan, '47. Each accused - 6 months Imprisonment

CONFIRMED

1 Mar, '47. By G.O.C. Singapore District.

PROMULGATED

10 Mar, '47.

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF
PROCEEDINGS

To AG3 GHQ SEALF

17 March '47

JAG of the Forces

DJAG SEALF.
Case No. 65170 JAG.

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KASE beat Sepoy MOHD. DIN and after knocking him down kicked him. KASE and TSUNO beat RAJAH KHAN until he was unconscious.

KASE beat Sepoy AHMED KHAN. KASE kicked him on his face and head until he became unconscious, then made him stand to attention for two hours amongst the pigs. AHMED KHAN was a Mohammedan.

One day TAKAHASHI ordered 3 men who were suffering badly from ulcers to go on fatigues and when they said they were unable to, TAKAHASHI started beating them with his hands and dragged them some distance to a crater made by a bomb. He made them hold on to the branch of a tree and lift up their legs, when they could not lift their ulcered legs he kicked them, then went away. Sometime later he returned and started beating them with a thick stick until they were bleeding and they were carried back to the lines by other Pows.

Everybody was made to work even the weak and suffering.

TAKAHASHI gave orders that rations were not to be given to those who did not go on fatigues.

The statements of the following will be produced :-

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