

**MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.**

**ACCUSED**

- (1) Capt Gozawa Sadaichi
  - (2) Lieut Kaniyuki Nakamura *H.*
  - (3) Capt Okusawa Ken *MO - finished action*
  - (4) Lieut Kajino Ryuichi *Not Guilty*
  - (5) Sjt Major Tanno Shozo
  - (6) Sjt Major Ono Tadasu *NS*
  - (7) Sjt Yabi Jinichiro
  - (8) Cpl Osaki Makoto
  - (9) Cpl Ashiya Tamotsu
  - (10) L/Cpl Chiba Masami
- ALL OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY.  
attached 2 Transport Column RIASC.

**PLACE & DATE  
OF TRIAL**

Singapore 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29  
30 and 31 Jan 46, and 1 Feb 46.

**COURT CONVENED BY** Commander Singapore Area.

**PRESIDENT**

Lt Col. L.G. Coleman, Dept of the JAG in  
India.  
Solicitor.

**MEMBERS**

Maj. W.M. Gray, 1st Bn The Cameronians  
Capt R.D. Kohli, 2nd Punjabs.

**CHARGE**

See charge sheet attached.

**PLEA**

Each accused - Each charge - Not Guilty.

**FINDING**

Accused No.1 - each charge - Guilty.  
Accused No.2 - each charge - Guilty.  
Accused Nos. 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 - Guilty.  
Accused Nos. 4 and 6 - Not guilty.

**SENTENCE**

Accused No.1 - 12 years imprisonment  
Accused No.2 - death by hanging  
Accused No.3 - 2 years imprisonment  
Accused Nos. 5 & 7 - 3 years imprisonment  
Accused Nos. 8 & 9 - 5 years imprisonment  
Accused No.10 - 7 years imprisonment

**CONFIRMED**

4 March 46

By GOC Singapore District  
(late Singapore Area)

**PROMULGATED**

9 March 46

**REMARKS**

**DISPOSAL OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

To AG 3 HQ ALFSEA ..... 16 MAR 46  
JAG of the Forces ..... 28 APR 46

DJAG ALFSEA  
Case No. 65003 JAG

## CHARGE SHEET

### First charge

(Against Capt. Gozawa Sadaichi, Capt Okusawa Ken, Lt Kajino Ryuichi, Sjt Maj Ono Tadasu, and Lt. Kaniyuki Nakamura only)

Committing a war crime  
in that they together  
while in charge of Indian prisoners of  
war en route for and at Babelthuap  
Palau between 20 Apr 43 and 10 Sep 45 in  
violation of the laws and usages of war  
failed to care or provide food clothing  
and medical attention for and permitted abetted  
and took part in the beating overworking and  
general maltreatment of the said prisoners  
by others under their command as a consequence  
whereof the said prisoners contracted disease  
and were otherwise weakened in health and a  
number of them died.

### Second charge

(Against Capt Gozawa Sadaichi, Lt Kaniyuki Nakamura  
and L/Cpl Chiba Masami only)

Committing a war crime  
in that they together  
at Babelthuap Palau on or about 25 Apr 45  
in violation of the laws and usages of war  
conspired to execute by beheading and did  
so execute Sepoy Mohammed Shafi at that  
time an Indian prisoner of war of the  
Imperial Japanese Army.

### Third charge

(Against Capt Gozawa Sadaichi, Lt Kaniyuki Nakamura,  
Sjt Maj Tanno Shozo, Sjt Yabi Jinichiro, Cpl Osaki Makoto  
Cpl Ashiya Tamotsu only)

Committing a war crime  
in that they together  
at Babelthuap Palau on or about 27 Apr 44  
in violation of the laws and usages of war  
flogged and otherwise maltreated Indian  
prisoners of war at that time in their charge  
as a result whereof eight of the said prisoners  
were so injured that they died.