

MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No. BM/JAG/65070

Name of Accused (including Rank, if any)	Arm or Former Arm of the Service	Age	Date and Place of Trial
Sgt. Hikoji OKAYAMA	Kenpeitai, Japanese Imperial Army		25 and 26 June 1946 <u>SINGAPORE</u> Convened by Commander, Singapore District.

CHARGES

CHARGE. COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that he, between 29 September 1943 and 2 April 1944 in violation of the laws and usages of war was concerned in the illtreatment including beating and torture of CHEAH KIM BEE, T. ERNEST FERNANDO and other civilians arrested at Changi Gaol on or after 10 October 1943.

President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member)	Judge Advocate/Legal Member
Lt.Col. H.E.R. SMITH. Major S.B. SAHAY. Capt. K.R. BUSFIELD.	R.A. I.P.C. BA, BL Advocate in India. 2 Recce Regiment.
	N/A

Pleaded	Finding
Not Guilty	Guilty

Sentence and Minute of Confirmation

7 years imprisonment.

Confirmed, GOC, Singapore District,
8 November 1946.

When and where Promulgated :—

18 November 1946.

Date of Receipt	To whom sent	Date sent	Purport

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of the Kempeitai, Japanese Imperial
Army., att Allied Land Forces Signals.SEA.

PLACE & DATE
OF TRIAL Singapore 25 and 26 June 1946.

COURT CONVENED BY Commander Singapore District.

PRESIDENT Lt.Col. H.E.R. SMITH. R.A.

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FINDING Guilty.

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CONFIRMED 8 Nov. 46. By G.O.C. Singapore District.

PROMULGATED 18 Nov 46.

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF
PROCEEDINGS To AG3 HQ ALFSEA...^{29 Nov 46}.....
JAG of the Forces.....

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ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

In the case of

OKAYAMA NIKOJI

T.E. BERNANDO will appear as a witness to state that on the 12th October OKAYAMA, along with others, beat him with a rubber hose, and inflicted other tortures on him.

CHEAK KIM BEE will state that OKAYAMA threw him to the floor at least 15 - 20 times with ju jitsu throws. Later OKAYAMA tied him to a table and poured water over his face and applied electric wires to his body and gave him electric shocks. He also took a thick rope and beat him continually. OKAYAMA was the principal torturer.

LESLIE C. HOFFMAN will depose that OKAYAMA was in charge of the guards at Smith Street Police Station.

KHOO HOCK TIAM will depose that OKAYAMA beat him with rods, knotted rope on several occasions.

R.W. SCOTT will state that the accused was in charge of the cells at the Y.M.C.A. and administered frequent beatings that he was in charge of several interrogations.

Affidavit Evidence will show that OKAYAMA was a member of the Y.M.C.A. Kempei Tai, and that he participated in the tortures carried on there.

The deponents are:

C.C. HILTERMANN

Mrs. R. NIXON

J. MAC INTOSH