

RECORD OF MILITARY COURT
(JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS)

AWC No. 2769

Accused: Sgt SAKASHITA Morizo

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Court, Place, Date and Formation: Rabaul
8 July 46
8 MD.

Charge(s)	Plea	Finding
ILL-TREATMENT of a prisoner of war at KOMORIYAMA in Feb 1945 cruelly beat Sweeper MAUGLI of 5/11 Sikh Regt an Indian PW.	Not guilty	Guilty

Precis of Evidence: 1. The evidence for the prosecution was documentary and consisted of a written statement made by PAKHAR SINGH and the interrogation of the accused reduced to writing and signed by him. The substance of the evidence was as follows :- Sweeper MAUGLI was a PW in Japanese hands at KOMORIYAMA. About the middle of Feb 45 MAUGLI was suffering from ulcers and was ordered by the accused to carry out fatigue duty in a garden. MAUGLI said it was the order of Lt TAKEDA and MAUGLI was taken before the Japanese officer by the accused. The Indian told TAKEDA he was unable to work on account of the ulcers. The Japanese officer and the accused both beat the Indian until he fell to the ground in an unconscious condition. The beating also caused the ulcers to bleed freely. When he regained consciousness MAUGLI was sent on fatigue. At this time he could hardly walk and a few days later the ulcers were in such a bad condition he was unable to walk. He was then excused from fatigues but he was not given (P.T.O.)

Sentence and Date: To be imprisoned for 2 years - 8 Jul 46.

Confirmation and by Whom: Lt-Gen. V. A. H. Sturdee.

Promulgation: Confirmation of finding and sentence promulgated to accused on 27 Nov 46

Petition: Petition lodged 19 Jul 46 against finding and sentence.

J.A.G.'s Report on Petition: Confirm finding and sentence and dismiss petition.

Action on Petition: Dismissed

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any medicine. He died on 1 Mar 45.

B. The accused gave evidence in his defence. He denied the charge. He admitted that he knew an Indian named "NANGLY" who was very old and employed in the house of the Section Commander as a sweeper and doing minor jobs. The Indian was never employed under him on gardening work as he was too old and too sick. He heard that NANGLY died but as the Indian was never under his control he was not interested.