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ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE
in the case of
Capt. HASEGAWA Hidefumi.

The accused Capt. HASEGAWA Hidefumi was the O.C., of the Kempei Tai Detachment which landed at Tandjong Pinang, along with the Occupation Forces, on or about 20th February 1942.

On landing, the accused took up his residence in a house, near the church, below the fortress. On 22nd February 1942, a Chinese and a young British Prisoner-of-War were brought in before the accused. This Prisoner-of-War was about 23 years of age.

This Prisoner-of-War was interrogated by HASEGAWA. During his interrogation, he said that he was a gunner and that he was hiding in an island near Singapore. He also said that he had come to surrender as he had spent all his money.

LIM JIN SIANG will state that at about 5-30 P.M. on 22nd February 1942, when he went to the Japanese MP. Office at Tandjong Pinang, he saw the accused sitting with the Dutch Pastor Mr. MEYER and a European soldier. A few minutes later, the accused was seen walking out with the European soldier, along Kantoor-weg towards the sea. Suddenly from the same direction two revolver shots were heard. Shortly after HASEGAWA was seen returning alone, with a revolver in his hand. LIM JIN SIANG then approached the beach, where the revolver shots were heard from, and found that the European soldier was lying dead with two wounds on his head. The soldier was wearing a blue shirt, a pair of khaki shorts and dark-brown shoes.

WEE KHOON CHWEE will corroborate the evidence of LIM JIN SIANG and will further state that he saw the accused shooting the European soldier twice with his revolver.

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YAP TJA KONG and TJOA HIN SOEN will state that about 3 or 4 days after the landing of Japanese troops in Tandjong Pinang, they buried the dead body of one allied soldier on the beach. This allied soldier was dressed in a blue shirt, khaki shorts and dark-brown shoes.

The accused has made two statements which will be tendered in evidence.

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