

MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No. JAG/65169.

Name of Accused (including Rank, if any)	Arm or Former Arm of the Service	Age	Date and Place of Trial
SUCHI Masanao	Chief Police Officer		9, 10 & 12 December 1946. Jesselton B.N.B.
			Convened by
			Commander British Troops, Borneo.

CHARGES

Charge

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that he at Penampang, British Borneo, in or about the month of July 1945 being in the service of the Occupying Power was in violation of the laws and usages of war concerned in the ill-treatment of SABLII, a Police Constable, resident in British Borneo, aforesaid, resulting in the death of the said SABLII.

President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member)	Judge Advocate/Legal Member
Lt-col J.E.D. ELIAS Maj. M.C.N. FOURACRES Maj. R.S. BUTTERFIELD	I.P.C. Indian Grenadiers. - N.A.-
Pleaded	Finding
Not Guilty	Guilty.

Sentence and Minute of Confirmation

Sentenced to 7 years imprisonment. Confirmed by Commander British Troops, British Borneo on 19 December 1946.

When and where Promulgated :—

27 December 1946.

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ACCUSED Chief Police Officer SUCHI Masanao
in the employ of the Imperial Japanese Army
attached to 10 Recovery Coy. R.E.M.E.

PLACE & DATE
OF TRIAL Jesselton B.N.B. 9, 10 & 12 December 46.

COURT
CONVENED BY Comd British Troops, Borneo.

PRESIDENT Lt-Col. J.E.D. ELIAS Barrister-at-law.
Dept of JAG in India.

MEMBERS Maj. M.C.N. FOURACRES I.P.C.
Maj. R.S. BUTTERFIELD Indian Grenadiers.

CHARGE Committing a War Crime in that he at
Penampang, British Borneo, in or about the
month of July 1945 being in the service of
the Occupying Power was in violation of
the laws and usages of war concerned in
the ill-treatment of SABLI, a Police Constable,
resident in British Borneo aforesaid,
resulting in the death of the said SABLI.

PLEA Not Guilty

FINDING Guilty

SENTENCE 12 Dec 46 7 years imprisonment.

CONFIRMED 19 December 46 By Comd British Troops, B. Borneo.

PROMULGATED 27 December 46.

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF
PROCEEDINGS To AGS GHQ SEALF.....
JAG OF THE FORCES.....

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Case No. 65169 JAG

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

In the case of

Chief Police Officer SUCHI Masanao

At all relevant times the accused was Chief Police Officer with a Branch Office in Penampang, British Borneo.

About July 1945 Police Constable Sabli of Penampang Police Station was suspected by the accused of having stolen 1700 dollars of Government money, from the Headquarters of the Japanese Civil Administration in Penampang. The uncle of Sabli was sent for and told that his nephew would be released if 1700 dollars were produced. Sabli was then brought in front of his uncle. Sabli could not walk properly and there was a cut on his head. As soon as Sabli came, SUCHI picked up a stick and began to beat him. The stick was about 3 feet long and had metal at one end. Sabli was beaten by the accused on the lower part of the back and the buttocks. This went on for about half an hour and there was blood coming out of Sabli's back. At the end of this time Sabli was hardly conscious and SUCHI looking at the body said better that he died.

The following day 1700 dollars was produced and handed it to the accused and Sabli was eventually carried back to his home. There were bruises on both arms and on his back and thighs. There was swelling on his thighs and arms and there was a large abrasion on his backside, which was bleeding. There was a lot of blood on his clothes. Sabli suffered from severe pain from the region of the stomach and passed out blood from his bowels indicating internal injuries. He was hardly able to talk. He was dressed for three days and on the third day he died.