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MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

ACCUSED Major TAKESHITA Yasumiri
Sgt.Maj. TSUCHIYA Koheiji of the
Imperial Japanese Army, attd 12 Group
Indian Pioneers.

DATE AND PLACE
OF TRIAL. 8,10,18,19,21,22,23,24,28 Rangoon.
April 1947.

COURT CONVENED BY GOC Burma Command.

PRESIDENT Lt.Col. K.T. SYMONS E. Surrey Regt.
Barrister-at-Law.

MEMBERS Maj. P. WARWICK, RASC. Barrister-at-Law.
Capt. R.D.KOHLI, 2 Punjab Regt.

CHARGE. COMMITTING A WAR CRIME, in that they at
Kokine, Burma, in or about the months of
June and July 1944, being members of the
Kempeitai stationed at Kokine aforesaid, were,
in violation of the laws and usages of war,
concerned in the illtreatment of NOOR MOHAMED
a civilian resident in Burma aforesaid, in
consequence of which illtreatment the said
NOOR MOHAMED died.

PLEA Each Accused - Not Guilty.

FINDING Each Accused - GUILTY with the exception of the
words "in consequence of
which illtreatment the said
NOOR MOHAMED died.

SENTENCE 28 Apr 47 1st Accused- 5 years imprisonment.
2nd Accused-12 years imprisonment.

CONFIRMED 14 Jul 47 GOC Burma Command.

PROMULGATED 23 Jul 47

REMARKS.

DISPOSAL OF
PROCEEDINGS To AG 3 GHQ SEALF. 7 August 1947.
JAG of the Forces. _____

DJAG SEALF.
Case No. 65216 JAG.

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE
in the case of
Major TAKESHITA Yasunuri
Sgt.Maj. TSUCHIYA Koheiji

At all relevant times both accused were members of the Japanese Kempeitai stationed at Kokine, the accused Major TAKESHITA being then Captain TAKESHITA, O.C., of that unit.

In May 1944 NOOR MOHAMED was arrested, taken to Kokine Gaol, Kempeitai HQ and put into a cell there. At that time NOOR MOHAMED was in good health and his body in good condition.

About a week later TSUCHIYA interrogated NOOR MOHAMED and during the course of the interrogation administered a series of electric shocks. Then TSUCHIYA beat NOOR MOHAMED and over his body about 20 times with a bamboo stick. NOOR MOHAMED's arms and legs became swollen.

Two nights later during interrogation TSUCHIYA applied the electric torture to NOOR MOHAMED then took him to a water tap and after tying him with ropes applied the water torture.

About three nights later TSUCHIYA interrogated NOOR MOHAMED again and on this occasion beat him frequently all over the body with a piece of rubber tubing after which NOOR MOHAMED's arms and legs were badly swollen.

About 4 or 5 days later TSUCHIYA applied electric shocks six times each lasting two minutes. At this time sores were noticed on NOOR MOHAMED's arms and legs and he could hardly walk.

Another 4 or 5 days later TSUCHIYA alternatively kicked and questioned NOOR MOHAMED for 20 minutes.

On another occasion TSUCHIYA burnt with a cigarette for 15 minutes the arms and body of NOOR MOHAMED followed by the electric torture. NOOR MOHAMED was not able to stand and TSHUCHIYA tied him up by his hands to a pipe in the corridor where he was left for a few days.

His body smelt and he was swollen and with sores and bleeding in several places.

After 3 days TAKESHITA saw NOOR MOHAMED in that state in the corridor and had NOOR MOHAMED put back into the cell; later TSHUCHIYA brought him back into the corridor.

After about 8 days NOOR MOHAMED was no longer seen in the corridor. The same day a body wrapped in mats was seen being taken out of the building and later in the day TSHUCHIYA went to the cell previously occupied by NOOR MOHAMED and took away NOOR MOHAMED's ring and shirt.

NOOR MOHAMED has not been seen since

TSHUCHIYA told a witness in July 1944 "you will be killed in the same way as NOOR MOHAMED was killed if you do not tell the truth."