

MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No. 65055/JAG

Name of Accused (including Rank, if any)	Arm or Former Arm of the Service	Age	Date and Place of Trial
TANIGUCHI Bunshiro SAWANE Hatsutaro UCHIMURA Sadao	Civilians attached to Imperial Japanese Navy		24-28 May 1946 SINGAPORE
			Convened by
			Commander Singapore District

CHARGES

CHARGE	
	COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at Wimberley Ganj: Port Blair between July and August 1945 in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the illtreatment of Ramaswami, Shakarnarda, Wali Mohd, Nur Mohd, Sher Khan civilian residents of Port Blair aforesaid thereby causing the death of the said Ramaswami, Shakarnarda, Wali Mohd, Nur Mohd, Sher Khan.

President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member)	Judge Advocate/Legal Member
Lt-col. B.E. GREENE Major R.I. LEWIS Capt. W.A. WEBSTER	Royal Berks. Attd. R.I.A.S.C. Solicitor Ind. Parachute Regt. S.W.B. N/A

Pleaded	Finding
All accused pleaded Not Guilty	TANIGUCHI - Guilty but deleting the name Wali Mohd from the charge whenever it occurs. SAWANE } Guilty UCHIMURA }

Sentence and Minute of Confirmation

TANIGUCHI	15 years imp	Confirmed by Commander Singapore
SAWANE	Death by hanging	District on 22 July 1946
UCHIMURA	Death by hanging	

When and where Promulgated :—

26 July 1946

Date of Receipt	To whom sent	Date sent	Purport

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ACCUSED

(1) TANIGUCHI Bunshiro
(2) SAWANE Hatsutaro
(3) UCHIMURA Sadao
Civilians attached to the Imperial Japanese Navy.
att 343 W/Shop & Pk Coy I.R.

PLACE AND
DATE OF TRIAL

Singapore 24,25,27,28 May 46

COURT CONVENED BY

Commander Singapore District.

PRESIDENT

Lt Col B.E.GREENE, Royal Berks Regt. att RIASC
Solicitor.

MEMBERS

Major R.I.LEWIS, Ind Parachute Regt.
Capt W.A.WEBSTER, S.W.B.

CHARGE

Committing a War Crime
in that they
at WIMBERLY GANJ PORT BLAIR between July and
August 1945 in violation of the laws and usages
of war were together concerned in the illtreatment
of RAMASWAMI, SHAKARNARDA WALI MOHD, NUR MOHD,
SHER KHAN civilian residents of Port Blair
aforesaid thereby causing the death of the said
RAMASWAMI, SHAKARNARDA, WALI MOHD, NUR MOHD,
SHER KHAN.

PLEA

Each accused - Not Guilty

FINDING

(1) Guilty with exceptions (deleting the name
WALI MOHD from the charge wherever
it occurs.
(2) Guilty
(3) Guilty

SENTENCE

28 May 46 (1) - 15 years imprisonment
(2) - Death by hanging
(3) - Death by hanging

CONFIRMED

22 Jul 46 By Comd Singapore District.

PROMULGATED

26 Jul 46

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF
PROCEEDINGS

To AG3 HQ ALFSEA 9 Aug 46.
JAG of the Forces

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Case No.65055 JAG

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ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE.

In the case of

TANIGUCHI Bunshiro
SAWANE Matsubaro
UCHIMURA Sazao

The three accused were together concerned with the charge of coolie labour at WIMBERLY GANJ area, PORT BLAIR during 1945.

In July and August of 1945, they maltreated and killed certain civilians employed as coolies. Witnesses will give evidence of these murders and the statements of the accused will also be produced in evidence.

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