

MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No. 65065/JAG

Name of Accused (including Rank, if any)	Arm or Former Arm of the Service	Age	Date and Place of Trial
Capt. TARUMOTO Jugi	Imperial Japanese Army		11-15 June 1946 SINGAPORE
			Convened by Commander Singapore District

CHARGES

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President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member)			Judge Advocate/Legal Member
Lt-col. G.C.H. CULLEY	General List	Solicitor	N/A
Major E.N. HEEDEN	R.A.		
Capt. TOUFIQ HASAN	Ind. Int. Corps.		
Pleaded	Finding		
Not Guilty	GUILTY excluding "Australian and Dutch" and "deaths of some and" and "of others".		

Sentence and Minute of Confirmation

Life imp

Confirmed by Commander Singapore District
on 16 July 1946

When and where Promulgated :— 18 July 1946

Date of Receipt	To whom sent	Date sent	Purport

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of the Imperial Japanese Army
att HQ No.11 Port Operating Gp R.E.

PLACE AND DATE OF TRIAL Singapore 11,12,14,15 June 46

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PLEA Not Guilty

FINDING Guilty with exceptions - the words "Australian
and Dutch" also the words "deaths of some and"
also the words "of others" excluded from the
charge.

SENTENCE 15 Jun 46 Life imprisonment

CONFIRMED 16 July 46 By Comd Singapore District.

PROMULGATED 18 July 46

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF PROCEEDINGS To AG3 HQ ALFSEA 25 June 46
JAG of the Forces

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ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

In the case of

TARUMOTO Jugi
~~SENZAKI Seitaro~~

1. The accused ~~were~~^{was} members of the Yoshida Butai under Nakamura Tai of the 9th Railway Regiment, engaged in the construction of the Burma-Siam Railway in 1942 & 1943. ~~Their~~^{His} duties were to supervise the labour of Allied Prisoners of War who were carrying out the actual work of construction of the said railway.
2. The evidence will show that, while engaged in their aforesaid duties, the accused personally maltreated the said Prisoners of War, in such a way as to cause death to some and physical suffering to others of the said Prisoners of War, and ~~were~~^{was} responsible for mal treatment inflicted on the said Prisoners of War by ~~their~~^{his} subordinates, also resulting in the death of some and physical suffering of others of the said Prisoners of War.
3. In particular, the evidence will show that ~~the~~^{the} accused was responsible for the deaths of the following persons:

Pte. Miller
Pte. Booth
Pte. Ogden
Pte. Rutherford
Pte. Coleby
A.W. Lord
Signalman Wainwright

and many others, particularly at Martona work camp, ~~and that 2nd~~
~~accused was responsible for the death of Pte. Heatchote, Sgt. Sanders~~
~~and Fusilier Graham.~~

4. The Prosecution will proffer affidavits and statements of witnesses as set out in the Schedule attached hereto.

THE SCHEDULE

AFFIDAVITS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EVIDENCE</u>
<u>No. 1 Accused.</u>		
(1)	Pte. Blakesley	Responsibility for maltreatment by Korean guards; assault on 2 British officers.
(2)	Capt. Cayley	Forcing sick prisoners of war to work.
(3)	Lt. Watt	Responsibility for maltreatment & deaths of PsOW
(4)	Pte. Claydon	Forcing sick prisoners to work. Beating of Captain Clark.
(5)	CQMS Hughes	Over-working PsOW
(6)	Cpl. Curtiss	Forcing sick PsOW to work. Beating of Major Black.
(7)	Pte. Cocker	Responsibility for over-working PsOW. Assault on British officer.
(8)	Capt. Moir-Byres	Responsibility for assault on deponent and another officer.
(9)	Lt.Col. Fitt	Forcing sick PsOW to work. Responsibility for deaths of Ptes. Ogden & Booth.
(10)	Cpl. Thompson	Over-working PsOW. Forcing sick PsOW to work. Assaulting PsOW.
(11)	Lt. Bell	Forcing British officers to do heavy manual labour. Responsibility for assaulting 2 British officers. Assaulting deponent.
(12)	Major Buchan	Responsibility for assault on deponent and another officer.
(13)	Pte. Hughes.	Assaulting PsOW. Forcing sick PsOW to work.
(14)	Pte. Jupp	Assaulting PsOW. Forcing sick PsOW to work.
(15)	Sgt. Priestman	Over-working PsOW.
(16)	Roland Hall	Maltreatment of British officers. Assaulting deponent. Forcing sick PsOW to work.
(17)	Lt. Brown	Forcing sick PsOW to work. Assaulting Lt.Col. Swinton and others.
(18)	Capt. Akester	Forcing sick PsOW to work. Responsibility for deaths of Ptes. Miller & Booth. Assaulting deponent.
(19)	Capt. Clarke	Forcing sick PsOW to work. Responsibility for cholera outbreak, resulting in many deaths.
(20)	L/Cpl. Goddard	Maltreatment of 2 British officers. Assaulting Lt.Col. Johnson.
(21)	R.B. Sadler	Responsibility for assault on deponent, resulting in broken rib. Over-working PsOW.

No. 1 Accused (contd)

NAME	EVIDENCE
(22) Lt. Raymond	Forcing officers to do heavy manual labour. Assaulting deponent and another officer.
(23) Cpl. Pearce (2)	Over-working PsOW and assaulting them.
(24) Major Mayes	Responsibility for bad conditions at Matona work Camp. Over-working PsOW. Forcing sick PsOW to work, resulting in many deaths. Responsibility for assaults.

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(1) Capt. Sanderson	Responsibility for maltreatment. Deaths of Sgt. Sanders & Fusilier Graham.
(2) Cpl. Thompson	Over-working PsOW. Forcing sick PsOW to work. Assaulting PsOW.
(3) Lt. Carter	Forcing sick PsOW to work.
(4) Bombardier Evans	Over-working PsOW. Inhumane punishment in December 1942.

STATEMENTS

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(1) Pte. McKue	Causing death of Pte. Lord.
(2) CSM Crook	Over-working PsOW.
(3) Sgt. Leech	Maltreatment of deponent and Pte. Edwards. Causing the death of Signalmen Wainwright.
(4) Pte. Cordell	Maltreating and over-working PsOW.

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(1) Staff Sgt. Bailey	Overworking and maltreating PsOW.
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Gunner Halsall	Over-working PsOW. Responsibility for brutal treatment by Korean guards.
Pte Garrod	Over-working PsOW. Forcing sick PsOW to work.
Cpl Berry	Forcing sick PsOW to work.
Cpl Livermore	Forcing sick PsOW to work.
Pte McKue	Causing death of Pte Lord.
Pte Bone	Over-working PsOW.
CSM Crook	Over-working PsOW.
Gunner Stent	Over-working PsOW. Responsibility for brutal treatment by Korean guards.
Sgt Leech	Maltreatment of deponent & Pte Edwards. Causing the death of Signelman Wainwright.
Pte Macdonald	Responsibility for deaths & suffering by over-work. Insulting British Officers.
Pte Cordell	Maltreating & over-working PsOW.
Lt.-Col. Swinton	Forcing officers & sick men to work. Assaulting deponent & other officers.
Driver Brown	Forcing officers & sick men to work. Over-working & assaulting PsOW.

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