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MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

ACCUSED

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| (1) | Lt Col | SUMIDA HARUZO |
| (2) | W.O. | MONAI TADAMORI |
| (3) | W.O. | UMEDA HISAO |
| (4) | W.O. | SAKAMOTO SHIGERU |
| (5) | S.M. | MAKIZONO MASUO |
| (6) | S.M. | TERADA TAKAO |
| (7) | Sgt | NOZAWA TOICHIRO |
| (8) | Sgt | TSUJIO SHIGEO |
| (9) | Sgt | TAKEUCHI NOBORU |
| (10) | S.M. | NORITA SHOZO |
| (11) | S.M. | KATAOKA MASAKI |
| (12) | S.M. | SUGIMOTO HEIKICHI |
| (13) | Sgt | SUGIMOTO KOZO |
| (14) | Sgt | KASAHARA HIDEO |
| (15) | Sgt | YAMAUCHI SATORI |
| (16) | Pte | MURATA YOSHITARO |
| (17) | Pte | TANAKA TOSHIRO |
| (18) | Interpreter | NIGO MASAYOSHI |
| (19) | Interpreter | TOH SWEE KOON |
| (20) | Interpreter | MIYAZAKI KASUO |
| (21) | Interpreter | CHAN ENG THIAN |

all of the Imperial Japanese Army
att to 21 Group, Indian Pioneer Corps.

PLACE AND
DATE OF TRIAL

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| Singapore | 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30 March 1946. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15 April 1946. |
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COURT CONVENED BY

Commander Singapore District.

PRESIDENT

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| Lt Col S.C.SILKIN, | R.A. Barrister at Law. |
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MEMBERS

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| Major S.F.HODGENS, | No.1 Australian War Crimes Section SEAC. |
| Capt. R.J.TOPPING, | 6-8 Punjabs. |

CHARGE

Committing a war crime in that they in Singapore Island being in the service of the Occupying Power under the direction and control of the first named accused having between 10 Oct 43 and 2 Apr 44 contrived the arrest of a number of civilians residing in Singapore Island and in particular the arrest of 57 such civilians at Changi Gaol on and after 10 Oct 43 were in violation of the laws and usages of war concerned in the illtreatment including the beating torture and inhuman confinement of all the civilians aforementioned as a result whereof fifteen of the said civilians whose names appear hereunder lost their lives :-

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| Dr C.A.Stanley | Mr. S. Cornelius |
| Mr.A.Buchanan | Mr. W.L.Stevenson |
| Mr.D.V.P.Perry | Mr. H.C.R.Randle |
| Mr.A.J.Clark | Mr. N.Coulson |
| Mr.S.A.Hagger | Mr. H.E.W.Bryning |
| Mr.S.M.Middlebrook | Mr. T.H.Bowyer |
| Mr.H.Fraser | Mr. M.Penseler |
| Mr.A.W.W.Ker | |

PLEA Each accused - Not Guilty

FINDING Accused 3, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 17 - Not Guilty
Accused 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 and 21 - Guilty

SENTENCE 15 Apr 46 Accused 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 19 - Death by hanging.
Accused 4, 14 and 18 - Imprisonment for life
Accused 20 - 15 yrs Imprisonment
Accused 13 and 21 - 8 yrs Imprisonment

CONFIRMED 9 Jul 46 By Commander Singapore District.
Findings and sentences in the cases of
accused 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14,
18 and 21.
16 Jul 46 Findings and sentences NOT confirmed in
the cases of accused 19 and 20.

PROMULGATED 9 Jul 46 Sentences in respect of accused 1, 2,
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 18 and 21.
14 Aug 46 Sentences in respect of accused 19 and 20.

REMARKS. 11 Jul 46 Death sentences carried out at Changi
Prison, Singapore.

DISPOSAL OF PROCEEDINGS. To AGS HQ ALFSEA 23 Oct 46.
JAG of the Forces _____

DJAG ALFSEA
Case No. 65030 JAG

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

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| In the case of | Lieutenant-Colonel SUMIDA Haruzo |
| Warrant Officer | MONAI Tadamori |
| Warrant Officer | SAKAMOTO Shigeru |
| Warrant Officer | UMEDA Hisao |
| Serjeant Major | MAKIZONO Masuo |
| Serjeant Major | ERADA Takao |
| Serjeant Major | MORITA Shozo |
| Serjeant Major | KATAOKA Masaki |
| Serjeant Major | SUGIMOTO Heikichi |
| Serjeant | NOZAWA Teichiro |
| Serjeant | TSUJIO Shigeo |
| Serjeant | TAKEUCHI Noboru |
| Serjeant | SUGIMOTO Kozo |
| Serjeant | KASAHARA Hidio |
| Serjeant | OKAYAMA Hirogi |
| Serjeant | YAMAUCHI Satori |
| Private | MURATA Yoshitane |
| Private | TANAKA Toshiro |
| Interpreter | TOH SWEE KOON |
| Interpreter | NIGO Masayoshi |
| Interpreter | CHAN ENG THIAM |
| Interpreter | PANG TONG YEOW (alias HYO) |
| Interpreter | MIYAZAKI Kasuo |

1. This case relates to the Double Tenth atrocities in Singapore. Owing to allegations made by informers of very dubious character, the Japanese were persuaded that news was being received by wireless sets in Changi Jail, operated by internees, and outside, and in September 1943 some Japanese ships were blown up in Singapore Harbour, of which the Japanese believed the internees to be the instigators. On 10 October 43 the Kempei Tai, who were charged with the investigation of the case, arrested a large number of the internees of Changi Jail, and later further arrested a number of Chinese and other civilians in Singapore, since the investigation had now taken the broader form of inquiries into the amount of communication between civilian internees and others outside.

2. The suspects were confined in the Y.M.C.A. building, but when this became overcrowded some were transferred to the Central Police Station and Smith Street Police Station. Lieut.-Colonel SUMIDA was in charge of the whole operation, assisted by MONAI.

3. Interrogation took the form of brutal torture. The witnesses who will give evidence of the brutal treatment include Mr. Khoo Hock Tian, Mrs. Elizabeth Choy, Mr. Swee Lye Huat and Dr. Than Ying Khaw.

Mr. Khoo Hock Tian will state "Alternatively with the questioning they beat me for three hours with long rods, belts and knotted ropes. After some time I could no longer stand, I was then tied up by ropes round my wrists and knees and suffered further beatings, kickings and ju-jitsu, until I was unconscious."

Mrs. Choy states "On December 8 1943 I was questioned for a long time by MONAI. When I did not give the answers he wanted, I was slapped around by him and finally tied to a frame, kneeling on the ground, and given the electric treatment."

Mr. Swee Lye Huat will state "UMEDA was responsible for my torture. He first of all beat me with a stick before starting questioning which followed alternatively with the beating for about an hour until I fainted. I was then put in an ice chest to revive me and the beatings were subsequently continued. UMEDA also drove a nail through my foot."

Dr. Than Ying Khaw will state "SAKAMOTO tied me up with my hands behind my back and attached the ropes round my wrists to a rope over a pulley. I was then drawn up on the rope so that my feet were about one foot above the ground. I was beaten again round the legs and thighs while hanging by SAKAMOTO."

4. The conditions in the cells at the three police stations were cramped and dirty. Men and women were herded together. No privacy was allowed and all were continually subjected to brutal and inhuman treatment by the guards. The food provided was totally inadequate and there was no medical attention. As a result of these conditions, a number of the suspects, European, Chinese and Eurasian died, including :-

Mr. W.L. STEVENSON
Mr. D.V. PERRY
Mr. A.J. CLARKE
Mr. N. COULSON
Mr. S. HAGGAR.

Lieut-Colonel SUMIDA was in command of the Police Stations at Singapore. Witnesses will also describe how in addition to the discomforts already mentioned their nerves were worn down by the shrieks and cries of victims under interrogation in other parts of the buildings.

Among the witnesses who will give evidence of these conditions is Mr. L.C. Hoffman who will state "Meals were entirely insufficient and the two meals of the day together amounted to about one quarter of an ordinary meal. The cells were never cleaned out, and we were not given any blankets; it was bitterly cold throughout the day and night. I spent the first week on the concrete floor. The condition of the Europeans who had been there since October 1943 was deplorable. There was no medical attention, and before long there was an outbreak of dysentery which caused Stevenson's death. In British days two prisoners occupied the cells in the Central Police Station, but the Japanese put from 7 to 10 in. In the cell was a water closet. There we bathed, washed our plates, and the water in that water closet was the only water we drank. There was no sunlight and after a time everyone suffered from cedema."

5. A number of the suspects, European, Chinese and Eurasians died under torture including

Dr. C.A. STANLEY and
Mr. STANLEY CORNELIUS.

6. In the particular case of Dr. Stanley he was tortured until in desperation he attempted to commit suicide by jumping out of an upper floor window. He was carried back into the building with a broken pelvis and tortured again. As a result of this torture he was carried out of the Y.M.C.A. on a stretcher on the point of death and died in transit to hospital.

7. Stanley Cornelius was arrested on the 20 October 43 and taken to Smith Street Police Station. Here he was interrogated under the direction of Lieut-Colonel SUMIDA. He was beaten with an iron bar and also suffered the water torture. After two and a half hours he was carried out unconscious and died without coming to. His body was disposed of by the accused MAKIZONO.

8. Some of the victims succumbed to the pressure and made confessions which in the circumstances were plainly valueless. They were, however, submitted to the Japanese Judicial authorities by the accused who represented them to be voluntary confessions. Victims were thereupon Court Martialled and sentenced to severe punishments, including death.

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9. Medical evidence will be produced of the state of the internees after they had been released or returned to camp by the Kempei Tai. They were suffering from disease due to poor feeding, neglect and illtreatment. Many of them had lost their mental balance. There were, of course, numerous signs of active illtreatment. It will be shown that the bulk of these victims were strong and healthy before being arrested.

MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No.65030/JAG.....

| Name of Accused (including Rank, if any) | Arm or Former Arm of the Service | Age | Date and Place of Trial |
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CHARGES

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Mr. D.V.P. Perry, Mr. H.C.R. Rendle, Mr. A.J. Clark, Mr. N. Coulson,
Mr. S.A. Hagger, Mr. H.E.W. Bryning, Mr. S.M. Middlebrook, Mr. T.H. Bowyer,
Mr. H. Fraser, Mr. M. Penseler and Mr. A.W.W. Ker.

| President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member) | Judge Advocate/Legal Member |
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| Lt-col. S.C. SILKIN Major S.F. HODGENS Capt. R.J. TOPPING | R.A. Barrister-at-Law No.1 Australian War Crimes Section S.E.A.C. 6/8 Punjabs N/A |

| Pleaded | Finding |
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| All pleaded Not Guilty | <u>NOT GUILTY</u> - UMEDA, TAKEUCHI, KATAOKA, SUGIMOTO HEIKICHI, YAMAUCHI, MURATA and TANAKA. Remainder of accused found GUILTY. |

Sentence and Minute of Confirmation

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| Lt-col. SUMIDA) W.O. MONAI) S.M. MAKIZONO) S.M. TERADA) Sgt. NOZAWA) Sgt. TSUJIO) S.M. MORITA) TOH SWEE KOON) | Death by hanging | W.O. SAKAMOTO) Sgt. KASAHARA) NIGO MASAYOSHI) MIYAZAKI KASUO) Sgt. SUGIMOTO KOZO) CHAN ENG THIANG) | Life Imprisonment 15 years imprisonment 8 years imprisonment |
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Confirmed by Commander Singapore District on 9 July 1946
except in the cases of TOH SWEE KOON and MIYAZAKI KASUO.