

MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

BR. 444

ACCUSED 1) S/M UEDA Sueyoshi  
2) WO HASHIMOTO Miyoshi  
3) Sgt ISHIBASHI Kinji  
4) Civ TAKAHASHI Yauichi  
of or in the service of the Imperial  
Japanese Army, attd to 1st Bn., The Seaforth  
Highlanders.

DATE AND PLACE  
OF TRIAL. 13,16,17 & 18 June 1947 Singapore.

COURT CONVENED BY Offg Singapore District.

PRESIDENT Lt. Col. L.A. MASSIE R.S.F. Solicitor.

MEMBERS Capt. E.H. DUNSFORD A.B.R.O.  
Capt. M.A. BLAAUBOER R.N.I.A.

CHARGE Committing a War Crime in that they at KANBURI  
and TANUAN, SIAM between January and March  
1945 while members of the KANBURI Kempeitai  
Detachment were, in violation of the laws and  
usages of war, together concerned in the ill-  
treatment of British, American and Dutch  
Prisoners of War interned in KANBURI Kempei  
Tai H.Q.

PLEA Each Accused - NOT Guilty.

FINDING Accused No.1. GUILTY with the exception of  
the word "American".  
Accused No.2. GUILTY with the exception of  
the words "British  
American and" and the  
pluralities contained in  
the word "prisoners".  
Accused No.3. GUILTY with exception of the  
word "American"  
Accused No.4. GUILTY with exception of the  
word "American".

SENTENCE 18 Jun 47 Accused No.1.- 5 yrs imprisonment.  
Accused No.2.- 1 yrs imprisonment.  
Accused No.3.- 4 yrs imprisonment.  
Accused No.4.- 7 yrs imprisonment.

CONFIRMED 9 Jul 47 Offg Comd Singapore District.

PROMULGATED 14 Jul 47

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF  
PROCEEDINGS To AG3 GHQ SEALF 21 July 47.  
JAG of the Forces \_\_\_\_\_

DJAG SEALF  
Case No. 65213.

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE.

in the case of

S/M UEDA Sueyoshi  
S/M HASHIMOTO Miyoshi  
Sgt ISHIBASHI Kinji.  
Civ TAKAHASHI Yauichi  
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At all material times accused UEDA, HASHIMOTO, ISHIBASHI were members of the Kempeitai Detachment at Kanburi, SIAM, and during this period, accused TAKAHASHI was attached to this Kempeitai Detachment in the capacity of Interpreter.

In January, February and March 1945, British, American and Dutch PsOW and Siamese civilians were interned at Kempeitai HQs at Kanburi. These PsOW and civilians included the following:-

Lt.Col.	LILLY
Capt	McDERMOTT
"	PARKER
"	PHILLIPS
"	C.W. PEARSON
"	TILLEMA
"	LANSDORP
Lt.	MITCHELL
"	WIERN G
Pte	FOX
"	ALEXANDER
"	TRAP
"	KINGWALL
"	DIJKER
"	J.P. PEARSON

While the prisoners were detained at the Kempeitai HQs, Kanburi, they were each subjected to various forms of ill-treatment by the members of the Kempeitai Detachment. Details of this illtreatment by the individual accused are given as follows:-

(a) S/M UEDA Sueyoshi.

Between January and March 1945, Ptes FOX, ALEXANDER, TRAP were beaten by UEDA with a piece of rubber hose over the heart and spleen.

Lt. A.G. LANSDORP was beaten on 20th February 1945 by UEDA with a cane on the back, buttocks and arms. On or about 21st February 1945 at Kanburi, Capt PHILLIPS' head was laid open by an axe-helve thrown by UEDA.

On or about 20th February 1945, Pte. P EARSON was beaten over the heart and spleen by UEDA, ISHIBASHI and TAKAHASHI. He was then made to stand at attention in the midday sun without a hat for over an hour.

About 23rd February 1945, McDERMOTT, KINGWELL and PEARSON were used by UEDA for the purpose of practising Ju-Jitsu. This continued for about 15 minutes during which period the 3 victims were continuously thrown on their backs on the gravel ground of the Kempeitai Compound by the 2 Japanese as a result of which they sustained bruises and other injuries.

During February 1945, Capt. TILLEMA during interrogation was struck 5 times across his body with a piece of wood by UEDA.

An unknown British soldier detained in the Kempeitai between January and March 1945 was handcuffed by UEDA and TAKAHASHI and beaten with a wooden sword and then continuously thrown about by Ju-Jitsu until he became unconscious.

Between January and March 1945, Cpl WIERENGA was beaten by UEDA and Takahashi with bamboo sticks, wooden sticks, and pieces of rubber hose, and on 3 occasions was tortured by the insertion of pieces of bamboo between his fingers after which his fingers were twisted thereby subjecting the victim to extreme pain.

Between January and February 1945, Lt. MITCHELL, Capt, PHILLIPS, Capt McDERMOTT and Mr. LETTS were beaten by UEDA and TAKAHASHI with wooden sticks, rubber hose and bamboo sticks and also ill-treated by the infliction on them by Ju-Jitsu tricks.

In February or March 1945, Lt. Col. LILLY was brought from the POW Camp at Tamuang to the Kempeitai HQs at Kanburi for interrogation. During his detention at Kanburi, he was

subjected to the following tortures and ill-treatment by UEDA:-

- (i) Beating on the head with bamboo sticks, after which he was tied by his shirt tightly around his neck so that he was practically suffocated.
- (ii) Instruments were forced between his fingers causing his extreme pain.
- (iii) He was subjected to Ju-Jitsu for about 15 minutes during which period he was continually thrown across the yard of the Kempeitai whereby he sustained injuries to his foot.
- (iv) Following the Ju-Jitsu, Lt.Col. LILLY was subjected to a further beating and was then ill-treated for about three-quarters of an hour by having his hair pulled and his arms bent back.
- (v) Lt.Col. LILLY was then taken to a cell and handcuffed for 37 hours to the bars of the cells door, forcing him to stand for whole periods in spite of the injuries to his foot sustained by him during the Ju-Jitsu treatment.

(b) S/M HASHIMOTO Miyoshi.

Between February and March 1945 at Tamuang, Lt. TRAP was illtreated by S/M HASHIMOTO and civilian TAKAHASHI. On several occasions at Tamuang and Kanburi the illtreatment consisted of being beaten about the head and body with a bamboo stick, belts, ruler, a rubber truncheon and a large wooden stick, and the application of the finger torture.

(c) Sgt. ISHIBASHI Ginji.

Dr. CARLO MATHEO, a Portuguese national was arrested by the Japanese in January 1945 and taken to the Kempeitai HQs at Kanburi by Sgt ISHIBASHI and another Japanese. Here they were detained for interrogation, and during their period of detention suffered ill-treatment at the hands of Sgt. ISHIBASHI and the other Japanese.

such as being beaten with rubber whips, walking sticks, being given the water and finger torture. The finger torture consisted of pencils having been crossed between the fingers until the skin and flesh were penetrated and the bone displayed.

During February 1945, DIJKER was interrogated by ISHIBASHI and another Japanese at the Kanburi Kempeitai HQs, and while being interrogated, DIJKER was kicked and beaten with a bamboo stick by these two Japanese. This treatment was twice repeated on the following day in addition to which DIJKER was kicked in the face, given water torture and beaten with sticks and given the finger torture.

About 20th February 1945 at Kanburi, ISHIBASHI and another Japanese took part in the ill-treatment of Capt PEARSON during which time Capt PEARSON was beaten up by them and a heavy stick was placed across his throat and pressed hard causing his extreme pain.

On or about the 20th February 1945, Pte PEARSON was beaten over heart and spleen with a rubber hose by UEDA, ISHIBASHI and TAKAHASHI.

(d) Civilian TAKAHASHI.

During February 1945 at Kanburi, Lt. LANSDORP was beaten by TAKAHASHI with a heavy teak wood stick as a result of which LANSDORP's arm was injured for 3 weeks. He was also given the finger torture.

In February 1945 C.H. FIELD was beaten at Kanburi with sticks and bamboos by TAKAHASHI.

In February 1945 C.H. FIELD was beaten with sticks by TAKAHASHI.

In February 1945 at Kanburi, DIJKER was beaten with a bamboo stick, wet rope, and kicked during interrogation by TAKAHASHI and ISHIBASHI and later subjected to the water torture and finger torture in which TAKAHASHI took part.

During February or March 1945 at Kanburi, an unknown British soldier detained at Kanburi was handcuffed by TAKAHASHI and UEDA, beaten with a wood sword and continuously subjected to

Ju-Jitsu tricks until he became unconscious.

Between January and March 1945, WIERENGA while being interrogated at Kanburi, was frequently beaten with bamboo sticks, pieces of rubber hose, and wooden sticks and subjected to the finger torture by TAKAHASHI.

In February or March 1945, Lt.Col. LILLY was beaten on the head with bamboo sticks by TAKAHASHI and UEDA after which his shirt was tied tightly around his neck so that he was practically suffocated. He was then subjected to the finger torture and other forms of ill-treatment.

During February 1945 at Kanburi, Capt PEARSON was beaten by TAKAHASHI and 2 other Japanese which ill-treatment consisted of being handcuffed to a table and being beaten with a bamboo rod about 6" in diameter and 3' long and also being kicked.

The Prosecution case will be based on the testimony of:-

Pte. J.P. PEARSON.

and also the affidavits of:-

Civ.	PEARSON.
Lt.	M. TRAP
Lt.	A.J. LANSDORP
Capt.	M.A. TILLEMA
Pte	A.J.J. DYKER
Mr	C.M. FIELD
Cpl	P.J. WIERENGA
Lt.Col.	LILLY
Lt	W.S. MITCHELL
Capt	W.D. PARKER
Capt	M.E.I. PHILLIPS.

Some of these affidavits may be replaced by witnesses in person if they are available. All the accused have made voluntary statements which will be produced in evidence.