

MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No. 65068/JAG

Name of Accused (including Rank, if any)	Arm or Former Arm of the Service	Age	Date and Place of Trial
Chief Petty Officer MATSUOKA Isamu	Imperial Japanese Navy		18-21 June 1946 SINGAPORE
			Convened by
			Commander Singapore District

CHARGES

CHARGE (Section 3)
COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that he at Shadipur, PORT BLAIR, in or about the month of January 1945 was, in violation of the laws and usages of war, concerned in the illtreatment of HARI DASS, a civilian resident of PORT BLAIR aforesaid, in consequence of which illtreatment the said HARI DASS died.

President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member)	Judge Advocate/Legal Member
Lt-col. H. E. R. SMITH Major S. B. SAHAY Capt. K. R. BUSFIELD	R. A. I. P. C. LLB Advocate in India 2 Recce Regt.
	N/A

Pleaded	Finding
Not Guilty	Guilty

Sentence and Minute of Confirmation

Death by hanging.

Confirmed by Commander Singapore District on 12 August 1946

When and where Promulgated :—

14 August 1946

Date of Receipt	To whom sent	Date sent	Purport

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ACCUSED

Naval Chief Petty Officer MATSUOKA Isamu
of the Imperial Japanese Navy att No.1 Ind
Fd Survey Coy R.I.E.

PLACE AND
DATE OF TRIAL

Singapore 18,19 and 21 June 46

COURT CONVENED BY

Commander Singapore District.

PRESIDENT

Lt Col H.E.R.SMITH, R.A.

MEMBERS

Major S.B.SAHAY, I.P.C. LLB Advocate In India
Capt K.B.BUSFIELD, 2 Recce Regt.

CHARGE

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aforesaid, in consequence of which ill-treatment
the said HARI DASS died.

PLEA

Not Guilty

FINDING

Guilty

SENTENCE

21 Jun 46 Death by hanging

CONFIRMED

12 Aug 46 By Comd Singapore District

PROMULGATED

14 Aug 46

REMARKS

16 Aug 46 Sentence carried out at CHANGI
Prison, Singapore.

DISPOSAL OF
PROCEEDINGS

To AG3 HQ ALFSEA

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ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE.

In the case of :

Superior Seaman MATSUOKA Isamu

In January 1945 at Shadipur, Port Blair, HARI DASS was arrested by TANAKA and taken to a bungalow, accused of stealing firewood. TANAKA then tied him to a post and beat him for about 10 minutes.

HARI DASS was then taken outside and bound to a mango tree by FUJIE, NAKAYAMA and MATSUOKA. These three then began to beat him in turn for 10 minutes. Cold water was then thrown over HARI DASS and he was again beaten for 10 minutes. HARI DASS was cut loose and then fell to the ground. He was unable to walk. He died, and some men took him to his home in blanket and burnt his body the next day.

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