

MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No. 65102 JAG

Name of Accused (including Rank, if any)	Arm or Former Arm of the Service	Age	Date and Place of Trial
TAKAMINE Iwayo	Imperial Japanese Army.		2 & 3 August 1946. Singapore Convened by Comd Singapore District.

CHARGES

1st Charge

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that he at Nong Pladuk POW Camp, Siam, between 1 June 1944 and 31 December 1944, when a member of the staff of the said Camp, in violation of the laws and usages of war, was concerned in the ill-treatment of British PsOW interned in the said camp, causing physical suffering to the said PsOW and in particular to Sjt. C.W.J. Pratt and Pte. BARNET.

2nd Charge

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that he at Bangkok POW Camp, Siam, at some day between 1 January 45 and 31 March 45, when a member of the staff of the said camp, in violation of the laws and usages of war, did ill-treat Daniel Farnworth, a British POW interned in the said camp, causing physical suffering to the said Daniel Farnworth.

3rd Charge

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that he at Ubon POW Camp, Siam, between 1 March 1945 and 15 August 1945, when a member of the staff of the said camp, in violation of the laws and usages of war, did ill-treat British PsOW interned in the said camp causing physical suffering to the said PsOW and in particular to Daniel Farnworth.

President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member)	Judge Advocate/Legal Member
Lt-col. E.N. BLACKLOCK KOSB Maj. F.G. FORTESCUE General List F/Lt. D.W.M. PARTINGTON R.A.F.	- N.A. -

Pleaded	Finding
Each charge - Guilty.	Each charge - Guilty.

Sentence and Minute of Confirmation

Sentenced to 9 years imprisonment. Confirmed by Comd Singapore District on 13 November 1946.

When and where Promulgated :—

29 November 1946

Date of Receipt	To whom sent	Date sent	Purport

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MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

ACCUSED Korean Guard TAKAMINE Iwayo
in the service of the Imperial Japanese Army,
att 522 Ind. A.W. Coy I.E.

PLACE & DATE
OF TRIAL Singapore 2 & 3 August 46,

COURT
CONVENED BY Commander Singapore District.

PRESIDENT Lt-Col. E.N. BLACKLOCK K.O.S.B. Solicitor.

MEMBERS Major F.G. FORTESCUE General List.
F/Lt. D.W.M. PARTINGTON R.A.F.

CHARGE (1) Committing a War Crime in that he at Nong
Pladuk POW Camp, Siam, between 1 June 44 and
31 December 44, when a member of the staff of
the said Camp, in violation of the laws and
usages of war, was concerned in the ill-
treatment of British PsOW interned in the said
camp, causing physical suffering to the said
PsOW and in particular to Sjt. C.W.J. Pratt
and Pte Barnet.
(2) Committing a War Crime in that he at Bangkok
POW Camp, Siam, at some day between 1 January
45 and 31 March 45, when a member of the staff
of the said camp, in violation of the laws and
usages of war, did ill-treat Daniel Farnworth,
a British POW interned in the said camp, causing
physical suffering to the said Daniel Farnworth.
(3) Committing a War Crime in that he at Ubon POW
Camp, Siam, between 1 March 45 and 15 August 45,
when a member of the staff of the said camp, in
violation of the laws and usages of war, did ill-
treat British PsOW interned in the said camp,
causing physical suffering to the said PsOW and
in particular to Daniel Farnworth.

PLEA Each charge - Not Guilty.

FINDING Each charge - Guilty.

SENTENCE 3 August 46. To suffer imprisonment for 9 years.

CONFIRMED 13 November 46. By Commander Singapore District.

PROMULGATED 29 November 46.

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF
PROCEEDINGS To AG3 HQ SEALF..... 13 Dec 46
JAG of the Forces.....

DJAG SEALF
Case No. 65102 JAG.

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

In the case of :-

TAKAMINE, Iwayo Korean Guard

General: The Accused was a Korean Guard on the staff of Japanese prisoner-of-war Camps along the Burma-Siam Railway. He bore the nickname "Efficiency".

First Charge:

The evidence shows that one evening in June 1944, Ps.W. at NONG PLADUK Camp were holding a concert in a hut. Sgt C.W.J. PRATT was acting as compere. At about 2000 hours a prisoner-of-war was entertaining by giving a "Commentary on the Derby" over a fake radio machine. A guard came in and gave permission for the show to continue, but after a few moments he ordered Sgt PRATT, Pte KERSWELL and L/Bdr OWEN to accompany him to the Guard Room where the guard was in charge of the Accused. The prisoners were searched for the script of the show, and were accused of having insulted Japanese sergeants in the course of the concert programme.

The prisoners were assaulted, the Accused himself kicking Sgt PRATT in the legs and punching him about the jaw. He also punched the other two Ps.W. In the accused's presence other Korean Guards assaulted the Ps.W., Sgt PRATT being repeatedly kicked in the stomach. As a result, he was a bed patient in hospital for about 4 weeks and was an out patient for about 4 months. He received internal injuries. L/Bdr OWEN had a slit lip. The Prosecution will tender an Affidavit by Sgt PRATT and a statement by Pte KERSWELL. Lt Col R.C. LAMING who was a P.O.W. in the Camp at the time, will give evidence that he saw Sgt PRATT in hospital who told him that he had been beaten up by the Guard Commander in the circumstances set up above.

One day in or about the month of September 1944, the working party was returning to NONG PLADUK Camp for the lunch break, in the party was Pte BARNET of the East Surrey Regt., who had been taken ill with Malaria. He was so weak that other prisoners had to carry him. As they reached the Camp they thought it wiser not to carry him, but just to support him. As a result of his weakness, BARNET was unable to stand properly to attention when the party halted in front of the Guard Room. The Accused walked up to BARNET and beat him all over his body and face with a bamboo pole until blood was flowing freely. He also kicked him. The ill-treatment was continued and the party left BARNET lying in the blazing sun badly bruised and bleeding. He was in the same condition when the party returned after lunch and later at about 1800 hours in the evening.

The Prosecution will tender an Affidavit by Sgt N.J. TURNER setting out the above facts, and Affidavits by CSM F.L. STADDEN and CSM Alexander McTAVISH as to the general ill-treatment of Ps-W by the Accused.

Second Charge:

During the whole or part of the period January 1945 to March 1945 both inclusive, the Accused was a member of the Staff of BANGKOK Prisoner-of-war Camp.

The Prosecution will tender an Affidavit by Daniel FARNWORTH stating that the Accused struck him and seriously damaged his shoulder.

Third Charge:

During the whole or part of the period March 1945 to August 1945, the Accused was a member of the staff of the Prisoner-of-War Camp at UBON.

During that time he is said to have beaten Ps.W. frequently, in particular he struck Daniel FARNWORTH with the butt of his rifle knocking out two of his teeth and causing injury.

The Prosecution will tender Affidavits by Daniel FARNWORTH and by CSM Alexander McTAVISH.
