

MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

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ACCUSED

- (1) Maj. KUDO Hikosaku.
 - (2) 2/Lt. TAKANO Suteo.
 - (3) 2/Lt. YAGUCHI Sanya.
 - (4) 2/Lt. TAKINO Shoichi.
 - (5) S/M. MUKAEDA Takeo.
 - (6) L/Cpl. ONODERA Shoji.
 - (7) L/Cpl. YASUDA Kinichiro.
 - (8) Sup.Pte. NISHIMURA Katsumi.
 - (9) Sup.Pte. NAKANURA Jiro.
 - (10) Sup.Pte. TSUKAMOTO Chuji.
 - (11) Sup.Pte. FUJITA Hikoichi.
 - (12) Sup.Pte. KATO Takeo.
- of the Imperial Japanese Army,
attached to 632 (Ind) Engineers
Base Workshops, R.I.E.

PLACE AND DATE OF TRIAL

Singapore.

1946:

13, 16, 17, 18, 19,
20, 23, 24, 26, 27,
& 30th September.

1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9,
11 & 18th October.

COURT CONVENED BY

Commander Singapore District.

PRESIDENT

Lt-Col. P.A. FORSYTHE M.M. Kings Royal Rifle
Corps.

MEMBERS

Major. J.C. McMATH.

R.A.

Major. A.A. DUMONT.

Ayrshire Yeomanry,
(Solicitor).

CHARGE

See charge sheet attached.

PLEA

1st charge - Each accused - Not Guilty.

2nd charge - 1st, 2nd, 6th, & 7th accused - Not
Guilty.

3rd charge - 1st, 7th, 10th, 11th & 8th accused -
Not
Guilty.

FINDING

1st charge - 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th,
8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th
accused - Guilty.
3rd accused - Not guilty.

2nd charge - 2nd & 6th accused - Guilty.
1st & 7th accused - Not Guilty.

3rd charge - 1st, 7th, 8th, 10th, & 11th
accused - Guilty.

(Special Finding 'Less - "and the
deaths of many of them"'. for
accused 9 and 12).

SENTENCE

18 Oct '46. 1st accused - Death by Hanging.
2nd accused - Imprisonment for life.
4th accused - 5 years' Imprisonment.
5th accused - 2 years' Imprisonment.
6th accused - Death by Hanging.
7th accused - 20 years' Imprisonment.
8th accused - 10 years' Imprisonment.
9th accused - 6 months' Imprisonment.
10th accused - 15 years' Imprisonment.
11th accused - 3 years' Imprisonment.
12th accused - 9 months' Imprisonment.

CONFIRMED

27 Nov, '46.

By G.O.C Singapore District.

PROMULGATED

9 Dec, '46.

Sentences of accused numbered
2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

20 Jan, '47.

Sentences of accused numbered
1 and 6.

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF
PROCEEDINGS

To AG3 GHQ SEALF

17 Feb 47.

JAG of the Forces

2 Mar 47

DJAG SEALF.

Case No. 65129 JAG.

CHARGE SHEET

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The accused:-

KUDO	Hikosaku	Major	<i>1st</i>
TANI	Yukio	Captain	<i>1st</i>
KITAGO	Nakatsu	Lieutenant	<i>1st</i>
TAKANO	Suteo	2/Lieutenant	
YAGUCHI	Sanya	2/Lieutenant	
TAKINO	Shoichi	2/Lieutenant	
MUKAEDA	Takeo	Sgt. Major	
SAITO	Takichi	Sgt.	<i>1st</i>
ONODERA	Shoji	L/Cpl.	
YASUDA	kinichiro	L/Cpl.	
NISHIMURA	Katsumi	Super Pte.	
NAKAMURA	Jiro	Super Pte.	<i>1st</i>
TSUKAMOTO	Chuji	Super Pte.	
<i>1st</i> FUJITA	<i>1st</i> Koichi	Super Pte.	
KATO	<i>1st</i> Takeo	Super Pte.	

in the service of the Imperial Japanese Army
attached to 632(Ind) Engineers Base Workshops, R. I. E.
are charged with:-

1ST CHARGE

Against all
the accused.

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME

in that they
in SIAM and BURMA between 1 August 1943
and 31 March 1945 when in the service of
the Occupying Power as members of the
19th Ambulance Corps (commonly known as
the "Kudo Butai") being responsible for
the medical care and attention of the
civilian inhabitants of occupied terri-
tories employed in, and in connection
with, the construction and maintenance
of the Burma-Siam Railway, and the wives
and families of the said civilian
inhabitants, in violation of the laws and
usages of war, were together concerned
in the illtreatment of the said civilian
inhabitants and their wives and families
resulting in their physical suffering and
the deaths of many of them.

2ND CHARGE

Against the
accused:-

KUDO
TAKANO
ONODERA
YASUDA
only.

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME

in that they
in SIAM and BURMA between 1 August 1943
and 31 March 1945 when in the service of
the Occupying Power as members of the
19th Ambulance Corps (commonly known as
the "Kudo Butai") being responsible for
the medical care and attention of the
civilian inhabitants of occupied terri-
tories employed in, and in connection
with the construction and maintenance of
the Burma-Siam Railway, in violation of
the laws and usages of war, were together
concerned in the wilful killing of
several of the said civilian inhabitants
whose names are unknown.

3RD CHARGE

Against the
accused:-

KUDO
YASUDA
TSUKAMOTO
FUTATA
NISHIMURA
only.

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME
in that they

at KANBURI in SIAM between 1 August 1943
and 31 March 1945, when members of the
19th Ambulance Corps (commonly known as
the "Kudo Butai"), being responsible
for the medical care and attention of
the civilian inhabitants of occupied
territories employed in, and in connect-
ion with, the construction and maintenance
of the Burma-Siam Railway, in violation
of the laws and usages of war, were to-
gether concerned in the illtreatment of
British and Dutch Prisoners of War
employed to assist in the medical care
and attention aforesaid causing physical
suffering to many of the said Prisoners
of War.

Singapore,
1946.

[Signature]
Commanding

Captain R.E.

Act O.C. 632 Indian Engineer

/s/ Base Workshop I.E.

To be tried by Military Court.

Singapore,
12 Sep 1946.

[Signature]
Major General,
Commanding Singapore District.