

MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

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(2) Sjt. MARUO Masaichi.
of the Imperial Japanese Army,
attached 61 Coy, R.A.S.C. (GT).

PLACE AND
DATE OF TRIAL

Singapore. 22nd January, 1947.

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Each Accused - Guilty.

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SENTENCE

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ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

In the case of:-

W.O MATSUO Shinichi
Sgt MARUO Masaichi

One day in April 1944, at TANOURA, MARUO was challenged about selling rations by AHMED KHAN and 2 or 3 days later MARUO started beating AHMED KHAN with slaps and fists and the following morning arrested AHMED KHAN. MATSUO approached AHMED KHAN and started beating him, knocking him down and kicking him with his boots, then took AHMED KHAN to a tree and ordered a Japanese soldier to tie him up. After 5 hours of this MATSUO set him free. The next day MARUO met AHMED KHAN and tied him to a tree, after this he beat him with sticks and hands and he was left tied up till the evening.

MARUO used to beat the Ps.O.W. as a regular practice and would invariably send out serious ulcer cases on fatigues. He left the unit on 15 August 1944.

Havildar AHMED KHAN will attend to give evidence and statements of the accused and WILAYAT KHAN will be tendered.