

Summary of examination of 1st Lieutenant TANAKA Hitoshi who duly affirmed and solemnly states :-

I am 30 years of age, of JAPANESE Nationality, and born at FUKUOKA PREFECTURE, KYUSHU, JAPAN,

My permanent home is 35 - 3 CHO-ME, MATSUGAE CHO, KURUME CITY, FUKUOKA, KYSHU, JAPAN.

I am at present held in custody at STANLEY GAOL, HONG KONG.

On the outbreak of Hostilities my Regt., took part in the capture of Hong Kong. At the end of January 1942, I was transferred to the Prisoners of War Camp Staff as Intelligence Officer. My own staff consisted of the following N.C.OS. Sgts. HAYASHI (林) and HAYAKAWA (平川) and Corporal TAKINO (滝野). All instructions regarding prisoners of War were given by Colonel TOKUNAGA (徳永), Commandant of Prison Camps, Hong Kong, or by his Adjutant Capt. KURATA (倉田). The latter was replaced at the end of 1942 by Captain YOKOI (横井).

At about 2 a.m. of a certain in June or July 1942, four Canadians (Sgt. PAINE, Pte. BARNES and two others) escaped from NORTH POINT CAMP during a storm. They had somehow procured a boat and in attempting to cross to the Kowloon side the boat capsized. They were picked up by 2nd Lt. MATSUMOTO (松本), who went in pursuit of them and were taken to KAI TAK Aerodrome. Here they were cut down with swords, stabbed with bayonets and shot. Their bodies were later taken by truck to P.O.W. Camp H.Q. Forfar Road. No death certificates were issued and no funeral rites were held. Tokyo was informed that they had been shot whilst escaping from a P.O.W. Camp. 2nd Lieut. MATSUMOTO who at that time was officer i/c of the Guard at North Point was later transferred to New Guinea or Rabaul.

At about 10 o'clock the same date, I met Colonel TOKUNAGA, Lt. WADA (和田), 2nd Lt. MATSUMOTO and Private GOTO (後藤) at H.Q.S. Lieut WADA had already been to KAI TAK Aerodrome. A true report was made to Colonel TOKUNAGA who approved of the action taken.

I hereby declare that the statement above was given by me voluntarily after being cautioned and informed that I was not obliged to make any statement and that if I did it might be given in evidence.

(signed) H. TANAKA.

INTERPRETER: I certify that I truly translated the above summary to the witness in his own language prior to his signature which appears above.

(signed) BEACON YEH

Solemn declaration made before me F.V. COLLISON, Capt.  
WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION UNIT,  
HONG KONG.

This Third day of April, 1946.  
Detailed to examine the above by the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Land Forces, South East Asia.  
(Authority:- ALFSEA War Crimes Instruction No. 1 para 7). CSN.

Certified true copy.

(signed) C.C. Cooper Lt. Col.