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MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No. BM/JAG/65112

Name of Accused (including Rank, if any)	Arm or Former Arm of the Service	Age	Date and Place of Trial
USUKI Kishio HIRAMATSU Aitaro MOTOYAMA Kinzo MATSUMOTO Meizan TOKUYAMA Mitsui IWAYA Taikyo TOMOTOMA Yugei MORIMOTO Kinei MINAKA Shyunshyaku KUNOI Eiji	All in the service of the Imperial Japanese Army attached 223 B.O.D.		12, 13, 19 and 22 August 1946. Singapore. Convened by Comd Singapore District.

CHARGES

See Appendix "A" attached.

President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member)			Judge Advocate/Legal Member
Lt-col	E.N. BLACKLOCK	K.O.S.B.	
Maj.	S.F. HODGENS, DSO	R.A.A.	
F/Lt.	D.W.M. PARTINGTON	R.A.F.	- N.A. -

Pleaded	Finding
All Accused Not Guilty.	1st Charge - Accused 6 - Not Guilty Accused 1, 2,3,4,5,7,8, 9, and 10 - Guilty. 2nd Charge - Accused 2 - Guilty. 3rd Charge - Accused 1 & 6 - Guilty. Accused 4 & 10 - Guilty with the exception of the words "thereby causing death". 4th Charge Accused 3 - Guilty 5th Charge - Accused 1 & 8 - Not Guilty Accused 4 & 6 - Guilty 6th Charge - Accused 7 & 10 - Not Guilty

Accused 1,2,3,5 & 6 sentenced to death by hanging. Guilty Accused 5 - Guilty 8th Charge - Accused 1,2 & 3 - Not Guilty
Accused 4,8 & 9 sentenced to life imprisonment. Accused 7, Guilty - Accused 4,8 & 9 - Guilty.
10 yrs imprisonment. Accused 10 - 15 yrs imprisonment. Confirmed by Comd Singapore District.

When and where Promulgated :— on 11 November 1946 who commuted the sentences of Accused 3 and Accused 5 to life imprisonment.
20 November 1946

Date of Receipt	To whom sent	Date sent	Purport

CHARGE SHEET

1st Charge
against all
the accused.

Committing a War Crime in that they at TAMUANG POW Camp Siam between 1 March 1944 and 31 January 1945 while employed as members of the staff of the said POW Camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned as parties in the ill-treatment of British, Australian and Dutch PsOW interned in the said camp.

2nd Charge
against
HIRAMATSU Aitaro
only.

Committing a War Crime in that he at TONCHAN POW Camp Siam between 1 October 1942 and 31 July 1943 while in command of the said POW Camp in violation of the laws and usages of war was concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW interned therein thereby causing the deaths of some of the said PsOW and physical suffering to others of the said PsOW.

3rd Charge
against
USUKI Kishio
IWAYA Taikyo
MATSUMOTO Meizan
KUMOI Eiichi only.

Committing a War Crime in that they at KANU POW Camp Siam between 1 October 1942 and 31 July 1943 while employed as members of the staff of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW interned therein thereby causing death to some of the said PsOW and physical suffering to others of the said PsOW.

4th Charge
against
MOTOYAMA Kinzo
only.

Committing a War Crime in that he at PUNGYISHO POW Camp Siam between 1 February 1943 and 31 July 1943 while in command of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war was concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW interned therein causing physical suffering to many of the said PsOW.

5th Charge
against
USUKI Kishio
MATSUMOTO Meizan
MORIMOTO Kinei
IWAYA Taikyo
only.

Committing a War Crime in that they at TARSOA POW Camp Siam in or about the months of August or September 1943 while employed as members of the staff of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW in particular one Pte. HILTON a British POW interned therein.

6th Charge
against
MOTOYAMA Kinzo
MATSUMOTO Meizan
IWAYA Taikyo
TOMOTOMA Yugei
MORIMOTO Kinei
KUMOI Eiichi
MINAKA Shyunshyaku
only.

Committing a War Crime in that they at KINSAYOK and KRIAN KRI POW Camps Siam between 1 August 1943 and 31 March 1944 while employed as members of the staff of the said camps in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian and Allied PsOW interned therein.

7th Charge
against
HIRAMATSU Aitaro
TOKUYAMA Mitsui
only.

Committing a War Crime in that they at RIN TIN POW Camp Siam in or about the month of September 1943 while employed as members of the staff of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW interned in the said camp.

8th Charge
against
USUKI Kishio
HIRAMATSU Aitaro
MOTOYAMA Kinzo
MATSUMOTO Meizan
MORIMOTO Kinei
MINAKA Shyunshyaku
only

Committing a War Crime in that they at PRATCHAI POW Camp Siam between the 1st May 1945 and 30th September 1945 while employed as members of the staff of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British PsOW interned therein thereby causing physical suffering to many of them.

ACCUSED.

- (1) Lieut. Kishio USUKI.
- (2) Sjt/Maj. Aitaro HIRAMATSU.
- (3) Korean Kinzo MOTOYAMA.
- (4) " Meizan MATSUMOTO.
- (5) " Mitsui TOKUYAMA.
- (6) " Taikyo IWAYA.
- (7) " Yugei TOMOTOMA.
- (8) " Kinei MORIMOTO.
- (9) " Shyunshyaku MINAKA.
- (10) " Eiji KOMOI.

CHARGES.

1st Charge (against all accused). COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at TAMUANG POW Camp Siam between 1 March 1944 and 31 January 1945 while employed as members of the staff of the said POW Camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned as parties in the ill-treatment of British, Australian and Dutch PsOW interned in the said camp.

2nd Charge (against 2nd accused only) COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that he at TONCHAN POW Camp Siam between 1 October 1942 and 31 July 1943 while in command of the said POW Camp in violation of the laws and usages of war was concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW interned therein thereby causing the deaths of some of the said PsOW and physical suffering to others of the said PsOW.

3rd Charge (against 1st, 4th, 6th and 10th accused only) COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at KANU POW Camp Siam between 1 October 1942 and 31 July 1943 while employed as members of the staff of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW interned therein thereby causing death to some of the said PsOW and physical suffering to others of the said PsOW.

4th Charge (against 3rd accused only) COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that he at PUNGYISHO POW Camp Siam between 1 February 1943 and 31 July 1943 while in command of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war was concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW interned therein causing physical suffering to many of the said PsOW.

5th Charge (against 1st, 4th, 6th and 8th accused only) COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at TARSOA POW Camp Siam in or about the months of August or September 1943 while employed as members of the staff of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW and in particular one Private HILTON a British POW interned therein.

6th Charge (against 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th accused only) COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at KINSAYOK and KRIAN KRI POW Camps Siam between 1 August 1943 and 31 March 1944 while employed as members of the staff of the said camps in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British, Australian and Allied PsOW interned therein.

7th Charge (against 2nd and 5th accused only) COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at RIN TIN POW Camp Siam in or about the month of September 1943 while employed as members of the staff of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British and Australian PsOW interned in the said camp.

8th Charge (against 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th and 9th accused only) COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at PRATCHAI POW Camp Siam between the 1st May 1945 and 30th September 1945 while employed as members of the staff of the said camp in violation of the laws and usages of war were together concerned in the ill-treatment of British PsOW interned therein thereby causing physical suffering to many of them.

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