

RECORD OF MILITARY COURT
(JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS)

Ans. 245

AWC No.....

Accused: **Capt SUZUKI Shozo**

Aust W.C. List Ser No.....

Court, Place, Date and Formation: **Singapore 24 & 26 Feb 47
1 Aust War Crimes Sec.**

Charge(s)	Plea	Finding
Committing a war crime in that he at Batavia Java in and between the months of April and September 1942 while concerned in the administration and supervision of PW inhumanely treated such PW.	Not guilty	Guilty of the charge except for the word "Sept" the word "Aug" should be substituted.

Precis of Evidence: 1. The evidence for the prosecution was documentary and consisted of nine affidavits made by former members of the AIF who were PW in Japanese hands. The substance of the evidence contained in such affidavits was to the following effect. The accused was the Comd of Bicycle PW Camp Batavia, Java, from Apr to Aug 42 and that during that time PW were not supplied with adequate accommodation and quarters, food, clothing, footwear or medical supplies. On numerous occasions many of the said PW were brutally and viciously attacked by guards in the said camp on the slightest pretext and in many instances for no reason at all. On 4 Jul 42 the accused personally ordered and participated in the beating, torture and kicking of four Australian officers for many hours for their refusal to sign an oath requiring them to obey implicitly all orders of the Imperial Japanese Army.
2. The accused gave evidence in his defence. He alleged that he did all in his power to improve the accommodation and quartering of PW and that (P.T.O.)

Sentence and Date: **To be imprisoned for ten years. 26 Feb 47.**

Confirmation and by Whom: *May Gen W.P.M. Anderson Adj Gen A.M.F. 22/5/47*

Promulgation: *Promulgated to the accused on 13/6/47*

Petition: *No Petition lodged by Accused*

J.A.G.'s Report ~~on Petition~~: **Confirm finding but suggests that sentence should be mitigated to imprisonment for 5 years.**

Action on Petition: *—*

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food supplies were issued according to the ration scale provided for members of the Japanese Army. He further alleged that he was unable to supply adequately clothing, footwear and medical supplies as there was a shortage of same in Java at that time. He stated that he made every effort to obtain increased supplies. He denied the allegations that he ordered, participated or witnessed the ill-treatment of four Australian officers and further alleged that he did not hear of or see any acts of ill-treatment of PW by guards under his command.