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[AUSTRALIAN] WAR CRIMES COMMISSION  
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QUESTIONNAIRE

Notes:--

- (a) This questionnaire should be completed by:--
- (i) All repatriated Australian prisoners of war (A.I.F., R.A.A.F. and R.A.N.)
  - (ii) All repatriated Australian civil internees.
  - (iii) All repatriated British civil internees in the Pacific Area (excluding Malaya and China)
  - (iv) All members and ex-members of the Allied forces who have actual knowledge of war crimes committed by the enemy.
- (b) It will be completed in the presence of an officer who will countersign the signature of the person making the statement.
- (c) It is important that a full statement on page 3 (carried on to page 4 if necessary) be furnished as well as the answer to 8 (f).

1. Army number 4737 2. Rank [Gunner (A/Bdr)]
3. Full name (in BLOCK letters) [MULLINS John Boud]
4. Unit at time of capture and/or place of capture 2/15 Field Regt. MALAYA  
(State her unit in which soldier was serving at time of capture, e.g. 2/1 F or H.Q. 6 Aust. Div., &c)
5. Home address 19 Central Avenue, LANLY, NSW
6. At what enemy camps and hospitals were you confined and when were you at each? Jan-Oct. 42, CHANGI Oct 42-Mar 43, THAILAND. Mar 43-June 4, SHIKOKU, Japan from July until 13 Sept 45.

7. Do you have any information about any atrocities against, or mistreatment of, Allied soldiers, prisoners of war, civilian internees or the civilian population for which you think the perpetrator should be punished? (Answer by stating YES or NO in the spaces provided below)--

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| (a) Killings or executions  | <u>no</u><br>YES or NO            |
| (b) Rape, torture, beatings and other cruelties   | <u>yes</u><br>YES or NO           |
| (c) Imprisonment under improper conditions  | <u>yes - general</u><br>YES or NO |
| (d) Massacres, wholesale looting, pillage, or burning of towns, villages                            | <u>no</u><br>YES or NO            |
| (e) Use of prisoners of war or civilians on enemy military works or operations                      | <u>yes - general</u><br>YES or NO |
| (f) Exposure of prisoners of war to danger of gunfire, bombing, torpedoing, or other hazards of war | <u>yes - general</u><br>YES or NO |
| (g) Transportation of prisoners of war under improper conditions or deportation of civilians        | <u>yes - general</u><br>YES or NO |
| (h) Public exhibition or exposure to ridicule of prisoners of war                                   | <u>no</u><br>YES or NO            |
| (i) Failure to provide prisoners of war or internees with proper medical care, food or quarters.    | <u>yes - general</u><br>YES or NO |
| (j) Collective punishment of a group for offence of others  | <u>no</u><br>YES or NO            |
| (k) Breaches of rules relating to the Red Cross   | <u>no</u><br>YES or NO            |

- (l) Cannibalism no  
YES or NO
- (m) Mutilation of the dead no  
YES or NO
- \*(n) Any other war crimes not  
specifically mentioned above  
for which you think the guilty  
persons should be punished no  
YES or NO

If any question is answered YES then state the facts in 6(f)  
on pages 3 and

8. Details of Atrocities.----

- (a) Kind of crime Many of these were general but 2  
cases of TORTURE
- (b) When and where it happened Starvation of prisoners  
occurred generally but particularly in JAPAN where  
2 men were tortured.
- (c) Who was the victim? (Give complete description  
including name and whether military or civilian  
personnel) Gunners BASIL JONES and ALLAN ORR of  
2/15 Fd Regt, both from NSW
- (d) Who was the perpetrator? (Give as complete des-  
cription and as much information as possible).   
Jap Warrant Officer known as "HAPPY JACK", real name  
would be known to Lt. WITHEYCOMBE of 2/15 Fd Regt,  
and Lt. SANDERSON of 2/19 Inf. Bn. both of whom  
were in the same camp at SHIKOKU
- (e) State if you saw it yourself. If you did not see it,  
who told you about it? (Gives names and addresses  
of other witnesses) I saw the wounds the day  
after torture, and was told the details by the  
victims.

- (f) Give brief stor. of crime. Full statement required on pages 3 and 4. Victims had their hands

"SPIKED" to tables with spike files and then

their fingernails lifted with a paper knife.

To the best of my belief the above particulars are correct.

/s/ Not Legible  
(Signature of Interrogating Officer)

/s/ J. Mullins  
Signature

3 Nov 45  
(Date)

2/9 Aust General Hospital  
(Place and/or Unit at which interrogation was made.)

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Comment by Interrogation Officer This recovered soldier was in very bad condition when recovered from JAPANESE hands, and would have died in a matter of days from MAL-NUTRITION AND BERRI BERRI. He has now been cleared from the D.I. List, after 6 weeks hospitalization, but is still on the seriously ill list.

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- \* Other war crimes not specifically mentioned include:--
- (i) Usurpation of sovereignty during military occupation.
  - (ii) Compulsory enlistment of soldiers among the inhabitants of occupied territory.
  - (iii) Attempts to denationalize the inhabitants of occupied territory.
  - (iv) Confiscation of property.
  - (v) Exaction of illegitimate or of exorbitant contributions and requisitions.
  - (vi) Debasing of the currency and issue of spurious currency.
  - (vii) Deliberate bombardment of undefended places.
  - (viii) Wanton destruction of religious, charitable, educational and historic buildings and monuments.
  - (ix) Use of explosive or expanding bullets and other inhuman appliances.
  - (x) Directions to give no quarter and refusal of quarter.
  - (xi) Misuse of flags of truce.

## FULL STATEMENT OF ATROCITY OR CRIME.

This MUST be signed by the person making the statement and counter-signed by the interrogating officer at the end of the statement.

WITNESS BEING DULY SWORN STATES:-

At YAMANI Camp on the JAP island of SHIKOKU, about March 1945, Gnr Basil JONES and Gnr Allan ORR, both of 2/15 Fd Regt were accused of stealing sugar.

They were taken away under the orders of the Jap WO known as "HAPPY JACK" for questioning. They denied having stolen the sugar and told the truth, that they had obtained it from their Jap guards in exchange for cigarettes from their Red Cross parcel.

"HAPPY JACK" refused to believe this, and in an effort to extract a confession of theft from them, HE SPINNED THEIR HANDS TO TABLES USING AN ORDINARY TYPE OF OFFICE SPIKE FILE. THE SPIKE WAS DRIVEN RIGHT THROUGH THE HAND SEVERAL TIMES NEAR THE KNUCKLE JOINTS. HE THEN PRESSED AND LIFTED FORCIBLY THE FINGER NAILS OF THE ME" USING A PAPER KNIFE AS A LEVER. /s/ JR

I saw both JONES and ORR the following day, and their hands were in a shocking condition. They both told me what had occurred. I also know that on the day of the torture, "HAPPY JACK" gave Lt. "ITHYCOMBE an unmerciful beating .... Both JONES AND ORR had very bad hands for a long time, as a result of their tortures.

The Jap WO "HAPPY JACK" was responsible for frequently severely beating up the PW, his favorite weapon being a heavy wooden sword. He seemed to loath all whites, and indulged his cruel tendencies on every possible occasion.

The food conditions in this camp at SHIKOKU were very bad. We had to live on a very small quantity of rice and barley, and we used our few cents a day work pay to buy any food we could. We were so starved that we bought and ate the entrails of dogs, and when we could get it, horseflesh.



Our work was in the copper mine, the shifts being each 12 hours a day with one day off each month. (On this day they gave us less food still, on the grounds that we needed less because of no work). The mines had previously been closed because of the dangerous condition of working, but they opened the dangerous shafts for us to work. There were some deaths through accident.

Confirmation of all this evidence can be obtained from the officers named herein.

SWORN BEFORE ME AT MOROTAI, THIS THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER  
1945.

/s/ Not Legible MAJOR  
INTERROGATING OFFICER  
3 PW Contact & Enquiry Unit

/s/ J. Mullins

signature of Witness

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/S/ Everett Checket  
EVERETT CHECKET  
Major Infantry

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砲 兵 ( 副 砲 手 )

ジョーン・バウド・マリンス

一九四五年三月頃、日本四國島ノ「ヤマニ」收容所  
デ2/15 野戦部隊砲手「バズイル・ジョーンズ」同  
ジク砲手「アラン・オー」兩名ハ砂糖ヲ盗ンダカド  
デ咎メラレタ。  
彼等ハ「ハビー・ジャツク」デ通ツテキル日本人  
士官ノ命令ヲ諷問ノタメ達レ去ラレタ。彼等ハ砂糖  
ヲ盗ンダコトラ否定シタソシテ彼等ノ赤十字カラ來  
小包中ノ煙草ト交換ニ日本人守衛カラ手ニ入レタ  
モ、彼等ハ實ヲ語ツタ。  
「ジャツク」ハコレヲ信ジャウトセズ、ドウシ  
モ、彼等ハ「カ」盗ミラシタト白狀サセヨウトシテ普通  
ノ事務用ノ釘ノ綴デ込ミラ使ツテ彼等ノ手ヲ卓子ニ  
打ツタ。釘ハ致同ニ亘リ指關節近クノ所デ手ヲブ  
チ抜イタ。ソレカラ彼ハ紙切ナイフラ挺ノ代リニシ  
テ指ノ爪ヲ以テ開ケ爪ヲ無理ニハガシタ。  
彼等ハ翌日「ジョーンズ」「オー」ノ兩人ニ會ツタガ  
彼等ノ手ハ言語道斷ノ狀態デアツタ。彼等ノ二人ハ

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私ニ事ノ次第ヲ語ツタ。私ハ又ソノ拷問ノ日ニ彼カ  
「ウイズイカウム」少尉ヲ無慈悲ニモ毆打シタ事ヲ  
シツテギタ。――「ジョーンズ」モ「オー」  
モ長イコト拷問ノ結果トシテ目モアテラレヌ手ヲシ  
テギタ。

日本人準士官ハビ―・ジャツクハ屢々慘酷ニ捕虜  
ヲ打ツタソノ責任カアル。彼ノオ得意ノ武器ハ重イ  
木剣デアツタ。彼ハ白人トイフ白人ヲ嫌ツテギルヲ  
シク出來ル限リノ機會ニ彼ノ惨忍性ヲ發揮シタ。

四國ニ於ケル當所ノ食糧事情ハ頗ル悪カツタ。我  
々ハ全ク小量ノ米ト大麥ヲ暮サネバナラナカツタ。  
我々ハ一日幾錢カデアアル仕事賃ヲ何カ食物ヲ買フノ  
ニ使ツタ。我々ハ餘リニ飢エテギタカラ犬ノ内臓ヲ  
買ツテ食ヒ手ニ入レラレタ時ハ馬肉ヲモ食ツタ。

我ノ仕事ハ銅山ヲ交替労働時間ハ一日十二時間ヲ  
毎月一日ノ休ミガアツタ。ヘコノ休ミノ日ハ働カナ  
イカラ少ナイ食事ヲ間ニ合フトイフ理屈ヲ不斷ヨリ  
モツト小量シカ食事ヲ與ヘラレナカツタ。

ソノ鑛山ハ以前作業ニ危険ナ狀態デアアルタメ閉鎖  
セラレテギタモノデアアルガ彼等ハ我々ガ働クタメニ  
ソノ危険ナ堅坑ヲ開イタ。災害ノタメ死ヌ人モ幾人  
カアツタ。