

MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

Br. 481.

ACCUSED Sgt KUWANO Nobuyuki
of the Imperial Japanese Army attached to 2 Buffs
Stanley Fort.

PLACE AND DATE OF TRIAL HONGKONG 20, 21, 22, 26, 27 August and 1st
September 1947.

COURT CONVENED BY Commander Land Forces, HONG KONG.

PRESIDENT Lt.Col. N.G.WAIT Int. Corps

MEMBERS Major A.CLAYWORTH R.A.
Capt. R.B.R.GORELY K.R.R.C.

CHARGE 1st Charge COMMITTING A WAR CRIME, in that he, at
Hong Kong in or about the month of September 1943,
was, in Violation of the Laws and Usages of War,
concerned in the illtreatment of LI CHU KWAN, a
civilian resident of Hong Kong aforesaid.
2nd Charge COMMITTING A WAR CRIME, in that he, at
KOWLOON in the Colony of Hong Kong between the 24th
May 1945 and 1st June 1945, was, in Violation of
the laws and Usages of War, concerned in the ill-
treatment of Chan Chor Bun and Wong Chor Key civilian
residents of Hong Kong aforesaid.

PLEA Each Charge - Not guilty.

FINDING 1st Charge - Not guilty.
2nd Charge - Guilty (with exceptions)

SENTENCE 1st September 1947. 18 months imprisonment.

CONFIRMED 5th November 1947. By GOC Land Forces, Hong Kong

PROMULGATED 7th November 1947.

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF PROCEEDINGS

TO AG3 GHQ FARELF 19th Dec 1947
JAG of the Forces _____

DJAG FARELF.

Case No. 65262 JAG.

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

Sgt. KUWANO Nobuyuki was one of the members of the KOWLOON KEMPEITAI which arrested many civilians on various charges and detained them at their H.Qs. or at their various Sub-Stations. These civilians were illtreated in various ways by the Kempeitai Staff in order to force them to confess. Sgt. KUWANO himself tortured a few of these civilians.

KUWANO beat POON WO with a heavy wooden club and kicked him one day and on the day following when KUWANO took him away from the cell, POON WO's cell-mates heard POON WO screaming loudly off and on for 5 hours. When POON WO returned to the cell he was suffering from great pain as a result of which he died the next day.

KUWANO accused WONG CHOR MEY of being a spy and a British Agent. On denying this, he beat him, gave him water torture and burnt him on various parts of his body with a lighted cigarette.

LI CHU KWAN was similarly accused by KUWANO and on denial was beaten by him with a pick-axe handle. Three days later KUWANO again beat him with a leather strap and threw him on the ground with "ju jitsu" hold and kicked him. Four days later he was again interrogated by KUWANO and beaten.

CHAN CHOR BUN, LI CHU KWAN, LO HUNG, WONG CHOR KEY and Dr. R.E. ALVARES will attend the trial.