

AFFIDAVIT

On Thursday, this twenty-second day of August 1946 appeared before me,

F. H. von MEIJENFELDT,

Ass. Judge Advocate, attached to the Temporary Court Martial at MAKASSAR, in charge of the investigation in the case of: war criminals, the person of: "DACHLAN",

summoned to bear witness of the truth in the case of the suspect mentioned, who, after having been remonstrated with about the obligation to tell the truth and nothing but the truth and the importance of the oath to be taken by him, answered as follows to the questions put to him:

What is your full name, age, profession, residence?

"DACHLAN", 20 years of age. Tailor at Malang.

Have you any legal reasons to refuse to bear witness in the case of this suspect?

No.

Tell me your experiences during the Japanese occupation.

In 1943 I went to SOERABAYA to try and find work. I obtained employment with the Japanese as a carpenter at a salary of f.0.80 per day. From this money I had to pay all my expenses. 8 days later I was arrested during my work and together with 400 men embarked on a large ship. A week later we disembarked at MAKASSAR. Four of our men died during the journey. We received only one meal a day and one cup of drinking water. In MAKASSAR I was made ships-carpenter and was paid f.1.25 per day. I had to pay all my expenses; medical treatment only was free of charge. I had to work from 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. I have never had a day off. I was beaten with a rattan stick once, in such a way that my whole right hand was swollen, I could not work for 2 months and I received no payment during that time. I know that 14 of our men died of beriberi and starvation. As I could not live on f.1.25 a day, I had to work on in the evening to earn more money. I frequently lodged complaints with the Japanese head of the ship-yard, concerning the low salary, but without results however. Twice I have written home via the post-office and received a reply once.

Do you know other particulars that might be of importance to Justice?

No.

After the above questions and answers are read to witness clearly and slowly, translated in the Japanese language by the sworn interpreter, witness declares to adhere to his statement and not to wish that anything should be added to it or changed in it, as proof whereof he signs his statement.

For the interpretation:
(w.s.)
(Illegible)

The Witness:
w.s. "DACHLAN"

Made in my presence,

the ass. Judge Advocate,

(w.s.) "F.H. von MEIJENFELDT".

Thereon witness took the oath according to his creed to have told the truth and nothing but the truth.

the ass. Judge Advocate,

(w.s.) "F.H. von MEIJENFELDT".

For the confirmation on oath,
(w.s.)
(Illegible)

For true copy,
the 1st clerk,
(w.s.) A.J. de KAT.

Translated by Section V.
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