

FORM OF STATEMENT

Sworn Statement of
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Occupation:-

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Student

Duly sworn states, I am 16 years of age, of Anglo-Burmese Christian nationality, and born at KYAIKTO. My permanent home is at KYAIKTO. I am at present living at KYAIKTO.

About 20 days after the arrival of K.T. at our house, one morning at about 1100 hours I came to the house from PHEKALEIK village to which place we had evacuated earlier and while there I saw a well dressed Indian, who I afterwards learnt that he died at PHEKALEIK while under K.T. custody, talking with Capt. MATSUOKA Kenro while Sgt. Maj. SUZUKI Kiyoshi was sitting near eating rice. I know these two K.T. by their photographs. I heard MATSUOKA asking the Indian what property he possess and where he lived. After a while I saw Sgt. TOYAMA Shoji took this Indian away to the back garden and Corporal SAKAMAKI Tsutae and SAKAKI Toyohiko who I recognise by photographs tied him with a rope and blind folded him and brought him back to the house and put in wooden fetters.

At about 1630 hrs. after their meal W.O. TSUBOI Yoshio, I can recognise from photograph, interrogated him and ordered Sgt. TOYAMA who rapped the Indian's foot with rags and pour kerosine oil on it and set fire to the foot. Later I found this foot with a big sore and rotting. As the sore was smelling he was kept apart.

2 days after all the K.T. left for NGAPYAWDAW village where paratroops were heard to drop leaving SUZUKI Kiyoshi, one Jap officer in spectacles who is not among the photographs and other N.C.Os. That very day I was interpreter THAN AUNG of LEITPYAGAN Qr., PEGU, brought one woman, whose husband I know to be KO BA MG of KYAIKTO, tied with a rope. The Jap Officer asked him why she did not accept the worn out Jap currency. She pleased that it was not generally accepted. Then the Jap officer said that she must be punished and another Jap whole photograph is not here, tied her with a rope but she escaped and the Jap chased her and pulled her back by her hair. Then she has retied and beaten by the same Jap while SUZUKI Kiyoshi stood by and laughed and clapped his hands. Then SUZUKI Kiyoshi ordered the Jap to stop, and tied her to a post. When she was tied the Jap took off her longyi and beat her again. At this juncture I went up stairs and peeped through the floor. Then THAN AUNG brought a placard on which were written some Burnese letters and hung it on her neck. Then her longyi was restured and was pulled along the road by the rope followed by the interpreter, the Jap and Cpl SAITO Kenji who I recognise by the photograph. I was told that she was taken to the bazaar and was exhibited. After a while I followed and found the

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party at the pagoda where she was released. I saw her fall down unconscious and I returned to PHEKALEIK.

Then on the 17th June, 1945, the day we were arrested at about 0900 hours while I was kept under arrest on the ground floor I saw SULTAN taken out by Cpls. SAKAMAKI and SAKAKI to the air raid trench in the back garden. W.O. TSUBOI was then sitting on a chair near the trench. A Jap with a deep cut scar on the forehead took a pitcher full of hot water and he poured the hot water into SULTAN'S mouth TSUBOI who knows Burmese well interrogated and ordered the Jap who kicked SULTAN into the trench which was full of water and he pressed him down with his foot. After a few minutes, he was pulled up and the drowning was repeated 3 or 4 times. Then I saw SULTAN unconscious and was brought back and put in wooden fetters again. At about 1600 hours MA SWAN TI was brought in and taken out to the back garden and beaten by the Jap with the scar on the forehead, while W.O. TSUBOI interrogated her and Cpl. CHIBA Nobuo was looking after MA SWAN TI child.

I only heard ABHUSU crying in pain from the back of the garden. On the same day I was released.

(Signature) ROLAND JOSEPH

Interpreter.

I certify that I duly translated the above summary to the witness in his own language prior to his signature which appears above.

(Signature) indecipherable.
Interpreter.

Affirmed before me ? (Signature) Rank: Capt.

Description:- Army officer on 6th July, 1946.

An officer detailed to examine the above by the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Land Forces, South East Asia.

(AUTHORITY:- ALFSEA War Crimes Instruction No. 1. para 7).

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