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ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Affidavit of A.F.P. HULSEME, Lieutenant, RNNR, on Japanese Ultimatum to BALIKPAPAN Garrison

Date: 22 Jun 46 Original  Copy  Language: English

Has it been translated? Yes  No

Has it been photostated? Yes  No

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

Document Division

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: Netherlands Forces Intelligence Service

PERSONS IMPLICATED:

CRIMES TO WHICH DOCUMENT APPLICABLE: Relations with Netherlands

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS

HULSEME affirms that in document he saw, signed by commander of a BUTAI, (force), the demand was made surrender of Balikpapan with all installations intact. In case of demolitions, it was stated, "some people" would be killed. It was believed at the time this meant residents of TARAKAN, already in Japanese hands.

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C e r t i f i c a t e

The undersigned CHARLES JONGENEEL, first lieutenant R.N.I.A., head of the War Crimes Section of NETHERLANDS FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NEFIS) being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states that the annexed original document, entitled:

Statement of A.F.P.HULSEWÉ, lieut.R.N.N.R., dated Batavia, June 22, 1946, concerning the Balikpapan ultimatum

has been taken from the official records of the NEFIS.

Signature :

*A. F. P. Hulswé*



Batavia, June 25th, 1946.

Subscribed and sworn to before me K.A.de WEEERD, LL.D., first lieutenant R.N.I.A., Senior Official attached to the Office of the Attorney General N.E.I.

*K.A. de Weerd*

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S t a t e m e n t

of A.F.P. Hulsewé, Lieutenant, Royal Netherlands Navy Reserve, Special Service Branch.

The witness duly sworn states:

My name is Anthony François Paulus HULSEWÉ, I am Netherlander by nationality. I am 36 years of age; my permanent home is Batavia, where I am living at present.

My civil occupation before having been inducted into military service, (on February 22, 1942) was staff member of the Bureau for East Asiatic Affairs (Japanese section) of the N.E.I. Government, concurrently lecturer-extraordinary in Chinese and cultural history of the Far East. Dates of appointment: 1928 language student at Leyden University, Holland; 1931 language student in China and Japan; 1935 staff member; 1940 reader in cultural history, 1941 lecturer-extraordinary.

I have been asked to state my recollections of the Japanese ultimatum to the garrison of Balikpapan (Borneo).

I definitely saw a photostat copy of these demands; I may have seen the original as well, as I have in my mind a picture of a red impression of a seal; perhaps I saw the original later.

I was shown this (these) document(s) at the bureau for East Asiatic Affairs, some time in January or February 1942, immediately upon its(their) arrival at the bureau. It was shown to me by Mr. A. H. J. LOVINK, at that time Director of the bureau, at present Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of China, and in the presence of my colleague of the bureau for East Asiatic Affairs Mr. H. HAGENAAK, at present at the Hague, Holland; others present at that occasion may have been Mr. L. Kamper, head of the Japanese section of the Bureau, at present Lieut. Colonel, attached to the Netherlands Mission at Tokyo, and Mr. J. B. de WILDE, assistant-director of the Bureau and at present in Batavia.

The Japanese document was signed and sealed by the commander of a butai (detachment of unknown size), No. 44.. or 42.. (four figures, as usual). The contents were short but not clear. The demand was for the surrender of Balikpapan with all installations intact; in case of demolitions some people were to be killed. I purposely employ the childish term "some people", because at that time we were not at all clear as to who were meant. TARAKAN had already been captured and we considered the possibility that the captives at Tarakan were to be exterminated in case demolitions took place at BALIKPAPAN. I believe the threat was general and not directed specifically at the military forces.

Signature:

A. F. P. Hulsewé

Sworn and subscribed before me K. A. DE WEEERD, LL.D., first lieutenant R.N.I.A., senior official attached to the office of the Attorney-General N.E.I., this 22nd day of June, 1946.

Signature :

K. A. De Weerd