

Ex 1850-A

Document No. 409-A

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a. Extract from Document entitled "Daily Record of Investigation of Prisoners," dated 8 March - 14 May, 1942, unit unknown, containing daily records of investigation of CHINESE, natives and civilians under surveillance in LAE Area:

"28 April - Although we today re-examined them at the Mountain Gun Unit sentry group, they did not confess. Perhaps MAHI and the other natives took separate roads to come here, so the latter did not see them. However considering the future, one person was handed over to the Chief Medical Officer of No. 4 Air Medical Unit for medical experiments, and the other five persons were stabbed to death."  
(ATIS Enemy Publications No. 65, page 6).

b. Prisoner of War FUSEI, Iwataro, (JA 145118) labourer, member of 15 Pioneer Battalion, surrendered near BUNA, 3 January 1943, stated:

"An AUSTRALIAN Second Lieutenant was captured at BUNA in September and was questioned by Interpreter SATO. He was examined as to Allied treatment of prisoners of war and stated that we placed them in internment camps and that they were well treated. After examination he was beheaded that night. The medical officer of 14 Pioneer United acted as executioner using his own sword.

"Two AMERICAN soldiers were captured. One of them is said to have claimed to be a MEXICAN. The other was an AMERICAN. Prisoner of war stated he did not know full details. Interpreter SATO told him that these prisoners of war were blindfolded while being questioned and afterwards were both beheaded by the same medical officer of the 14 Pioneers who used his own sword."  
(ATIS Advanced Echelon No. 1, Subsequent Preliminary Interrogation of Prisoner of War JA 145118, page 3).

#### 8. VIVISECTION.

a. While B-363 was at KHANDOK, he saw the following committed on a healthy, unwounded AFRICAN prisoner of war:

"The man was tied to a tree outside the HIKARI KIKAN Office. A JAPANESE doctor and four JAPANESE medical students stood around him. They first removed the finger nails, then cutting open his chest removed his heart, on which the doctor gave a practical demonstration."  
(CSDIC Information Section Report No. 40, page 3).

b. Extract from diary, apparently belonging to an officer, unit unknown. Vivisection took place in KOKUMBONA Area of GUADACANAL.

"24 September, 1942 - Because two prisoners escaped, each unit was notified and we searched until it finally became daylight.

"26 September - Discovered and captured the two prisoners who escaped last night in the jungle, and let the Guard Company guard them. To prevent their escaping a second time, pistols were fired at their feet, but it was difficult to hit them. The two prisoners were dissected while still alive by Medical Officer YAMAJI and their livers were taken out, and for the first time I saw the internal organs of a human being. It was very informative."

(SOPAC Translation, Serial No. 01497, Item 614, pages 1 - 7.)