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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST
NO. 1

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and ors.

- AGAINST -

ARAKI, SADIO, and ors.

I, JOHN WILLIAM WRIGHT, of Sydney in the State of New South Wales make oath and say as follows:-

1. I was NX12233 Lt. Colonel John William Wright, 2/15 Field Regiment when I became a prisoner of war of the Japanese at Singapore on 15 February 1942.
2. Prior to that date, about 24th or 25th of January 1942 I saw an ambulance convoy bombed from a low height near Ayeritam in Johore. It was a British convoy of approximately ten vehicles and it was attacked by three Japanese bombers. Visibility was excellent and the attack was deliberate. Four or five of the vehicles which contained wounded men were hit, and three of them were left burning. Some of the occupants were wounded.
3. The vehicles were plainly marked with the Red Cross on the sides and roof and there was no military target nearby.
4. In the Muar River fighting a party of prisoners, including Lieutenant A. Edwards and Gnr. R. Braddon were roped together with about 10 or 12 other prisoners and were marched for some days. One of the party, Sgt. Keillor, had been ill and could not walk. It was officially reported to me by the survivors that he was taken off the string of prisoners, taken aside into the jungle and shortly after that a couple of shots were heard. The Japanese guard returned grinning and the march was resumed. The guard later told the survivors that the sick man had been shot because he could not keep up with them.

(Signed) JOHN W. WRIGHT.

Sworn before me at Sydney on the
fourth day of September 1946.

(Signed) A.J. MANSFIELD.
Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

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