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FRANK VALENTINE PHILLIPS.

Licut. Frank Valentine Phillips, being duly sworn, gives the following evidence:

My number is VX 17884, name Licut. Frank Valentine Phillips, unit 2/2 Pioneer Bn. Home address: 31 Riverview Rd., Bonalla, Victoria;

I was captured in Java on 9 April 1942. . . . In January 1943, I was sent to Thailand and was there until 22 June 1944. Konyu (phonetic) was the first camp in Thailand to which I was sent. We were there for about two months. There were 880 Australians with us. It was known as Col. Dunlop's Force (part of D Force). Conditions were bad; food was poor and insufficient; we had just rice and some radish. Men suffered quite a lot from malnutrition, and they contracted beri beri and dysentery. We were there for about two months. Our job was to build the camp. The conditions of themen after leaving the camp was worse than when they went into it. The camp was not marked as a POW camp.

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Then we were taken to Hintok camp. . . . We were there until September 1943. Conditions were pretty bad; food was far from sufficient; medical supplies were poor. . . . There were a number of beatings in the Jap headquarters there of men who had gone into the jungle with dysentery and had been missed off the work parties. . . . At Hintok camp Sgt. Hallam was killed; he had dysentery when he was beaten. . . . Hallam was beaten with iron bars about the head and body and arms. He was seriously injured. He died eight hours afterwards.

Medical supplies there did not exist.

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We moved to Hintok River camp then, about six miles from Hintok camp itself. We remained there for two months. Men were in a weak state; many got tropical ulcers. We got one (lot) of rubber boots, but they were about equivalent to our size 5 and were useless. And only 30 pairs came. Men had to walk about three and a half miles to and from work along a jungle track, leaving at about 6 a.m. Sometimes they did not come back until 10 or 11 at night. They suffered from ulcers and about six men lost limbs through them.

We left Hintok River camp in November 1943 and went to Kinsioke and stayed there until January 1944.

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I have been with Withycombe and Sanderson, two previous witnesses, throughout.

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Staff Attorney

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