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THOMAS WILLIAM BINDEMAN.

My full number, name, rank and unit are WX.11036 Chaplain Thomas William Bindeman, Sparrow Force, Timor. My home address is 1 Fortune Street, South Perth, Western Australia.

About a fortnight after the capitulation on 23 February 1942, I was sent out on burial parties at Baboe, Timor. I exhumed the body of Cpl. Guthrie, W.C., VX.23312, and verified the fact that he had met his death by hanging and had had his throat cut. His body had been placed in a slit trench and I recovered his identity discs and placed his body in a place where it might not escape notice. The rope was still around the neck when I exhumed the body. I also saw the bodies of three other Australians who had had their throats cut and had apparently met their death in the same way as Guthrie. I was unable to identify these bodies. I had records relating to these matters but they were taken from me during my imprisonment. I recollect that one of the three was probably a man named Klingliver, of 2.40 Infantry Battalion.

About two or three days later, whilst traversing country where the Okabeti and Tjamplong roads cross in Timor, looking for dead to give them burial, I came across the bodies of eight Australian soldiers tied together by rope around their wrists. Each had been shot through the head at close quarters; later, it was related by a man who had escaped that 11 sick men were being removed to the Tjamplong hospital when captured by the Japanese.

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In about April or May 1942, at Oesapa Besar prison camp, Private Terry, E.F. (TX.3597) left the camp driving a truck for the Japanese. He did not return to camp and later Lieut. Harada in conversation with me told me that Terry had been shot without trial. Lieut. Harada told me that in relation to the behaviour of the prisoners of war in the camp, we would have to be careful as one man had already been shot. Lieut. Harada was the second officer appointed to this prison camp succeeding Lieut. (later Captain) Fukada.

About the same time as the earlier incidents, a native familiarly known as "Tommy Broome" who had previously done my washing, spoke to me as I passed him on my way to bury dead and showed me a hernia. I told him that he would have to be careful of his condition. Hideshi Kiki, who seemed to be a member of the Japanese Intelligence Staff on Timor, was acting as guard and he said to me that I had had a busy morning, and would I like a cup of tea. I replied that I would. He then wrote something on a piece of paper and gave it to Tommy Broome, who went towards the guard tent about 300 yards away. I went on with my work and shortly after looked towards the guard tent and saw Tommy being beaten with a large piece of wood by the Jap guard. I attempted to intercede on his behalf but was unsuccessful. After he had been knocked down with this piece of wood, he was dragged into a building across the road and a shot rang out. Kiki smilingly told me that Japanese soldiers were merely taking care of my native friend. I did not see Tommy Broome again and his death was later confirmed by other natives.

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The undersigned requests the consideration of Document # 5001  
(describe):

*Extracts from record of evidence of WX 11036 Chaplain T. W. BINDEMAN,  
Sparrow Force A.I.F. as to atrocities committed by Japanese on P.O.W.  
at Timor between February and May 1942.*

*(Original Record of Evidence also herewith)*

for introduction in evidence, (specify purpose) *as to treatment of POW,  
Class B Offences.*

*Thomas F. Norman Lt. Col*

INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION  
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TO THE DOCUMENT OFFICER:

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*Albert Williams*

Judge Albert Williams  
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Secretary

トーマス・ウキリアム・バインドマン

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私ノ認識番号ハ W・X・二〇三六、氏名ハ「トーマス・ウキリ

アム・バインドマン」階級ハ軍医師、部隊ハ「テイモール

雀部隊」テアル。私ノ住所ハ 西濠洲南ハリス、

フォーチュン街一番地テアル。

一九四二年二月二十三日、降服後約二週間 経ツタ頃 私人

テイモール「バボ」ニ於テ 埋葬會ニ派遣サレタ。

私ハ認識番号 V・X・二二三三二、W・C・ガスリー「班長」

死体ヲ発掘シ彼ガ絞殺トシ、咽喉ヲ切断サレタ事ヲ確ナタ。

彼ノ死体ハ細長イ壕ノ中ニ置カレテアツタ。私ハ彼ノ

身分証明盤ヲ取戻シ彼ノ死体ヲ注意ヲ免レナイ

様ノ場所ニ置イタ。私ガ死体ヲ発掘シタ時

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首ノ周リ

ニハ未ダ網が附イテイタ。

私ハ又咽喉ヲ切ラ

ト思ハレ

レ瞭カニ「ガスリート同様ナ方法デ死ンダ他ノ三人ノ壕

洲人ノ死体ヲ見タ。私ハ之等ノ死体ヲ判別スル事ハ

私是等

出来ナカッタ。私ハ其ニ関スル記録ヲ所持シテ

テシマッタ。

居ツタガ大獄中取ラレ三人ノ内ノ一スハ歩兵師團

中ニ聯隊

其ノ四ノ大隊ノクリングリバトイフ男テアツタ旅ニ思フ。

毎

約ニ三日後オカベチヤムロング兩道路ガ「テイモール」デ

交又トル地方ヲ埋葬スベキ死人ヲ搜索シナガラ

一諸ニ括

通過シタ時、手首ヲ網デ結バレ

ラレテイ

八人ノ壕洲兵ノ死体ニ遭遇シタ。看ハハ

各自ハ近距離カラ

頭部ヲ射貫カレテ居ツタ。後ニ死ヲ免レタ。

「リヤロンドン」病院へ移サレツ、アツタ時

人ノ話ニ依レバ十一人ノ病人ガ日本軍ノ捕虜ト

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ナツタ ~~...~~ 病院へ移シテツクナツタ時外ハナシ。

一九四二年四月、五月頃「ウーサハ、ベツサー」監獄 ~~...~~ 收容所ニ

於テ認識番号E、F (IX三五九七) 兵卒テリハ日本軍、海

トラツクラ運轉シテ ~~...~~ 收容所 去ツタ。彼ハ雨ビ痛

所 ~~...~~ 所ニ ~~...~~ 後ニ原田中尉ガ ~~...~~ 私ニ話シタ所ニ

縁レバ「テリー」ハ裁判ナシニ射殺サレタ ~~...~~ 原田中尉

ハ ~~...~~ 收容所ニ於ル捕虜ノ行動ニ関シ、一ス射殺サレタノダ

カラ注意セオバナラヌト ~~...~~ 私ニ話ツタ。原田中尉ハ ~~...~~ 深

田 ~~...~~ 中尉(後、大尉)ノ後 ~~...~~ 此監獄勤務ヲ命セラ

レタ ~~...~~ 将校デアツタ。

初メ、 ~~...~~ 事件ト同時頃、以前 ~~...~~ 私ノ洗濯ヲ ~~...~~ シテナク

トミール・ブルーム ~~...~~ トシテ親シク知ラレテ ~~...~~ 土人ニ

私  
が死体ヲ埋メニ行ク途中逢フタ。彼ハ私ニ

話掛ケ~~テ~~ヘルニアヲ~~見セタ~~ハ彼ニ健康状態ニ注

意スル旅告ゲタ。テイモ~~ル~~島ノ日本軍情報部隊附ト

オホシキ~~テ~~置~~テ~~ハ衛兵勤務ヲシテ居ツタガ~~私~~ニ今

朝ハ忙シカツタカラ茶ヲ飲シイタロウト云~~ツ~~タ。私ハ同意ノ

旨答ヘタ。其内彼ハ一紙ノ紙ニ何事カ書キ~~テ~~トミール~~ル~~山

ニ渡シタ。トミール~~ハ~~約三百碼離レタ衛兵所ノ方ヘ行ツタ。

私ハ仕事ヲ~~シテ~~間モナク衛兵所ノ方ヲ見ルト

トミール~~ハ~~日本ノ衛兵ニ大キナ木片ヲ打タレテ居ルヲ

目撃シタ。私ハ彼~~ノ~~為~~ニ~~仲裁シヤウト~~ト~~試ミタガ成功シ

ナカツタ。彼ハ此木片ヲ打倒サレタ後道路越ノ建物

ノ中ヘ引ナレラレルト銃聲ガ鳴ツタ。キオキ~~ハ~~日本ノ兵隊ハ

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私  
ノ  
土人ノ友~~達~~ノ世話ヲシテイルニ過ギナイト微笑シテラ

私  
ニ  
語ツタ。私  
ハ  
用ビトミールフルムヲ見ナカツタ。

彼ノ死ハ後ニナツテ他ノ土人ニ依ツテ確認サレタ。