

Evidentiary document # 5394.

Ex 1588

SUMMARY OF EXAMINATION

OF

KALU RAM, a milk merchant of RAMAUNG, SIAM,
on March, 1946.

KALU RAM, having been duly affirmed, states:-

I, KALU RAM, am 56 years of age and a British Subject; I keep cows in RAMAUNG, and sell the milk.

On 31st July I was selling milk in the bazaar in RAMAUNG. The previous day I had seen an M.P. and a Jap soldier arrest MUSA OSMAN, an Indian of RAMAUNG. The same two arrested me at 0700 hours on that morning. I was taken to M.P. Headquarters and my hands were tied behind my back. I saw MUSA there in the same state.

I was there for about one hour, during which the Siamese police tried to have me released. They were also locked up. The previous day there had been a riot in RAMAUNG, and three Japs had been killed. I think that was why the Siamese were imprisoned. They were there when I left.

From there we were taken to PANKAM to wait for a boat, and after one hour, one came and took us to KAWAJI, where we remained for two days, after which we were taken to CHUMTORN by lorry. There, we got our first food since my capture.

For the next ten days I was beaten with a big stick, while my hands and feet were tied, and told to speak the truth. I do not know what they wanted me to speak the truth about, as they asked me no questions. During this time I was given a small ball of rice and a stick of raw cucumber daily for food.

On the eleventh day, water was forced into my stomach, and when my stomach was full, the Japs jumped on it and I became unconscious. I was brought round by two Jap soldiers who threw cold water over me.

For the next two days I was suspended from a beam by the wrists, with my toes barely touching the ground. There was a wire tied to my wrists and a clamp fastened to my waist. Electricity was passed through these wires and my arms and body were burned. The pain made me cry out continually, and there seemed to be hocks plucking at my whole body. After two days of almost continual current being passed through me, during which time I was only given small quantities of hot water to drink, I became unconscious.

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Before this, the Japs accused me of being a British spy, and of photographing aeroplanes, and sending messages to LONDON.

As I cannot even write my name, I tried to point out that this charge was ridiculous. They did not stop the current.

I became conscious in the cell in the Kempei barracks, and could not eat for eight days. During this time, the Japanese told me that PRITHI CHAND, ABDUL BAKAR KAKA, and DHAN ROY had told them that I was a British spy. I realised then that they had done so, as they had recently taken 764.- ticals from me for the I.I.L., and when I complained to the Siamese Police, they were arrested for extortion. They were bailed out by BAKSHEE SINGH, the local I.I.L. leader, and then they took their revenge on me by informing the Japs that I was a spy.

I later saw these three men in the custody of the Japanese at KAWAJI, whence I was taken from CHUMPORN. I was in KAWAJI for three months.

During this time, I saw MUSA MEMON, who was arrested the day before me, being given the water torture by the same M.P.'s who tortured me.

The M.P.'s were still trying to make me confess that I was a British spy.

After I arrived at KAWAJI from CHUMPORN, my wrists and legs were charred to the bone from the results of the electric tortures, and just as they were healing, the M.P.'s used to stick burning cigarettes into the sores.

In the end they tied some thin fishing line on to my testicles, with such a knot that the blood was cut off from those organs. The other end of the fishing line was tied to the wall. I was made to lie down, and the line was tightened. Then a rope was put around my neck and it was pulled tight to the opposite wall. I was in considerable pain. Then the M.P. loaded a rifle and threatened to shoot me if I did not tell them where the wireless set was hidden. I implored them to kill me, as I knew nothing and would only be subjected to more torture if I lived. I was then released and brought towards the gaol. I asked to be allowed to go to the W.C. and was led towards the place, through the bathroom. On the floor of the bathroom I saw the body of MUSA. He was definitely dead, and his body was naked and covered with line. After I was released, the Chinese cook for the M.P. told me that he had burned the body with oil, the same night. When I came back, the M.P. struck both myself and the escort. He told me I should not have seen MUSA's body, and that if I ever spoke about it, he would cut me in small pieces.

After three months, I was sent along with DIAN ROY, PRITHVI CHAND, DEVI DAS, SOHAL DAS, TARA SINGH & PANJAN to CHUMFORN. There I met RAM NARAIN who was in gaol for stealig Japanese stores.

While I was there, the Japanese continued to beat me. I was there for about seven months. Once, a tall M.P. with a lot of gold teeth put a red-hot wire up the centre of my penis. I was beaten almost daily, and in the end could not even walk. DEVI DAS and SOHAL DAS were released after some time, and a month after them, I was released.

The two M.P.'s who gave the orders to torture me, and who came from time to time to question me, but did not actually torture me were: Capt. MORI, who was O/C Kempei; 2/Lt. NAKAGAWA TADASHI.

The Jap who tied my testicles with fishing line and who beat me was: St. NAKANO YATSUKA.

The Jap who applied the electricity in CHUMFORN was: S.M. IWASA YOSHIMICHI.

All the above I recognise from photographs attached.

(Thumbprints)

Certified that the above are the right and left thumbprints of the witness.

(Signed)

Interpreter:

I certify that I duly translated the above summary to the witness in his own language, prior to his signature which appears above.

(Signed)

Sworn before me
this 29th day of March 1946.
Detailed to examine the above by the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Land Forces, South East Asia.

(Authority: ALFSEA War Crimes Instruction No. 1, para. 7)

Checked with original and certified to be a true copy thereof.

(Signed) ? , Lt. Col.