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ANALYSIS OF DOCULENTARY EVIDENCE

DESCRIPTION OF LTTLUED DOCUMENT

Title and Nature: Official Record Kept by J. D. van Pelt, containing Swern Statement of Col. C. Van Den Hoog NB. ND on B.LIMP.PAN ultimatum

Date:

Original () Copy () Language: Dutch English

Has it been translated? Yes () No (x)

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SULTERY OF RELEVENT POINTS

Hoogenband, who was commander at Balikpapan, affirms that ultimatum carried to him 20 Jan 1942 from Japanese Command Ship by Maj. Reinderhoff, stated that unless Balikpapan surrendered undamaged, all Luropeans at Tarakan would be executed.

Analyst: W.H. Wagner

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OFFICIAL RECORD

Today, Monday May 20, 1946, appeared before myself, Meester Jan Daniel VAN PELT, official attached to the office of the Attorney-General and at the same time an honorary Police Officer, charged with the investigation of war crimes, a person who on enquiry states himself to be:

----Cornelis VAN DEN HOOGENBAND-----

living at Batavia, Waterlooplein 18.
Future address: The Netherlands. Ministry for Overseas Territories,
Dept. of Military Affairs.

Age: 51 -- Occupation: Colonel General Staff.

Are you prepared to take the oath that you will tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Yes

Hereupon the witness takes the oath according to his religious convictions to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

What can you tell me about any war crimes experienced by yourself, whether as victim or witness?

On January 20, 1942 an ultimatum from the Japanese Commander of the troops at Tarakan was handed to me, in my capacity as commander of the troops at Balikpapan, by Captain of the Reserve COLIJN, Administrator of Tarakan, Captain of the Infantry REINDERHOFF - (both of whom had succeeded in escaping from captivity as Prisoners of War) - in the presence of Captain of the Reserve K. SCHOLTENS, Manager of the B.P.M. at Balikpapan, and Naval Commander van NIEUWENHUIZEN. The ultimatum was drafted in Japanese, an English translation being attached. It stated that everwhelming Japanese forces were advancing on Balikpapan and that, in view of their superiority, I was requested to surrender Balikpapan to them in its entirety and undestroyed. If I did not comply with this request, all Europeans would be murdered.

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I had the reply sent through Naval Lieutenant K.M.R. van BRAKEL, since deceased, who, as I heard later from others, handed ever this letter to the crew of the Japanese vessel from which Messrs. COLIJN and REINDERHOFF had escaped, which vessel he found near the Makaham-delta.

I may add to this, that I was informed that in Tarakan no murders took place, but they did occur at Balikpapan on February 20, 1942. I was not present at Balikpapan on that date, as on January 24th I had fought my way to the airport of Samarinda II, and thence on February 8th I had been evacuated to Bandoeng.

Why in regard to the two men who brought you the ultimatum, did you speak of escape from captivity as Prisoners of War?

Messrs. COLIJN and REINDERHOFF were efficially appointed as bearers of the ultimatum and were therefore on their way in a beat with some Japanese. On the way they hailed a Dutch plane, which picked them up and brought them to me. The accompanying Japanese were persuaded to agree to this.

What happened further to the ultimatum?

I handed ever the ultimatum to Messrs. COLIJN and REINDERHOFF who left by aereplane for Java on January 20th, with instructions to hand this document to the Commander-in-Chief.

Can you mention names of other Japanese and Allied personnel who were directly concerned with this?

The Japanese names are not known to me. Col. de WAAL was then Commander at Tarakan (new Division Commander at Batavia). COLIJN is dead. Mr. REINDERHOFF, new a Lt.Colonel, works with N.E.F.I.S., probably at Secrabaya.

After reading out this document to the witness, he declared it to be a true report of his statements, and the present record of evidence was signed by the witness and by myself.

Witness: signed/C.van den Hoogenband.

Interregating Officer: signed/J.van Pelt.

This report has been made, completed, and signed at Batavia on 22nd May 1946, in pursuance of the eath I took on assuming office.

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CERTIFICATE

War Crimes Section of NETHERLANDS FORCES INTELLIG NCE SERVICE (NEFIS), being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states that the annexed Dutch original document entitled:

Sworn statement of C. van den HOOGENBAND, Colonel RITA, drawn up by J.D. van PELT, LL.D., dated Batavia 20th May, 1946, No. OM.11675/R, 4675/R,

har been taken from the official records of the NETIS.

Signature:

/s/ Charles Jongeneel

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Batavia, 29th August 1946.

Subscribed and sworn to before me K.A. de WEERD, LL.D., Majer Artillery RNIA, Senior Officer, attached to the Office of the Attorney-General, N.E.I.

Signature:

/s/ K.A. do WETRD

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