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DUGLAS CHARLES HOLDWAY.

I am QX20012, Gunner Douglas Charles Holdway, 2/15th Fld. Regt.

I was captured with other Australians at Singapore in February 1942.

I went to Thailand with D Forces under Brig. McEachern.

We went by train to Thailand, the conditions being very crowded. The trucks contained 27 men each. If you happened to get to a station at the right time, you were fed. We did not always get three meals a day. The Japanese behaviour was not too bad. We went by train to Kanburi.

It was a base camp from which men were sent to the jungle. Conditions there were alright. We were there about a fortnight and then went on to Tarso.

Tarso was a bad camp. The huts were in poor condition. Sanitation was terrible. Work commenced almost immediately on our arrival and we were employed on embankment building. The hours of work were long. From Tarso we went to Kongessha. Conditions there were very bad. Our job was the building of a very high embankment. The work was a terrific strain. We worked in shifts.

A Korean named Motoyama who was there was continually forcing sick men to work. His nickname was "King of the River". He was indirectly responsible for killing Gunner F. Stuart, 2/15th Field Regt.. I saw that beating. It happened in April 1943. Stuart was bashed severely on parade by Motoyama. Motoyama hit him with his hands; one of Stuart's ear drums was broken, and I think it was the right ear drum. He was knocked to the ground but was not unconscious. He was sent to work. When the party shifted to the next camp he had to continue working. He worried about his ear drum, got sick and died a couple of months later. I associate his death with the beating he received from Motoyama; it worried him so much. He actually died from dysentery. He was not the only sick man who was made to work. I saw quite a few sick men who were made to work when they should not have been working.

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オニ師團オ十五野砲聯隊附デアル

昭和十七年

余ハ一九四二年三月新嘉坡ニ在テ他ノ濠洲人ト共ニ捕虜ニナツタ。

獲得

余ハマツタイーチャン ~~捕虜~~ 隷下ノD部隊ト共ニ泰國へ行ツタ。

余等ハ泰國へ汽車で行ツタが非常ニ混雜ヲ呈シテ居ツタ。

無蓋貨車ニハ二十七名宛ガ搭載サレタ。偶々丁度頃合

養

ニ駅ニ達シタ時ハ結果ヲ要セラレタガ余等、常ニ一日三回

食事ヲ得ルコトハナカツタ。日本軍ノ態度ハ別ニ要

收容根拠也

クナカツタ。余等ハ汽車ガカンブリへ行ツタ。夫ハ ~~捕虜~~

捕虜デアツタガ其處カラ密林へ兵士ハ分遣セラレタ。

其處ノ状況ハ良好デアツタ。余等ハ其地ニ二週間程滞  
留シテ後タルソールへ前進シタ。

收容所

タルソールハ悪イ障~~害~~デアツテ麻舎ハ貧弱デアツタ。衛生ハ

惨澹タル

~~野~~モノデアツタ。到着後直チニ労働ガ始マツタ而シテ

堤防

余等ハ~~難~~工事ニ従事シタ。労働時間ハ長カツタ。

タルソールカラ余等ハコンゲツシアへ行ツタガ其處ノ状態ハ甚ク

悪カッタ。余等ノ仕事ハ高い堤防ノ建設デアツタ。仕事ハ

身体ニ無理ヲ来タシタガ

ヒドク~~難~~余等ハ交代テ労働シタ。

其處ニ居ツタ元山ト言フ朝鮮人ハ継続的ニ病人ノ勞

續

働ヲ強制シタ。彼ノ~~果~~名ヲ「川ノ王者」ト言ツタ。彼ハ刃ニ

師團オ十五野砲隊砲手エフ、ステューアト死ニ就イテ

間接的ニ責任ガアツタ。余ハ其毆打振ヲ目撃シタ。

一九四三年四月ノ事デアツタ。ステーパートハ元山ニ整列中激

昭新十八針

シク強打サレタ。元山ハ両手テ彼ヲ打ツタ所ステーパートノ

鼓膜ノ一ツガ破レタガ夫ハ右ノ鼓膜デアツタト思フ。彼ハ

地面へ打倒サレタガ無意識デハナカツタ。彼ハ仕事ニヤ

ラレタ。部隊ガ次ノ陣地ニ替ツタ時彼ハ依然ノ勞働ヲ繼續セ

キバナラナカツタ。彼ハ鼓膜ノコトヲ心配答病シ二月後死シタ。

ニ相伴フモノト考ヘマス。鼓膜ノ破れ

余ハ彼ノ死ハ元山カラ受ケタ毆打ヲ連綿トシ其時

多のを あり

非常ニ心配シテ居ツタカニ 實際ハ彼ハ赤痢デ死ンダ。

病人は彼一人

勞働ヲヤラサレタ ~~連綿トシ~~ デハナカツタ。余ハ勞働シテ

ハイケナイ時ニ勞働ヲ強イラレタ数名ノ病人ヲ見タ。

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