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Torture of Madam OOI KEH HONG in PENANG GAOL.

FORM OF STATEMENT

Summary of examination of (Name): AHMAD BIN CHETEH.  
(Occupation):- EX-POLICE CONSTABLE DURING BRITISH RULE.  
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duly sworn states, I am 32 years of age of BRITISH-PROTECTED nationality and born at:- PENANG (MALAY).  
My permanent home is 252, PERAK ROAD, PENANG.  
I am at present confined in PENANG GAOL.

During the Japanese occupation I served as a Sub-warder at Penang gaol. Towards the end of 1943, I saw an M.P. WASHIO, assisted by an interpreter, inflict torture on a Chinese woman during the course of her being interrogated. She was about middle-age, and had recently been arrested. Wassio opened this woman's trousers and burnt the hair around her pelvic parts with a lighted piece of paper. Then Wassio tied a rope round her waist, and, after binding it round her wrists, attached the other end to a motor-cycle: then Wassio proceed to drive the motor-cycle at a quicker pace than it was possible to run. The woman was pulled along the ground about ten yards and then lost consciousness. They carried her into the office, and I saw no more of her. I never saw her in any of the cells during my subsequent periods of duty. She must have died as a result of the torture or been taken away from the prison.

On many occasions in 1943 and 1944 I saw Wassio apply different types of torture on various Chinese, Malay and Indian prisoners. On three occasions in late 1943 and early 1944 I saw Wassio apply the water torture to Chinese prisoners, and on all these three occasions the Chinese died as a result of the water torture. Wassio was definitely the man responsible for the killing of these three Chinese, who died in the prison yard straight after the water torture. I know that they were dead, because the bodies became blue and stiff. I cannot say what were the names of these three Chinese who died.

(Sgd.) Ahmad

Sworn before me (signature) (description)  
Special Investigator. F. W. WARD, Capt. (rank)  
This 21st day of Feb. 46.

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).

Examined by me with the original Affidavit and I certify this to be a true copy.

(Sgd.) R.B. Larube  
Lt. Colonel  
AAG War Crimes HQ ALFSEA

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