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The undersigned CHARLES JONGENEEL, first Lieutenant R.N.I.A., head of the War Crimes Section of NETHERLANDS FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NEFIS), being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states that the annexed reports are full, true, complete and accurate copies of the original documents entitled:

"NEFIS Interrogation Reports, Informants Frederik TAMAELA (No. 1976), Mesak SOPLANTILA (No.1850), Jacob SIAHAJA (No.1851/2) and Leonard Frans SAIJA (No.1853), concerning the maltreatment and murder of ten (or nine) Ambonese N.C.O's and Soldiers R.N.I.A. by Japanese, on Bougainville Island, in September, 1944,"

which documents are part of the official records of NEFIS.

SIGNATURE:

Stamp of Intelligence Service
Netherlands Forces.

BATAVIA, June 7th, 1946.

Subscribed and sworn before me K.A. de WEEED, first Lieutenant R.N.I.A., Higher Official attached to the Office of the Attorney-General N.E.I.

SIGNATURE: K. A. de WEEED (Sgd).

PELUFESSI, Pte., AMBONESE, was maltreated and killed at TANIBABO, Bougainville, 13 Aug. 1944.

Informant: MESAK SOPLANTILA, Ambonese
Reliability: Intelligent; information considered reliable.
Person responsible: Sgt. MATSUASI, Japanese
Sgt. SUSUKI, Japanese
Cpl. KOEIASI, Japanese
Pte. TJOMORA, Japanese

HEARSAY:

On Sunday, 13 Aug. 1944, nine Ambonese members of the Heiho were shot because they had stolen food from a food godown. This had occurred during the past month. Not until three quarters of the stores were stolen were the thefts discovered by the Japanese. After investigation, which was led by the Japanese Commander IKEBA, the nine Ambonese were named as the perpetrators. During the investigation all Ambonese (82 men) were tied with their hands behind their backs, and they were forced to remain thus for 36 hours, during which time no food and no water was given them. All of them were beaten continuously for two hours by the Japanese attached to the Heiho Company. After 6 hours the perpetrators were found,

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and taken from the others by the Japanese Sgt. MATSUASI, Japanese Sgt. SUSUKI, Cpl. KOPIASI, Pte. TJOMOKA. Matsuasi carried an automatic rifle with him. The nine Ambonese were then shot, some one to 2 km from the place where the other Ambonese remained tied up. This was later told by the British Indians, who had to dig the graves for the victims. Names of the victims are:

Sgt. PATI
Cpl. TONI LOHOLIMA
Pte. PELUPESSI
Pte. SUMOKIL
Pte. 1st. cl. ROMOLEUNE
Pte. LATUMAHENA
Cpl. SOJSA,
Cpl. ORELAL
Fus. TALAHATU

INTER. REPORT NO. 1850.

Further to the above reports:

Informant: SIAHAJA, Jacob, Ambonese.
Reliability: Average intelligence, reliable.
Person responsible: Japanese, names not stated.

HEARSAY:

At Kg. Teninbaubau, Bougainville Isl., April 1944, informant witnessed the tying together of all Ambonese Hehio Personnel (about 58). The Japanese picked out nine men at random, and shot them. The rest were tied up for two days. Informant heard that the reason for this action was because some of them had stolen food from the Japanese and thrown it away into the jungle so that the Japanese would starve. The names of the nine men who were killed (Ambonese NEI Army Personnel) are as follows:-

JOHANNES SOUMOKILL,	Private
WILHELMUS LATUMAHINA,	Private
TALAHATU,	Private
ZETH PATTY	Sergeant
SIMON THUNY	Corporal
SOUISA	Corporal
RUMALAIN	Private
ORILAL	Corporal
C. PELUPESSY	Private

INTER. REPORT NO. 1851/2.

Further to the above reports:

Informant: SAIJA, Leonard Frans, Ambonese.
 Reliability: Intelligence above average; his information is considered reliable.
 Person responsible: Japanese, names not stated.

FACTUAL:

At Teninbaubau, Bougainville Isl., Aug. 1944, nine Ambonese Heiho's were shot accused of stealing food from the Japanese. The other 58 Ambonese were tied together for 36 hours and received no food or drink during that time. They were beaten by the Japanese with carbines, shoes and sticks, etc.

INTER. REPORT NO. 1853.

Attached to the above report are the following names of the victims:

PELUPESSY	Private 1st. class
SOUMOKIL	Private
URILAL	Corporal
PATTY	Sergeant
TUNILUHULIMA	Corporal
SUISA	Corporal
HALATU	Private
LATUMAHINA	Private
RUMALAINY	Private 1st. class.

Further to the above reports:

Informant: TAMAELO, Frederik, Ambonese, Cpl R.N.I. Army.
 Reliability: Average intelligence, information is considered to be reliable.
 Person responsible: Japanese, names not stated.

Hearsay:

The undermentioned N.E.I. Army personnel have been killed by the Japanese in Teninbaubau (Bougainville Island) in Sept., 1944:

PATTY: Ambonese	Sergeant	PELUPESSY: Ambonese	Private
SOISA: "	Corporal	SOUMOKIL: "	"
TUNILUHULIMA "	Corporal	LATUMAHINA "	"
URILAL: "	Corporal	TALAHATTU "	"
RUMALOINE "	Private 1st. Class.	SAHETAPIJ "	"

INTER. REPORT NO. 1976.

NOTE: Whereas previous informants stated 9 were killed, this informant states 10 were killed.