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FORM OF STATEMENT.

Summary examination of	MG DAN, Trader, MUDON.
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Nationality:	Burmese.
Home Address:	SAZIN Cr., MUDON.

Witness duly affirmed states:-

I was arrested in the early morning of the day before the expedition to SHANYWA by a IT, TUN OHN was with him. I was questioned and tortured all that day by Sgt. Maj. TAMURO Noriharu. The only reason I can give for my arrest is that I come from SHANYWA Village and I would be able to recognise the man the Japs wanted.

The next morning I accompanied the party commanded by Sgt. Maj. TAMURO Noriharu, TAN KIN CHOON was also with this party. We went by the short cut over the hills; we had only gone about a mile out of MUDON when we met about 200 villagers bringing vegetables to MUDON. Sgt. Maj. TAMURO Noriharu stopped these people and made them sit down; I was told to go round and see if the following people were among them - LUN SHEIN, NGA KWE, SAN LIN, TA EE, AH BAW, AI KAH, THE HEADMAN OF SHANYWA, wife of the Headman, wife of AH BAW, TUN MYAING, U THAI KIN (my father), and SAN HLA GYAN (my brother). Out of these people only MG KWE, AI KAH, AH BAW and LUN SHEIN were not there. The rest being present. I pretended not to recognise any of them, but TUN MYAING on hearing his name called, stood up. Sgt. Maj. TAMURO Noriharu questioned and beat him until he admitted YIN SHEIN was at his house. TAN KIN CHOON on seeing my father and brother asked me in front of TAMURO, "Isn't that your father and brother over there?". TAMURO heard this and so I had to admit it was them; all three were arrested and tied up. YIN SHEIN was arrested at TUN MYAING's house in MWEHAUK village. When we arrived at SHANYWA we were taken to the Headman's house. U OHN and U SEIN PO, HLA PE and OHN KYAING were already there. I saw U OHN PE being beaten by Sgt. Maj. TAMURO Noriharu, after this he told Sgts. NOMOTO Kinji, and KAMAZANA Seichu to take U OHN PE and U SEIN PO out and give them the water treatment; when they came back I noticed their clothes were wet. There was no further questioning or torture after this. I heard Sgt. Maj. KUMAGAI Hachiro say to Sgt. Maj. TAMURO Noriharu and TAN KIN CHOON "We will kill them all". NGA YAN was then brought in and questioned, Sgt. Maj. KUMAGAI Hachiro said "We will kill him also".

Eight of us were taken from the house and lined up between a mango tree and the gate, we were told to sit down. NGA YAN, PO TO, OHN KYAING and HLA PE were told to stand up. I heard Sgt. Maj. KUMAGAI Hachiro say "Bring four soldiers". I am not very clear as to what happened next as I was expecting to be killed and I was praying with my head bent and my eyes closed. I heard a volley of rifle shots followed closely afterwards by one rifle shot and one pistol shot. Sgt. Maj. KUMAGAI Hachiro came over to me and said, "You will be killed at MUDON with YIN SHEIN". I was then placed under the guard of P.C. SAN MYA and

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HLA TE. I saw my father (U THA KIN) shot by Sgt. NOMOTO Iinji, my brother (SAN HLA GYAN) shot by Sgt. KANAZAWA Seichu and U TUN MYAENG shot by S/Tte FUJII Hanji; they were all shot with pistols, once standing up and again after they had fallen.

The Headman's house was then set on fire, and as R.A.F. planes were above we moved out back to MUDON. I was kept in the KT lock-up until the next morning, when I was moved to the Civil Police Station and released eight days afterwards at the surrender.

(Signed) MG PAN.

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) SAN SAN NU.

Affirmed before me J.C.B. BURDEKIN (signature), Captain, an officer of the Royal Berkshire Regiment. Dated this 28th day of July 46. Detailed to examine the above by the C-in-C, ALFSEA.
(AUTHORITY: ALFSEA War Crimes Instruction No. 1 para. 7.)

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I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the sworn statement made by MG PAN, Trader, MUDON, before Captain J.C.B. BURDEKIN, Royal Berkshire Regiment, on the 28th day of July 1946.

Tele: Central 174.
JHL/IMG.

(Signed) J.H. LAMBERT, Major.
Offg. O.C. 17 War Crimes Investigation Team.
(Major J.H. LAMBERT MBE)