

Ex 1832 ✓

Exhibitory Document No. 5442.

SYNOPSIS - NEW GUINEA

I now propose to offer documentary evidence relating to treatment of prisoners of war, civilians and natives in New Guinea.

(a) Prosecution Document No. 5379 is affidavit of Major Charles Henry BICKS of the Australian Imperial Forces. I tender this document for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.

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I will read paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this exhibit.

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(b) Prosecution Document No. 5378 is affidavit of former Captain Charles Walter KINDALL of 18 Australian Infantry Brigade. I tender this document for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.

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I will read paragraphs 2 to 3 of this document.

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(c) Prosecution Document No. 5388 is the affidavit of former Captain Alan Sladen Palmer of 1 Australian Independent Company. I tender this document for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.

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(d) Prosecution Document No. 4053 consists of excerpts from Exhibitory Document No. 405. It contains records of the interrogation of two Japanese prisoners and excerpts from 6 Japanese diaries. I tender the document in evidence.

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From these excerpts it appears that 7 to 9 Australians of whom 3 or 4 were women and one a child were captured by the Japanese near Buna towards the middle of August and executed on the following day.

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(e) Prosecution Document No. 405A contains further excerpts from Exhibitory Document No. 405. It contains an excerpt from a captured diary and the record of a statement made by a Japanese prisoner. I tender this document in evidence.

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I will read the diary excerpt from "Blood Carnival" down to the words "instruct to the A.T.C. at Moresby."

(f) Prosecution Document No. 5390 is a statement made by Sepoy Bachan SINGH of 1/13 F.F.R. I tender the document for identification and the excerpts marked therein in evidence.

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I propose to read the marked excerpts other than the translator's certificate.
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(g) Prosecution Document No. 5384 is a Statutory Declaration made by Jemadar Abdul LATIF of 4/9 Jat Regiment. I tender the document for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.
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I will read paragraph 3 of this Declaration.

(h) Prosecution Document No. 5391 is a Statutory Declaration made by L/Cpl Dina MATH of 3/17 Dogra Regiment. I tender it for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.
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The declarant as an Indian prisoner of war, was a member of 13 Indian Working Party. In May, 1944, the main body of this party went to RABANG leaving behind at BUT 100 sick Indians. About a month later Jap L/CPL TAKASHI who had remained with these sick prisoners said they had been killed by machine guns and hand grenades as a reprisal because some Gurkhas had signalled to allied aircraft.

(i) Prosecution Document No. 5382 is a Statutory Declaration by Pte Chain SINGH of 2/12 Frontier Force. I tender this document for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.
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The declarant states that in August, 1944, two Indian prisoners of war, Sergeant Marian SINGH and L/Cpl Hazara SINGH were beaten by the Japanese with a shovel and sticks and were then taken away. He never saw them again.
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(j) Prosecution Document No. 5383 is a statement of Japanese L/Pte YASUSAKI, Masaji of 19 Special Water Duty Coy. I tender this document for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.
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YASUSAKI admits that he and another Japanese shot and killed the two Indian prisoners of war, Sergeant Marian Singh and L/Cpl Hazara Singh referred to in previous exhibit.
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(k) Prosecution Document No. 5380 is a statement by Japanese L/Pte YASUSAKI. I tender this document for identification and marked excerpts in evidence.
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He states that at Ranimboa in September, 1944, an Indian officer, Rashid MOHD and an Indian N.C.O. complained to the Japanese that another Japanese soldier had taken tobacco and shoes from them. Yasusaka and another Japanese then tied the Indians hands, took them into the bush and shot them.
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(1) Prosecution Document No. 5271 is a Statutory Declaration by Te LAKHU RAM. I tender it for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.

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This document refers to the same happening as previous exhibit.

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(m) Prosecution Document No. 5386 is Statutory Declaration of JEMDAR G.HINT SINGH of 2/12 Frontier Force. I tender it for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.

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The declarant tells of an Indian Prisoner of War being beaten into unconsciousness by a Japanese in February, 1945, at MURRINGI. Three weeks later he died from the effects of this beating.

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(n) Prosecution Document No. 5337 is a Statutory Declaration made by Sergeant Hamir SINGH of 2/12 Frontier Force. I tender it for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.

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The declarant tells of the shooting and killing of four sick Indian officers, who were prisoners of war, by the Japanese at YALU, New Guinea in February, 1945.

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(o) Prosecution Document No. 5229 is a record of the interrogation of Japanese Captain ONO, Satoru of 55 Field Anti-Aircraft Artillery Bn., 36 Div. 2nd. Army. I tender the document for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.

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ONO, Satoru states that he applied to Yoshino unit commander for an American prisoner of war to kill. He was given two. He had them bayoneted and then beheaded. One was finally beheaded with a shovel. This was in 1944. He did it because he had a strong hostile feeling on account of Americans bombing his battery.

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(p) Prosecution Document No. 5385 is sworn record of interrogation of Captain MATO, SHINICHIRO of Fujimurra Unit. I tender the document for identification and marked excerpts in evidence.

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The deponent stated that on orders of Chief of Staff Divisional Headquarters he executed an Australian soldier who had been captured at OTAKWA about 12th November, 1944.

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(q) Prosecution Document No. 5314 is a Netherlands Forces Intelligence Service Report, with two photographs attached. I tender the document for identification and the marked excerpts including photographs in evidence.

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The report contains a statement by a Japanese prisoner of war admitting that he took part in the execution of an Australian Sergeant and two Ambon natives at Aitapee on 24th October, 1943.

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(r) Prosecution Document No. 5389 is a Netherlands Forces Intelligence Service Report. I tender it for identification and the marked excerpts in evidence.

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This report contains a statement by Fusilier Nawi bin Gimam that in July, 1944, on Noenfoor Island he and 16 other Indonesians were tied up and bayoneted by the Japanese. He and one other feigned death and ultimately escaped. At least 14 of the remainder were killed.

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(s) Prosecution Document No. 409A contains extracts from Evidentiary Document No. 409. Paper 573 contains an order made by the Tribunal on 25th November, 1946, authorizing service of excerpts from Evidentiary Document No. 409 on accused instead of copies of Evidentiary Document No. 409. I tender Prosecution Document No. 409A in evidence.

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I will read sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) from first page of document.

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That completes the evidence on the New Guinea Section of this phase.