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JAP LABOUR CAMP AT SELETAH  
SINGAPORE ISLAND

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19 Sep 45

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SELETAH

This Jap Labour Camp was discovered accidentally by a British Naval party. Jap officials had avoided mention of it.

In the camp were 1700 coolies, mostly brought from Java by the Japs for enforced labour.

The British Naval party arrived to find Jap medical orderlies attempting to put a better complexion on the situation by moving the many sick and dying into a so-called hospital - a group of huts where there were no beds, just straw on the floor.

The Jap orderlies wore anti-infection masks, lime was being used on the ground, and disinfectant sprayed on the dying.

Until the British took over the camp, there were no medical supplies and no attempt had been made by the Japs to render medical aid to their prisoners.

Most of the sick coolies were suffering from either beri-beri or dysentery.

Immediate medical attention for them was insisted on by the British authorities when the camp was discovered.

Seletah is situated in the north of Singapore Island.

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SE 4884 Past walking an emaciated coolie is carried on a charpey.

SE 4885 Jap medical orderlies spray disinfectant on a coolie suffering from beri-beri.

SE 4886 A coolie lies dying.

SE 4888 This sick coolie is at the point of death.

SE 4861)

SE 4862) These pictures were taken at the Tjideng Camp Batavia

SE 4863) by British Army Film Unit Cameramen.

SE 4864)

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Lt. Adm. 9 AFPS.

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The undersigned Charles Jongeneel, Captain 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 four photographs (Nos. 4888, 4885, 4884, 4886) of coolie-camps in Malaya have been taken by the Army Film and Photographic Section of SEAC in the month of September 1945, from which Photographic Section those photographs were received by Nefis.

Signature :

Sd/ Ch. Jongeneel

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

Batavia August 6th 1946

Signature :

K. A. de Weerd



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