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REPORT OF CAPTAIN BEAUVALLET

Bearing on his imprisonment at Japanese Kempei Tai Headquarters between March and August 1945. SAIGON

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II. Circumstances of my imprisonment at the Japanese Kempei Tai Head-quarters.

Made prisoner on 9 March at 21/5 hrs. at the Staff Office of the D.C.C. /Cochin China and Cambodia Division/. I was at first interned at the Frisoners of Jar Camp in the Quarter.

On 17 March, in the morning Kempei /Japanese/ in civilian clothes came to fetch me and took me to Japanese Kempei Tai Headquarters (Chamber of Commerce). There I was interrogated by a non-commissioned officer of the Kempei tai in civilian clothes (whom I believe to be the Adjutant SUMINOTO). I state definitely now that all interrogations were conducted through interpreters, some Japanese, others Annamites or half-breeds of ambiguous origin. Most of them spoke French very badly.

The interrogator asked me first some questions on the powers of G2 and then accused me "of hoving done wrong to the Japanese Army" and required me to give him what information I had on the French S.R. /Intelligence Bureau/ and the civilian organizations of the S.R. and of the Resistance of which he considered me to be the chief.

I confined myself to denying that I was the chief of such organizations, and as the interrogation became more pressing in order to obtain the information which he desired on the S.R. and the Resistance "in order," he said. "that the Japanese army could destroy them". I emphasized in my reply that I would answer his questions only in so far as the information which he might ask for should not be considered by me as secret. This reply angered him. He grasped his pistol and bade me remember that I was "in his power". Seeing that I kept silence he informed me that he ceased to consider me as an officer, that I was going to be shut up and allotted to more unkind interrogators.

I was, in fact, taken into a building adjoining the Chamber of Commerce where some cells had been set up. My badges of rank were taken away from me as well as the greater part of my effects except an undershirt and shorts. I was imprisoned in cell 3 where there were already some Europeans (among whom were Messrs, KERJEAN, DANNEMASSE, SALLION and two Annamite common criminals.

III. Life at the Japanese Kempei tai Headquarters.

I make a digression here in order to describe what was the routine imposed on European detainees by the Japanese Kempei tai. The Japanese Kempei tai had set up, in a building adjoining the Chamber of Commerce (situated on the left, as one enters by the main gate), six cells. For this purpose they had made use of six magazines and had closed their inner openings with grills made of wooden bars. These grills gave a veritable cage-like aspect to the cells. They allowed the guards to watch the detainees all the time. The entrance was a little door less than 1 metre in height fastened with a padlock. The cells were about 4 metres by 5, with plank floors and permanently lit by a central lamp.

A wooden bucket with a cover was put at the disposal of the imprisoned for their needs. It was emptied daily by a detained accompanied by a sentry. Some straw mats, about one between two were distributed among the prisoners. In the evening bedding was given out on an average of one piece for three persons.

There were three meals a day, one about 8 o'clock, the second about noon, the third about 1800. Each meal consisted of a ball of rice and either a piece of salted cucumber or a vegetable soup (not very appetizing but generally edible). This soup was distributed in porringers at the rate of one for four or five detainees, who were furthermore compelled to help themselves with their fingers.

A little tea or hot water was distributed under the same conditions after each meal and before bedtime (one porringer to three or four). After the end of May t ere were fairly frequent supplementary distributions of tea in the interval between meals (one in the morning, one in the afternoon).

The time was taken up as follows: Reveille about 0700, meals under the conditions cutlined above, in the evening, toward 2100, roll call, inspection by the duty officer, recitation by the detainees, aloud, of a notice written in French, Annamite, Japanese, and entitled "To the Prisoners," beginning with this phrase which was not without savor: "Corrects himself with a view toward a better future" and enumerating the duties of prisoners: discipline, silence, etc. . . , after the roll-call, distribution of covers of tea and /then/ to bed.

In the interval between reveille and going to bed the detainees were ferced to remain seated "tailor-fashion." Certain N.C.O. of the guard (the majority even) prohibited the detainees from leaning against the walls. This prolonged sitting position, without support, was particularly fatiguing.

The detainees did not have the right to talk. In fact, they availed themselves of their guards' lapses of attention to con erse in low voices, and the bits of news (or lies) brought by those last arres of circulated fairly rapidly.

The hygienic conditions imposed on the detainees were lamentable. If my memory serves me well, between 17 March and 10 June there were at most three showers (none between 20 March and 9 May). The interned women and some of the sick (including me from 9 May to 10 June) benefitted from a more favorable regimen and had a some (unfortunately without soap) almost every day. I may add that at night the mosquitoes were very numerous in the cells and that it was very hot there. The quota was actually raised to 20 detainees per cell (for an area of 20 meters /sic/).

Medical care was provided by a Japanese attendent who came around very irregularly. The care was limited, moreover, to applications of iodized alcohol or sulphur solution, to eye washes and the distribution of quinine. The intervention of a physician was very rare. And further, it was most often without effect. The seriously sick were not cared for or insufficiently cared for, and the only measure that might have been efficacious for them, evacuation to a hospital, was decided on too late.

Of the six detainees who to my knowledge died at Kempei tai Headquarters or shortly after their release therefrom (Mr. FOURNIER, Mr. NICOLAU, Mr. CHABERT, Major LANGILLIER.BELLEVUE, Mr. FINOT, and Mr. BERTRAND) the majority died both from the bad treatment undergone and from a lack of care.

A last point remains concerning life in the cells of the Japanese Kempei tai: the attitude of the guards of the guard-house. The guard-house was commanded by a non-commissioned officer of the Kempei tai. His contingent was six or seven men at the beginning, reduced later to four or five. The guards were soldiers of the land ermy on detached duty with the Kempei tai.

Certain of the N. C. O. guard-house commanders, or soldiers of the guard, gave evidence under various circumstances of great brutality. They inflicted on the detainees whom they accused, sometimes wrongfully, of having spoken or of having midbehaved painful punishments: blows with a stick, often very violent, whipping with a leather belt, standing up with arms in the air or extended for several hours.

It should be noted that certain Japanese non-commissioned officers and soldiers maintained a proper and at times even a kind attitude. They were on the whole proper vis-a-vis women.

The foregoing expose shows that the mere fact of incarceration in the cells of the Japanese Kerpei tai imposed on the Europeans who underwent it a truly miserable life. The deplorable hygienic conditions, unpleasant promisculty with the ordinary Annamite or Chinese lawbreakers, food insufficient in quantity and especially in quality, physical fatigue due to the discomfort of the positions which were imposed and a very painful morale impression, that of being treated as beasts by savages.

The questions and the brutalities accompanying them constituted a further cause of suffering for those of the internees who had to submit to them.

IV. My Stay at the Kempei Tai Headquarters.

Incarcerated 17 March I remained at the Japanese Kempei tai Headquarters till 11 June on which date I was transferred to Central Prison. I was taken again to the Kempei tai Headquarters 24 July and remained there until 2 August. On that date I was freed at the same time as Captain PAUMELLS and sent to the internee Civil Camp at the Normal School and then admitted to the GRALL Hospital 22 August.

On 2 August before my liberation I was led with Captain PAUSELLS before Adjutant SUMINOTO /TN: sic/, who read us a lecture saying that we had both merited being s of for having wished "to destroy the Nipponese Army", and that, if we had had a court mertial, we should certainly have been sentenced to death. That moreover, by a special favor of the Japanese High Command, it had been agreed that we should be treated as military personnel and cent to an internment camp on condition that we should thenceforth keep quiet.

V. Life at Central Frison.

Some brief indications of the life at Central Prison whose conditions though preferable to those of the Japanese Kempei tai Headquarters, were still very uncomfortable.

At the time I was at Central Prison (from 11 June to 24 July) the European detainees coming from the Kempei tai Headquarters had been distributed into two large rooms (7 and 8, I believe) to the number of 26 and 42, respectively.

The rooms were large enough, light, and well ventilated. The detaines slept on a mat placed right on the cement. A tub filled with potable water permitted drinking and washing. From time to time, almost every day, the detainees were able to go out on the verandah situated in front of the cells. A water plug made it possible to take a shower there.

It was possible to converse freely in the rooms. The rooms were locked and the sole Japanese guard was posted outside under the werandah. In general, one might say that the Japanese guards who were on duty at Central Frison were correct; certain ones even seemed to be trying to show kindness by distributing cigarettes.

There were two meals a day, one about 1030, the other about 1700. Further, about eight o'clock in the morning a little tea was distributed. The meals consisted of rice (generally red rice) with a little dried fish (generally spoiled or almost) or a little fresh fish (some fish heads floating in a salty sauce) or a hard-boiled egg or some bits of bacon fat; further a piece of pumpkin or, by way of exception, a sweet potato or a piece of manioc. On the whole these meals were very insufficient.

An Annamite attendant who came by fairly irregularly (once or twice a week) who was usually impolite to the patients and seemed uninterested in them, took /medical/ care of us. During my stay at Central Prison I was seriously ill, suffering from boils, infected itch, swelling of the legs, and was also in a state of great feebleness, being barely able to hold myself on my feet and spending all my nights without being able to sleep. Although I pointed out my state each time the attendant came by, I was unable to get myself evacuated to a hospital or even visited by a physician.

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VI. QUESTIONINGS UNDERGONE.

1. Month of March. After the questioning of 17 March I had been incarcerated, as I have explained above, in one of the cells of the Kempei tai Headquarters.

On the evening of the 19th an interpreter came to me to transmit the order to get up under the pretext that I was to be called immediately to the office. At the end of an hour, seeing that nobody came for me, I was on the point of sitting down again when I was prevented by the N.C.O. of the guard. I then understood that it was an ordeal that had been imposed on me with a view to "preparing" me for a questioning which would probably take place the next day. It didn't occur to me, however, that this ordeal was to last seven days and seven nights handrunning.

On the morning of 20 March I was taken in for interrogation. The same questions as on the 17th were asked me concerning the S.R. and the Resistance. I maintained the same attitude so well that the interrogator sent me away with the announcement that I was going to resume my "picket". I was subsequently interrogated on the 23rd by a cor oral of the Japanese Kempei tai, who asked me several questions without interest which led me to suppose that the interrogation had no purpose beyond checking the state of my fatigue.

I remained starting in my cell until 26 March under the surveillance of guards who, as soon as I weakened and looked as if I were going to sit down, took it upon themselves to renew my respect for orders with their clubs.

I must, nevertheless, admit having found a Japanese corporal and a soldier who in the course of each of the nights of the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th permitted me to stretch out for an hour. The same cor oral also permitted me to sit down during some meals. These short moments of respite doubtless helped

me to take this ordeal a little better. It did not prevent my being exhausted from fatigue at the end of this period of seven days and particularly in the course of the night of 25/26 March, when I felt an almost unbearable pain in my feet, suffered nervous tensions which came close to throwing me on the floor, and was even a victim of delirium.

The morning of the 26th I was again led before my interrogator (Adjutant SUMINOTO). He asked me with an ironic smile whether I was tired. I managed enough strength to raise a protest against the manner in which I was treated. I explained what my grievances were:

(1) That they had removed my stripes.

(2) That they had placed me in with prisoners who were common law-breakers.

(3) That they were trying to exert pressure on me to force me to reveal information which I considered secret.

I concluded by stating that such acts were absolutely contrary to all the international rules concerning the treatment of prisoners of war and by expressing my astonishment at seeing the Japanese Army disregard these rules.

Just then there occurred an air-raid alert. I was taken back down to my cell and put back on "picket". However, at the end of the alert, a Kempei came back with an interpreter. This latter informed me very politely that the "punishment" was over.

2. Month of April.

Although not interrogated during the first weeks of the month I was able to follow the progress of the inquiry by observing the arrivals of detainees and by conversing with those who were incarcerated in my cell.

'hile in the month of March the arrests were directed against some lawyers and the personnel of the radio service and of the French Broadcasting Company, in the month of April I saw arrive successively:

-1 April: 3 Commissioners of the Surete.

-7 April: Capt. LAHALLE of BAM (Military organ dealing with S.R.) and, approximately on the same date, two non-commissioned officers of his service.

-15 April: Col. BAILLY, director of artillery (it was in the director of artillery's building /Direction d'artillerie/ that the quarters were placed at the disposal of Capt. FAUNELLS, chief of the S.A. Sud.) On 9 March there still remained some undistributed materiel, tommy guns, in particular; it was in all probability—the fact was later confirmed by Col. BAILLY—the discovery of this materiel by the Japanese which brought about the arrest of the Director of Artillery.

-About 19 April: Capt. + AUWELLS.

The Japanese had then definitely laid their hands on the S.R. and the S.A. which I tried to cover by my silence in March. On 22 April I was

taken from my cell and interrogated by a Kempei tai Adjutant--whose name I not know--assisted by two or three Kempei. I was asked to give all the information I possessed on the FFI (the Japanese always designated thus the members of the Resistance organizations throughout the inquiry). As I refused to speak I was subjected to a seance of tortures which was particularly painful. Bound to a bench with an extremely tight rope which cut into flesh, I was subjected for about an hour and a half simultaneously to double torture:

-On the one hand, bludgeoning of the soles of the feet by the adjutant provided with a hard-wood club and by another Kempei provided with a rattan canon the other, water asphyxiation.

Besides this, another Kempei gave me a few body burns with cigarette ashes.

I shall dwell somewhat on the first two tortures, for I carried away the impression that they were applied with particular cruelty. As for the bludgeoning of the feet, I find it hard to say how many blows I received, perhaps a few lass. From time to time some blows were applied to the tibias and the ropes which tound my ankle bones, driving them into the flesh and producing wounds which lasted a long time (along with those of the tibias). Several cudgel blows were also laid on my toes, and the nail of the right big toe in particular was torn out.

As a result of this treatment my feet swelled considerably. For several days it was impossible for me to stand on my feet. To get up I had to have the help of two cell-mates and for the questionings the Japanese Kempei carried me on their backs. At the present moment, more than four months after this series of tortures, my right foot remains deformed.

As for the water asphyxiation, it was inflicted on me under particularly painful conditions. A Kempei pressed against my belly to fill out my chest. A gag had been put on my nose and month forcing me to inhale to get a little air. The interrogator poured on my gag the water from a kettle which he had refilled as soon as empty. It was impossible for me under these circumstances to avoid swallowing water and losing my breath fairly repidly. The one pouring would stop then to begin again as soon as I had succeeded in catching a bit of air. This struggle for an hour and a half against asphyxiation exhausted me completely.

At the end of an hour and a half the adjutant-interrogator, wishing no doubt to vary the placements, placed the bench vertically in such a way that I was hanging head down held by the ropes around my ankles which went de per and deeper into the wounds which had been made in me. I remained about a half hour under these conditions, the interrogator continuing to apply the cudgel blows to my feet and pouring water from time to time down my nostrils.

I was then unbound, placed on a bench in front of a table and Adjutant SUMINOTO, entering the room, resumed the interrogation punctuated by numerous

cudgel blows on my head, arms, and shoulders.

Reduced to a state of utter exhaustion, it was difficult to maintain absolute muteness. Nevertheless, I decided to limit myself to a short statement in which:

-I at litted my position in the Resistance organization, deputy to General DELSUC and Liaison Officer between General DELSUC and Captain PAULELLS, Chief of the S.A.

I acknowled d that some arms had been received by parachute while presenting not to know the number.

-I minimized the recomment of civilians, presenting it as a sort of clandestine partial robilitation concerning only a small number of reservists and conferring upon them the status of mobilized personnel, the military authority taking the entire responsibility for t is mobilization.

Some other questions were asked me regarding Allied parachutists havilanded on the territory of Southern Indo-China. I pretended not to be au courant, which brought me a few more blows.

The interrogation stopped at that point, fortunately, for I was at the end of my strength.

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On 23 April I was again interrogated by the same adjutant who had subjected me to the tortures the day before. The interrogation, this time, was very calm. Some questions were asked me regarding the S.R. which it was possible for me to answer, because I had learned from a non-commissioned officer of BAM who was incarcerated in the same cell with me just how far the BAM inquiry had progressed.

Furthermore, some questions were asked me on the administrative organization of Indo-China, on the stationing of troops before 9 March, and various questions unrelated to my functions, for example, what had been the role of Mrs. DEUOUX (?) in Indo-Chinese politics.

During this session I received only one blow with the stick for an answer to a question which I no longer remember, but which seemed not to satisfy the interrogetor.

On 24 April I was taken in for interrolation about 9 o'clock in the evening. After some anodyne questions, the adjutant (the same one as the two preceding days) went after me again regarding the FFI. Since I appeared reticent and my answers were simple dilutions of my statements of the 22nd, the interrogator tied me to a bench taking pains to pass the cords, which were very tight, right through the wounds which had been made two days before. He told me that he would leave me in this position—which was very painful—until I consented to talk and, if need be, the whole night. I was

left tied to the beach for about an laur. As luck would have it, about 11 o'clock at night, protably feeling tired and not knowing how to keep me under guard during the night, the interregator had me unbound and taken back to my cell, telling me to think things over very carefully and that I should be re-interrogated the following day.

As a matter of fact he gave it up, for they left me in peace in my

I fell sich there, however, as a consequence of the tortures endured. In particular, the struggle that I had carried on against asphyxiation by water had brought on some stomach troubles. It was impossible to assimilate food without vomiting. I remained in this state 17 consecutive days, eating, so to speak, nothing, excert some bananes which were passed on to me by a fellow-detainee receiving his meals from outside.

Several times I saked to be visited by a physician. I got no satisfaction until 9 May. On that date a Japanese medical captain came to see me. I explained my case to him a requested evacuation to a hos ital, being at the time in a state of great weekness. I thought I understood from his answer that he was not empowered to decide such an evacuation and that a decision by the command was necessary. I was then presented to the duty officer who merely asked me whether I was FaI. Since I answered that I had been thoroughly interrogated on that matter, I read in his face that I had no change of being evacuated to a hospital.

These visits had at least one result. Beginning 9 May I had at least the right to a shower every day and the N.C.O. of the guard received the order to admit to my cell the food that the other detainees receiving their meals from outside were kind enough to send me. In this way I was note to regain some strength.

3. Month of May.

In the course of the first fortnight of May I was subjected to two brief interrogations, the first on parachuting, the second on the FTI of Cambodia, interrogations which were a serrunted before I could make the slightest statement, the interrogator having noticed that there had been an error and I had been brought in instead of Captain PAU MILS (w ose name was pronounced the same as mine, which accounts for the error).

These interrogations premitted me at least to learn that the inquiry was already well advanced, and that, in particular, the Kampei tai knew the names of the principal members of the Resistance in Cambodia, Mr. JOUBERT and Mr. LASSON, whose names the interrogator mentioned to me to ask whether I knew them.

Further, the namerous arrests which had been made confirmed the de-

In the course of the second fortnig't of May I underwent two series of interrogations:

-One from 17 to 26 May, almost daily interrogations concerning the Resistance.

-The second on 23, 23, and 24 May, concerning the S.R. and my supposed relations with the American authorities.

(a) Interrogations concerning the Resistance. These interrogations were conducted by a technical sergeant whose name I do not know. He was always correct and even sympathetic, taking it upon himself to go look for a change of clothes in the room that I had previously occupied in town and intervening to help me obtain an authorization to receive my meals from a hotel in town, a step which I benefitted from between 18 May and my departure for Central Prison 11 June. The questions asked me dealt with:

-My role in the organization of the FFI.

-The orders given by General DELSUO concerning the Resistance, the S.R., political action.

-The organization of the FFT in the South.

-Their radio natwork.

-Farschuting.

-Materiel received.

-Lieuterant LOISEL's mission.

-Funds placed at the disposal of the Resistance.

Finally several questions were put to me about the American (?) parachutists who had been able to land in Indo-China and about the alleged setting-up by t. French Army of secret depots of arms, munitions, fuel.

Considering the point reached by the inquiry and the Japanese already possessing extensive information on the different questions put to me, I decided that /further/ silence on my part would be pointless. I resolved then to make some statements to give the interrogator as far as possible the impression of frankness while trying to remain within the limits of the information already known to the Japanese. I also deemed it possible to make use of these statements in clearing up certain questions which might have been misunderstood and which the Japanese might give a tendentious interpretation. I also intended to renew my statement of 22 April according to which the militar authority covered completely the civilians incorporated into the FFI and considered them mobilized.

It was in this spirit that I answered the questions asked. On 20 May I took advantage of a moment when the interrogator seemed particularly well disposed to set forth my point of view concerning civilians belonging to the Resistance, namely that when contacted by the military authority to be mobilized they had responded to this appeal in a spirit of national discipline which did them honor, that it was consequently inadmissible to treat them as they had been at Kempei tai Headquarters and that at most internment as prisoners of war could be envisaged for them. The interrogator seemed to me very

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understanding in this matter. He even agreed that Japanese placed under the same circumstances would probably have acted similarly and stated to me that the civilians arrested as having belonged to the FFI would be transferred to internment camps.

l'ending this step I asked him that certain improvements be made in the regimen of the European detainees of the Kempei tai -- in particular:

-Increase of the tea ration.

- -Thinning out of the cells whose personnel reached 20 per cell at the time.
- -Orders to be given to the guard for the suppression of the too frequent brutalizies. This request seemed to be taken into consideration -- unless another cause was working simultaneously -- for:
 - (1) Beginning that day two supplementary rations of tea were distributed.
 - (2) The next day numerous Annamites were transferred out, the number in the cells dropping to 12 or 13.
 - (3) I had the impression that after that day the guard was more proper towards the European detainees.
- (b) Interrogations concerning the S.R. These interrogations were conducted by Adjutant SIMILLUID. They took place on 22, 23, and 24 May and revolved around this one joint: I was accused of h virg been in touch (1) with General MacARTHUR to whom I was supposed to have communicated, via the civilia radio service, information regarding Japanese shipping convoys, (2) with American submerines. My denials only served to bring about a new series of brutalities. On the 22nd I received violent head blows with a stick. On the 23rd Adjutant SUMINOTO himself hammered my face with extremely violent blows o his fist, further forcing me to remain kneeling during the interrogation. Fin ally, on the 24th, a new series of tortres was inflicted, comprising:

-The tearing out of tufts of heir from my head and beard.

-The twisting of my wrists and arms.

-Asphyxiation by strangulation.

-A wound on my foot caused by a see-saw movement pressed on a cord just at the point of a wound made in April. (This unattended wound got infected and was at the bottom of a lit of boils which has continued up to the present time.

-Finally, asphyxiation by water.

At the end of my strength I finally consented to do what was demanded of me, namely, to sign a statement by which I admitted having enciphered some telegrams destined for MacARTHUR and American subm rines signaling to them the movements of Japanese maritime convoys -- telegrams which I was supposed to have sent to Mr. LOGNON of the radio service for despatching. (Later on I was compelled to make this statement over by replacing the name of Mr. LOGNON by that. of a radio engineer at BLE HOA named CHARLOWT, who, moreover, did not exist unless, making allowance for the mistakes in spelling made by the Japanese, Mr

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I made clear before signing that this statement was without value since it did not correspond to the truth and since it was extracted from me by violence. That brought the reply: "Sign anyhow; that doesn't matter."

4. Interrogations in June and July.

At the beginning of June before my departure for Central Prison I was interrogated twice by Technical Sergeant ARAI, who accused me of having helped the six American aviators who were picked up on 12 January escape. I succeeded in convincing him that that was a movement regularly operated under orders from HANOI. He interrogated me likewise on the revictualing of Allied submarines. I answered that I had no knowledge of such facts. He did not insist.

In the course of my stay in Central Prison and of the last eight days spent at the Kempei tai Headquarters from 24 July to 2 August I underwent no interrogation.

SAIGON, 2 September 1945

/Signed/Beauvalet /sic/

Certified to be exact and true copy
Lieutenant Colonel & Turck, Chief of the War Crimes Service

/signed/ Y. Turck.

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Commissariat of Justice War Crimes

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Police Inspector Martial MASSOT Attached to the Federal War Crimes Jommission

to

The Chief of the Federal War Crimes Commission

In reply to your verbal request today -- a request having to do with the development of the affair which took place in October 1944 and which led to the arrest and execution of fifteen Chinese subjects by the Japanese Kempei Tai from Saigon-Cholon -- I have the honor to furnish to you the information which I have been able to assemble on this subject. -

A radio direction finder station belonging to the Japanese Kempei Tai having detected waves sent out by a secret sending station in the vicinity of the M.I.C. factory six partable RDF sets were placed around the sector thus defined.

The transmissions being very frequent, four per day and at fixed times, and the transmitter moreover not having been moved the exact point of transmission was very quickly determined (see attached sketch).

At this point Lieutenant SANO of the Cholon Kempei Tai was ordered by Major FUKUTOMI, Chief of the Kempei Tai, to carry out an investigation and to take measures to put a stop to this information net.

Surveillances were carried out around the villa in which the transmitting station was located, and in the course of time it was established that this villa was occupied by a Chinese family and that the husband was the operator of the clandestine station. Only two Chinese came very frequently to this villa. They were "tailed" and "lodged". Other surveillances were carried out on the houses of these two new persons; other "tails" were made which led to other surveillances.

After about 45 days all the members of this net were known and "lodged". During the course of October the arrests were made at the same moment, each house being surrounded. The Chief, being absent from his domicile, was arrested on the basis of information from one of the Chinese of the net. Thirty persons were arrested in this single sweep. After interrogation fifteen were released and fifteen sent to the Saigon Kempei Tai.

By submitting /the latter/ to torture the Saigon Kempei obtained complete confessions from the fifteen Chinese. The transmitting station had been in direct communication with Chungking.

/The fifteen Chinese/ having been condemned to death by a tribunal of the Japanese Kempei Tai of Saigon, the execution was set for the beginning of the month of December in the vicinity of the Long-Thanh airfield.

A first party of Kempei Tai men left the Kempei Tai headquarters in advance with the mission of finding a place for the execution and of digging the trench. Then, in its turn, a second detachment comprising also the prisoners left the Gendamerie with the airfield as its destination.

There the prisoners were put down from the conveyances and their hands tied behind their backs. There were three women and twelve men. The men from the first party were waiting at the mirfield in order to direct the new arrivals to a position chosen near the ditch where the prisoners were to wait their turn to be executed.

Two sabres had been brought from Saigon to serve in the execution, a "Kotetsu" and a "Muramasa". When all was ready the Kempei Thi began the executions.

The operations occurred in the following fashion: The prisoners were assembled in a place about thirty metres from the ditch (see sketch attached) from which they could see neither the ditch nor its immediate surroundings. Each of the people had a prisoner to execute. He would come and search out his victim, then when about twenty metres from the ditch, and while it was still impossible to distinguish it, he would cover his /victim's/ eyes with a bandage; then leading him to the edge of the ditch he would make his prisoner kneel and would decapitate him with one of the two sabres brought for this purpose. The head would fall into the ditch and the body would fall of itself. The sabre would be washed and a second execution would follow. These executions were concluded at about 1730, having begun at about 1600.

The three wonch were executed first. Then it was the Chief's turn and then his comrades. The first woman screamed and struggled and the Japanese were obliged to place her on her knees by force and to bind her legs in such a way that she would remain in this position for beheading.

All /the others/, with the exception of this woman and the Chief who screamed in the same way and struggled, died courageously.

The Kempel Thi adjutant, Shunzo TOMONO, was on the spot and directed the executions.

When all was finished the ditch was refilled and in a cynical gesture the Japanese planted a young shrub, a shrub which moreover we und when we uncovered the ditch.

Executed that day were the following persons:

TRAN-U-KINH, LY-VAN-SHON, TU-KIM, TRAN-THO, HUA-TRACH-TAY, HUA-THANH, LY-TIEN-KHAI, HOC-KIEN-LAI, THAI-LAM, TRAN-YAC-DAN, TRAN-LE-TUONG, DU-DUONG, LA-VAN-SHON, TA-TINH-SANH, YIP-TAN.

Done at Saigon 24 August 1946 Second Lieutenant Martial MASSOT Attached to the War Crimes Service.

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Commissariat of Justice
War Crimes Commission

Second Lieutenant Martial MASSOT Attached to the Federal War Crimes Commission

to

The Chief of the Commission

I have the honor to report to you the following events:

Pursuant to the orders given me I went to LONG THANH in order to carry out there the exhumation of the bodies of the Chinese subjects beheaded with sabres by the gendarmes of the Saigen Kempei Tai during the course of the month of December 1944.

At eight-thirty on 14 August 1946 I left the /office of/
the Commission having with me a representative of the Chinese
Consulate, a Japanese-language interpreter, seven of the
Kempei who had participated in the massacre, and guarded by
four Cambodian sharpshooters under the orders of a Technical
Sergeant and a lance Sergeant. I also took seventeen special
cases for bringing back the remains of the bodies.

As means of transport the 3rd D.I.C. /Indo-China Division/ had placed at our disposal two Chevrolet trucks.

We arrived without incident at Bien-Hoa in order to join the Baria convoy at twenty minutes to ten. I went immediately to the Inspectorate of Bien-Hoa in order to obtain there a permit for exhumation, this having been agreed to at the time of my visit to the Administrator of the province.

I did not get the permit until 10:15 and as a result the convoy had left without me. After many attempts I finally found out that a second convoy was to leave for Baria at 14 hours that some day. I concerned myself with food for the men.

At two o'clock we left for Long-Thanh arriving there without hinderance at about 1500 hours /three o'clock/.

On arrival and after having picked up on the spot some shovels and picks, I inquired about escorts.

Five men and a machine gune had been given me for our security during the work. I went to the edge of the airfield designated by the Japanese and following their directions (after having left the two trucks in charge of the drivers) I followed one of the Japanese into the jungle. After two hours of walking and after having turned in all directions night began to fall. I decided to about-face and return to Long-Thanh. We had not yet found the site of the pit.

Arrived at Long-Than's I busied myself with the feeding and lodging of the men and prisoners.

At 8 o'clock the following day, 15 August, we left again for the airfield, and /once there/ wandered about in vain for an hour, the information of the Japanese not being in agreement. Having asked them that they had done from the moment they had arrived at the airfield with their prisoners and at what place in the airfield they had stopped, they spoke about as follows:

"We arrived at the mirfield mean the spot where we now are. We forced our may into the jungle in a direction at right angles to the mirfield. We walked for about twenty minutes and then came to a small read marked by tracks of carts going to and coming from the plantation. We then followed this road to the right for about 40 metres after which we again entered the jungle. Some thirty metros further on we reached a clearing and there we dug the ditch and beheaded the Chinese." Thanks to this information I was able to crient myself, and we cuickly discovered the ditch, this being recognizable as a depression of about ten centimetres of the whole surface of the earth which had been displaced.

It was 1000 hours when we began the work. I dug out from the whole surface of the pit equally, soundings being of no value.

By eleven o'clock the ditch was already excavated to a depth of one metre fifty centimetres and the oder which is given off from it become toarable only with difficulty. A stroke of a shovel uncovered a jaw bone. I decided to suspend operations and return to Long-Thanh for lunch.

At three p.m. we returned to the spot, this time by a longer route but one more accessible to the trucks.

And we begin the exhumation of the remains of these Chinese. The heads are not with the bodies.

All in a very advanced state of decomposition, and a great effort of will is required on the part of all of us to stay and continue this work which is all the more distressing in that we have none of the means of protection employed on such occasions, e.g. masks, rubber gloves, rubber boots. Also the sun is beating down on the ditch:

The human frames roughly cleaned of rotting flesh and taken out of the ditch and placed on the grass. The bodies having been covered with earth just as they fell at the moment of decapitation—the decapitation having taken place while the prisoner knelt at the edge of the ditch—it follows that flesh and frame are mixed, this being aided also by the rotting, and as a result it was impossible to assign these benes to this or that cadaver. It was equally impossible to know to what corpse we ought to assign such a head, the head having rolled into the ditch at the moment of decapitation.

This ofternoon of 15 August we uncovered 14 skulls. On certain of these there still remained the bandage which had covered their eyes.

A photographer came from Saigon sent by the 5th Bureau (Information) to take pictures of the bone heaps /charnel house/.

At 1800 hours I gave the or or to quit work, everyone being exhausted by the effort put forth-effort which was as much moral as physical. By that time we had taken out of the pit fourteen shull and a considerable quantity of tibias ferurs, pelvic bones, clavicles, etc... and had laid them on the grass at a distance of ten metres from the pit.

The next day, 16 August, at eight o'clock we return to the place. This is to be the worst day. The garments actually have remained intact, except for the color which is all a grey green. In these garments are found the rotting flosh and it is necessary to take out these seft and very heavy things in order to recover the bones which are found in the midst of this flesh and which we came to fetch. The order is unbearable and most of the men are seized with vemiting and are no longer able to come near the pit.

A fifteenth skull is taken from the charnel-house. This will be the last, and it brings to fifteen the number of Chinese executed and buried in this heap /charnier/.

Now the pit is empty and ofter having thrown back the garments and the mire of flesh into the pit, and after having re-covered the pit, the benes are wanted in water and then in alcohol and deposited separately in coffins.

It is 1300 hours when all these operations are finished and we head for Long-Thanh after having loaded the coffins on one of the two trucks.

At 1800 hours the Baria convoy arrives on its way to Bien Hoa. We join it and arrive at Bien Hoa at 1930. We leave the convoy and trend our way toward Saigon arriving there without incident at 2015 hours.

The delegate of the Chinese Consulate asks me to leave the remains at the Cantonese hospital at Cholon where they will attempt an identification of the skulls.

At 2100 hours the coffins are deposited at the Cantonese hospital and I leave at once for Chi-Hoa where I leave the seven Japanese as well as the Cambodian guards.

I wish to state specifically, in concluding this report, that each of those who went with me on this mission has shown exemplary conduct and remarkable devotion, not hesitating to risk his life in order to carry out the exhunation of the cadavers of the Chinese subjects.

It would be very just if their several superiors were to be so advised so that they might be able to reward them to whatever degree is decided upon to meet their case.

I stress the fact that this mission has been particularly risky and dangerous; it was in a particularly disturbed sector for a task which was notable disagreeable and for which not a single means was at our disposal -- a dangerous task too, involving the risk of dangerous sicknesses. In spite of all this they accomplished their mission with never a nurmur, with respect and devotion.

It is thanks to the two drivers of the 3rd D.I.C., to the Technical Sergeant and the Lance Sergeant, and to the four Cambodian sharpshooters of the 22nd Cambodian Company that this mission has been carried out so well--a mission which can and ought to strengthen our bonds of understanding with China.

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Evidentian 妆羊 北監督心的 十五 加力 煙草製 の回答 人の中

その位外は不見り を経てる別話は夫が秋窓送信所の打送信所の方元別が田辺に監視が 夫婦により住すけれてある事 少佐からくの取調べを行ひ情か此の時提上戸憲兵隊の佐野中雄之下を大九人、添附の略圖を見る 之是 ひ情報館の中 附は憲兵隊長福高 め発信題はすぐい はれ 命 ある はれ旦又発 でを受けた 中

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監視七分九更以他及

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つてるた。 から持運はれた。すべてが準備された時、患色は刑の施行意覧二振の刃即ち「虎微」と「村正」とか動首に用ひりろべく西貢 兵は名々刑を執行すべき 始た、刑の執行は次の如於方法 建は草金六 から約三十米の場所以集合せしめられた宝典行はなったのはある方法はないないのではれた。即ははのないのはなったのはないなったのはないなったのではなったのではなったのではなったのではないのではないのではない 四人を一人かり受持

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昭和二十二年一月九日

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FRENCH MISSION IN JAPAN

Tekyo, 12 December 1946

No. 935/AM

FORWARDING BILL

Lt.Gen. C. A. Pechkoff,
Ambassador of France
Chief of the French Mission in
Japan

Mr. Oneto, French Prosecutor, with the International Military Tribunal of Tokyo,

Description	Number	Observations	
Copies of Memoranda No. 931/AM - 932/AM and 934/AM addressed to SCAP regarding Japanese War Criminals in Indo-China,	3		
TOTAL	3		

By Order: Lt.Col. VALLIER
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No. 932/AM

December 12th, 1946

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MEMORANDUM

TO

: SCAP, 314, G2 Foreign Liaison Section.

FROM

: French Mission in Japan.

SUBJECT: Sentence of two Japanese war criminals by the

Peruspent military Tribunal or Sargon.

REFER

Memorandum No. 773/AM (October 24th, 1946).

1. - By the above mentioned memorandum, the French Mission forwarded to G2 the names of two Japanese P.O.W. charged for sequestration with tortures and murders (war crimes) to appear before the Permanent Military Tribunal in SAIGON.

2. - Following directives received from the French Foreign Office the French Mission has the honor to inform the Supreme Commander for the Allied Fowers that the said defendants appeared before the afcresaid military Tribunal the 21st October 1946, and have been sentenced as follows:

KYCTA Matsunami - 10 years of hard labour -Did not lodge an appeal. SAITO Kimiyoshi - 8 " Lodges an appeal.

_ Enclosed copy in French of the depates referring to these judgements./.

BY ORDER

Colonel VallIER Chief of Staff and Mulitary Adviser.

PERMANENT MILITARY TRIBUNAL OF SAIGON

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Repost of Judgement in the matter conterning the person named

Cavil Condition:

SAITO, Kamyoshi

Son of the late SATTO Kinsuke and of SATTO Yoshi, born on 2 dept. 1905 at Fukushima (Japan), married to Shetsuke toree children

Medical carron of the 2nd Division in the first Field Hospital.

Detained at the Malson Centrale de Saigon by reason of a lodgement warrant issued on 28 June 1946 by the Military Examining Judge.

Charges:

Charged with murder.

An offense provided against and junish able by articles 295 et seq. of the Penal Code and by the ordinance of 28 Aug. 1944 (O.T. No. 118 bis dated 22 June 1946, released by the General Europe Commandant of French troops in the Far East).

Statement of the Facts of the Prose-cution;

On 18 August at temporary camp C, rue Doctor Angler, died Raymond Didelot, aged 50, Chief Irspector unclassified of the Security Police. The man answe able for this death should be Medical Captain SAITO. In spite of numerous oral remonstrances and several written reminders this strange doctor obstinately maintained that the case of Mr. Didelot, attacked by sprue from 20 April 1945, was not serious and that he life was not in danger.

He stubbornly refused to send him to hospital and even to cause the medicine necessary for his case to be sent to the sick man. The day before he died. Mr. Didelot had lost 46 kills (T.N. about 88 lbs) and was already uncon-

that there was an improvement in mis condition:

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Moreover, Lai SAJTO was, in April 1945, director of a camp of civilial prisoners at Kratie.

nent Military Tribunal of Saigon at the hearing of 21 October 1940 the above maned was found guilty of the acts charged against him and was sentenced to the punishment of eight years penal servitude, sentence of expulsion suspended, for murder. He appealed to the Military Court of Appeal.

Distribution:

SAIGON 21 October 1940 Covernment Commissioner

The Army Minister Director of Military Law, Paris

Copies to: The Chief of Mission for Control of Japanese Army (Prisoners of War) SAIGON

Archives

COPY PERMANENT MILITARY TRIBUNAL OF SAIGON

Report of Judgement in the matter concerning the person named:

Civil Condition: KYUTA Katsunami

Son of Suematsu and Shije, born 20 Dec. 1918 at Bunset, Yatsushire District, Kamamoto Ren (Japan). Sgt. Majer Japanese Military Police, promoted to Warrant Officer Dec. 1945.

Held at the Maison Centrale of Salgon, under lodgement warrant issued on 24 July 19 to by the Military Examining Judg

Charges:

Charged with illagal imprisonment with torture, An offense provided against and restrained by article 344 of the Penal Code and by the Ordinance of 28 August 1944 (0.1-No. 146 dated 18 July 1946, released by the General Officer, Commander in Chief of the French Forces in the For Zast).

Statement of the Facts of the Prosecution:

Officer commanding Japanese Military Police Detachment of Parthiet from 15 Feb, 1945 up to the surrender. He is the Chief perpetrator of serious cruelties and ill-treatment of which several French residents of Fanthiet, imprisoned after 9 March 1945 under warious pretexts, in the cages of the Japanese mili tary police of this town. Among the victims of this NCO was, in particular, a missionary, Rev. Father BRUGIDOU, ill, aged 60 years, on whom KYCTA vented his venom with a special ferocity. NCO was officially pointed out by his victims in the course of an identification parade which took place on 25 Feb. 1946 at the prison of Chi Hoa.

KYOUA, indicted before the Permanent Military Tribunal of Saigon, at the hearing of 21 Cotober 1946, the above-named was found guilty of the charges brought against him and was sentenced to the punishment of 10 years penal servitude for illegal imprisonment with torture.

He did not appeal to the Military Court of Appeal.

SAIGON, 21 October 1946

Distribution:

Government Commissioner

Army Minister Director of Military Law, Paris.

No. 931/AM

I E M C R A N D U M

12 December 1946

: SCAP, GHQ, G2 Foreign Liaison Section.

FROM : French Mission in Japan.

SUBJECT: Sentence of Japanese war criminals by the

REFER: Memoranaum No. 602/AM (September 25th, 1946).

I. By the above mentioned memorandum the French Mission forwarded to G2 the names of seven Japanese P.O.W. charged for murders (war crimes) to appear before the Permanent Military Tribunal in SATGCN.

2.- Following directives received from the French Foreign Office, the French Mission has the honor to inform the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers that the said defendants appeared before the aforesaid military tribunal the 7th October 1946 and have been sentenced as follows:

HATTORI Taizc

TAMURA Kanki

TOMONO Sonesuke

IWAMASSA Humihise

NEMOTO Kiyenni

KONUKI Kinzo

SUZUKI Misashi

Death

I Lodged an appeal

(by default)

Hard labor for life Lodged an appeal

BY ORDER
Colonel VALLIER
Chief of Staff and Military Adviser

No. 934/A.M.

12 December 1946

MEMORANDUM

TO

: SCAP - GHQ - G2 - Foreign Liaison Dection.

FROM

: French Masion in Japan.

SUBJECT :

Appearance of Japanese prisoners of war before the Permanent Military Tribunal in Saigon.

RFFER

: Memorandum No. 603 (September 25, 1946)

- 1. By the above mentioned memorandum, the French Mission informed SCAP, G2, that a proceeding order had been delivered against a certain number of Japanese prisoners of war, charged with "war crimes".
- 2. Following instructions received from the French Foreign Office, the French Mission has the honor to inform the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers that six of these defendants, namely:

TADA Toranosuke KOPAYASHI Chozo IMURA Shoji TASHIRO Hideo KCIDE Tsuyuki SAKUTI Yuzo YANACIZAWA

will appear before the Permanent Military Tribunal of Saigon, on December 23rd, 1946./.

DY ORDER:

Colonel VALLIER Chief of Staff and Military Advisor.

Certificate

I, A. ASHTON, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the French and English languages, and as a result of the comparison between the French and the English texts, I have established that this is a true and correct translation of International Prosecution Document No. 2772-J-5.

(Signed) A. ASHTON

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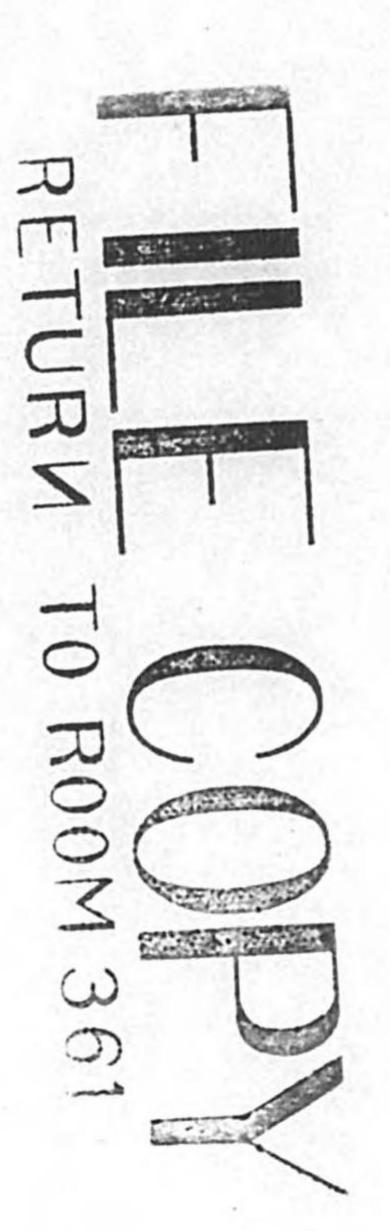
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Report of Dr. (Lt.) CARTIER concerning the Exhumations of THAKHEK.

At the request of Captain LE SOURD, Delegate of the Commissioner of War Crimes at THAKHEK I was led to proceed 13, 14, 15 June 1946 to the exhumation of the bodies of French military and civilian personnel interned at the military camp of THAKHEK. In the course of it, 17 bodies distributed among four pits were exhumed in my presence and by my efforts.

From these labors I have been able to make the following statements of fact from the MEDICO-LEGAL point of view.

First, State of Conservation--The soil being clayey, decomposition is not complete. The viscera and certain muscular masses (thighs, buttocks,) are not entirely destroyed, which causes the bodies to retain approximately their position and their original relation /to each other/. One body is in course of waxy degenerescence and the well-preserve trunk shows no wound.

Second, Position-The four pits examined were of very limited dimensions, circular and about 1.50 neters in diameter by 1.75 neters in depth. The bodies were bent and curled up on each other, the limbs overlapping and intermingling; as a result of this position the disengagement of each one was very difficult. From their positions it seems to me that the bodies were placed in their pits after death and before the appearance of endaverous rigidity. Three skulls were found neatly separated from the trunk indicating a decapitation. One body remains without a head in spite of all searches. For all the other bodies the heads were found exactly in the prolongation of the cervical vertebrae. All the bodies have their arms bound behind the back by a cord tied to the waist or around the neck. They have a napkin or handkerchiefs over the eyes.

Third, State of the skeleton--All the skulls are the skeletal state. None presents a perforation which could give rise to the conjecture of a bullet wound nor was there a trace of recent fractures or break-throughs. The numerous dentures permitted several identifications to be made. All apparently had their mouths closed, the earth found between their jaws has come from the caving in of the soil.

- a. Shoulder blades. All were intact.
- b. Bones of upper limbs. Humeri, radi, cubita, without any trace of fractures. The bones of the wrist were hard to locate.
- c. Vertebrae. All those found and examined were intact.
- e. /sic; no d in original French/ Rib /sic/ the same..
- f. os liaques /iliac bones/ of masculine sex, without any trace of fracture.
- g. Bones of the lower limbs. Femora, tibiae, fibulae without recent fractures. All the bones of the feet enclosed in shoes were intact.

CONCLUSION

All the bodies exhumed (17) are in a state of advanced decomposition indicating more than one year in the soil and preventing all investigation into enything other than the skeleton.

The position of the bodies indicates that the burial must have been taken place immediately after death.

As for the other bodies the absolutely intact state of all the principal bones of the skeleton renders very improbable the hypothesis of an execution by fire arms.

It is further to be noted that the trunk found in a state of waxy degenerescence did not present any scar of the dorsal surface (the better preserved surface).

A.P.O. 50683, 26 June 1946 Medical Lieutenant CARTIER

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Administrative Liaison Officer Chief of the FEDERAL WAR CRIFTS SERVICE

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I, Yale laxon, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the <u>French</u> and <u>English languages</u>, and as a result of the comparison between the <u>French</u> and the <u>English</u> texts, I have established that this is a true and correct translation of International Prosecution Document No. 2772 K-1.

/s/ Yale Maxon

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INDOCHINE FRANÇAISE

Ministère Public International Division Française Janvier 1947

> Robert ONETO, Procureur Asocie pour la France

Donsier présente par le Commandant Roger DEPO

INTRODUCTION

La Division Française de l'IPS soumet à l'attention du Tribunal un nombre restreint de temoignages, extrait d'une volumineuse documentation, relatant les atrocités et les meurtres commis sur toute l'otendue du territoire indochinois par les troupes japonaises à l'egard des populations civiles et des prisonniers de guerre.

Les démonstrations relatives aux crimes des classes B et C apportées les jours précédents par les autres sections de l'IPS rendent inutiles l'apport de multiples documents répétant pour l'Union Indochinoise les détails déja donnés sour d'autres territoires.

Les documents qui vont etre presentes au Tribunal ont pour but seuloment de denner quelques exemples des agissements de l'Armée Japonaise en Indochine.

Avant de commencer la presentation de ces documents, nous demandons l'autorisation de rappeler brievement trois documents deja connus de la Cour.

I. Le document I.P.S. No. 2667, exhibit No. 663, est un rapport officiel du Grand Quartier General de l'Armée Japonaise du Sud. A la Page 5 de ce document, ler paragraphe, lettre A, page 7176 du Record, rous pouvons lire:

"Meme, si les Français rejettent les exigences japonaises, les relations entre les deux pays no seront pas considérees commes celles entre belligérants.

Cependant, le Japon ne sera pas lie par les traites existants,

II. Le document I.P.S. No. 2665, exhibit no. 665, page du Record 7193 et 7194 contient le texte de l'avertissement solennel adresse par le Gouvernment Français au Gouvernement Japonais au sujet des violences exercées sur les populations indochinois par les forces armées Impériales.

III. Dans le document I.P.S. no. 2667, exhibit no. 663, page 7 du document, conclusion, dernier paragraphe, page 7181 et 7182 du Record, le Grand Quartier Gen ral de l'Armee Japonaise du Sud declare:

"En outre, les mesures prises en Indochine Française furent basées sur les directives de TONYO et ne furent pas une décision arbitraire de l'Armée Japonaise locale. Toutes les troupes Japonaises militaires, officiels, civils, quelque humble qu'aient pu être lours fonctions, agirent toujours uniquement par crases des Commandements Superieurs et sous leur responsabilite, accomplirent avec la plus grande fidélité chaque tache fixée."

Avec la permission de la Cour, les documents relatifs a cette phase de l'accusation vont maintenant être présentés par mon collaborateur le Commandant Roger Depo.

A - POPULATIONS CIVILES.

1. L' document de l'accusation No. 2772 I-1, affidavit de JULLIEN Remy, est presente comme preuve à la Cour.

Dans co document, le temoin relate les nauvais traitements et les tertures, infliges a des civils français et a un officier aviateur américain dans les locaux de la Gendarmerie Japonaise de Vinh. Certaines de ces victimes sont mortes des traitements subis.

Avæl'autorisation de la Cour, je vais donner lecture de co document. 2. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 I-2, affidavit de COUDOUX

Jean Francois, est presente à la Cour pour identification.

Souls les extraits marque s sont à retenir comme prouve.

Conderment, sur le sort des prisonnièrs civils de la Gendarmerie japonaise de Vinh complete le dernièr document No. 2772 I-1 deja produit et portant le mumero d'exhibit ______.

Il donne des details sur les supplices suivis de mort, infliges a deux civils français Mrs. SURTAU et URIET.

Avec l'autorisation de la Cour je vais donner lecture des extraits marques.

3. L'affidavit de Mme Vouve BERTRAND, document de l'accusation No. 2772 I-1 est présente à la Cour comme prouve.

Dans cet affidavit, l'interesse relate la decouverte du corps de son mari, interne civil, mort des suites de tortures, a la Gendarmerie Japonaise de Saigon.

"I asked him what my husband died of. He replied, 'Your husband had fover in the night. The Commandant gave him an anti-malaria injection and he slept. This morning he did not awake.' Then they led me to see the body of my husband. It was on the ground floor on a short stretcher covered with a covering in a repulsive condition.

The body was covered with bruises, the upper lip swellen and contused, one eye quite shut, the other half open. They then leaded the compact into acmilitary truck and asked me where they had to take it. I told them the morgue of the Grall Hospital. I got into the same vehicle, accommanded by Capt. TOMONO and two Japanese interpreters. When we had reached Grall they asked Chief Medical Officer GUEDON to come and confirm the state of the body and to have it out in accoffin as soon as possible.

The Japanese busied themselves with the papers of the Civil Com-

When the blessing of the body and the bestowal of it in the casket were finished TOMONO made me sign a paper ordering me to say nothing on the subject of the death of my husband and a receipt for the sum of 100 plastres from the military police.

Next I went to the cemetery, always accompanied by Japaneso Military Police."

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4. Le document de l'accumation No. 2772 E-1, affida it de ONN...

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Co document relata notamment le viol de l'interessee par duex efficiers japonais:

"We slept in the servants' quarters; my sister aged 13 and myself in the same room.

Next day, 14 March, in the evening, about 10 o'clock two officers of Col. SHIZUME's staff, a major and a captain (I recognized them by what followed) came into our room. While one held me, the other took of my pyjama trougers and abused me, then, changing over their reles, I had to submit to the other. It caused me a good deal of pain as I was a virgin and I fainted. For this reason, I cannot say what was done to my sister."

5. Li document de l'accusation No. 2772 E-2, qui est un compte-rendu du capitaine français de gendarmerie MERIAN, est presente à la Cour comme prouve.

Cotte piace relate les mauvais traitements subis et la mort par strangulation d'un coolie indochinois.

Je vais donner lecture de ce document avec l'autorisation de la Cour.

6. La document de l'acc ration No. 2772 E-3, affidavit de Denise AVISSE, est présente pour identification. Les extraits marques sont offerts comme preuve.

Dans co document. Le temoin relate le massacre d'une quinzaine de civile et de prisonniers de guerre suropaens et indochinois. Parni sux se trouvaient deux femmes francaises et un unfant de trois mois.

Avec l'autorisation de la Cour je vais donner lecture des extraits marques de ce document.

7. L'effidavit de TAPUTUARI Tetani, document No. 2772 E-4 est presente à la Cour pour identification, et les extraits efforts comme prouve.

Ce document decrit le viol qu'a du subir le temoin.

"About 10:30, 4 Japanose made me go back into the magazine where I had spont the night. I tried to resist but they struck me and pushed me into this room. There, one of the soldiers came up and threatened me with his bayonet, another struck me and laid me on the ground. I was violated by one of them under the eyes of three others, one of whom was threatening me with his bayonet. Previously, they had torn my clothes off me."

8. Le document No. 2772 E-5 de l'accusation est présente pour identification soulement. Les extraits marques sont seuls offerts comme preuve.

Co tomoin d'origine indochinoise mentionne notamment le supplice d'un capitaine français, le massacre de treize officiers et soldats du genie et l'obligation imposée de force a des formes indochinoises de se livrer à la prostitution.

Avac l'autorisation de la Cour je vais donner lecture des extraits marques de ce document.

9. L'accusation offra maintanant comma prouve le document No. 2772 A-4, affidavit de Fornand CASAULA.

La tomain relata la viol et l'assassinat d'una auropaanno a Lang-Van et le viol d'una jauna fille française blasses et disparua depuis.

Avec l'autorisation du Tribunal je vais donner lecture de ce document.

10. La doposition de Madame REMIGUREAU Paulette, document de l'accusation No. 2772 n-5, est présentée à la Cour pour identification. Les extraits marquer sont offerts comme preuve,

Cotte doposition constitue la relation des mauvais traitements et tertures subis par une femme française, et le viel d'une autre française.

Avec l'autorisation du Tribunal je vais donner lecture de ces extraits marques .

11. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 A-6, affidavit de Cecile CAZAJOUS, est soumis pour identification à la Cour. Les passages signales sont offerts comme prouve.

Cet effidavit vient completer le dernier document No. 2772 A-5, deja produit et portant le numero d'exhibit ______, mais il mentionne ogalement le massacre su pont de Yen-Bien, a Hagiang (Tonkin) de vingt trois militaires francais, prisonniers de guerre.

Avac l'autorisation du Tribunal je vais donner locture des extraits marques de ce document.

12. L'affidavit du Chef de Bataillon MOULLET Albert, document de l'accusation No. 2772 A-3, est présenté à la Cour pour identification et les extraits signales sont efferts comme preuve.

Co document mentionne le viel particulièrement edieux et l'assensinat de deux femmes françaises. De plus, il donne le bilan des executions des prisonniers de guerres d'Hegiang.

Pour des raisons de commodite et avec l'autorisation du Tribunal, nous dennerons lecture des extraits mercues de ce document quand nous traiterens la partie relative aux prisonniers de guerre.

13. Lo document No. 2772 D-3 do l'accuration, qui est un compterendu du capitaine français de gandermerie MERIAN, est offert à la Cour comme prouve.

Ce compte-rendu relate une affaire de coups et blassure sur la parsonne de trois indochineis de Bac-Ninh, dent l'un d'eux est decedé à la suite de ces violences. 14. Lo document No. 2772 D-4 do l'accusation, compte-rendu d'un officier français, Capitaine de Gondermerie MERIAN, est offert a la Cour, commo preuve.

C'est la relation de tortures et mauvais traitements subis par un indochinois Phung-Duy-Thiou et par un français M. SURENA, à l'Gendarmerie Japonaise de Hanoi. 15. Le document No. 2772 D-5 de l'accumation, compte-rendu du capitaine de Gondarmerie MERIAN, est offert à la Cour somme prouve.

Co compte-rendu relate les violences graves subis en 1942 per un français, M. CASABIANCA, enforme dans une cago de la Gendermerio Japoneise d'Hanoi.

16. L'affidavit do BABIN Pierre, document de l'accusation No. 2772 D-7, est affort comme preuve à la Cour.

Co document relate les tortures et mauvais traitements qu'eurent à subir des civils français, internés à la Sureté et à la Prison d'Hanoi.

Avec la permission du Tribunal je veis denner lecture de ce decument.

17. L'affidavit do Maître Philippe DUQUESNAY, avocat a Hanoi, document de l'accumation No. 2772 D-8, aut presente comme preuve a la Cour.

Le tempin relate les tortures et les mauvais traitements exerces sur des civils français, détenus à la Prison d'Hanoi et dans l'immouble de la Societé "SHELL", transformé en prison par la Gendarmorie Japonniso.

Co document vient completer on ce qui concerne le regime de la Prison, le document No. 2772 D-7 deje cité et portant le numere d'exhibit 18. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 D-9, affidavit de M. Guy NOURRIT, avecat à Hanoi, est offert au Tribunal comme prouve.

Le temein denne une description des traitements subis par les Franceis detenus a la Surete de Hanoi.

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19. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 D-10, affidavit de TALBA Honri, aut presente pour identification. Les extraits marques sont souls : fforts compo prouve.

La temein relate les tertures qu'il a subies à la Gendermerie Japonaise de Tong.

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20. L'affidavit de TANGUY Joseph, document de l'accusation No. 2772 D-11.

Out présente à la Cour pour identification. Les extraits marques sont offerts comme preuve.

Co document relato l'assassinat d'un couple français a Hanoi.

21. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 D-12, affidavit de BULGODERE Antoins, est offert comme preuve.

La temein, emprisonne dans l'immauble de l Societe SHELL, à Hanoi, fait le recit des mauveis traitements et tortures, infliges à des civils français. Il relete notamment la mort d'un europeen victime de ces atrocites. Ce document complete le document No. 2773 D-8 ioja presente et portant le numero d'exhibit ______.

"I naw several times M. LAURENT subjected to terture by magneto.

I saw the beating with rubber clubs carried out at the prison on 14

May, on the persons of Mossrs. LITTEE, MAZERM, etc., one after another.

One 15 Apl., confronted with Mr. CERO, I witnessed the brutalities inflicted on him by the Japanese by means of a hard wooden ruler with motal edges. These brutalities although /relatively/ light by reason of the kind of instrument used, were none the less painful to the victim who was in a precarious state of health and who moreover died two days after."

22. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 F-1 qui est l'affidavit co ROBERT Mercel, est presente a la Cour pour identification.

Les extraits merques sont seuls offerts comme preuve.

Co temoin raconte les tertures ordennées par deux officiers japonais, dont un officier superieur, et dont il a été victime à Cao-Bang.

Avec l'autorisation du Tribunal je vais donner lecture des extraits marques de co document.

23. L'affidavit de POLI Dominique, document de l'accusation No. 2772 G-1, est offert a la Cour commo preuve.

Co document constitue la rolation des tortures enduross par le temein a la Gendermerie Japonaise de Hanei. Je cite:

"Noxt day at 7 o'cleck in the mornin: I was taken to the Japanese Police Headquarters in the BONAL Boulevard, taken into an effice: there and told to take off my clothes. I was then bound to a table flat on my back. Without asking me any questions they inflicted the water punishment on me several times. Then I was unbound and dressed myself and was told to reflect.

Next day the same performance, but this time all day long. The day after that I was threatened with having to submit to torture under the eyes of my children. Always I was tortured the whole day long but my children were not brought there.

I had to undergo a daily period of torture until the 27th, the day on which I was to have been shot. On the 27th I was finally taken back to the police station where I was put in a cell in company with other companions."

24. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 G-2, affidavit de LIMOUSIN François, est offert à la Cour comme preuve.

Dans ce document, le temoin fait le recit des tortures et mauvais traitements, endures par lui-même et les Français détenus à Haiphong, dans l'immouble de la Société SHELL et a la Prison Controle.

Avec l'autorination du Tribunal je vais donner locture de ce decument.

25. L'affidavit de CLAVE Jeanne, document de l'accusation No. 2772 G-3, est effort à la Cour comme preuve.

Madamo CLAVE blossen d'un coup de baionnette relato le pillezo de sa maison et une tentative de viol dont elle fut le tempin.

26. In the decimal of the de Gender orio Maria, a course de l'accusation No. 2772 G-5, est offert comme preuve.

Ce compte-rendu fait état des tertures infligeos a un indomin is a Thuy Neuvon de Kien-Nan, arrête sous fausse unculpation de vol.

27. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 G-4, qui est l'affidavit de CHEVIN Louis, est offert comme preuve à la Cour.

Dans ce document, Mr. CHEVIN relate les violences et atrocites qu'il a subies, ainsi que le massacre de l'equipage d'un avien americain aux environs de Haiphong.

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Co document est constitue par deux rapports de l'Inspecteur de Police MASSOT Martial, Attache du Service Federal des Crimes de Guerre. Il comprend un rapport d'enquête sur l'execution de 15 Chinois Long-Thanhen Octobre 1944, et un compte-rendu d'exhumation des corps.

Avec la permission de la Cour nous allons donnor lecture des extraits signales.

29. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 K-1, rapport du Medecin Lieutement CARTIER, concernant des exhumations pratiquees à Thakhek, est presente comme preuve.

Les 17 corps exhumes sent ceux d'un des groupes de civils et de militaires français executes à Thakhek au cours d'un massacre collectif.

Avoc l'autorination du Tribunal nous allons lire la declaration du Modecin Lieutenant CARTIER. 30. Le document de l'accusation No. 2772 J-5, qui est une copie des memorande et de compte-rendus de jugement adresses à SCAP par le Mission Française à Tokyo, est presente commo prouve.

D'une part, ce document rolate la condamnation par le Tribunel Militaire permanent de Saigen, de deux Japonais a des peines de travaux forces pour meurtre et sequestration avec tortures, commis respectivement à Saigen et à Phanthiet (Sud-Annam) sur des civile français.

Je cite l'expose don faits de la prevention du ler condanne; le Modecin Capitaine SAITO Kimyoshi, qui etait accuse de meurtre:

"On 18 August at temporary Camo C, rue du Doctaur ANGIER, died Raymond DIDELOT, aged 50, Chief Inspector, unclassified of the Security Police.

The man answerable for this death should be Medical Captain SAITO. In spite of numerous oral remonstrances and several written reminders this strange Doctor obstinately maintained that the case of Mr. DIDELOT, attacked by sprue from 20 April 1945, was not serious and that his life was not in Canger.

He stubbornly refused to send him to the hospital and even to cause the medicines necessary for his case to be sent /to the sick man/.

The day before he died, Mr. DIDELOT had lost 40 kilos (T.N. about 88 lbs.) and was already unconscious, but Dector SAITO still stated that there was an improvement in his condition.