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WAR CRIMINALS)

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A/C No: 2676
Aust. W.C. List Ser No:

Accused: Navy Workman KIKAWA, Haruo.
Court Place: HAPPAUL
Date and 4 and 10 Jan 46.
Formation: 11 Aust. Div.

<u>Charge (s)</u>	<u>Plea</u>	<u>Finding</u>
<u>First Charge:</u> MURDER at TOBERA about Aug 43 murdered TO LUI TO MORAG TO EDLIN	Not Guilty	Guilty
<u>Second Charge:</u> MURDER at TOBERA about Aug 43 murdered TO URAVAGI and TO VILGIL	Not Guilty	Guilty

Precis of Evidence: About Aug 43 a number of native boys were employed on earthwork at TOBERA airfield. The accused KIKAWA was in charge of the Camp, welfare of the boys etc. A Jap called NAGAO who wore glasses was apparently in charge of a working party and struck one native with a plank. The native retaliated and broke NAGAO'S glasses. Natives ran away and were brought back to the field. Natives were lined up and the one concerned in the striking incident and four others were fallen out, tied up and hit on the head with a mallet. Three were apparently killed instantly and two still lived. A Japanese then struck all five with a piece of wood. The three dead and two living natives were buried. The evidence of two natives is in agreement except that one stated that KIKAWA used the mallet in the presence of NAGAO and the other states that NAGAO used the mallet and that KIKAWA helped tied the natives and struck them with the piece of wood. The defence is an alibi, supported by Lt. YUI that he arrived at the scene after the incidents detailed.

Sentence: To suffer death by hanging.
and Date: 10 January, 1946.

Confirmation Finding and sentence confirmed and warrant signed by
and by whom: Acting C-in-C. 26 February, 1946.

Promulgation: 17 January, 1946.

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Petition: Submitted 23 Jan. 46 against Finding and Sentence of
the Court.

J.A.G.'s Report on Petition: That Finding and Sentence be confirmed.

Action on Petition: Dismissed.

Filed in Attorney-General's Department and Numbered.

Certified true copy of official record.

(Sgd) T. MORNAME
Lt. Col.