

Ex 1599-A

Summary of examination of Brother MICHAEL, HOGAN.

duly sworn states:-

I am 59 years of age, of AMERICAN Nationality, and born at

PHILADELPHIA PA., U.S.A.....

My permanent address is, CATHOLIC FOREIGN SOCIETY OF AMERICA, HARKINOLL, N.Y.

I am at present living at HARKINOLL, STANLEY.

On December 25th, 1941 at 7 a.m. the Japanese came. All of us (about 34 in number) were ordered downstairs. In about an hour's time 6 British Officers were brought in. They were captured nearby. I knew some of them: Lt. LAWRENCE was tied most cruelly with a rope around his neck. I was afraid he would be strangled to death at any moment. A Japanese N.P. came and loosened the rope. We were kept sitting out till the afternoon about 3 p.m. The British officers were marched down the road. We were forced to take off our long coats and our hands were tied behind our backs. They marched us down to the main road and lined us up against the hillside. The six British officers were lined up in front of us about 3 feet away. The Japanese Officer phoned up to somebody unknown and after a short conversation, he gave the command for the British Officers to be marched off to the gully which was only a few yards away around the corner. Shortly after, I heard terrible screams of pain, and I saw a British Officer running from the direction from where the screams came, to about 5 yards in front of me. Here was a Japanese soldier guarding us and this Jap. soldier pierced this officer with his bayonet slightly wounding the British who was thus forced to return to where he came from. After a time all the screams and cries ceased and I presumed that all the men had died. After this the Jap. Officer in-charge of us again phoned up somebody and a fairly long argument followed. After this we were all marched off to a building and tied up for three days and three nights.

(Sgd.) Brother MICHAEL HOGAN.

Sworn before me..... T.E. YEON..... (Capt.)
WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION TEAM.
Hong Kong.

This.....Thirteenth....day of March1946

Detailed to examine the above by the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Land Forces, South East Asia.

(Autho rity:- AFSEA War Crimes Instruction No. 1 - Para. 7)

Certified true copy

(Signed) R.C. COOPER Lt. Col.

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