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Evidentiary Document # 5321.

Summary of Examination of MOHAMMAD, Coolie.
Address: Winberley Ganj. Port Blair.
Duly affirmed states:

I am 35 years of age, of Indian nationality and born at KOTHELLIAN, PUNJAB. My permanent home is Winberley Ganj. where I am now living.

On approx. 15th July, 1945, RAMASWAMI, Coolie of BAMBOO GHAT, took some vegetables from the fields of SAZAO UCHIMURA, whom I now recognise, one night. The Japanese discovered this and next morning UCHIMURA accompanied by two other Japanese went to RAMASWAMI's house, searched it and discovered some leaves. The Japanese then took RAMASWAMI to UCHIMURA's house where he was beaten unconscious by UCHIMURA with a stick. RAMASWAMI was then taken by me to a hut near UCHIMURA's bungalow where he died next day.

I saw the beating and saw RAMASWAMI's body being taken away.

2. Also on approx. 4th August, 1945, SHAKARNADA, Coolie of BAMBOO GHAT took some tubers from UCHIMURA's fields. UCHIMURA and HATSUTARO SAWANE, whom I now recognise, beat him with sticks until he became senseless. Cold water was then poured on him to revive him and then he was again beaten. Finally hot water was poured over him.

UCHIMURA then ordered SHER JANG (now deceased) and ALLAH YAR of BAMBOO GHAT to take him to the police station.

SHAKARNADA, however, died before the police station was reached. SHAKARNADA was nearly 50 years old.

3. On approx. 28th August, 1945, WALI MOHD of BAMBOO GHAT, also took some roots from UCHIMURA's fields. He was tied to the trunk of a tree by UCHIMURA aided by KATSUTARO SAWANE and BUNSHIRO TANIGUCHI, both of whom I now recognise. WALI MOHD was left there for three days and beaten daily by UCHIMURA, TANIGUCHI and SAWANE with sticks.

He was given neither food nor water and died on the fourth day.

(Signed) X
Left hand Thumb Print of
MOHAMMAD..

I certify that the above left hand thumb print is of MOHAMMAD as taken by me.

(Signed) H.LANCY, Major.

Interpreter: I certify that I duly translated the above summary to the witness in his own language, prior to his thumbprint which appears above.

(Signed) H.LANCY, Major.

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Affirmed before me (signature) H. LANCY, Major.

8th Bn. The Rajputan Rifles,

This 4th day of January 1945.

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

(Authority: ALFSEA War Crimes Instruction No. 1, para 7)