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Evidentiary Document # 5317.

SUMMARY OF EXAMINATION OF IMDAD ALI,
Schoolteacher.

Address: PAHARGAON, PORT BLAIR.

duly affirmed states:

I am 35 years of age, of Indian nationality and born at Port Blair. My permanent home is pahargaon where I am now living.

At the end of October '44, I was arrested and taken to the Cellular jail. For the first 12 days I had no idea why I was there and no charge was made against me. On 11 of these days I was taken to the torture room twice a day, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and made to kneel on a sharp piece of wood with a pole between the bend of my knees, my hands raised above my head and heavy books placed upon them. I was made to do this by whatever constable was on duty. MATAICHI MITSUBASHI whom I now recognise, paid frequent visits to the room to make sure that it was being carried out properly. On two occasions I became unconscious, was revived with a bucket of water and made to start again.

On the 13th day I was taken before PETTY OFFICER MIYOSHITADA whom I now recognise and he charged me with having received signal lamps from the Headman of SCHOOL LINES VILLAGE, a false charge. I denied the charge and TADA started to beat me with a large stick. After 20 minutes I was tied to the door and was beaten until I feigned unconsciousness. Water was thrown over me to revive me and I was then told to sit in a chair, TADA produced a large safety pin and after heating it in the flame of a candle, he thrust it under the nail of the middle finger on my left hand to a depth of approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ ". After this I was sent back to the torture room and was again made to kneel on the stick etc. Three days later I was again taken before TADA who produced a pen and paper and told me to write out a confession. I refused and was again beaten by TADA. I was then tied to a grid, feet uppermost until I again feigned unconsciousness. A bucket of water was thrown over me and again TADA thrust a pin into my finger, this time the third finger of my left hand. After this I was sent back to the torture room and made to kneel on the stick again. Two days later I was again brought before TADA and this time I was tied to the grid and a policeman was instructed by TADA to burn me with a candle on my thighs and private parts. I still would not confess and was again taken to the torture room. On the last occasion I was taken before TADA he instructed SULTAN to torture me with a pin. This SULTAN did six times twice each on three fingers of my left hand. TADA then gave instructions that my fingers should be burnt; this SULTAN did with a candle. I still refused to confess and was taken back to the torture room.

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Here I saw my aged father-in-law being ill-treated and I thought that I could stand no more so I wrote out my confession.

On 24 Nov. 44 I was released.

(Signed) IMDAD ALI.

Interpreter:

I certify that I duly translated the above summary to the witness in his language, prior to his signature which appears above.

(Signed) H. BARRON.
Major.

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

8th Bn. the Rajputana Rifles.

This 21st day of December 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.)