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INTERROGATION OF WITNESS

Today, Thursday, 25th July 1946, there appeared before myself: F. H. von Meijenfeldt, Attorney-at-Law, (Assistant) Judge Advocate attached to the Temporary Court Martial at Makassar, charged with the investigation of war criminals:

The person of: ABDUL MADJID.

What is your full name, age, occupation, address?
Abdul Madjid, 23 years, B.P.M. employee,
Panakalan Soesoe (S.O.K.)

What happened to you during the Japanese occupation?

In 1943, I was seized with 6 others in order to become a Hei-ho soldier (Tr. Note: Japanese trained Indonesian auxiliary militia). At that time they promised me a period of service for 2 years and wages at f.58 per month. However, I only got f.20. I went via Singapore and Java to Halmaheira. Food was fairly good then. But especially at Singapore, (where we worked as coolies), we were beaten a great deal. At Halmaheira we also worked as coolies. On one occasion there, I was buried in the ground up to my armpits for 24 hours, because I had stolen food, (we got very little)

After Singapore we were no longer allowed to write home. From Halmaheira we went to Makassar, where again we worked as coolies. At my request, I was sent to Singkang, where after the capitulation I worked for Capt. Wesseling. I saw Sgt. Maj. Nakagawa behead people.

After the above questions and answers were read to the witness clearly and slowly, having been interpreted by the sworn interpreter for the Malayan language, he declared that he adhered to them and did not desire anything to be added or altered therein, as proof whereof he has signed his statement.

Interpreter:
Sd/ Illegible

The witness:
Sd/ Abdul Madjid

Made in my presence:
The (Assistant) Judge Advocate,
Sd/ F. H. von Meijenfeldt

Thereafter the witness swore in accordance with his religious convictions that he had told the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Oath administered by:
Sd/ Illegible

The (Assistant) Judge Advocate
Sd/ F. H. von Meijenfeldt