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IN THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL
FOR THE FAR EAST.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OTHERS

v
ALAKI, SADAQ AND OTHERS

A F F I D A V I T

I, Alan Staden Palmer, of 48 Rainbow Avenue, South Broken Hill, in the State of New South Wales, formerly SX6543 Captain A.S. Palmer, of 1 Australian Independent Company, make oath and say:

1. In August, 1942, I was on patrol duty in the vicinity of Milne Bay in New Guinea, and was passing through a small native village about half a mile inland from Kabi mission. On the outskirts of the village I saw eight native men and women lying dead. They had been dead from two to five days, and all were shot or bayoneted.

2. I went on into the village and saw an Australian soldier tied to a coconut palm by D5 telephone cable. His arms had been tied around the tree and the wire had cut deeply into his wrists, and this led me to believe that he was alive when tied to the tree. He was practically naked, wearing only a pair of tattered shorts. He had a number of bullet wounds in his body. He was dead. I also saw quite a number of natives lying about dead, including two native women and one native man who were tied to trees. They had been killed by either sword or bayonet thrusts.

SWORN AT BROKEN HILL IN THE

STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

THIS THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1946

(sgd) A. S. PALMER.

BEFORE ME

(sgd) J. MANDERSON J.P.