

MILITARY COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

Cr. 324  
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ACCUSED (1) Hon. Capt. MIKIZAWA Koshiro.  
(2) Jud. Employee NODA Takeshi.  
both attached Imperial Japanese Army,  
att. 711 Army Tps Coy, R.E.

PLACE AND DATE OF TRIAL Singapore. 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25 & 26 Nov, '46.  
and 2, 4, 5, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 22nd  
December 1946.

COURT CONVENED BY G.O.C. Singapore District.

PRESIDENT Lt-Col. R.L. LeGALLAIS. Dept of JAG in India.  
(Barrister-at-law).

MEMBERS Capt. R.T. WAIT. Intelligence Corps.  
Capt. A.B. SHEIKH. Indian Signals Corps.

CHARGE COMMITTING A WAR CRIME in that they at Singapore,  
between 1st November 1943 and 15th August 1945,  
when responsible for the well-being of persons  
in custody in the Civil Section of the Outram  
Road Prison, were, in violation of the laws and  
usages of war, together concerned as parties to  
the illtreatment and neglect of certain of such  
persons causing the death of about one thousand  
prisoners and physical suffering to other prisoners  
there in custody.

PLEA Each Accused - Not Guilty.

FINDING Each Accused - Guilty.

SENTENCE 22 Dec, '46. 1st Accused - To be Imprisoned for  
Life.  
2nd Accused - 5 years' Imprisonment.

CONFIRMED 3 Mar, '47. By G.O.C. Singapore District.

PROMULGATED 10 Mar, '47.

REMARKS

DISPOSAL OF PROCEEDINGS To AG3 GHQ SEALF 17 March '47  
JAG of the Forces \_\_\_\_\_

DJAG SEALF  
Case No.65159 JAG.

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE

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In the case of :-

Hon. Capt.     MIKIZAWA Koshiro  
Jud. Employee NODA Takeshi.

1.     This prosecution is based upon the brutality and callous negligence of the Accused in their treatment of prisoners alleged to be guilty of offences and imprisoned in the Civil Section of the Prison at Outram Road, Singapore.
2.     The first accused, MIKIZAWA Koshiro was appointed Governor of this prison on 1st November 1943 and occupied this position until the surrender of the Japanese Army and as such was in charge of the whole Staff and made daily inspections.
3.     The second accused, NODA Takeshi was appointed as administrative officer at the same prison on 15th May 1944 and occupied this position until the said surrender and as such was the chief subordinate officer there.
4.     The conditions within the prison were as follows :-
  - (i) The food was inadequate and resulted in deficiency diseases of every kind.
  - (ii) There was no proper medical attention and medical advice when given was ignored. No sufficient medicines and drugs and no proper hospital accommodation was provided for the sick. Sick prisoners against medical advice were removed from the sick wards to cells.
  - (iii) No privacy was allowed except in cases where prisoners were condemned to solitary confinement for long periods, and from 1944 between three to five persons were crowded into a cell.
  - (iv) Prisoners were constantly subjected to brutal illtreatment by the warders.
  - (v) No adequate and proper provision was made for washing of the prisoners or their clothes or for sanitation and cleaning of the cells. No blankets or bedboards were provided.

4. (vi) Prisoners were sent out of the prison in parties to work, whether in the sun or rain, without proper clothing and footwear.
5. The evidence against the Accused will be given by the witnesses described in the Schedule hereto, and copies of their depositions are annexed.
6. About one thousand civilian prisoners died as a result of their illtreatment and neglect by the Accused as appears in the affidavits of V.C. Westerhout and the deposition of Benjamin Cheah.

The Schedule heretofore referred to.

Witnesses.

1. Cheah, Benjamin	H.M. Prison, Outram Road, S'pore.
2. Thanapathy, M.	- do -
3. Hoi, B.C.	- do -
4. Gopal, S.	- do -
5. De Gracias, V.	- do -
6. Veerappan, G.	- do -
7. Lee Kek Soon. Dr.	10 Cluny Road, Singapore.
8. Ayadurai, S.	H.M. Prison, Outram Road, S'pore.
9. Westerhout, V.C.	699 Kampong Bahru Road, "
10. Pillai, V.N.	171 Telok Kurau Road, "
11. Hoffman, Leslie Clive.	F5, 3rd Avenue, Bukit Timah Road, S'pore.
12. De Souza, Agnes.	Sime Road Camp.
13. Choy Koon Heng, O.B.E.	142 MacKenzie Road, "
14. Menon, K.P.K.	10 Bonham Building, "
15. Khoo Hock Chew.	34 Monk's Hill Terrace, "
16. Ebert, E.E.	105 Arthur Road, "
17. Ebert, R.V.	65 Windsor Drive, "
18. Chan Soon Chew.	144 MacKenzie Road, "
19. Shotam, S.P.	12 Orchard Road, "
20. Kao Peh Loong.	12A Ford Street, "

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Interrogations

1. Mikizawa, Koshiro	16th July 1946.
2. Noda, Takeshi	15th July 1946.