

CASE AGAINST

SAMARINDA KEIBITAI

CASE NO 1.

SUBJECT: EXECUTION OF THREE U.S. AIRMEN - MAY 1945.

I, W.O. TSUDA make the following statement in regard to the execution of three US Airmen at SAMARINDA.

I was a member of the TOKKEI TAI of the KEIBITAI at SAMARINDA. In January 45 three US Airmen whose plane had crashed near SANGA SANGA were brought to SAMARINDA and kept at the KEIBITAI HQ. I am shown photographs which I recognize as the three airmen who were executed.

During February 45 whilst one of the airmen was being taken to the latrine he attempted to escape. When he made his attempt the other two US Airmen also tried to escape but all were captured just outside.

The following day I was a member of a party assigned by Lt YAMAGUCHI to execute the three US Airmen. The party was in charge of Ensign TASUKI. The three airmen were blindfolded at the KEIBITAI HQ and taken to a position about three hundred yards distant at about eight thirty in the evening. When we reached this place the airmen were made to kneel by graves which had been dug earlier that day. TASUKI and I then each beheaded one of the Airmen. The third airman was beheaded by one of the other members of the party - I don't know who.

The bodies were then buried and we returned to the KEIBITAI HQ.

I have heard this statement read to me in the Japanese language and it is a true account of what I have said.

Signed this 25th day of OCTOBER 1945

At BALIKPAPAN.

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W. O. TSUDA

WITNESS... (Signed)

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「サマリング」警備隊ニ対スル事件

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標題. 一九四五年五月、三名、米國飛行士、死刑。
私、津田准尉ハ「サマリング」ニ於ケル三名、米國飛行士
、死刑執行ニ関シテ次、如キ陳述ヲスル。
私ハ「サマリング」警備隊特設隊、一員デアッタ。一九四五年
(昭和二十年)一月ニ「サंगा、サニガ」附近ニ墜落シテ飛行機
、米國飛行士三名ハ「サマリング」ニ送致サレテ警備隊
本部ニ留置セラレタ。私ハ死刑ニ處セリタト認メラル、
三名、寫眞數葉ヲ見セラレタ。
一九四五年(昭和二十年)二月中、一名、航空機搭乗員
が便所ニ伴ヒテ行カル、途中、逃亡ヲ企テタ。一名が此舉
ニ出タ時ニ他、二名、米國飛行士モ亦逃亡セントシタガ幸、
彼等ハスグ其ノ外側テ捕ヘラレタ。
其翌日、私ハ山口中尉モ此三名、米國飛行士死刑ニ
當テラレタ一行、一員トナッタ。是、一行ハ「タスキ」少尉
が指揮シタ。三名、飛行士ハ警備隊本部テ目隠シヲ
セテ、時刻八時半頃、約三百ヤード離レタ場所ニ伴ヒテ行
カレタ。我々ハ此場所ニ着タ。當日早ク掘ッテアッタ墓
穴、傍ニシ、三名ハ膝ミヅカセラレタ。ソノ時私ト「タスキ」ハ
夫々一名宛、首ヲ刎ネタ。第二人目ハ他、班員一名が首
ヲ斬ッタ。ソノ代名ハ知ラヌ。
ソノ死体ヲ埋メタ。我々ハ警備隊本部ニ歸ッタ。

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私ハコ、陳述書ヲ日本語ニ讀ミ聞カセウシメシク
シテソレハ私、陳述ミタ事柄、真正ナル記録デア
リス。

本一九四五年十月廿五日「ハリタバベン」ニ於テ署名ス。

海軍兵曹長

津田孝次郎 / 自署

證

人

某 大尉

/ 署名不明