

1 the Chairman of the Committee of Conservatories for
2 the closed institutions who furnished us the annual
3 statements, eight in one case and eight in the other,
4 the case of the Central China Development Company;
5 and those were taken from those statements, and those
6 statements did not show the source of the loan.

7 THE PRESIDENT: You will get us the Central
8 China Development Company's balance sheet for the
9 year 1945.

10 MR. HAUXHURST: I would like the opportunity
11 to go to the Conservatory and secure the information
12 that the Court wishes. This is a summary which was
13 prepared and which he certified to after correcting
14 the figures.

15 THE PRESIDENT: You understand, the Court is
16 not prepared to guess, and the source of those monies,
17 on the evidence as it stands, involves a guess. You
18 can act on that.

19 MR. HAUXHURST: Yes, sir. We will act on
20 the suggestion that your Honor has made.

21 MR. KEENAN: Mr. President, we ask the per-
22 mission of the Court to present a witness out of
23 order, out of the usual category, because of his re-
24 quirement in his home base and his utter inability to
25 remain at this time. So, I shall ask Mr. Comyns Carr,

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1 Associate Prosecutor from the United Kingdom, to
2 present this witness at this time.

3 MR. COMYNS CARR: May it please the Tri-
4 bunal, I now propose to call Colonel Wild. He is
5 the witness with regard to whom I made an application
6 to the Tribunal some days ago.

7 I propose to examine him from the proof of
8 which we have supplied copies to the defending
9 counsel. Then I propose to put in certain documents,
10 one of which is rather a lengthy one, and then to ask
11 the witness certain further questions arising out of
12 those documents.

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14 C Y R I L H E W D A L R Y M P L E W I L D,
15 Colonel, British Army, called as a witness on
16 behalf of the prosecution, being first duly
17 sworn, testified as follows:

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. COMYNS CARR:

20 Q Your name is Cyril Hew Dalrymple Wild, and
21 you are a Colonel in the British Army and, at the
22 present time, War Crimes Liaison Officer with the
23 Allied Land Forces in Southeast Asia.

24 Between the years 1931 and 1940, were you
25 resident in Japan?

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1 A I was.

2 Q During that time, did you study the Japan-
3 ese language, and do you speak it pretty well?

4 A Yes, I do.

5 Q In 1940, did you return to England and
6 rejoin your old regiment?

7 A Yes, I did.

8 Q And in 1941, were you in Malaya as a staff
9 officer, first of all G.S.O.3 and then G.S.O.2 with
10 the 3rd Indian Corps?

11 A Yes, I became G.S.O.2 in 1942.

12 Q On the night of the 7th to 8th December,
13 1941, were you on duty in the Operations Room of the
14 headquarters of the 3rd Indian Corps at Kuala Lumpur?

15 A Yes, I was.

16 MR. COMYNS CARR: Let the witness be pro-
17 vided with a pointer, a stick, with which he can
18 indicate certain places on this map (indicating map
19 of 1941 on the panel over the accused's dock).

20 THE PRESIDENT: He will have to invade the
21 accused's province unless it is a very long stick.

22 MR. COMYNS CARR: I don't wish to detain the
23 Court, so I will try to go on without it.

24 (Whereupon, a long stick was
25 brought into the Courtroom.)

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1 MR. COMYNS CARR: (Continuing) Let the
2 witness come forward and indicate on the map certain
3 places about which he is going to speak.

4 THE PRESIDENT: You may go forward, Mr.
5 Witness.

6 (Whereupon, the witness left the
7 witness box, was handed the long stick, and
8 approached the accused's dock under the map
9 of 1941.)

10 BY MR. COMYNS CARR: (Continuing)

11 Q First of all, please show us the boundary
12 between Malaya and Siam.

13 A The other map would be better (indicating
14 map of 1938 over the other end of accused's dock).

15 (Whereupon, the witness walked to
16 the map of 1938 and indicated.)

17 Q Now, immediately to the south of that
18 boundary and on the east side of Malaya, is there a
19 place called Kota Bahru?

20 A Yes, there is (indicating).

21 Q That is in Malaya?

22 A In Malaya.

23 Q That is Malaya.

24 Immediately to the north of it, also on the
25 same side but in Siam, are there two places called

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1 Singora and Patani?

2 A Singora (indicating; Patani (indicating).

3 Q Thank you. Will you return to the witness
4 box, please, and return your stick.

5 (Whereupon, the witness returned
6 the long stick and returned to the witness
7 box.)

8 Q (Continuing) Shortly after midnight on
9 that night, 7th to 8th December, did you receive a
10 signal from the 8th Indian Brigade at Kota Bahru
11 that ships had been sighted off the coast some half
12 hour earlier?

13 A Yes, I did.

14 Q And at 0030 hours on the 8th of December,
15 half an hour after midnight, did you receive another
16 signal that the enemy were landing and that the
17 defenses had gone into action?

18 A Yes. I cannot be positive as to the time,
19 but my recollection is that the signal was dated
20 approximately 0030 hours.

21 Q Did you immediately report by telephone to
22 headquarters at Singapore?

23 A Yes, we were in communication with them
24 immediately.

25 Q Did you ascertain whether they had any

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1 information of any declaration of war?

2 A Yes, that was ascertained.

3 Q Had they any such information?

4 A No, they had not.

5 Q A few hours later, did you learn anything
6 about Japanese landings at the two places you have
7 shown us on the map, Singora and Patani in Siam?

8 A Yes, I heard my co-commander mentioning
9 this at a conference as I returned to the Operations
10 Room.

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1 Q Did you discover approximately when those
2 landings had taken place?

3 A It was understood that they had taken place
4 within an hour or so of the original landing at
5 Kota Bahru.

6 Q On the same day, the 8th of December, did
7 you discover from air reconnaissance anything as to
8 the positions of the Japanese at those points?

9 A Yes, aerial photographs showed that ships
10 were unloading at Singora and Patani and the airdrome
11 at Singora was under occupation by the Japanese air
12 force.

13 Q Did the Japanese advance from those points
14 in Siam?

15 A Yes, they crossed the border into Malaya
16 from Singora at Pedang Besar and from Patani they
17 crossed the border into Malaya at Kroh.

18 Q If it had not been for the Siamese border,
19 would it have been an advantage or otherwise for the
20 British troops to cross and establish defenses on the
21 Siamese side?

22 MR. LOGAN: I should like to object to that,
23 if the Tribunal please, on the ground it is speculative.

24 MR. COMYNS CARR: Does the Tribunal allow the
25 question?

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1 THE PRESIDENT: Would you like to argue it,
2 Mr. Comyns Carr?

3 MR. COMYNS CARR: In my submission, these
4 questions are directed to the fact that the Japanese
5 violated the neutrality of Siam in order to put them-
6 selves into a better position for attacking Malaya.

7 THE PRESIDENT: As an expert, no doubt he
8 could give that evidence if it is relevant to any
9 issue; but what issue would it go to here?

10 MR. COMYNS CARR: To the issue in my sub-
11 mission of aggressive warfare.

12 THE PRESIDENT: Is that the issue upon
13 which he is testifying?

14 MR. COMYNS CARR: At this point, yes, sir.

15 THE PRESIDENT: Yes. Objection overruled.

16 Q You remember the question, Colonel Wild?

17 A Yes, I do. It was the opinion of the Corps
18 and the Malaya Command that it would be greatly to
19 our advantage if we held the landing places at
20 Singora and Patani before the Japanese attacked;
21 but we were forbidden to cross the border prior to a
22 Japanese attack because this would have been a
23 violation of Siamese neutrality.

24 MR. COMYNS CARR: Down to that point, if
25 it please the Tribunal, the witness has been giving

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1 evidence which will be relevant to Part Nine of
2 Appendix A, that is, the attack on the United Kingdom
3 and British Empire. The rest of his evidence will
4 be concerned entirely with Appendix D, that is,
5 prisoners of war.

6 Q On the 15th February, 1942, were you
7 serving in the staff of the 3d Indian Corps in
8 Singapore?

9 A Yes, I was.

10 Q And at about seventeen hours on that day
11 did you go with Lieutenant General Percival and other
12 officers to the surrender and become a prisoner of
13 war?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q Were you acting as Lieutenant General
16 Percival's interpreter?

17 A Yes, I was.

18 Q Did General YAMASHITA receive the surrender?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And was Lieutenant Colonel SUGITA with him?

21 A Yes, he received the surrender which was to
22 become effective a few hours later and Colonel SUGITA
23 was with him.

24 Q After it had been signed did you with
25 Lieutenant General Percival's permission make a

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1 request to General YAMASHITA?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q What was it and what was his answer?

4 A In the name of General Percival I requested
5 General YAMASHITA in the spirit of Bushido to protect
6 the women and children who were still in Singapore.
7 General YAMASHITA vowed across the table to General
8 Percival and said he would do so.

9 Q About how many European nationals were there
10 left in Singapore at the time of the surrender --
11 civilian?

12 A Over 3,500.

13 Q Of how many nations?

14 A Of over twenty nations.

15 Q Previously had there been attempts to
16 evacuate them by sea?

17 A Yes, there had been and over forty ships
18 had been sunk with the loss of many thousand lives.

19 Q Did the 3,500 include women and children?

20 A Yes, a large number of women and children.

21 Q What happened to them?

22 A They were placed inside Changi Prison.

23 Q How many people was that built to accommodate?

24 A It was built to accommodate seven hundred
25 convicts.

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1 Q And how long did the 3,500 have to remain
2 there?

3 A Until April, 1944, that is, two and a quarter
4 years, when they were transferred to Sime Road Camp
5 in Singapore.

6 Q Where were the military personnel prisoners
7 of war placed?

8 A The British and Australian prisoners of war
9 were marched out to Changi on the east of Singapore
10 Island where they were accommodated in former military
11 barracks.

12 Q What happened to the Indian troops?

13 A The Indian troops were taken away from
14 their British officers who wanted to remain with
15 them and were collected in Farrar Park in Singapore.
16 In Farrar Park they were harangued by the Japanese
17 to try and induce them to join the so-called Indian
18 National Army.

19 Q Did many do so at that time?

20 A At that time, very few.

21 Q What happened to those who did join?

22 A They were put into reasonably good camps
23 and given preferential treatment as regards rations,
24 uniform, and so on.

25 Q And how were they employed?

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1 A Those were drilled and trained to become
2 soldiers in the Indian National Army.

3 Q Did they have anything to do in connection
4 with the British prisoners of war?

5 A Some of them were employed by the Japanese
6 as guards over British prisoners of war.

7 Q What happened to those Indian soldiers who
8 refused to join?

9 A They were put into crowded labor camps,
10 mainly on Singapore Island, where they were subjected
11 to a long course of calculated ill treatment. The
12 loyal Indian officers were taken away from them and
13 particularly ill treated, and the others were lectured
14 continually about the advantages of joining the Indian
15 National Army, and many of them were severely beaten
16 up.

17 Q How did they get on for food?

18 A They were kept on very short rations.

19 Q Were you yourself appointed as liaison
20 officer between General Percival and the Japanese?

21 A Yes, I was.

22 Q And was the Japanese officer with whom you
23 had to deal, Lieutenant Colonel SUGITA?

24 A Yes, he was.

25 Q Did that position enable you to travel around

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1 in Singapore more than you could otherwise have
2 done and to see more?

3 A Yes, for one week I was able to go quite
4 freely around Singapore in uniform wearing an armband
5 and having a pass on my car with the Japanese char-
6 acters "RENRAKU SHOKO," liaison officer.

7 Q Were there in Singapore a large number of
8 Chinese?

9 A Yes, a very large number.

10 Q Were many of them British subjects having
11 been born there?

12 A Probably the majority were British subjects.

13 Q During that week did you see anything that
14 was happening to the Chinese inhabitants of Singapore?

15 A Yes, in two areas of Chinatown I saw the
16 Japanese cordoning off the area with light tanks and
17 troops. All the male Chinese were being collected
18 together in hundreds in these places and were being
19 separated from the women and the children. I noticed
20 the Chinese looked extremely apprehensive and many
21 of the women were crying.

22 Q On the 22d of February did you go with
23 Brigadier Newbiggin to see Lieutenant Colonel SUGITA
24 at the Changi Conference House?

25 A Yes, I did.

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1 THE PRESIDENT: This is a convenient break,
2 I think, Mr. Comyns Carr. We will adjourn now until
3 half-past nine tomorrow morning.

4 (Whereupon, at 1600, an adjournment
5 was taken until Wednesday, 11 September, 1946,
6 at 0930.)

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