

RECORD OF MILITARY COURT
(JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS)

AWC No. 2029

Accused: **Lt Comdr NAKAYAMA Hiromi**

Aust W.C. List Ser No.

Court, Place, **RABAU**
Date and **15 May 46**
Formation: **8 MD**

Charge(s)	Plea	Finding
Murder at Nauru Island on or about 26 March 43 of Col F.R. CHALMERS CMG DSO (Administrator of Nauru Is) Dr. Bernard Quinn (Medical Officer Nauru Administration) Mr. W. SHUGG (Government Dispenser) Mr. W.B. Doyle and Mr. H.H. HARMER	Not Guilty	Guilty

Precis of Evidence: The evidence for the prosecution consisted of the oral evidence of a native named MA NAI FAI and the interrogation of the accused which was reduced to writing and signed by the accused. The evidence of the witness was to the effect that in the early morning of 26 Mar 46 after an air raid, he was inspecting certain damage caused by the raid and he saw the British Phosphate Commission truck enter the location but he did not see the direction in which it went or where it stopped. He saw it leaving the location again and it passed him about 4 metres away from where he was standing. It was light enough for him to distinguish the people on the truck. There were some Japanese and he identified the deceased Col Chalmers, Mr Harmer and Mr. Shugg. The deceased were dressed in white and there were two other people in the truck dressed in white also but the witness did not identify them. He further stated that the only persons on the Island who dressed in white apart from himself were the deceased. (over)

Sentence and Date: **Death by hanging**
15 May 46

Confirmation and by Whom: *Lt. Gen V. A. H. STURDEE*

Promulgation: *Confirmation of finding and sentence promulgated to accused on 9 Aug 46. Accused executed by hanging at Rabaul on 10 Aug 46*

Petition: **Lodged 27 May 46 against finding and sentence.**

J.A.G.'s Report on Petition: **Confirm finding and sentence and dismissal of petition.**

Action on Petition: **DISMISSED.**

Filed in Attorney-General's Department and Numbered.....

