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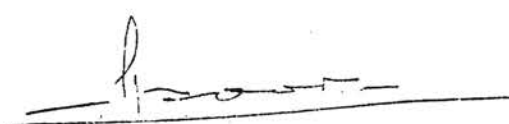
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1. PERSONAL DATA.

Name : Nibin
Age : 15 years
Sex : Male
Race : Malay
Citizenship : Netherlands subject
Birthdate and place : Kg. Soengei Miai, Bandjermasin
(South Borneo) Mar 1929.
Education : Native State School, Bandjermasin.
Religion : Mohammedan
Status : Evacuee; survivor from a sunken
Japanese ship.
Occupation : Sailor
State of health : Good
Means of identification : None

ESTIMATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND RELIABILITY: Fairly intelligent,
very observant, but weak on actual dates. Information con-
sidered reliable.

II. CHRONOLOGY.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>PLACE:</u>
1937 - 1942	: Native State School, Bandjermasin.
1942 - 1943	: Worked with his father in the latter's ricefields and gardens at Tamban, on the west bank of the Barito river, southwest of Band- jermasin (South Borneo).
1943 - Jan 1944	: Fisherman, at the mouth of the Barito river, south of Bandjermasin.
Jan 1944 - 1 Sep 1944	: Staying with parents at Kg. Soengei Miai, Bandjermasin.
1 Sep - 15 Sep 1944	: Worked on his father's ricefield and gardens at Tamban, Bandjermasin.
15 Sep - 26 Sep 1944	: Volunteered as ship's hand and went to sea in a Japanese vessel named "Coea Maru", as he wanted to go to Soerabaja. Wages f18.68 per month.
26 Sep - 28 Sep 1944	: Tarakan (East Borneo) on board "Coea Maru."
28 Sep - 2 Oct 1944	: At sea, on board "Coea Maru".
2 Oct 1944	: Picked up by Allied submarine after "Coea Maru" had been sunk.

III. TACTICAL DATA ON ENEMY MILITARY FORCES.

Dispositions and Strength of Organisations and Units:

Bandjermasin (South Borneo): About Feb 42, an advance party of approximately 60 Japanese officers and men entered Bandjermasin from the direction of Kandangan, and took up quarters in the former Governor's house and offices. The following day, approximately 1,000 additional Japanese Army personnel moved into the city and occupied the former Dutch bcks located near the river bank, (see sketch NEFIS No. FY5351 attached to Interrogation Report No. 708).

Inf heard that about Feb 43, these Japanese Army personnel were transferred to Soerabaja (East Java) and were replaced by approximately 300 Japanese Naval personnel. In Sep 44, the latter were quartered in the Roman Catholic church and in the

X. PROPAGANDA AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE INFORMATION.

Allied:

Morale of Civilian Population:

Attitude Towards War: Bandjermasin (South Borneo) Sep 44:
The war had rendered the people very miserable and unhappy. The old men of the surrounding villages discussed the hardships brought upon them by the Japanese.

Enemy:

Radio Propaganda: Bandjermasin (South Borneo) 43-44:
Loudspeakers were installed in the streets.

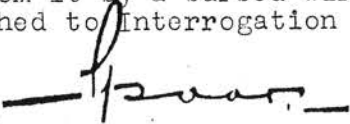
XII. PERSONALITIES.

Bandjermasin (South Borneo) Sep 44: The Assistant Kiai (native Assistant District Officer) of Kg. Soengei Miai was Hadji Abook. The name of the Kiai (native District Officer) is unknown to inf. These men, although working for the Japanese did not appear to be in sympathy with them.

XIII. GENERAL.

Prostitution: Bandjermasin (South Borneo) 44: Inf heard that 50 Japanese women were brought by ship from Soerabaja (East Java) for the use of Japanese Naval personnel only. They were housed in a long, low-lying building near the Coen Bridge (see sketch NEFIS No. FY5351 attached to Interrogation Report No. 708) which was surrounded by barbed wire, and had a Naval guard to prevent Japanese civilians from entering and the women from leaving.

Civilian Internment Camps: Bandjermasin (South Borneo) Sep 44: Approximately 70 Dutch women and children were still interned in a camp situated on Ringweg, between the former Dutch bcks and the present Japanese Naval bcks (see sketch NEFIS No. FY5351 attached to Interrogation Report No. 708). On 8 Oct 43, there was a Japanese festival and the Dutch women internees were given permission to visit their husbands in the male internment camp. They were permitted to stay all day but had to return in the evening. At the end of 43 the women internees were seen by inf walking around inside the camp dressed only in shorts and brassieres made from wornout clothing. Some were barefooted. A male civilian internment camp was situated next to the sikh PW camp and separated from it by a barbed wire fence (see sketch NEFIS No. FY5351 attached to Interrogation Report No. 708).



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