

On this *Fifth* day of April, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, NX70685 Chaplain Frederick Hugh Bashford, attached to HQ Recruit Trg Centre, Greta, in the State of New South Wales, makes oath and says as follows:-

1. As NX70685 Chaplain F.H. BASHFORD I was taken prisoner of war on 15 Feb 42 at Singapore whilst I was attached to 2/4 CCS.

2. As one of a party of about 900 Australians we were transferred to TAVOY Aerodrome Camp in South Burma on 15 May 42. We arrived at TAVOY Camp on 29 May 42. As this party was portion of "A" Force it came under command of Brigadier VARLEY.

3. On 2 Jun 42 eight Aust PsW from 2/4 Anti-Tank Regt escaped from this Camp. I can only remember four of their names and they were as follows - WOLL QUITTENTON, GLOVER, DANNAHER, and WILSON. It was rumoured that they were captured on 4 Jun 42 but Brigadier Varley was officially notified that they were re-captured on 5 Jun 42. When advised Brigadier Varley requested what would happen to these men and he was told by the Japs that they would remain in the Gaol in TAVOY.

4. At mid-day on 6 Jun 42 Brigadier Varley received a notification from the Japs to be present at the execution of these men at 1700 hrs on the same day.

5. I was informed of this notification and with the R.C. Chaplain, Chaplain H.A. SMITH we approached the Jap Camp Commander Lieut CHEENA who was a short, stocky built Jap, aged about 25 yrs.