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**DUTCH ARMY DENIES STORY  
OF AIRMEN'S TREACHERY.**

Royal NETHERLANDS INDIES Army Headquarters yesterday denied that Dutch airmen had been sentenced to ~~xxx~~ death for an attempted escape to the Japanese by plane.

An official statement said the attempted escape of the airmen had nothing to do with disloyalty to the Allied cause. It was an emotional impulse, occasioned by their desire to return home, which led the men to attempt to escape.

The plot was discovered by officers of the Netherlands Indies security service. The culprits were tried by a Netherlands court martial outside Australian territory and sentenced to terms of imprisonment from 20 years to life.

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