

The Jarawas live on the other side of the bay where they had reached and on finding that no Jarawa was visible, they anchored their dinghy in a nallah for the purpose of cooking food for themselves. While they were boiling water to cook rice, suddenly 10 to 15 Jarawas emerged from swimming and they were carrying bows and arrows. Further, another group of Jarawas was also noticed coming on an oars dinghy. This sight frightened them and within no time the Jarawas boarded their dinghies. On boarding the engine dinghy, the balance was got disturbed and the boiling water got spilled hurting B. Yerraiah. The Jarawas were asking them for rice but the burn injury had infuriated B. Yerraiah and he refused for the same. On this, one Jarawa stabbed him with an arrow in his abdomen. A sharp punctured wound resulted and he started bleeding profusely. The Jarawas started looting the rice. V. Krishna Rao tried to prevent them from doing so and on this the Jarawas stabbed him on his back and his right hand. He also started bleeding. A. Krishna Rao also tried to intervene but he was also stabbed similarly. The remaining four of them including Trinath jumped into the sea to save their lives. Meanwhile, D. Joga Rao had also received a fist blow from one of the Jarawas on the left side of his face resulting in a broken tooth. The Jarawas took away all the rice, clothes, dao and the papers of their dinghy and returned to their huts. B. Yerraiah, who suffered the stab wound in his abdomen, succumbed in the dinghy itself. After the departure of the Jarawas, Trinath steered the dinghy carrying the dead body of B. Yerraiah and other injured persons to Port Blair and reached there by 0130 hrs on the 20th of November. The injured were admitted in the G.B. Pant hospital and the dead body was shifted to the mortuary.

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