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LORENZO POLITO, being duly sworn, testified at Inopacan, Leyte, P. I., on 10 January 1946, as follows:

Q State your full name, age, nationality, occupation and home address.

A LORENZO POLITO, 18 years old, Filipino, student, and a resident of Inopacan, Leyte, P. I.

Q Tell all that you saw when you were picked to accompany the Japanese patrol in the vicinity of Inopacan, Leyte.

A On or about 6 March 1944 at the compulsory morning exercises which civilians were forced to attend by the Japanese garrison at Inopacan, Anono Alporque Dedace, Gil Picon and myself were selected by the Japanese to carry their provisions on a mopping up patrol. The members of the patrol were from the Japanese garrison at Tacloban; therefore I do not know the names of the officers, non-commissioned officers or soldiers in the patrol. About eight o'clock in the morning, right after breakfast, the patrol left Inopacan and proceeded thru the surrounding barrios. About four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, we came through the sitio of Ginabay, Barrio of Morao, Town of Inopacan. The sitio had been vacated by the people except for a woman, Anatalia Matinao, and her newly born child; a man, Santiago Humok about 70 years old, and two small children whose names I do not know, all of whom were found by the Japanese soldiers when they searched the houses in the sitio. They tied the hands of these five prisoners behind their backs and tied them to separate posts in a nipa house. Then the house was set afire by the Japanese and these prisoners were burned alive. After the house was set afire and was burning, the patrol left the area. It was now night and the patrol proceeded to Ginabay and from Ginabay they proceeded along the river to Daugdog. Between these two sitios, the patrol caught a boy about seventeen years old whose name I do not know, and bayoneted him. The second day of the patrol, we reached Canangay, at about two o'clock in the afternoon. A young woman, Eufrosina Payot, about 24 years old, was caught hiding in the grass. The officer in charge of the entire patrol tore off her clothes, while two soldiers held her. He then had her taken to a small nipa hut, without walls, about fifteen feet away from where she was caught and there the officer in charge of the patrol used his sabre to cut her breasts and womb. Soldiers held her while the officer did this. At first, the girl was screaming. She finally lay still and silent. The Japanese then set fire to the nipa hut. When the girl was caught and her clothes were torn off by the officer, I was about a hundred meters away. The nipa hut they took her to was only about eighty or eighty-five meters away from where I stood. I had a clear unobstructed view of all this because there was nothing between myself and the place where she was caught and the hut in which she was mutilated and killed. These were the only killings I saw on the patrol, which lasted a week in all before we got back to Inopacan.

Q Can you describe or name any of the Japanese in the patrol?

A I do not recall their names, but the officer in charge of the patrol had a scar on his breast which was horse-shoe shaped. The scar ran from shoulder to shoulder and down below the collar bones. I could see this scar because the officer would take his shirt off when he was hot. He was about 35 years old; about 5'8" tall; slender build; erect; straight legged; head was shaved; no moustache; no glasses; a yellowish complexion, slanted eyes; no missing or gold teeth. I did not notice any scars or amputations on him. He wore a kakhi uniform with cloth leggings; a cloth cap with neck protectors; he was armed with a sword and a pistol.

Q Do you have anything further to add to this statement?  
A No.

/s/ Lorenzo Polito  
LORENZO POLITO

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
PROVINCE OF LEYTE ) SS  
TOWN OF INOPACAN )

I, LORENZO POLITO, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read and understood the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein, consisting of two (2) pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Lorenzo Polito  
LORENZO POLITO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1946.

/s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord  
Investigating Officer, War Crimes  
Investigating Detachment.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We, WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, O1559953, Ord, and GUILLERMO J. REYES, 2d Lt, F-45814, Inf, certify that on 10th day of January, 1946, personally appeared before us LORENZO POLITO, and gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth; that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said LORENZO POLITO read the same affixed his signature thereto in our presence.

Inopacan, Leyte, P. I. /s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord  
Investigating Officer, War Crimes  
Investigating Detachment.

10 January 1946 /s/ Guillermo J. Reyes  
GUILLERMO J. REYES, 2nd Lt, Inf  
Investigating Officer, War  
Crimes Investigating Detachment

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ William M. Moorhead  
WILLIAM M. MOORHEAD, 2d Lt, Ord.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Alva C. Carpenter, Chief, Legal Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, do hereby certify that the attached photostatic copy of the affidavit of LORENZO POLITO is a true and correct reproduction of the original affidavit which was taken at Inopacan, Leyte, P. I. and subsequently accidentally destroyed. This true copy was made from the shorthand notes by the reporter.

/s/ Alva C. Carpenter  
Alva C. Carpenter,  
Chief, Legal Section.

Witness: /s/ John R. Pritchard

Sworn to before me this 29th  
day of October 1946, Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ John R. Pritchard  
Captain, Infantry  
Summary Court