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WAR CRIMES BRANCH

29 March 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 263)

THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch

SUBJECT: Murder of approximately ninety Filipino civilians of the shores of Tagbueros River, Palawan Island, P.I., on or about 1 March 1945, and murder of three Filipino civilians at Irauan, Palawan Island, P.I., on 4 March 1945.

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太平洋方面合衆國陸軍總司令部
戦争犯罪部

一九四六年三月二十九日

檢察部宛(報告第二六三号)

戦犯部庶務將校

覺書
經由
件名

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「タグブロス」河濱ニ於ケル約九十人ノ比島
一般民ノ殺害及一九四五年三月四日比島
「バラワン」島「イラウン」ニ於ケル比島一般民
三名ノ殺害

二 證據概要

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(1) 一九四五年三月一日頃、ルイス・サバント一人ノ仲間ハ六才
名ノ日本兵一隊ニ依リ「タグブロス」河ノ河岸ニ連行サレ
其所テ約三十五名ノ比島實人俘虜ト一組ニサレタ
彼等ノ中ニハ婦人ヤ子供ガ居タ。此等ノ俘虜ハ三ツ
ノ組ニ分ケラレ、サバントハ二人ヨリ成ル一組ニ入レタ
(R二) 彼ハ軍刀ヲ打タレ、銃劍ヲ刺サレ十五分間人事
不省トナツテ倒レテナタ (R三) 彼ガ意識ヲ回復シタ時ハ
日本兵ガ去ツタ後テ彼ハ自分ノ組ノ他ノ俘虜達ノ
死体ガ周圍ニ散乱シテナルヲ見タ。皆死体ニ傷ヲ負ツテ
ナタ (R三)

(4) 一九四五年三月一日頃約百名ノ日本兵ガ婦人ヤ子供
ヲ加ヘタ凡ソ七十人ノ比島一般民ヲ「タグブロス」河附近

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テ連行シテ牛ルノが見ラレタ。其ノ犠牲者達ハ縛ラレ河ニ沿ツテ列バサレ。全部、日本人ニ銃劍テ刺殺サレタ
(R 六・七)

(ハ) 一九四五年三月四日 ソフロニス・ホホールハ彼ノ妻ト二人ノ孫ガ家ノ中テ悲鳴ヲ上ゲテ牛ルヲ聞タ。彼ハ着劍シタ五名ノ日本兵ガ彼ノ家ニ上ツテ来ルヲ見タガ彼自身ドウスル事モ出来ナイト思ツタノデホホールハ逃出シ翌朝帰ツテ来タ時彼ノ妻ト孫達ノ死体ヲ発見シタ。死体ハ皆銃劍ニ依ル傷ヲ負ツテ牛タ (R 一三)