

FRANCISCA BERNARDO DE LUNA

called as a witness on behalf of the Prosecution, being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows through Interpreter Rodas:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

Q (By Colonel Lim) Please give your name?

A Francisca Bernardo.

Q What is your married name?

A De Luna.

Q What is your nationality?

A Filipina.

Q On 10 January 1942, do you remember having seen some Japanese soldiers in the barrio of Sampaloc, Municipality of Talavera, Nueva Ecija?

A Yes, sir, on the 10th of January, 1942. Yes, it was on January 10th, 1942, and the Japanese went there and searched and arrested people, and I was threatened with a bayonet, and at that time I was pregnant. I was pregnant and about to deliver.

COLONEL LIM: Incidentally, sir, this is in connection with paragraph number 5.

Q (By Colonel Lim) What happened next?

A They boxed me on the face, both sides of my face, both arms, and also on my thigh, and when I laid prostrate on the ground I was raped.

Q Who raped you?

A I cannot remember his name, but he is a Japanese.

Q A Japanese soldier?

A A captain. He had a sword, a very long sword, and that is the sword that he was threatening me with.

COLONEL LIM: You may cross examine.

CROSS EXAMINATION

Q (By Lieutenant Pelz) Do you know the name of this captain, or did you know the name of the captain at that time?

A Due to my fright I do not remember.

Q Did you report the incident to the Japanese authorities?

A Yes, sir, we reported the incident to the Japanese authorities, and the one who reported it was threatened to be shot.

Q By whom was he threatened to be shot?

A The one who raped me.

Q You reported to the one who raped you?

A I said that after I was raped, two days after, we went to town to report the matter, and we reported the matter to the same captain who raped me.

LIEUTENANT PELZ: I have nothing further, sir.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

Q (By Colonel Lim) Was this captain the commander of the forces in the place?

A Yes, sir.

COLONEL LIM: That is all.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Anything further?

LIEUTENANT PELZ: Nothing further, sir.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Any questions by the Commission?

(No response.)

The witness is excused.

(Witness excused.)

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I, T. R. C. King, Major, Inf. (TD), Executive Officer, Legal Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, do hereby certify that Document 2862 is a true and correct copy of the transcript of the testimony offered by FRANCISCA BERNARDO DE LUNA in the trial of the case against Masaharu HOMMA, Lieutenant General, Imperial Japanese Army, before a Military Commission in Manila; and that the whole record of the case, including the transcript of all testimonies taken, as well as the affidavits admitted in evidence, are now on file with this Section.

/s/ T. R. C. King
T. R. C. King,
Major, Inf. (TD)

Witness: /s/ John R. Pritchard

Sworn to before me this 15th day of
November 1946, Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ John R. Pritchard
Capt. Inf.
Summary Court