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DOCUMENT 2720 APOLINARIA NAVARRO, after having been duly sworn, testified at Sabang, Lipa, Batangas Province, P. I., on 1 November, 1945 as follows: Please state your full name, age, address and nationality. Apolinaria Navarro, 32 years old, Sabang, Lipa, Batangas Province, P. I., Filipino. Q What is your occupation? Housekeeper. Do you intend to remain at your present address, and if not, how can your whereabouts in the future be ascertained? I intend to stay here for some time. Where did you reside during the Japanese occupation? We stayed at the barrio of Sulao, Sto. Tomas, Batangas Province, P. I. Did you observe any cases of mistreatment to Filipino civilians by the Japanese? A Yes. Q Will you describe fully what you observed? We were living at that time on the outskirts of the barrio of Sulac. About the end of February 1945, we were ordered by the Barrio Lieutenant to concentrate inside the barrio of Sulac. The reason for this was that all those to be found on the outskirts of the barrio will be killed by the Japanese. Around a thousand of us were concentrated in the center of the barrio, in shacks we built for our own shelter. As soon as wehave been concentrated, all men were gathered and taken on forced labor in the Malarayat Mountains, telling us that they will be returned in a week. Afterwards, all the people were allowed to go back to their homes, but again on about the end of the first week of March, 1945, we were gathered for the second time in the barrio. About 500 of us, together with a few men, were taken to a school house. Out of this 500 people, 15 families grouping about 200 people were selected and placed in a different place. I was left behind with the remaining 300 people. Our group was then taken to the front of the house of Primo Quinto, a Jap collaborator. Arriving there, we were separated into farilies again. Each family were taken by four Japanese soldiers to the Moro river, a part of the Tehero river. I always tried to be in the farthest end of the group, so that we could be the last to be executed. Finally our turn came, and we were taken and conducted to the river. It was five o'clock in the afternoon when we were led to the river and on the way there, I saw about one hundred Japanese soldiers scattered near the river and I also saw some men with their hands tied at their backs. As soon as we arrived at the place of execution, I saw a whole family - Maximo Mangubat, age 60; his wife, Maria, age 50; Aquilina Javier, age 30, and her two sons, ages 6 and 4, and two daughters, ages 12 and four months bayoneted to death. I saw it actually with my own eyes and I also saw that the four months baby of Aquilina was thrown up into the air and landed into two bayonets

plunged savagely by the Japanese. The baby was dead before it reached the ground. I also saw about 500 bodies all scattered around the bank of the river with blood oozing out of them, and they all seemed to be dead. They had not been removed yet but were allowed to stay on the place where they died.

At the bank of the river, the Japanese tried to wrench my two children from me, for I was holding them firmly. I was pregnant six months at that time. Finally, they succeeded in taking them away from me. Ludigario, age 10, was the first to fall down as soon as he had been bayoneted on his right side. Maria, age 6, was taken hold of in one arm and was plunged wildely into the air by one Japanese, while two Japanese soldiers thrust her back with their bayonets as soon as she landed on the ground. While watching the scene, I called for help from God and my face was looking up into the sky, when five Japanese soldiers came and bayoneted me at the back. I got five bayonet wounds - one on the upper part of my right arm, enconer on the upper right of my chest passing through my breast, another on my waist region passing through my right side, and another on my left shoulder. Because of the force of the bayonets that passed through my body, I automatically fell on the side of the river, on top of many dead bodies. It was about 6 o'clock in the evening when the Japanese covered us with coconut leaves. After waiting for about an hour, I tried to raise myself when there were no more Japanese around. I could hear many voices of agonies crying for help. I tried to crawl near a man, Daniel Reyes, who was calling for help. Over him was a dead body and I tried to push it away from him. As soon as I toppled the dead body from his own I fell unconscious because of my weakness from loss of blood. After regaining consciousness, Daniel Reyes was still there in the same place, dead. Then I crawled again and went to the river because I was thirsty. I drank a few draughts of water in the river and then fell unconscious again. Regaining my consciousness, I crawled to the same place where the execution had taken place, because that was the easiest way to go up the river. I went under the bushes and slept for a few moments. It was about 10 o'clock in the evening when I crawled again along the river bank and upon reaching a distance of about 25 meters I rest again. While I was resting, I looked around and found a naked dead woman, about 18 years old. I assumed that she had been raped and afterwards bayoneted. I crawled back to the barrio of Sulac, and reaching the house of Carlos, a Makapili, I was warned to go away because there were still Japanese soldiers around the place. I was given a bowl of rice but I was still too weak to eat. I crawled to a dugout and rested there. After a short time, I went to the group of fifteen families that were separated from us. I was fed there and again they warned me to go away. From there, I met an acquaintance, Maria Castillo, who took care of me. Mr. Pamfilo Mavirro came and treated me. I stayed in the house of Maria Castillo till I came to Lipa on the 25th of April, 1945, Even though I was mistreated so inhumanly while I was pregnant, my baby was born in one piece.

- Q Did you recognize any of the dead bodies that you have mentioned?
- A Besides my twochildren and the Mangubat family that I have mentioned, the other dead bodies that I can remember are the following: my sister in law, Maria Rucafor, age 30, her daughter, Conchita Hernandez, age 6, and her son, Antonio Hernandez, age 3; my sister in law Juliana Rucafor Magsino, age 50; my nephew and nieces, Proferio Magsino, age 25, Presento Magsino, age 30; Conchita Magsino, age 13, Aurelia Magsino, age 6; my brother Agaton Navarro, age 33, his wife Maria Villanueva, age 28; my cousin Bibensio Navarro, age 50; my sister in law Cresenciana Rucator, age 40; my nephews, Lazaro Navarro, age 12, Mena Navarro, age 10, Alejandro Navarro, age 4, Jose Navarro, age 2; my brother in law Eleno Rucafor, age 40; Juana Navarro, age 30; Tamasa de Leon, age 60; Sixto Kamintano; Eulogia Rucafor, age 26; Benjamin Rucafor, age 4; Carolito Dimareles, age 2; Pastor Rucafor, age 30.
- Q Do you know of any of the Japanese?
 A I only know of Yamashita. It was common rumor in our town then that the Japanese General, Yamashita has ordered the killing of all Filipinos in the Philippines.
- What happened to your husband? My husband, Maximo Rucafor, 50 years old, was one of those men who were taken by the Japanese on forced labor in the Malarayat Mountain. He was taken by 2 Japanese soldiers and 2 Makapili members - Primo Quintos and Dalmacio Bueno, in the morning and allowed to return at about 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. His job was to carry boxes of ammunition from the church where the Japanese had previously stored them to the foot of the Malarayat Mountain. This went on for almost two weeks. At the end of the second week, the same members of the Makapilis informed my husband to take the following day as a day of rest. But early the next morning the Makapilis returned and took my husband with them. Since then my husband never returned and I never heard news of him. Anxious to learn the whereabouts of my husband, I inquired from Mr. Quintos. He told me that my husband had some work to finish and will return soon. But after 3 days Mr. Quintos told me to pray for him because he will never return.
- Can you tell us the number of Japanese soldiers present at the time of the execution?

A There were 20 officers and 100 soldiers.

- Q Can you describe any of them?
 A No sir, but I can tell you that the officers wore leather leggings and carried sabers, while the soldiers wore short-sleeved khaki uniforms and carried rifles and bayonets.
- Q Do you know to what unit the Japanese soldiers belonged? A No sir, I do not know to what unit the Japanese belong. We never talked with the Japanese soldiers as we were afraid of them. We always tried to stay away from them when we see them.

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- Q I hand you Exhibit G, will you describe it to me? A It is a picture of myself showing the bayonet wounds I received on my back.
- Q I now hand you Exhibit G-1, will you describe it to me?
- A It is a picture of myself showing four bayonet wounds I received on the right side of my body.
- Do you have anything further to add to your statement? A No sir, that is all.

/s/ Apolinaria Navarro APOLINARIA NAVARRO

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
PROVINCE OF BATANGAS) SS
TOWN OF LIPA

I, APOLINARIA NAVARRO, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read to me and understood the translation of the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein, consisting of three pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Apolinaria Navarro
APOLINARIA NAVARRO

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
PROVINCE OF BATANGAS) SS

TOWN OF LIPA

I, GUILLERMO F. MARIANO, residing at 96 Loreto, Sampaloc, Manila, being duly sworn on oath, state that I truly translated the questions and answers given from English to Tagalog and from Tagalog to English respectively, and that after being transcribed, I truly translated the foregoing deposition containing three pages, to the witness; that the witness thereupon in my presence affixed her signature thereto.

/s/ Guillermo F. Mariano
GUILLERMO F. MARIANO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Nov-ember, 1945.

/s/ Herbert C. Likins

HERBERT C. Likins, Capt., TC,

Investigating Officer, War Crimes

Investigating Detachment.

CERTIFICATE

We, HERBERT C. LIKINS, Capt., ASN 0297351, TC, Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Detachment, and NEIL OLIVER, 2nd Lt., Inf., ASN 01328736, Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Detachment, certify that on the 1st day of November, 1945, personally appeared before us APOLINARIA NAVARRO, and according to GUILLERMO F. MARIANO, gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth therein; that after her testimony had been transcribed, the said APOLINARIA NAVARRO had read to her by the said interpreter the same and affixed her signature thereto in our presence.

Sabang, Lipa, Batangas Province, P. I. /s/ Herbert C. Likins
HERBERT C. LIKINS, Capt., TC,
Investigating Officer, War
Crimes Investigating Detachmen

21 November, 1945

/s/ Neil Oliver
NEIL OLIVER, 2nd Lt., Inf.,
Investigating Officer, War
Crimes Investigating Detachment

CERTIFICATE

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 APOLINARIA NAVARRO is a true and correct reproduction of the original affidavit; and that a signed and sworn copy of said affidavit is presently on file with this Section.

/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

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古 貴女が述べる死作ノドレカ身許が解りてえタカ

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内貴女人夫ハドウナリンシタカ

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五五生配和三生十十十一十一年,面前三於王著名及亡自生言中心。 年人著名/ GUILLERMO F. MARIANO

NHERBERT C. LIKINS/ 審査官店

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戰争犯罪審查令遣隊審查官及以不几十少岁一記職番字 0一三二八 二讀三車を回せい我之一面前三於于之二需名でシ事可證明人 其生月日にアポリナットナマーしまって面前二出題もアダイルエモニアマーア」 言心意言作先生タル後的記通譯者一九り之子アルリナーアナや山 牧々「ハーバートン 一個り與ヘララン語、訊問一點上前班」なってショル事並二彼女人證 七三八步兵少尉殿等犯非審官不造隊審查官八九四五事的知一十 證 リキンス一部識番号 書 〇二九七三五一轍送隊隊大尉

27 アリッピングタンかス州アグサバン 本人署名 VIHERBERT C. LI KINS 輸送隊附大縣 戰爭犯罪審查令遣隊 シーリャンス

九四五草 NEIL 昭和二年十月二十日 戰爭犯罪審查不是後 本人器名 アイルオリグア OLIVER/ 2nd 審查官官