

Philippines - Atrocities

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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report #90)

THRU : Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch

SUBJECT : Killing of three hundred twenty Filipino civilians and the wounding of four more by members of the Imperial Japanese Army in the vicinity of Taal, Batangas Province, Luzon, P. I. during February 1945.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

Between 16 and 18 February 1945 members of the Imperial Japanese Army stationed at or near Taal, Batangas Province, P. I., pursued a definite plan of extermination of Filipino civilians in that vicinity. So broad in scope were the murderous activities of the Japanese that it was impossible to identify many of the victims. However, the murder of at least three hundred twenty identified Filipino civilians by the Japanese has been established either by the testimony of eye witnesses or by the discovery of the mutilated bodies of the victims.

About 0900 hours, 16 February 1945 the Japanese murdered the wife and two children of Desiderio BATHAN by bayonetting, at Dalig near the shore of Taal Lake (R-3).

At approximately 3830 hours, 16 February 1945 in the barrio of Cubama, Japanese soldiers murdered more than one hundred Filipino civilians by shooting or bayonetting, and burned all their houses (R-6, 7).

By 1000 hours, 16 February 1945, the Japanese had started to burn all the barrios in the vicinity of Taal. Approximately sixty Filipino civilians inhabitants of Taal hastened to take refuge from the Japanese in a ravine. At about 1400 six or seven Japanese threw hand grenades into the ravine (R-13). Ten or fifteen persons were killed by the hand grenades, and of the survivors, thirty-five to forty persons were machine-gunned by the Japanese and many others bayoneted. Their bodies were stacked in piles of ten or more (R-14). Milagros BARRION, a member of this group, received seventeen wounds in her body. Women and children were blown to pieces by grenades (R-19).

At about 0900 hours, 16 February 1945, approximately one hundred fifty Filipino men, women and children sought refuge from the Japanese in a ravine between Maabud and Malawin. At about 1400 that afternoon the Japanese began to fire into the ravine. They then proceeded to bayonet all the survivors whom they could find. Of one group of twenty in the ravine, there were two survivors (R-21). Of another group of sixteen, twelve were killed (R-23).

At about 1100 hours, 16 February 1945, six Filipino civilians fled to a bamboo grove near a sugar cane field belonging to Miguel BAYUGA at Maabud. Two women in this group were bayoneted to death and two were wounded (R-29, 30).

At about 0900 hours, 16 February 1945, sixteen Filipino civilians hid in a ravine approximately thirty meters east of Bagong Calle, Cubamba, Taal. At about 1100 hours five Japanese shot and bayoneted the entire group (R-32).

On 16 February 1945, at approximately 1530 the Japanese killed about forty men and one hundred and ten women and children who had hidden in a ravine between Luntal and Munlawin. The Japanese used machine guns, hand grenades and bayonets. The victims were all tied together with a long rope prior to their slaughter (R-35).

Approximately one hundred bodies of murdered Filipino civilians were discovered in the barrio of Luntal (R-44). More than one hundred bodies in a pile about five meters long, two meters wide and one meter high were discovered in a place between the barrios of Cultihan, Masbud and Luntal on 16 February 1945. These victims had been killed by machine guns, rifles, bayonets and hand grenades. Their hands were tied behind their backs (R-47).

At about 0800, 18 February 1945 approximately one hundred Filipino civilians took refuge in and around the hut of Severo MENDOZA, approximately ten paces away from the sugar mill of Mr. BADILLO in the barrio of Luntal. Approximately sixty Japanese opened fire on the hut with machine guns and rifles and then set it on fire. Only five people survived this massacre (R-57, 58).

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DIVISION STAFFS ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC GENERAL
太平洋方面合衆國陸軍總司令部
HEADQUARTERS OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTER JUDGE
現地法務局戦争犯罪支部
ADVOCATE GENERAL CRIMES BRANCH

A P O 三〇〇 一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ十一月二日

宛書ノ宛先ノ。檢察部（報告第九〇號）

經由。戦争犯罪文部行政官

題目

一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ二月
比律賓 P. I. 州
比律賓ルソン島バタンガ
州
附近ニ於ケル、日本帝國
陸軍ニ依ル比律賓一般人三二〇
名殺害及他ニ四名傷害ノ件

II 證據ノ概要

一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ二月十六日ヨリ同月十
八日ニ至ル間比島バタンガ州アルマシクハ其
附近ニ駐屯セシ日本帝國陸軍ノ軍人ハ同地附近ノ
比律賓一般人ヲ刺殺スベク確然タル計畫ヲ遂行シ
タ。
日本軍ニ依ル此殺戮行為ハ範圍ガ頗ル廣大ナル
メ、犠牲者ノ多クハ檢證スルコトガ不可能デア
タ。

然シ、日本軍ノ犠牲ナリト檢證セラレタ少クトモ
比律賓一般人三二〇名ニ對スル殺害ガ、目撃者ノ

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約一五〇名ノ比律賓人ノ男女及ピ子供等ガ日本軍
カラ逃レテマアバドト・ムラウイン間ノ山峽ニ避

MAABUD AND MNTAVIN

難シク。其ノ日ノ午後二時頃日本兵ハ該山峽ニ向
ツテ射撃シ始メタ。ソレカラ日本軍ハ發見シ得タ
全生存者ヲ刺殺シ始メタ。該山峽ニ於テ二〇名カ
ラ成ル一團ノ中二名ノ生存者ガ居タ。(R-121)
一六名カラ成ル他ノ一團ノ中一二名ガ殺害サレタ。
(R-123)

一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ二月十六日午前十一時
頃比律賓一般人六名ガマアバドニ於テシグエル

MIGUEL MATUGA

マユガ所有ノ甘蔗畑附近ノ竹藪ニ遁入シタ。此ノ
一團ノ中ノ女子二名ハ刺殺サレ又二名ハ負傷シタ
(R-129・三〇)

一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ二月十六日午前九時頃
比律賓一般人一六名ガダゴン・キユー・バン・パン
バゴング・カレノ東方約三〇米離レタ或ル山峽ニ
避難シタ。午前十一時頃日本兵五名ガ此全員ヲ射
撃シ且ツ銃剣デ刺シタ。(R-131)

一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ二月十六日午後三時三
〇分頃、日本兵ハルンタルト・ムラウインノ間

FUNTAL AND MONTAVIN

ノ山峽ニ身ヲ隠シテキタ男子約四〇名及婦女、子
供等一一〇名ヲ殺害シタ。日本兵ハ機關銃、手榴
弾及銃剣等ヲ使用シタ。是等ノ犠牲者ハ殺戮サレ

ル前ニ全員ガ一本ノ長イ繩ニ一筋ニ縛ラレテイタ。
(R 一三五)

殺害サレタ比律賓一般人約一〇〇名ノ死体ガ FUNJAT

タル部落デ發見サレタ。(R 一四四) 一九四五年

ノ昭和二十年ノ二月十六日ニ CUTIHAN, MAABUD, AND

FUNJAT バド及ルンタル部落間ノ一地點デ、大約長サ五米・

巾二米及高サ一米位ニ山ニ積マレタ一〇〇名以上

ノ死体ガ發見サレタ。此等ノ犠牲者ハ機關銃・小

銃・銃劍及ビ手榴弾等デ殺害セラレテキタ。

彼等ハ後手ニ縛ラレテキタ。(R 一四七)

一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ二月十八日午前八時頃

比律賓一般人約一〇〇名ガ FUNJAT タル部落ノ BADITHO

ロ氏ノ製糖工場カラ約一〇ベイスノ三〇呎ノノ距

離ニアル SEYTERO, MENTHONA サノ小屋及ビ其ノ附近ニ

避難シタ。日本兵約六〇名ガ此ノ小屋ニ向ツテ機

銃及小銃ヲ以テ射撃シ、次イテ之ニ放火シタ。此

ノ虐殺デ生獲ツタ者ハ僅カニ五名デアツタ。(R

一五七・五八)