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By /s/ E. Checket, Major, Inf.

State of Washington )  
County of Pierce ) SS

I, Clyde P. Sullivan, of lawful age, being duly sworn, on oath depose and say;

I am T/Sgt, ASN 6333884. My permanent home address is 5403 Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida. /I was captured by Japanese infantry on Mindanao Island, P.I., in a general surrender on 10 May 1942. After being confined in the Philippine Islands until July 1944, when I was transferred by ship to Japan in a trip which lasted until 3 September 1944.

The prisoners of war were not provided with proper medical care, food or quarters in this ship during the trip.

An Army Lt called Shiboto (phonetic), who wore the insignia of Formosan troops and who seemed to be a Formosan, rather than a Japanese, was in charge of the prisoners during the trip from Davao to Japan. He was 35 to 40 years old, weighed about 150 pounds, was about 5 feet 7 inches in height, did not wear glasses had a thin face and high cheek bones, had a stiff military posture, a dark complexion, a black Charley Chaplin type mustache and a shaved head.

Approximately 1200 prisoners, divided into 600 men for each hold, were crowded into the ship so closely that 400 would have to stand in shifts so that the other 200 could sleep. This condition lasted for over 20 days until we reached Cebu. The sanitary facilities were insufficient and consisted only of a bucket holding 5 gallons for 600 men. The only medical supplies available were those which one of our own doctors brought with him, and these were meager and insufficient, because the men were suffering from sores, beri-beri, malaria, malnutrition ulcers, diarrhea, and many other diseases. The food available consisted only of 400 grams of rice per day per man, which was about one pint, after it had been cooked. All the men lost from 20 to 40 pounds during the trip. We were weighed at the beginning and end of the trip and I, myself, lost 33 pounds. The air was foul and the heat while confined in the hold was so intense that men were overcome. Three men died from the existing conditions during the trip. We received one pint of water per day, which was insufficient because of the heat and close confinement. Protests made by the ranking officer, Colonel Stubbs, were ignored.

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Colonel Guy V. Stubbs, from Peatsbottom, Pennsylvania; Cpl. Paul Sapin, from Texas; Pfc Harry Taylor, from Colorado; Captain Blinky, a medical officer from Ohio; and Captain Keeley, a medical officer from New Jersey were present with me all during the trip and can corroborate my statements. I can give no further description of the persons responsible for conditions which I have described, and I can state no further details concerning the matters described in this affidavit.

/s/ Clyde P. Sullivan  
T/Sgt. 6333884

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of October 1945, at Fort Lewis Washington.

/s/ Arthur G. Bouley  
ARTHUR G. BOULEY  
CWO, U S A  
Asst Adjutant General  
ASFTC Fort Lewis, Wash.

Witness:  
/s/ Robert R. Hepperle  
Agent SIC95C

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

~~/s/ Everett Checket~~  
EVERETT CHECKET  
Major, Infantry

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RESTRICTED /s/ E.C.