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Q State your name, rate, serial number, permanent home address, and any other pertinent information concerning yourself.

A My name is John Bryan LIPPARD, Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps, serial number 273486. My permanent home address is Littlefield, Texas. I have a high school education.

Q At what enemy camps were you confined and at what dates?

A I was imprisoned in Cabanatuan No. 3, Philippine Islands, from 28 May 1942 to 5 October 1942. I was then transferred to the Hoten Camp at Mukdon, Manchukuo, where I remained from November 1942 to May 1944. I was then transferred to Kamioka Camp in Japan, where I remained from May 1944 until liberated by American forces.

Q Will you describe briefly your experiences with regard to torture and unusual treatment while imprisoned at the Kamioka Camp in Japan?

A A common form of punishment at Kamioka involved placing pieces of smoldering punk approximately as large as an American nickel upon the wrists, stomach or neck of the individual prisoner of war. When the punk was placed on the neck of the prisoner, he would be required to assume the "push-up" position and the punk would then be placed on his neck. A guard would stand over him and beat the prisoner if he flinched or collapsed. This type of torture was inflicted at the whim of one Sergeant Major MCNTANI, who acted as the executive officer at Kamioka.

It was reported at the camp that prisoners had been trading with Koreans in the area, and in an effort to ascertain which prisoners of war had been involved in such trading all able-bodied members of my group

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of fifteen men were tortured in the manner described above. I had a piece of punk placed on my neck and still bear the scar as a result of the burning received. Following this torture we were also beaten with clubs, shoes and belts. Sergeant Major MONTANI apparently took great pleasure in ordering and participating in severe beatings of the prisoners of war.

I have no further information, either favorable or unfavorable pertaining to the incidents related above.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA :
 : SS
County of Alameda :

I, John Bryan LIPPARD, of lawful age, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read the foregoing transcription of my interrogation, consisting of two pages, including this and the title page, and that all answers contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ John B. Lippard

Subscribed and sworn to before me this second day of October 1945, at Oakland, California.

/s/ Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Ens. USNR

I, W. J. STOESEL, Ensign, USNR, certify that John Bryan LIPPARD, Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps, serial number 273486, personally appeared before me on the second day of October 1945, and testified concerning war crimes; and that the foregoing is an accurate transcription of the answers given by him to the several questions set forth.

/s/ Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.

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