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DOCUMENT 2727 NONITO TUBUNGBANWA, after having been duly sworn, testified at No. 99, I. de la Rama St., Iloilo City, Panay Island, on 2 November 1945, as follows: O State your name, age, address, nationality and occupation. Nonito Tubungbanwa, 27 years old, Santa Ysabel St., Jaro, Iloilo City, Filipino, occupation painter. Do you expect to remain at your present address, or do you expect to move? A Yes. I expect to remain at my present address. We understand that you may know of atrocities committed by the Japanese MPs while they were in Panay. Will you kindly explain us your association with the Japanese at the time that the atrocities were committed? A We were prisoners of the Japanese MPs in the Provincial Jail, Iloilo City, from July 5, 1945, until September 9, 1943. On September 9, 1943, we were lined up by Sgt. MANABE, the warden, and those physically fit were forced into service as "cargadors", to carry the equipment of the Japanese in a punitive expedition. Q Will you kindly describe the details surrounding the atrocities of which you have knowledge? A - On the morning of September 10, 1943, we were loaded into trucks, together with the bundles that we were to carry. Each one of us was assigned a Japanese officer, whose equipment we were to carry. I was assigned to Lt. OTSUKA, who worked under Captain WATANABE. When we arrived at Passi, the Japanese sent out a patrol and brought back three Filipino civilians; two boys and one girl. After questioning these three all night, while they were tied to a stake, the next morning the entire group left, and the three victims were beheaded by a Japanese officer whose name I do not know. Following this, two of my companions were killed. They were cargadors and were killed because they could not carry their burden any longer. They were beheaded by Mess Sgt. HIRATA. We arrived at Barrio Lungao, and we saw that Japanese soldiers were already rounding up Filipino civilians. We saw that they were questioning these civilians; men, women, children and even old men. After questioning them, the Japanese soldiers and officers started killing all the civilians and throwing the bodies to the fire. The whole barrio was set afire. Farther on, we came to a place where three Chinese families were located. These Chinese, were later on separated and killed. At the next barrio, Salngan, the first group of Japanese soldiers had already caught a large number of civilians. When we left, they killed all the civilians, after getting information from them. Up to this time, how many people would you say were killed? Around 150 persons. Do you know who did the actual executions? Yes. I personally saw Captain WATANABE, W. O. SHIN; of the MPs and Mess Sgt. HIRATA, personally cut off the heads of the civilians, who were made to kneel, with their hands tied behind their backs. Do you know the names of any other people killed? A Yes. I know of one Chinese family, because they were from Jaro which is the place I live. Their name was UY CHIA.

DOCUMENT 2727 Do you know the reason the Japanese gave for killing these people? A The first question asked by the Japanese, was if there were any guerrillas around. The civilians answered negatively. The next question was if they had helped any Filipino soldiers passing by the town. When the civilians denied that they helpe the Filipino soldiers, the Japanese killed them. Did these punitive expeditions continue to kill civilians after this time? Yes. I was with them for 14 days, and I witnessed many killings. From Passi, we passed Mungao, Salngan, till we reached the Headquarters of the Filipino guerrillas in Barrio Jimomomua Nueva Invencion. I know of two families killed. One family was Captain Mariano LIM, 35 years of age, who was killed with his whole family. He was a guerrillero. His wife was about 33. He had 3 children, whose names I do not remember, about 14, 12 and 8. I personally saw SHIN behead this entire family. After this, there were not so many civilians killed, due to the fact that we were able to advise them in advance, as to how to answer the questions regarding guerrillas. We learned that if they admitted that they had helped the guerrillas, the Japanese believed that they were telling the truth and left them alone, and we told them to answer the Japanese questions in this manner Do you remember the names of any of the other that were on the punitive expedition, outside of WATANABE, HIRATA, and SHIN? A Yes. Sergeant MATSUZAKI, who was tall, rather good-looking, who was assigned to another group. His distinguishing feature was a scar about 3 inches long on the left cheek. Also Lt. OTSUKA, who took part in the beheadings and tortures of the civilians during the entire trip. He was about 5 feet 10 inche tall, well built, about 170 pounds. Each time he spoke, his upper teeth were bared. He had a long, large, thick mustache which drooped down on both sides of his lips. He was fierce looking and was known as the "Butcher." He was directly under Captain WATANABE in the Iloilo High School Garrison. Q Can you give us more details of the atrocities as they occurred? A When we were about to leave Jimomomua, all the civilians were rounded up and asked personally one by one, by Capt. WATANABE, if they were any relation to the BALLEZA family. After all the civilians were questioned, about one-half of them told them that they were related to the BALLEZAS. The civilians thought that if they were relatives of the Ballezas, they would not be harmed, because the Ballezas were prominent people. After they were picked out, they were separated into two groups The first group, headed by Balleza, were taken to one place, and the officers took the rifles from the soldiers, and shot all the civilians in the group. After killing the civilians, they threw the bodies to the fire. They burned the whole barrio. In one barrio, the Japanese officers were questioning one Filipino. W.O. SHIN personally questioned this man, interpreted by OGINO. While he was being questioned, this man bit the hand of OGINO and tried to escape. He was caught by the Japanese and tied by the feet. He was dragged in this way back to the place where he attempted to escape. When the soldiers arrived at the place, they hit the man in the head, rendering him unconscious. One officer went to the place where the civilians were placed. They took from the group one woman and her 6 children, ranging in ages from 1 to 12 years old. The 1 year old baby was still sucking from the mother. They took this woman with the children to the place where the man was lying,

and they asked her if the man was her husband. She said that he was not her husband. The children were then asked if the man was their father. The children, crying, said that he was not their father. They then took the woman back with her children, and took another girl. They asked the girl if that woman was the wife of the unconscious man. The girl was threatened, and she said that the man was the husband of that certain woman. After that, they went back and took the woman and her children to the place, and they took the baby away and smashed it against the road. The blood splattered on my clothes because I was about 5 meters from the scene of the atrocity. The officer that did this was Captain WATANABE. Meanwhile, other soldiers took hold of the children, holding them by the feet and using them as clubs, beating the man and woman with them until they were both unconscious. WATANABE and SHIN called the Japanese soldiers, and instructed them to bash the head of the man. They used the butts of their rifles to do this, and they destroyed the man's head. The man died and his body was thrown into the fire. When the woman regained consciousness, she was dragged together with her children, to the fire. When they were dragged, the children were dead. They were killed when they were used as clubs. When we were about to leave, they took from the group some civilians and took them to the foot of the hills. There they were made to kneel, and their heads were cut off. They were around 18 civilians, including three children. More than 650 civilians were killed during the 14 days I acted as "cargador." At another place, which I do not remember, two girls were caught with a Filipino guerrillero, and one of the girls was pregnant. In the evening, they were made to dance completely naked before the Japanese soldiers, as well as ourselves until they were exhausted. The next morning, I heard Captain WATANABE give the order for these girls to be killed, and I saw the soldiers take them to a place a short distance from where we were, and there they were bayoneted in the back and killed. After 14 days, I received permission from OTSUKA to return to Iloilo by motor launch from Ajuy, because I was unable to do any work due to swollen legs and sores all over my back. My life was spared, probably due to the fact that I spoke some Japanese and had on occasions acted as interpreter for them.

- Q Do you know the names of any of the victims of these atrocities? A No. I did not know them.
- Q Do you have anything further to add to this statement?
  A Yes. There are many other incidents of which I could tell
  you, but they are similar to the atrocities described above
  and I did not know the names of any of the people who were
  killed.

/s/ Nonito Tubungbanwa NONITO TUBUNGBANWA

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES } SS

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

/s/ Nonito Tubungbanwa NONITO TUBUNGBANWA

1+ DOCUMENT 2727 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November 1945. /s/ James R. Lynch JAMES R. LYNCH, 2nd Lt., Inf. 01326712 Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Detachment CERTIFICATE We, JAMES R. LYNCH, 2nd Lt., 01326712, Inf. and MARIANO A. YENKO JR., 1st Lt., 0-22509, Inf. (PA), certify that on the 2nd day of November 1945, personally appeared before us NONITO TUBUNGBANWA, and gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth; that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said NONITO TUBUNGBANWA, read the same and affixed his signature thereto in our presence. James R. Lynch JAMES R. LYNCH, 2nd Lt., Inf. 01326712 Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Detachmen City of Iloilo Mariano A. Yenko Jr.
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## 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 NONITO TUBUNGBANWA
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. Crrpenter
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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被等地棒棒 道,其间 人少 事解 頭部 中 级等一首、丁多茶十七万万 レデ 三一大坡等八男,頭形 四が私水板服 ハネカッリマンタ 現場運一手来にカッシンテ おアアルカかん 部ること見彼か、彼い 在了三之夕、彼春八子供上一緒 本好校達が一人ノフィリングン でしか、兵隊重日軍人三三 身がオギノン通訳が此男 ピラレマ・レタ 「オデノ」、手ラ交ンデルセンコ 人一子供习建上出之下之夕、 こしてとり、彼いからして、彼ら最 住民与柳八小山麓三連 三少私務是一行為視 が彼八父親デアカあか計 シアンク トラととことり、彼多で、いしかう 之之夕、假等、降 事不省三落入了之之 行きでリソンシテ彼事、 ハ大アアで小中 之校之下之夕、被等八全部 シンでこり、つつタナベト 分子連上出してした ちキッラレでしか 醉醉 ,全住民,新發 婦人が意識 松運生出放於心 他兵隊蓬 华指示之下 12 カラれるでき トンテ変って シレヤシンケノ. ノ中かう 7

助から、下下は海、海道歌 から安とてころ、何改され、私いくらこが足上指中全面、爛りりくといれいてからくりのり、墓に行船デアイレイとに帰れてすってかった 十八大村が此等少少女が殺又少 4、前京夜上果下上近全球本下頭ラ 一種なり、少女一人、妊娠して居りてした。居一でした、一大は一人、他版して居してんり、大方 被事二人人子供为入上户约十八名人住民户上乡 行動了一大四间二六十四名以上一住民了殺唐也下之名私人俊八天 一被车中連行九八月見了之人 重アタント・タメニ たうういれか多少 朝サレテ教也でして、十四日後 全班介,可南井下上夕、六 サレ V·レタ、 方波等,日本兵及武 リファ 聖朝 私八百夕 江不正規本上一統 川田本語等語 孙生命

然イイエ、私、名前りなりマセンデンタ 同 青十八比等,强作活,城生者,性名,能知识,于居了了力 青方、此陳述一何。英一所加 八八八十十十十十十五十十年件 イマスカ

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フィリアセン共和國 イロイロ市 ツブングバンワノ

私、ノニト・ソブングバンロ 了多我"对己部的及凡了,国家上京,轉寫了讀,且 一大五年、十一月一日、私,面前 私か知見信心吸り於方 野争犯罪調在派 調有好校。 ,正式"宣誓"、三夏可成此及一会 過度七事力陳述致して 於京都名、宣屯之り いつこうハンワノ田首

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