

P.I. - Atrocity

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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 287)
THRU : Executive Officer, Legal Section, Manila
SUBJECT : Arson, rape and robbery at Balilihan and Sikatuna,
Bohol, P. I., after 2 September 1945.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

After their defeat by American forces about 19 April 1945, the Japanese on Bohol fled to the hills. Here, they separated into small groups and lived in the forest and caves (R 2). One of these groups consisted of six men under the leadership of Sergeant IWAOKU (R 1). From time to time, this band made raids upon the civilians in order to obtain food (R 2), but they also stole personal property and raped young women on several occasions (R 8, 11, 22, 26, 29, 33).

Once, when the occupants of a house where they sought food failed to admit them, Sergeant IWAOKU's men surrounded the house and set fire to it, but the residents were able to escape after the Japanese had fled in fear of guerrillas (R 1, 36).

On another occasion, a group of six Japanese looted a home and forced the son and daughter of the household to accompany them as guides (R 14, 18). The son was later bayoneted and left for dead (R 18), while the body of the daughter was found about a month later near the tent where the Japanese had camped. Six front teeth were missing and her legs had been severed from the body (R 14). Her hands were still tied behind her back (R 15).

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