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ISIDRO CABUSAS, after having been duly sworn, testified at the Collaborator Internment Stockade, Subang-daku, Mandaue, Cebu, P. I., on 12 November 1945, as follows:

- Q What is your full name, age and nationality? A Isidro CABUSAS, 34 years old, Filipino.
- Q Did you ever work for the Kempei Tai here in Cebu? A Yes, I worked for the Japanese Kempei Tai as an undercover agent from about August 1st 1944 until the middle of February 1945.
- Q How is it that you were an undercover agent for the Japanese Kempei Tai?
- A I was captured by the Jaranese Kempei Tai the last week of July 1944 and they made me work for them or else they would kill me.
- Q Who did you work for? A I was working for Sgt. T. YOSHIDA.
- Q Did you ever go to Cordova on Mactan Island about the 19th of August 1944 on patrol?
- A Yes, I went on patrol to Cordova on Mactan Island August 19, 1944 with about fifteen (15) members of the Kempei Tai and some Japanese soldiers from the garrison at Mambaling, Cebu, P. I. and from about twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) Filipino undercovers.
- Who were the members of the Japanese Kempei Tai that went
- A Sgt. Maj. T. YOSHIDA was in charge in our group; Cpl. MORA-KI, was the second in-charge; and also in my group was Pfc. Suteo KOIDE, I do not know the first name. The other Kempei Tai that I remember but they were not in my group, were Sgt. TANIYAMA and T/Sgt. WATANABE, I do not remember the first names of these two. There was also another corporal named Iwao ISHIZAKA. Those are all the members of the Kempei Tai that I can remember.
- Q Do you know any of the troops that you mentioned that dame from the Mambaling group?
- A I do not know any of them nor can I describe them, but I would remember them if I see them again.
- Q Do you know to what unit they belonged? A They were infantry soldiers and I think they came from the MIZOGOUCHI Butai.
- Q Were there any officers on this patrol?
 A No, but Capt. TSURUYAMA came to the dock before we left
 Cebu and told T. YOSHIDA to arrest all the civilians and
 kill anyone resisting arrest or anyone suspected of being
 a guerrilla.
- What were the names of the Filipino undercover agents that were along on this patrol?
- A Cucufate ADLAWAN who is in the stockade; Genaro CABULONG, recently released from the stockade; Antonio RACAZA, now in the stockade; Francisco DUMAGUT, in the stockade; File-in the stockade; Francisco DUMAGUT, in the stockade; File-stockade; and others.
- Q Will you tell me in your own words what happened on this

DOCUMENT 2725 patrol? A At about 9 o'clock in the evening of August 19, 1944, we left Cebu for Mactan Island. When we arrived there, we landed at Opon and from there we went by truck to Cordova. As soon as we arrived at Cordova, the Japanese soldiers began to gather all of the civilians and brought them to the central school house. There they took the clothes of all the women naked and made them stand all night. They severely beat many of the men with clubs, baseball bats and rifle butts. The Japanese took all of the money, jewelry and valuables from the civilians. The next morning, I saw three men tied and beaten and then taken about three kilometers in the southwestern part of Cordova and there beheaded by three Japanese soldiers. Do you remember the names of these Japanese soldiers who beheaded these three men? A Cpl. Iwao ISHIZAKA, Cpl. MURAKI and another member of the Kempei Tai, I do not remember the name; each of them borrowed a sword and killed one of the men. Do you know the names of the three men that were beheaded? I do not know any of them but the reason that they were killed was they were suspected of being guerrillas. O Were these men given a trial? No. O Did you see any other mistreatment of civilians? A I saw Sgt. TANIYAMA take a lighted match and burn the hair of the womb of a young woman. Q Do you know the name of that young woman? A No, I can't remember her name. Q Did you see any other mistreatment? A I saw many of the men with their hands tied behind their backs hanging from a rafter and severely beaten with clubs as I described before. Q Do you know the names of any of those that were beaten? A The only one I know is the mayor of Cordova by the name of Martin FRANCISCO. Q What did they do to Martin FRANCISCO? A T. YOSHIDA personally man-handled and beat the mayor with a baseball bat until his body and face was bleeding and swollen and black and blue. Q Did you see anything other than what you have told me? A That is all I can remember of the incident. How far were you standing from the place where the beheading took place? We were all on a truck about two hundred (200) meters away, but we could see what was going on. Q Handing you the photograph marked Exhibit "B", I ask you if you recognize any of the men on this photograph as the men you have described in the foregoing statement? A Yes. Capt. TSURUYAMA is the man wearing white shirt who is second from the left in the front row. Q Handing you the photograph marked Exhibit "C", I ask

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you if you recognize any men in this photograph as the same men you have described in the foregoing statement?

- A Yes. T. YOSHIDA appears on the extreme right-hand side of the photograph; T/Sgt. WATANABE is the center man on the photograph.
- Q Handing you the photograph marked Exhibit "D", I ask you if you recognize this man?
- A Yes. This is a picture of the Corporal Iwao ISHIZAKA whom I have named in this statement.
- O Do you have anything else to add to this statement? A That is all I know.

/s/ <u>Isidro Cabusas</u> ISIDRO CABUSAS

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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I, ISIDRO CABUSAS, 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 three (3) pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Isidro Cabusas ISIDRO CABUSAS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of November 1945.

/s/ Henry F. Marshall, 2nd Lt. Inf. HENRY F. MARSHALL, 2d. Lt., INF Investigating Officer, War Crim Investigating Detachment

CERTIFICATE

We, CLAYTON L. NELSON, 1st Lt, 02052600, JAGD and HENRY F. MARSHALL, 2d Lt, 01332183, INF, Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Detachment, certify that on 12 November 1945, personally appeared before us ISIDRO CABUSAS and gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth; that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said ISIDRO CABUSAS read the same and affixed his signature thereto in our presence.

City of Cebu, Cebu, P. I.

/s/ Clayton L. Nelson, 1st Lt. JAGD CLAYTON L. NELSON, 1st Lt, JAGD

12 November 1945.

/s/ Henry F. Marshall, 2nd Lt. Inf.
HENRY F. MARSHALL, 2d Lt, INF
Investigating Officer, War
Crimes Investigating Detachment.

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 ISIDRO CABUSAS
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. Carpenter,
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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