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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report #76)
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch
SUBJECT: Crimes Against Allied Prisoners of War
at Bilibid Prison, Manila, Luzon, P.I.,
from May 1942 to February 1945.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

A detailed summary of the evidence contained in the attached fifty-three sworn statements of witnesses and forty-six unsworn statements or memorandums would serve no useful purpose. Suffice it to say that these statements contain ample evidence to prove that from May 1942 until its fall to American forces in February 1945, the conditions at Old Bilibid Prison, Manila, P.I., were atrocious.

a. The cells were grossly over-crowded and sanitation facilities were non-existent or extremely crude (Exhibits 1-11). The regular diet consisted of a maximum of seven hundred to eight hundred calories a day and during the worst periods, the prisoners received only two meals a day consisting of one-half and three-fourths of a canteen cup of rice respectively (R 15-21).

b. The little food actually issued to the prisoners was often contaminated, resulting in many cases of dysentery and diarrhea. Beri-beri was also prevalent (R 11-14). On one occasion eight persons died from dysentery, no hospitalization having been provided (R 24).

c. American prisoners of war frequently resorted to eating garbage from the scrap cans and pig troughs. Captain NOGI, Medical Director, was apparently responsible for these conditions (R 2, 113-115).

d. American prisoners were beaten with sticks and baseball bats, often to insensibility. A Major R. B. PRAGER, 26th Cavalry, was hanged by the wrists for sixty hours and a Major Thomas S. JONES of the same unit for eighteen hours in September and October 1943 (R 89, 90).

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e. About three thousand prisoners slept on concrete floors without bedding or mosquito nets. There were three showers for their use (R 36).

g. In 1942 a prisoner escaped from Old Bilibid. Fifteen hundred prisoners were placed on a diet of straight rice for three months as punishment (R 141-143).

h. On 11 or 12 October 1944 twelve hundred prisoners were evacuated from Bilibid Prison to the dock area in Manila Bay which was then subjected to an Allied bombing raid (R 129-131).

i. On about 19 June 1942, Japanese army personnel at Old Bilibid Prison confiscated all quinine and medical supplies brought by prisoners of war from the hospital at "Little Baguio" (R 15, 16).

j. Confiscated Red Cross supplies originally destined for Allied prisoners of war were stored in General YAMASHITA's Headquarters in Manila. The number of these boxes was estimated to be more than a thousand (R 151-152).

The above mentioned incidents are merely representative examples of the uniformly brutal treatment accorded to prisoners of war at Old Bilibid by the Japanese.

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太平洋方面米國陸軍司令部
地方法務局戦争犯罪支部

陸軍郵便局五〇

一九四五年十月十八日

覚書

検察部宛 (報告サセテ六号)

經由

戦争犯罪部 庶務科 行政官

件名

一九四二年五月カラ一九四五年二月ニ至ル「フィリピン」
諸島「ルゾン」島「マラ」島「ビリビッド」監禁所、聯合軍
俘虜ニ対スル犯罪

正證據書概要

茲許添付セル證人、五十三通ノ宣誓陳述書及び四十六ノ宣誓指言ナリ、陳述書ニ記載セル證據、詳細シイモノモ未嘗書キモスシテ役ニ充テナイデセウ
タダコレラ、陳述書ガ一九四二年五月カラ一九四五年二月ニ至ル「フィリピン」
マラノ向「フィリピン」諸島「マラ」島「ビリビッド」監禁所ノ状態ガ殘酷
酷デアツクトイフコトガ判ルナ分ナ證據ヲ包含ニテキルトイフガケテ充分テ
アル

イ、監禁室ハビドロ混雜ニテキテ衛生施設自無又ハ甚ニ粗末デ

シタ (添附書証一―一二) 日常ノ食ヲ一日ニ最高セ。カラハ〇〇カ

ロリーデ一番悪イ時ニ俘虜ハ一日ニ食テ水筒ノフタノフツクニ水

ヲ二分ト四分三程ヲ各一度ヅツ世見ヒマシタ (R-15-1-11)

ロ、俘虜ニ實際ニ配給サレタ僅カナ食ヲハ屢々汚レテオリマシテ多

數赤痢ト下痢ヲ發シマシタ。脚氣又ハ疥癬トキ
アル時ハ別ガテ所デ死シタ。區々標ハ施レナ
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ハ、アメリカノ俘虜ハ空罐ノ残りヤ豚ノ餌箱カラ残り物ヲサカシマシク
医務官乃木大尉ガア状態ニ対シ責任ガアツクト思ヒマス。
(Rニニ三/二五)

ニ、アメリカ俘虜ハ構テ野球ノバットデ何時モ気絶ス迄殴ラレ
マシク。一九四三年九月ニオキテ六騎兵部隊ノ「アルビー」
シガー少佐六十時間ノ又同部隊ノ「トーマス」エスジョンズ少佐
ハ同年十月二十八時間ノ同夫々チ首デ吊リ上げラレマシク。
(R八九・九〇)

ホ、約三〇〇人ノ俘虜ハ寝具モ蚊帳モナイコクリートノ床上
ニ寐マシクソコニ皆ノ為メニ三ツノニヤワ浴場ガアリマシク (R三六)
ヘ、一九四二年「俘虜」ハ「オールドビロビッド」カラ逃ゲマシク一五〇人
ノ俘虜ハ其懲罰トシテ三月ノ間米ダケノ食ヲ受テサレマシク
(R一四一—一四三)

ト、一九四四年十月十一日カ十二日ニ二〇〇ノ俘虜ハ「ビロビッド」監禁所
所カラ聯合軍ノ爆撃ヲ受テ「マニラ」灣ノ渡止場地ニ移サレ
マシク (R二九一—三二)

ク、一九四二年六月十九日頃「オールドビロビッド」監禁所ノ日
本兵ハ「リトルバギオ」ノ病院カラ俘虜ヲ持ツテ米ダクワイナイ
ンノ他医薬品ヲ全部没収シマシク。(R一五、一六)

リ、本末聯合軍俘虜ニ送ラレタ赤十字ノ供食品ハ没収サレ「マニラ」
山下大將司令部ニ貯藏サレマシク。コノ箱數ハ一千箱以上ト
概算サレマシク。(R一五二—一五三)

上述ノ事件「オールドビロビッド」ノ俘虜日本ノ興へル一様ノ残虐行
為ノ代表的例ニ過ギマセン