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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC
WAR CRIMES BRANCH

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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 189)

THRU : Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch

SUBJECT : Mistreatment and imprisonment under improper conditions of American prisoners of war at Corregidor, P. I., during summer of 1942.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

The record of investigation in subject case is composed entirely of statements of repatriated American prisoners of war. These statements have been selected from a large number of such statements which were taken either in the United States or at the 29th Replacement Depot on Luzon, and it is believed that these statements accurately portray conditions at the prison camp on Corregidor. The facts are:

Shortly after the capitulation of Corregidor, approximately ten thousand American and Filipino prisoners of war were crowded into a small area, formerly the 92nd Coast Artillery Corps Garage area. Conditions were so crowded that the prisoners were unable to move during the night without disturbing sleeping companions who were packed side by side. No shelter whatsoever was furnished to protect the prisoners from the rain or from the heat of the sun. Sanitary facilities consisted only of an open slit trench, and no chemicals or disinfectants were made available to improve the sanitary conditions. Water was obtained from two wells which were sunk below sea level, and the water was salty and unpalatable. The prisoners were given inadequate food, although ample supplies were available and stored in the tunnels of Corregidor (R 15, 16, 17, 19, 26). The men were forced to load captured American supplies on Japanese ships (R 26). Many of the prisoners were suffering from illness, some had been wounded in combat, and all were suffering from the privations endured in the days preceding the surrender. Yet in spite of the great need for medicine and medical care, none was furnished (R 13, 26). The Japanese guards brutally beat the American prisoners at the slightest provocation or for minor infractions of the rules (R 4, 9, 13, 20, 22). As a result of the above conditions and treatment, many of the prisoners died (R 20, 36).

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總司令部太平洋合衆國陸軍戰爭犯罪支部

一九四六年/昭和二十一年/二月四日

檢察部宛覺書(報告書才一八九号)

戰爭犯罪支部 庶務科 行政府 呈由

題目 一九四二年/昭和十七年/夏比律賓コレイドル CORREGIDOR

島ニテ不適當ナル狀態ト下ニ米兵停房違ニ對シ加ヘレル虐待及其監禁

II 證據ノ概要

首題ノ事件ニ関スル調査記録ハ總テ米兵停房違ニ還者ノ陳述

ヨリ成ルモノナル。此等ノ陳述ハ合衆國ニ於テ若クハルソン LUSON

島ノ第九補充部隊ニ送ラレテ數多クノ同様陳述ヨリ選擇セルモノデコレ

イドル CORREGIDORノ停房收容所ニ於テ享情ヲ正確ニ描出シ居ルモノト信ラ

レル。其實情次ノ通り。

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コレイドル CORREGIDORノ陥落後間ニテ約一万人ノ若國及比律賓ノ停房

違ハ九第九工三沿岸砲兵隊ノ車庫敷地デアラテ狹隘ナル場所ニ押込マラセ

其處テハ大變混ニ合テ居タテテ停房違ハ夜間身動カスルニ並ニテ話ハマシ

居ル同僚違ノ安眠ヲ妨害セバハ出まナカツ。停房違ハ雨又ハ日向ノ暑

サヲ避ケル何等ノ掩体施設モ與ヘラレカツ。衛生干便^施トシテハ單ニ糞

糞^{衛生状態能改善}置境カアツキガホモ殺菌劑モ利用出来ナカツ。水ハ海面ヨリ低

イニツノ井戸カヲ得ラレテノガ溢スルナルタメ飲用ニ適ミナカツ。

コレイドル CORREGIDORノ道中ハ多量ノ糧食^{レニ}ヲ^在リテ^{利用シ}

得タモノ^物ヲ^{ラズ}テ^處ニ^六不^分カ^テ食料^力與^ヘレ^ナク^タ。R+十六

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十七、十九、二十六)

俘虜運込函獲サレタ米國糧食日本船ニ積

ミ込ハリニ強制的ニ使役サレタ (R 二十六)

多数ノ俘虜運込ハ瘧疾シ

テ居リ、或ル者ハ戦闘テ負傷ニテ居リ而シテ總ベテ、俘虜運込ハ船底前ニ

覆ツタ苦難ヲ病シ、タメ苦シテ居リ、医下ホ及ビ医務ニ大ニ支障トシテモ抱

キ何モ與ヘシレカワタ (R 十三、二十六)

日本監視兵違込些細テ事々、或ハ僅カニ規則ニ違反シタ、廉テ米兵俘虜

運込威忍ニモ殴打シタ (R 四九、五三、五七、五九)

遠ノ事情及誘過ノメ多数ノ俘虜運込死亡シタ (R 二一、三十一)

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