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LEONORA PALACIO VILLAS, after having been duly sworn, testified at the Town of Palo, Province of Leyte, P. I., on 18 October, 1945, as follows:

Q State your name, age, nationality and address.

A Leonora Palacio Villas, 21 years old, Filipino, residing at 24 Luntad Street, Palo, Leyte, P. I.

Q In February 1942 did you or your brothers suffer any indignities or mistreatment at the hands of the Japanese stationed in Palo?

A On Sunday afternoon in the middle of February 1942, myself and my two brothers, Fidel and Florentino and some other members of the family were taken to the Municipal building in Palo. That afternoon my brother's child had been baptized and at the house there were a number of guerrillas and friends of the family. One of the guerrillas was discovered and the Japanese, believing that there were others there, took myself, my brothers and other members of the family to Palo municipal jail and concentrated us. We were kept overnight in the municipal jail and during this period we were never questioned by the Japanese soldiers. My brother Fidel was taken out, his hands were tied behind his back and another rope was tied to his hands and thrown over a tree. He hung there stark naked. As he hung there a Japanese soldier beat him unmercifully, drawing blood from his eyes and his nose and other parts of his body. He was also whipped with a thorn branch on various parts of his body. He was continually beaten for a period of three hours. While he was hanging there the Japanese poured gasoline under his arms and around his private parts and they set it afire. As he hung there he shouted for help due to the intensity of the burns and beating. He was very weak and almost unconscious when he was cut down and taken into the prison. As soon as Fidel was cut down my brother Florentino was tied in a similar fashion and beaten for a period of about three and a half hours, drawing blood from his eyes, ears, nose and various parts of his body. He was also beaten with a switch. Gasoline was poured on the hair underneath his arms, on the hair around his private parts and set afire. Both my brothers were cut down but at no time were they given any medical treatment for their wounds and burns they had suffered at the hands of the Japanese. Florentino was twenty three years old, Fidel about thirty three. Both of them have scars around and underneath their arms and around their private parts. After Fidel had been cut down he was brought by a patrol to identify places where guerrillas might possibly be located. My younger brother, Florentino was left in jail and nothing further was done about him. Two days after they were tortured, both my brothers were taken to Tacloban. They were kept in the Japanese garrison at Tacloban for a period of about two months. My brothers were released from prison but were not allowed to return to Palo. My brothers told me that while they were in prison at Tacloban they suffered further indignities at the hands of the Japanese. Florentino was burned again about the arms and their scars are

still present. Fidel was hung again and beaten unmercifully by the Japanese and his eyes were swollen and shut, he spit blood and his body was covered with bruises. I had been released on Monday morning after the torture of my brothers. On Tuesday morning I was taken by the Japanese soldiers to the municipal building. The Japanese removed all my clothing and as I stood there naked the Japanese soldiers beat me with a switch. The Japanese soldiers took my clothes and dressed me and gave me a little water. I spent three days in jail without any medical treatment and could hardly move because my body was so stiff and sore from the treatment I had received. While I was in prison for this 3-day period the Japanese gave me some food and water but in no way molested me.

Q Did any other members of your family suffer beatings at the hands of the Japanese?

A No. They were released on Sunday and sent home.

Q Do you know who was responsible for the beating administered to your brothers and to yourself?

A Captain Humejara. He was about 5'9", 160 pounds, did not wear glasses, spoke no English or Visayan, no scars that were visible, no amputations, no gold teeth, light brown complexion, had a mustache, short hair, about 35 years old. Sgt. Estani, white complexion, 5 feet tall, about 110 pounds, wore glasses, no scars and marks on his face, no amputations, spoke English and little Visayan, no mustache, no gold teeth, about 26 years old, very close cropped hair. These are the only two Japanese that I remember.

Q Have you anything further to add to this statement?

A None.

/s/ Leonora Palacio Villas  
LEONORA PALACIO VILLAS

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
PROVINCE OF LEYTE ) SS  
TOWN OF PALO )

I, LEONORA PALACIO VILLAS, 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 two (2) pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Leonora Palacio Villas  
LEONORA PALACIO VILLAS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of October, 1945.

/s/ John J. Mullahy  
JOHN J. MULLAHY, 1st Lt., C.M.I  
Investigating Officer, War  
Crimes Investigating Detachment

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C E R T I F I C A T E

We, ADDISON T. SHEPHERD, 2d Lt., 02052606, JAGD and JOHN J. MULLAHEY, 1st Lt., 01798502, C.M.P., certify that on 18th day of October, 1945, personally appeared before us LEONORA PALACIO VILLAS, and gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth; that after her testimony had been transcribed, the said LEONORA PALACIO VILLAS read the same and affixed her signature thereto in our presence.

Town of Palo,  
Leyte, P. I.

/s/ Addison T. Shepherd  
ADDISON T. SHEPHERD, 2nd Lt. JAGD

19th day of October,  
1945

/s/ John J. Mullahey  
JOHN J. MULLAHEY, 1st Lt., C.M.P.  
Investigating Officer, War  
Crimes Investigating Detachment.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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 LEONORA PALACIO VILLAS 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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# 證明書

余、聯合國最高指揮官總司令兼法律部長「アルヴァ・シーカーベスター」  
 ハ添附「レオノラ・バラチオ・ウィリス」ノ口供書、寫眞複寫ハ口供書  
 寫本ノ眞實且正確ナル複寫ニシテ署名宣明書サレタル右口供書  
 寫ニハ現在當該書類綴中ニアルトシ茲ニ証明ス。

法律部長

「アルヴァ・シーカーベスター」(署名)

證人「ジョン・アール・ブリクハート」

(署名)

日本、東京於テ一九四六年昭和二十年本月二十九日余ノ面前  
 於テ宣誓セルモノナリ。

即決裁判此

歩兵大尉「ジョン・アール・ブリクハート」

レオノラ、パラシラ、ヴィラスハ正當ニ宣誓シタ後比島レイテ州、  
バロ市ニ於テ一九四五年十月十八日次、如ク證言シタ。

同 汝ノ名、年齢、國ハ籍並ニ住所ヲ述ベヨ

答、レオノラ、パラシラ、ヴィラス、三十一才、フィリピン人、住所比島

レイテ、バロ、ランタド街、四番地。

同 一九四三年二月汝或ハ汝ノ兄弟ハバロニ駐ルセシ日本人ノ下ニ於

テ何等ク侮辱、或ハ虐待ヲ受ケタカ。

答、一九四三年二月中旬、日曜日午後私自身並ニ私ノ二人ノ兄弟

アトナルトコロ、レンカノ並ニ家族ノ他、幾人カハバロ市廳ニ送リ行

カレタ。ソノ午後私ノ兄弟ノ子供ハ汝ニ禮ヲ受ケタ。ソノ時汝ニハ多ク

ク不正規兵ト家族、友人カ居タ。不正規兵ノ一名ハ登良ナレ

タ。ソノ時其処ニハ他ニモ居ルト信シテ日本人ハ私自身、私ノ兄弟

並ニ家族ノ他ノ者達ヲ市刑務所ニ送リ行キ、我々ヲ收容

シタ。我々ハバロ市刑務所ニ一晩中留置サレシノ期間中我々ハ

日本ノ兵隊ニヨリテ一度モ質問サレテカツタ。私ノ兄弟ノアトナル

ハ外ニ出サレ、彼ノ両手ハ彼ノ背中、後ニ結バレ、又他ノ繩ハ彼

ノ両手ニ結バレ、木ニバサゲラレタ。彼ハ其処ニ丸裸ニサレ、フササ

ガフキキタ。彼ガ其処ニ吊リサカマテ居リ時、日本ノ兵隊ガ彼ヲ無

慈悲ニ殴打シタ。彼ノ眼、鼻、並ニ体ノ他ノ部分カラ血ガ流キ

キ。其後ハ又彼ノ体ノ色々テ個所ヲ茨ノ枝ヲ鞭タレタ。彼ハ三時

間ノ間、不断ニ殴ラタ。彼ガ其処ニ吊リサカマテ居リ時、日本人ハ

カソノラ、彼ノ兩腕ヲ其陰部ノ周リニ注ギ、ソノ火ヲツケタ。



彼が其処ニ吊リツカテキタテ彼ハ燃焼ト改打ノ烈ニキテ爲救助  
 コホテテ許シカ。ソニテ彼ガ切り落サレ刑務所ニ入ラレタ時ハ非  
 常ニ弱ニキテ恐レド意識ヲ失コテキタノフイナルガ切り落サ  
 レルヤ否ヤ私ノ兄弟コローレンヤ人同ジ様ニ縛ラレ約三時間半  
 間彼ノ眼耳ノ事ト並ニ彼ノ身体ノ色々ト個所カラ血ヲ流シ  
 ナカラ改打サレタ。彼ハ又鞭ヲ設ラレタ。ガソリンハ彼ノ両腕ト下ノ毛  
 並ニ彼ノ陰部、同リノ毛ニ注ガレ点大サレタ。私ノ兄弟ハ三人共  
 切り落サレタ。然レ度カラ彼等ハ彼等ガ日本人ノ午ヨリ受  
 ケノ傷ヤ燃焼ノ病ヲ治療ヲ与ヘラレタカ。フロレンヤハ三三不  
 フイナルハ約三三不テタタ彼等三人共両腕ト下ノ毛ト陰部ノ  
 周リニ傷痕ガアタラフテルガ切落サレタ。彼ハ巡邏ニ依リ不正規  
 兵ガ忍ララセラルテアラス場所ヲ確メル爲進ム。私ノ弟コローレンヤハ  
 刑務所ニ残サタソニテ其後彼ニ就イテハ何事モテサレタカ。タ  
 ニ日彼等ハ移同ニカケラレタ。私ノ兄弟ハ三人共タラコバンニ進マレタ。  
 彼等ハ三月月、同タラコバンニ於ケル日本人ノ守備隊ニ留置サタ  
 私ノ兄弟ハ刑務所ニテ救放サレタ。然レバ口ニ取ルコトハ許シレ  
 ナカク。私ノ兄弟ハ彼等ガタラコバンノ刑務所ニ居ラ同ハ彼等ハ  
 日本人ノ午ヨリソレ以テ侮辱ヲ受ケタ。私ニ語ッタ。フロレンヤハ再  
 ニ両腕アタラフ焼カレソニテ彼等ノ傷痕ハマダアル。フイナルハ再ビ  
 吊ラゲラレソニテ日本人ヨリ無慈悲ニ設ラレタ。且レ彼ノ服ハ脇  
 レ割ケテキタ。彼ハ血ヲ吐キ彼ノ身体ハ傷痕ヲ覆ハレテ居タ。私ハ  
 私ノ兄弟ノ移同、後月曜ニ救放サレタ。大曜日ノ朝私ハ日本ノ兵隊

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ヨロテ市廳に送リ行カレリ日本人ハアユル如ク衣類ヲ  
取り去リソシテ私ガ其処ニ裸テ立ワテキ時日本ノ兵  
隊ハ私ヲ鞭テ毆ツテ日本ノ兵隊ハ私ノ衣服ヲ取り私ニ着  
衣サセソシテ私ニ僅カノ水ヲクレタキ刑務所トテ何ノ治療  
ステノ三日猶シタソシテ私ノ体ガ私ガウケテ取扱カテ非常  
ニ硬直シ又痛シケリテ殆ンド動ク事ガ出来ナカシク