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DOCUMENT 2728 MIGUEL ESTIMADA, after having been duly sworn, testified at the War Crimes Office, Davao City, Davao, P. I., on 17 November 1945, as follows: 1. Q. Please state your full name, age, address and nationality. A Miguel ESTIMADA, 20 years old, Bahada, Davao City, Davao, and Filipino. 2. Q What is your occupation? A I am helping at present my brother on his farm. 3. Q Explain everything in detail what happened to you and your family during the time of the Japanese occupation. A When the American planes began to bomb Davao City in September 1944, the Japanese appeared to be very friendly. I often used to go to their camp which was near my house and exchange bananas and other fruits for Japanese cigarettes. About May 2, 1945, ten Japanese officers with a group of Japanese soldiers came to our house in Bacaca, Davao City. I can only remember six of them. They are Captain SHIMAMURA, MASAO, OIDE, HIROSHI, MOSUKAWA and MORI. These Japanese gathered the people from all the neighboring houses and said that due to the American bombings they will take them to Lapoy for protection. After all the people were gathered together the Japanese marched us to their camp and from there to an air raid shelter which was located about onehalf kilometer west of my house. I saw here thirty-four people in all which was made up of twenty-two men and twelve women. It was about 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon when the Japanese made us go into the air raid shelter. Ten Japanese soldiers guarded the shelter. I recognized four of them. They were MOSUKAWA, HIROSHI, OIDE and MORI. I remember that MOSUKAWA came into the air raid shelter and dragged out Encarnacion LINES, about 17 years of age, and the Japanese soldiers held her outside on the front of the air raid shelter. MOSUKAWA came back again and pulled out a girl named Pilar, I do not remember her last name. She was about 21 years of age. She was taken up the ladder of the air raid shelter and forced her to go somewhere from the air raid shelter with some Japanese soldiers. I do not know where they took her. MOSUKAWA then came back to the platform in front of the air raid shelter and grabbed Encarnacion LINES from the soldiers who were holding her and tore off her dress and all the clothes that she wore until she was completely naked. Encarnacion was shouting and crying and tried to fight but the other three soldiers grabbed her and held her down on the ground. They placed her down on her back and two soldiers held her feet and another soldier held her arms. The names of those soldiers were Private MORI, Private HIROSHI and Private OIDE. I then saw MOSUKAWA removed his pants and laid on top of Encarnacion LINES. He remained there about five minutes. I saw his body moving up and down and doing "pompom" (sexual intercourse) When he was finished he put on his pants and walked away. Next, Private HIROSHI took off his pants and did the same thing while the other two soldiers held the feet of Encarnacion and

the other soldier, her arms. After that the Japanese soldiers, MORI and OIDE, did the same thing. People in the air raid shelter were crying because of how they saw these soldiers raped Encarnacion LINES.

MOSUKAWA later returned, a short time after the soldiers had raped Encarnacion LINES, and carried her completely naked into the air raid shelter. My brother, Donato had a towel around his neck which he gaved to Encarnacion to cover her body. A few minutes later, Pilar was brought back into the shelter. I saw that her dress was also torn off. She was crying and told her mother that the three Japanese who took her away had abused her and raped her. MOSUKAWA then gave some water and biscuits to the two girls who were raped.

All the people and myself were very thirsty but the Japanese did not give us any water or food. It was very hot in the air raid shelter. MOSUKAWA then told the people in the air raid shelter, after the girls were brought in, that all will be killed by hand grenades and that nobody will be able to leave the air raid shelter. The Japanese soldiers surrounded the entrance with their rifles with fixed bayonets and will kill anybody who tried to leave the air raid shelter.

Around 10:00 o'clock in the night, I was able to see Capts. SHI-MAMURA and MASAO standing on the platform leading to the entranc of the air raid shelter. Although it was dark I was able to see them because of the reflection from the electric light which we had inside the air raid shelter. SHIMAMURA and MASAO were talking in Japanese for a few minutes. Then MOSUKAWA came down the stairs to the entrance of the air raid shelter while SHIMAMURA and MASAO walked away.

MOSUKAWA took out a hand grenade from his side pocket, tapped it against his helmet and threw it into the air raid shelter. In quick succession he threw about six or seven hand grenades into the shelter. Suddenly, the hand grenades exploded among us and the people began to scream, shout, and cry. Shrapnels hit my two hands. Those few who were able to rove could not go outside the shelter because the Japanese soldiers were still there with fixed bayonets. When the people inside the air raid shelter stopped shouting, screaming, crying and moaning, the Japanese soldiers placed pieces of wood and iron roofing to block the entrance of the air raid shelter. It became very dark inside but I could still hear a few voices of some people.

The next morning, when it was daylight MASAO and SHIMAMURA returned to the air raid shelter and removed the wood and iron roofing from the entrance and looked inside. When MASAO saw Catalina BUTAY still alive he chopped off her head with his saber. SHIMAMURA saw me still alive, so he took his pistol and shot me and the bullet hit my left leg. Then he struck me twice on my upper right leg with his saber.

I can only remember a few names of the victims, all of them were Filipinos from Bacaca. The names who I remember are:

NAME	ACE	SEX	RELATION
Donato ESTIMADA	24	M	My brother
Marcelino ESTIMADA	28	M	My brother
Catalina BUTAY	35	F	No relation
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NAME	AGE	SEX	RELATION
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Jesusa LINFS	18	F	My sister-in-law, wife of my brother,
Domingo ESTIMADA	2	M	Donato Son of my brother,
Goria LINES	23	F	Donato Sister-in-law of my
Pascual REGONA	24	100	brother, Donato Brother of Pilar

I am the only person who is alive. I stayed in the air raid shelter among the dead people for three days and three nights without any food. About one o'clock of the third night I creeped out of the air raid shelter on my hands and knees and crossed the river which was nearby. After crossing the river I met Dr. ZAMORA and a group of people. He treated my wounds. I remained with Dr. ZAMORA hiding in the hills for seventeen days.

- 4. Q When MOSUKAWA threw the hand grenade into the air raid shelte did you see any officers nearby?
 - A Yes, sir. I saw Captain MASAO near the entrance about seven meters away.
- 5. Q Was Captain MASAO there when the soldiers raped Encarnacion LINES?
 - A Yes, sir. He was standing at the entrance of the air raid shelter and did nothing to stop the soldiers from attacking Encarnacion LINES.
- 6. Q Was Captain MASAO there when Private MOSUKAWA threw the hand grenade into the air raid shelter?
 - A Yes, sir, he was right near the entrance and he did not stop the soldiers from throwing it.
- 7. Q Did you/Captain MASAO gave an order to MOSUKAWA to throw the hand grenade?
 - A I do not know whether he gave him the order. While the three soldiers were talking together, Captain MASAO went over to Private MOSUKAWA and talked Japanese which seemed to say that he should kill the people in the air raid shelter because immediately after he stopped talking, MOSUKAWA took out the hand grenades and began to throw them into the air raid shelter.
- A I recognized these Japanese when I was at the prisoners of war stockade at Daliao, Davao City with two War Crimes Investigators; Captain KLASE and Lt. ZWERGEL. I was able to pick out from around 800 Japanese officers in the stockade, Warrant Officer, Morisada MASAO of the Navy; Yutaka MASHIRO, Ensign of the Navy; and Capt. Katsuji SHIMAMURA, Navy. That was the first time I learned all their full names.
- 9. Q Do you have anything else that you would like to add to this statement?
 A No, sir.

/s/ Miguel Estimada MIGUEL ESTIMADA

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I. MIGUEL ESTIMAD', being duly sworn on oath, state that I had read to me and understood the translation of the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained there in consisting of three pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Miguel Estimada MIGUEL ESTIMADA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Nov. 1945

/s/ Samuel Rowe SAMUEL ROWE, Captain, QMC' Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Detachment.

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I, RICARDO DE CASTRO, residing at 72 Valenzuela Street, Sant. Mesa, Manila, P. I., being duly sworn on oath, state that I truly translated the cuestions and answers given from English to Tagalo, and from Tagalog to English respectively, and that after being transcribed, I truly translated the foregoing deposition containing three pages, to the witness; that the witness thereupon in my presence affixed his signature thereto.

/s/ Ricardo de Castro RICARDO DE CASTRO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Nov. 1945

/s/ Samuel Rowe SAMUEL ROWE, Captain, QMC Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Detachment

CERTIFICATE

We, SAMUFL ROWE, Captain, 0-382543, QMC, and VERNON V. HARRIS JR., 2nd Lt., 0-1185976, FA, Investigating Officers, War Crimes Investigating Detachment, certify that on 17th day of November, 1945, personally appeared before us MIGUEL ESTIMADA, and according to RICARDO DE CASTRO, gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth therein, that after his testimony had been transcribed, the said MIGUEL ESTIMADA had read to him by the said interpreter the same and affixed his signature thereto in our presence.

Davao City, Davao

/s/ Samuel Rowe
SAMUEL ROWE, Captain, QMC
Investigating Officer, War
Crimes Investigating Detachment

29 Nov. 1945

VERNON V. HARRIS, JR., 2nd Lt.I Investigating Officer, War Crimes Investigating Detachmen

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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 MIGUEL ESTIMADA
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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