

CELESTINA DE LA ROSA

recalled as a witness on behalf of the Prosecution, having been previously sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION (Cont'd)

Q (By Colonel Lim) State your name, please?

A Celestina de la Rosa.

Q Are you a Filipino?

A I am a Filipino

Q In January 1942 where were you living?

A I lived in a small house in Bansic.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Whereabouts? Ask her whereabouts?

She didn't state the name.

THE WITNESS: I lived in a little house in Bansic, Hermosa, Bataan.

GENERAL DONOVAN: That is all right.

Q (By Colonel Lim) Do you remember in January 1942 you have seen Japanese soldiers?

A Yes, I remember.

Q Will you tell the Commission what happened on that day when you met this Japanese soldier?

A The Japanese soldiers came up to the house, and the boys were told to get down in the house.

Q How many women were in the house at this time?

A There were 14 girls.

Q How many men were there?

A There were four boys.

Q How many soldiers came into the house?

A Four Japanese soldiers came up to the house.

Q Will you relate to the Commission what happened while these four soldiers were upstairs?

GENERAL DONOVAN: Change that question. Just ask what did the Japanese soldiers do?

Q (By Colonel Lim) What did the Japanese soldiers do?

A When they got up to the place we were up in the house.

GENERAL DONOVAN: What did they do?

THE WITNESS: They forced the men to go down the house and they told Romana Rodriguez to get into the small room.

Q (By Colonel Lim) What room?

A The smallest room in the house.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Let her go ahead and tell the story. Don't interrupt her. If you do I don't think we will get it.

Q (By Colonel Lim) Go ahead with your story.

A The Japanese soldiers took the girl down and was trying to manhandle her. The Japanese soldier was trying to manhandle the girl, but she opposed him. The Japanese soldier who went into the room, took Romana Rodriguez with him, got her out of the room and took me.

Q What happened to you? Go ahead, please.

A I tried to struggle. When I tried to struggle he scared me with fixed bayonet. Because I was trying to struggle he gave me a rough push. He used me, and then I was weaken because of the force, so I sat down and he left me. The other Jap who came in did the same thing to me and I was down on the floor. After using me he left the room and I got out of the room.

Q Go ahead.

A After manhandling me he took the jewels on me and he took the shirts of the men. After taking my jewels he sent me out of the room and he took one of the girls named Maria Roncal.

Q Go ahead.

A When they had Marie they took Virginia Mendoza.

LIEUTENANT PELZ: If the Commission please, she testified that she left the room and after she left thus and so happened. I request that be stricken.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Find out if she saw this.

Q (By Colonel Lim) You mentioned the name of Maria Roncal. Do you know what happened to her personally?

A I didn't see what they did to her because they sent me out of the room.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Ask her how she knows this.

Q (By Colonel Lim) How did you know what happened to those others?

LIEUTENANT PELZ: If the Commission please, before —

THE WITNESS: All I saw is that they took them inside the room.

GENERAL DONOVAN: All the remarks with reference to those two— what were those names —Marie Roncal and Virginia Mendoza will be stricken except the fact that they took them in the room.

Q (By Colonel Lim) Do you know if any other girl was taken inside the room besides Roncal and Mendoza?

A Romana Rodriguez was taken into the room.

Q Anybody else?

A Honorata de la Rosa was taken into the room.

Q Did you know these Japanese?

A I don't know the Japanese soldiers because I was afraid; I didn't look at their faces.

Q What happened to you after all of this personally?

GENERAL DONOVAN: Is it something that you have to bring out?

COLONEL LIM: Yes, sir.

LIEUTENANT PELZ: I will stipulate that the girl had a child as a result of this.

COLONEL LIM: She became pregnant and delivered her child.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Anything further?

COLONEL LIM: Nothing further.

LIEUTENANT PELZ: I would just like to ask one question.

CROSS EXAMINATION

Q (By Lieutenant Pelz) Did anyone in your family tell the police about what happened?

GENERAL DONOVAN: Ask her if she knows that.

THE WITNESS: Nobody reported it to the police about that happening.

LIEUTENANT PELZ: What is that?

GENERAL DONOVAN: Nobody reported that.

LIEUTENANT PELZ: Nothing further.

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I, T. R. C. King, Major, Inf. (TD), Executive Officer, Legal Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, do hereby certify that Document 2872 is a true and correct copy of the transcript of the testimony offered by CELESTINA DE LA ROSA in the trial of the case against Masaharu HOMMA, General, Imperial Japanese Army, before a Military Commission in Manila; and that the whole record of the case, including the transcript of all testimonies taken, as well as the affidavits admitted in evidence, are now on file with this Section.

/s/ T. R. C. King,
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Major, Inf. (TD)

Witness: /s/ John R. Pritchard
Sworn to before me this 20th day
of November, 1946, Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ John R. Pritchard
Capt. Inf.
Summary Court