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Subject: Report #84

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From: Review Div.

To: Apprehension Div.

Date: 24 Jan 47

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1. Request information as to the disposition of the following perpetrators mentioned in Report #84, entitled "Massacre of approximately twenty-two hundred and ninety-eight Filipino civilians and the looting and destruction of Lipa, Batangas, P.I., in February 1945":

FUJISHIGE, (FNU), Gen.  
AOKI, Masao, Sgt/Maj.  
CUNA, (FNU), Capt.  
HATOGAI, Yoshimasa, 2nd Lt.  
ITCHIMURA, Isao, Capt.  
MATZUTANI, (FNU)  
TANABE, Major  
YAGI, Torakichi, Sgt.  
AGANO, Toshio, 2nd Lt.  
HATORI, Hiroichi, Pfc.

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E.P.F., Maj., JAGS (PA)  
Chief, Review Div.

From: Apprehension Div.

To: Review Division

GSW/RAZ/ccp  
Date: 27 Jan '47

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The following information, as per your request, has been obtained:

FUJISHIGE, (FNU) Gen.  
A Col. FUJISHIGE, Masatoshi, 51J-92648, who was the Commanding Officer in this area maybe the man wanted. He was hanged 17 July 1946 in connection with atrocities committed at Lipa and Cuenca.

AOKI, Masao Sgt/Maj. 51J-127703  
Presently detained at Lupow Camp #1 as an identified perpetrator in connection with this report.

CUNA, FNU Capt. No record

HATOGAI, Yoshimasa 2nd Lt. 51J-90409  
Presently detained at Lupow Camp #1, as an identified perpetrator in connection with Report No. 117.



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ITCHIMURA (ICHIMURA), Isao Capt. 51J-83631  
Presently detained at Lupow Camp #1, as an identified  
perpetrator in connection with this report.

MATZUTANI, (FNU) No record

TANABE, Major No record

YAGI, Torakichi Sgt. 51J-127385  
Presently detained at Lupow Camp #1 as an identified  
perpetrator in connection with this report.

AGANO, Toshio 2nd Lt.  
The correct name is ASANO, Toshio, 2nd Lt., 51J-97864.  
This man is presently detained at Lupow Camp #1, as an  
identified perpetrator in connection with this report.

HATORI(HATTORI), Hirochi Pfc. 51J-25616  
Presently detained at Lupow Camp #1, as an identified  
perpetrator in connection with this report.

*G.S.W.*  
G.S.W., Capt., JAGS (PA)  
Actg. Chief, Appreh. Div.

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From: Review Div., LSM

To: Executive Div., LSM

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1. Recommend the immediate trial of the POW's named below, who  
are presently held at LUPOW #1, in connection with the attached Re-  
port No. 84. A prima facie case is made out in the said report  
against them:

AOKI, Masao, Sgt/Maj., 51J-127703  
HATOGAI, Yoshimasa, 2nd Lt., 51J-90409  
ITCHIMURA(ICHIMURA), Isao, Capt., 51J-83631  
YAGI, Torakichi, Sgt., 51J-127385  
ASANO, Toshio, 2nd Lt., 51J-97864  
HATORI (HATTORI), Hiroichi, Pfc., 51J-25616

2. Recommend further that this case be closed with respect to  
FUJISHIGE, Masatoshi, Col., 51J-92648, who has already been convicted  
and hanged.

3. Recommend lastly that this case be closed with respect to  
the following named perpetrators, who have not been apprehended:

CUNA, (FNU), Capt.  
MATZUTANI, (FNU)  
TANABE, Major

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Chief, Review Div.



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REPORT NO. 84

WAR CRIMES BRANCH, JUDGE ADVOCATE SECTION

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, AFPAC

OF

INVESTIGATION OF THE MASSACRE

OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT

FILIPINO CIVILIANS AND THE LOOTING AND DESTRUCTION OF

LIPA, BATANGAS, P. I. IN FEBRUARY 1945

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
 UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC  
 OFFICE OF THE THEATER JUDGE ADVOCATE  
 WAR CRIMES BRANCH

APO 500  
 24 October 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report #84)  
 THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch  
 SUBJECT: Lipa Massacre

I. INVESTIGATION:

a. Massacre of approximately twenty-two hundred and ninety-eight Filipino civilians and the looting and destruction of the municipality of Lipa in February 1945.

b. Place: Lipa, Batangas Province, Luzon, P. I.

c. Method: Bayonets, gunfire, burial in wells, burning.

d. Motive: Unknown.

e. Investigators: Herbert C. LIKINS, Captain, T. C. and Neil OLIVER, 2nd Lt., Infantry.

f. Reviewer: David S. GIFFORD, 2nd Lt., JAGD

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

During the latter part of February 1945, the Japanese engaged in a program of murder, looting, and destruction in the municipality of Lipa, Batangas Province, Luzon P. I. (R 1, 2).

One civilian woman was bayoneted to death because she refused to submit to the advances of a Japanese officer (R 9, 10).

Two groups of civilians of two hundred and three hundred respectively were pushed into wells where they perished either by drowning, being crushed by heavy objects dumped upon them, or by gunfire (R 13, 18).

Another group of over five hundred civilians was led to a brook where the entire number were bayoneted, practically all of them dying (R 36, 40, 45).

The other group, composed of some six hundred civilians, was assembled by the Japanese at the Lipa Cathedral and bayoneted to death (R 31).

Other murders and bayonettings of a smaller group took place at or about the same time (R 27).

In March 1945 the Japanese burned the city of Lipa and destroyed its utilities, including the water system (R 2).

III. VICTIMS:

a. As a result of these acts at least twenty-two hundred and ninety-eight identified Filipinos were killed as set forth on lists attached to the record and marked Exhibit AA. Witnesses indicate that many more civilians also met death, but they have not been identified by



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	<u>AGE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>NATIONALITY</u>
MARASIGAN, Sixto	33	Sampalocan, Lipa, Batangas, P. I.	Filipino

c. The witnesses testified to different phases of the Lipa Massacre so that if it is considered desirable to have the witnesses personally present at the trial, all should be called. However, the following witnesses are of value chiefly to identify Japanese rather than as eyewitnesses of any atrocities: Segundo GUBE, Dr. Jose M. KATIGBAK, Alfredo M. POLITICO, and Marciano TAPAY.

Dr. KATIGBAK also is familiar with the burning of Lipa, but so far as the murders and looting are concerned, his knowledge appears to be based on hearsay.

#### V. EXHIBITS:

The exhibits may be divided into four classes:

##### 1. The following are photographs of locations:

Exhibit	A.	Ruins of Minor Seminary
"	C.	House where some victims were taken
"	D.	Place " " " " "
"	E.	Parminatahan Brook where bayonetting occurred
"	F.	Hillside and bodies of victims
"	N.	Wells into which victims were pushed
"	R.	" " " " " "
"	S.	" " " " " "
"	Sl.	" " " " " "
"	T.	Grave of eleven victims
"	X.	Destroyed Japanese Garrison at Lipa
"	Y.	Scene of some of the bayonetting
"	Z.	Wall over which survivor escaped
"	AA.	1 & 2: Ruined Lipa Cathedral
"	AA.	3 - 7 incl: Ruined municipality of Lipa as seen from Lipa Cathedral

##### 2. The following are photographs of surviving victims showing wounds or scars:

Exhibits:	B. & B-1	Santos BAUTISTA
"	G. & G-1	Eusebio LINATOK
"	H. & H-1	Isidro ARELLANO
Exhibit	I.	Cipriano RODELAS
"	J.	Francisco RODELAS
"	K.	Ireneo MAGSINO
"	M.	Victor MANGULAT
"	O.	Eugenio LATINA
"	P.	Teodoro ARGANA
"	U.	Geronimo BISCOCHO
"	U-1	Nazario MARASIGAN
"	W.	Briccio MABILING

##### 3. The following are group photographs of survivors:

Exhibit	L.	Six survivors of Brook massacre (not named)
"	Q.	Teodore ARGANA, Eugenio LATINA, Marciano TAPAY, Mauricio ULAN, Pamfilo UMALI
"	V.	Geronimo BISCOCHO, Toribio GARING, Juan LITAN, Nazario MARASIGAN, Sixto MARASIGAN



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4. Exhibit AA List of victims totalling twenty-two hundred and ninety-eight.

VI. ANALYSIS OF TESTIMONY:

a. The evidence is sufficient to establish the crime of murder of at least twenty-two hundred and ninety-eight non-combatant civilian victims and the attempted murder of eleven others.

b. There is no evidence to show that any of the victims was engaged in guerrilla or illegal activities and in any event, the record indicates that none of the victims had a trial or hearing.

VII. IDENTITY OF PERPETRATORS:

Information received from ATIS reveals that the 86th Airfield Battalion, under command of Major Tanabe KOTARO (R 9), operated in or near the Lipa area. The BAUAN Case (Report #69, page 26) states that the officer in charge of the Japanese Army in Batangas Province was General FUJISIGI (Fuzishigi).

Witnesses identify the following Japanese as in charge of Japanese forces, or present at the commission of these atrocities:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
✓ ITCHIMURA, <i>Inas, Capt.</i>	Acted as interpreter; 5 feet 1 inch, weight, 160 pounds; about 24 years old; long hair; gold capped front teeth; military bearing, but very bow legged; small eyes, round face, light complexion; fond of women; smoked cigarettes continuously. Wore long kahki trousers, khaki shirt, cap with yellow star. No pistol or saber; spoke Tagalog well; thought to be connected with Military Police from 1943 - 1945.	4, 51
MATZUTANI	6 feet; weight 140 pounds; very erect. Long hair; walked with boots untied and carried a saber. Wore light blue uniform. A good baseball player. Stationed at Lipa September 1943 to June 1944 when he was transferred to Ilocos Province. He was succeeded by YAGI as Chief of Kempei Tai.	4
TANABE, Major	5 feet 8 inches, about 119 pounds. Hitler type mustache; glasses; short hair; erect posture, strutted; about 45 years old; spoke little English and no Tagalog. In Command of North Garrison at Lipa from 1943 to April 1945.	10
✓ YAGI, <i>Yorakichi Spt.</i>	5 feet 4 inches, husky build; weight about 130 pounds. Deep set steely round eyes; very dark complexion; irregular teeth; about 34 years old but looked older; slightly bow-legged and walked with head bowed over as though looking for something on the ground; quiet, soft voice; spoke little Tagalog.	4
JAPANESE OFFICER (Unnamed)	Present at well massacre; about 24 years old, long black hair; light complexion; gold capped front teeth; small eyes; about 5 feet 1 inch, weight 160 pounds. Very bow-legged; khaki uniform, and carried a saber. (Except for saber, seems to be ITCHIMURA)	22

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

a. Captain AOKI, Captain CUNA, General FUJISIGI (FUZISHIGI), HATOGAI, ITCHIMURA, MATZUTANI, Major TANABE, YAGI, and the other perpetrators of these atrocities, if and when apprehended, be tried for the murder of twenty-two hundred and ninety-eight non-combatant civilians, and the attempted murder of eleven others, and;



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Ruins of the Minor Seminary, on the Rosario Rd,  
near Lipa, Batangas, P. I.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on September 25, 1945, at Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents the ruins of the Minor Seminary where the victims of the Japanese atrocity were kept for a while before they were killed.

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Photograph of the house where the victims were taken.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify that the above photograph was obtained from exhibits attached to investigation report made by the Office of the Inspector General, First Cavalry Division; that it accurately represents the house where the victims were taken before they were bayoneted and shoved over the bank of the brook.

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R E S T R I C T E D



Photograph of Santos Bautista pointing to the spot where many Filipinos were killed.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on September 25, 1945, at Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents the spot where one of the survivors, Santos Bautista, was bayoneted and then kicked over the bank, as it appeared on that date.

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Photograph of the bottom of the Pamintahan Brook taken from above.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on September 25, 1945, at Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents the spot where the skeletons of the victims were strewn about, as it appeared on that date.

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Photograph of the scene where victims were bayoneted.

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Photograph of well.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on September 25, 1945, at Pusil, Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents a view of the well as it appeared on that date.

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Photograph of the survivors pointing to the well.

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We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on September 25, 1945, at Pusil, Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents the five (5) survivors pointing to the well as they appeared on that date.

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R E S T R I C T E D



Photograph of the well wherein women and children were thrown.

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Interior view of the well where women and children were thrown in.

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R E S T R I C T E D



Photograph of the grave of eleven (11) Filipinos.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on October 1, 1945, at Sampalocan, Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents the grave wherein the victims were buried as it appeared on that date.

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Photograph of destroyed Japanese Garrison at Lipa, Batangas.

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We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on October 5, 1945, at Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents the destruction of the Japanese Garrison at Lipa, Batangas, as it appeared on that date.

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Exterior view of the Lipa Cathedral showing destruction.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on October 5, 1945, at Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents the exterior view of the destruction of the Lipa Cathedral as it appeared on that date.

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Interior view of the Lipa Cathedral showing destruction.

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Photograph of Real Street, Lipa, Batangas, looking East, showing destruction.

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on October 5, 1945, at Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents a view of the Real Street, Lipa, Batangas, showing the damage done to the property as it appeared on that date.

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Photograph of Real Street, Lipa, Batangas, looking West, showing destruction.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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R E S T R I C T E D



View of the municipality of Lipa, Batangas, showing destruction; looking West from the Lipa Cathedral.

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We certify that the above photograph was taken in our presence on October 8, 1945, at Lipa, Batangas, by Pfc. Robert Wilson of the 168th Photo Signal Battalion; that it accurately represents a view of the destruction in the municipality of Lipa, looking West from the Lipa Cathedral as it appeared on that date.

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R E S T R I C T E D



View of the municipality of Lipa, Batangas, showing destruction; looking North from the Lipa Cathedral.

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- g. Photograph of scene where victims were bayoneted. Identified by Santos Bautista. EXHIBIT F Record 42
- h. Photograph of Eusebio Linatok showing wounds. Identified by Eusebio Linatok. EXHIBIT G Record 47
- i. Photograph of Isidro Arellano showing wounds. Identified by Isidro Arellano. EXHIBIT H Record 38
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- r. Photograph of Teodoro Argana showing wounds. Identified by Pamfilo Umali. EXHIBIT P Record 15
- s. Photograph of Mauricio Ulan, Marciano Tapay, Eugenio Latina, Pamfilo Umali and Teodoro Argana. Identified by Pamfilo Umali. EXHIBIT Q Record 15
- t. Photograph of well. Identified by Pamfilo Umali. EXHIBIT R Record 15
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- v. Photograph of well where 300 women and children were reported to be killed. Identified by Marciano Tapay. EXHIBIT S-1 Record 23
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STATEMENT OF 2ND LT. NOTAGI

1. The subjugation of Parite Area. March 6 and 7.

Participants, Major Tanabe; Adjutant Ishikawa, Capt. Tomita, 1st Lt. Wada, Warrant Officer, Hatakeyama (Hatayama), Warrant Officer, Auchi (Anai).

Number of Houses burned; Approximately 20.

Leaders of the House Burning Squads; W.O. Auchi (or Anai)

M.P. Participants; The leader and 6 others; Yagi, Aoki, Ichimura, Ito, Kano. There were 4 other soldiers who assisted, whose names are unknown.

2. The Kawaguchi Incident; (First part of March)

Participants; 1st Lt. Kanizawa Kanosawa, w.o. (Kanazawa) Hatakeyama, and N.C.O.'s and others. The total not known.

Direct Commander; w. o. Hatakeyama

Method used; Bayonets - I heard from w.o. Hatakeyama that 800 persons were victims.

M.P.'s did not participate except for one translator.

3. Harau Incident; (First part of March)

Participants; 1st Lt. Wada and unknown number of others.

Methods used; Bayonets

M.P.'s did not participate.

4. Surak Incident. (First part of March)

Participants; 1st Lt. Furuzawa, 1st Lt. Kanosawa, 2nd Lt. Ishikawa.



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others are subordinates of Lt. Furusawa as well as the Lipa garrison unit.

Methods used; Bayonets

M. P.'s did not participate.

5. Balakban Incident (Middle part of March)

I recall that in that area, it took place in parts.

The first time the M.P.'s participated,

Ichimura. The second time, it was carried out by Probationary Officer Katagiri, Commander of the Supply Depot of that area.

Conditions (situation) are unknown.

6. Razing of Buildings and Houses in the town of Rosario (Middle part of March)

Participants: The names and number of participants are unknown, but they were commanded by an officer of the Lipa area Unit.

Number of buildings razed is unknown.

M.P.'s did not participate.

7. Razing of Buildings and Houses in the town of San Jose (Middle part of March).

Participants: same as above.

Number of buildings razed are unknown.

M.P.'s did not participate.

8. Marubiru Incident (First part of March)

Participant; 1st Lt. Wada

Have not heard the details of the situation (conditions)

MP's did not participate.



**9. Tanawan, Santo Tomas Incidents (Latter part of February).**

Details unknown.

I heard on a later date from 1st Lt. Kanazawa that after the incident, when Staff Officer Uehara came to the reserve unit to have it (reserve unit) fully understand the Group Commander's plans, he explained the settlement of the said incident.

(1) In regards to killing the nephew of the mayor in Sulawak, 1st Lt. Kanazawa and 2nd Lt. Ishikawa have returned to the unit and have come to me to apologize.

(2) Commandeering will be conducted according to the orders of commandeering.

However, there was an instance where upon commandeering horses on March 13th, the men brought back several chickens from a deserted village.

During the forementioned incident, all MP personnel were at Lipa (Sgt. Sakaguchi had gone to Mt. Malipuno to construct positions and was absent).

4.

1. The subjugation of the area on the South side of the Maripuyo mountains (Latter part of February).

An attack was made on the base (headquarters) of the guerillas, and to prevent them from fleeing, about 10 buildings which they might use were set on fire (assisting



the garrison unit - 3 persons).

2. Subjugation of the vicinity of the town of Parite (March 6 and 7).

Cooperated with the main force of the MP Unit.

3. Kawaguchi Incident (first part of March).

4. Marauli Incident of the town of Lipa (first part of March).

5. Subjugation of the area on the west side of Maripunyo Mts. (first part of March). No battle results.

6. Subjugation of Barakuban (middle part of March). MP's participate. Was discovered by a guerilla sentry. Although a pursuit was made, there were no battle results.

7. Razing of buildings and houses in the town of Rosario (middle part of March). Details unknown.

8. Razing of buildings and houses in the town of San Jose (latter part of March). Details unknown.

B.

9. Subjugation of the vicinity of the town of Harubaru (first part of March). Details unknown.

10. Razing of buildings and houses in



the town of Lipa (March 25 - 7). Details unknown.

11. Subjugation of the town of Santo Tomas and Tanawan (Latter part of Feb.) Details unknown. Tanabe Unit participated.

12. Subjugation of the area on the South side of Lake Taal (Latter part of February). 4 MP's participated. No battle results.

I. The reasons why the Group Commander decided for a thorough subjugation:

After the Americans landed at San Jose on Mindoro Island, the American aerial bombings became intense and disrupted the peace of Batangas Province. Because there incidents of shooting at Japanese officers and troops and incidents of raids (attacks on vehicles that broke out all over Luzon), I believe that it was for this reason that there was a change in the way of handling (dealing with) the Filipinos by the Japanese Army.

1. In the vicinity about 14 km. North of the town of Sanfan, we were attacked by guerillas and lost one officer and 2 troops (Latter part of Dec.).

2. Two soldiers were killed by the guerilla troops in the town of Rosario (Latter part of Sept.).

3. On a road in the back of a church in the town of Lipa, 2 men were shot at by the guerillas. One N.C.O. was killed, and one soldier was wounded (Latter part of February).

4. One Lipa city policeman who cooperated with the Ja-



Japanese Army was shot to death in the Lipa City market place.  
(First part of March, in daylight).

5. One Lipa City policeman who cooperated with the Japanese Army was shot at on a side road by the Lipa City market place and was wounded (First part of March, evening).

6. While travelling on a road in Banaibanai, there was an incident where a Japanese Army vehicle was shot at (Latter part of February).

7. An incident in Harani, where a Japanese Army vehicle was attacked upon while transporting rations. About 10 guerrillas (Latter part of February).

8. An incident in Harani where a Japanese Army vehicle was attacked upon (Latter part of January).

9. An incident in Marubaru where a Japanese Army vehicle was attacked upon (Latter part of March).



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concerning subjugation of bandits - Dec. 31, 1945

Before going thru what I remember about the subjugation of bandits, let me state the essential part of it. The conclusion is that "anti-guerrilla fighting" is a part of anti-American fighting, moreover it is a large part. But anti-guerrilla fighting cannot be thought to be warfare against Americans.

My belief is that "guerrilla" themselves were forerunner or superior forms of American anti-Japanese warfare. We say that we fought against the American forces but actually direct warfare was warfare against the guerrillas, but in the end it can be said that the American forces, artillery, and airplanes aided the guerrillas (of course my belief is that this was not so in all parts).

In other words even in anti-American warfare, the most part was anti-guerrilla warfare.

Actually the aircraft artillery of the American Forces was truly a big threat to our Japanese Forces, but it can be said that our Japanese Forces tried their best against the Filipino "guerrillas".

The essential point of anti-bandit warfare in the Philippine Islands is stated above on the whole had no difference with the anti-American warfare.

When I say anti-bandit warfare, I mean its usage in a narrow sense, namely, warfare against guerrillas having no aid from U. S. Forces, of course, I mean no aid in the form of aircraft or artillery.

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(At the present time the Philippine guerrillas as recognized by your officers quietly and secretly from within received supplies of weapons and ammunition from U. S. Forces, moreover from one side it is said that under the leadership of U. S. Forces officers, they came to receive assistance either in a large or small way.)

Subjugation of bandits in 1944 -

A. I do not remember any written orders. (However, I perceived the object of the instructions in undertaking the subjugation).

B. Actual recollection -

In 1944, after landing on the Philippine Islands, because the conditions were not badly changed, I believe that large scale bandit subjugation was not present. Again within the regimental occupational area, there were units which specialized in guard and subjugation and I remember they were the ones occupied in this duty.

(1) Subjugation of Mindoro Island

Participating unit - an element of the ICHIMURA BN.

Period was about November ( ? )

Place - one area in the northern coast of Mindoro Island.

This expedition, I believe, was executed based on orders from the division.

2 - Vicinity of Legayo mountains

1st Bn. - period ( ? )

3 - Area in the vicinity of "BOLUBOK"

No clear remembrance but 1st Battalion Adjutant

2nd Lt. NAGAZAWA in the midst of terrain reconnais-



sance because of guerrilla (residents ?) died from snipers. After that the subjugation expedition was carried out by the 1st Battalion. I forgot the time.

This year (1945). After the organization of the FUJI Group -  
A - order regarding the subjugation

1. 1945 - Immediately after the organization of the FUJI GROUP, the combined order was issued to the various units under the jurisdiction of the former group. The contents of the order: "each unit will carry out completely the subjugation of the guerrillas within their respective area with which they are charged for security and thoroughly prepare for combat against the Americans."

As I remember the order like the above was issued. About this time the group commander's policy and plans should have been dispatched. I do not remember the minute details.

- 2 - Jan. - Feb. The SHIMBU Group received the following order by telegram "Even after the landing of the American forces the subjugation of the guerrillas will be strictly enforced to prevent the guerrillas from attacking the rear such plans must be exposed beforehand." Even the FUJI Group commander should have known the aforementioned order and again should have issued the orders to each unit under his jurisdiction but I do not remember the minute details.

- 3 - Jan. I vaguely remember there was an order regarding the subjugation of the guerrillas in the surrounding area of



**Mt. Malipunyo.**

- Crest of Mt. Malipunyo

- Vicinity of Santiago

- District around Borobok

- Around Mt. (San Cristobal ?)

I can not remember the other places.

4 - Jan. Subjugation of the HAKBALAHAP

Guerrillas around Lilio, Lilio. I remember them saying we received considerable damage but I can not remember clearly.

5 - Contents of the written order of the subjugation of the HAKBALAHAP guerrillas around KALAWAN is not known. During the period of the latter part of January to the mid part of February the order should have been carried a number of times.

6 - I can not remember the contents of the written order concerning the areas of KANLUBAN, CALAMBA, LOS BANOS  
February

Saito Battalion

7 - San Pablo as well as surrounding district.

The contents of the order is not clear, but I can remember it was in the latter 10 days of Feb.

8 - Around the district of SANGAL.

Beginning of February - 1st Company

(I can remember our objective was to check the American forces northernward advance.



Mid-February - 7th Company

Letter part of February - Main force of the 106th Bn.

In any case it seemed that the subjugation itself was not the original duty however the contents of the order stated the enforcement of subjugation in the vicinity.

9 - As I remember it appears that the 113th Battalion received orders to subjugate the guerrillas at northern ALAMINOS at the southeast foot of Mt. Makilin and Abuanseniya (?).

The details of the contents of the order is not clear.

10 - The contents of the orders when the 113th Bn. subjugated the guerrillas in the northeastern zone of Lake Taal on the first part of March (essentials),

#### O R D E R S

1 - The American forces who have advanced to Canluban, are since, then, steadily increasing their strength and one element is already moving southward. The artillery shelling by the American forces on the strategic point of the road in the vicinity of Tanauan and Santo Tomas is continuing day by day with terrific force. One element of the American forces has advanced to Talisay and at the present moment it seems that they plan to advance in the vicinity of Tanauan. The activity of the guerrillas in the northeastern sector of Lake Taal should not be taken lightly.

2 - The Army group with one element will speedily wipe up the guerrillas in the northeastern sector of Lake Taal and will break up the plan of the American forces to advance on that side and



will establish freedom of movement.

3 - The 113th Bn with their main force will commence movement on x day in March - - -

Wipe out the guerrillas in the northeastern sector of Lake Taal.

4 - The TANABE unit in Lipa with one element will collaborate in this and act accordingly.

B - Matters concerning the subjugation of other guerrillas.

- There are some who went to the same place numerous times.

There were times when the entire unit was used and other times when a smaller strength was utilized. In regards to the smaller details, I do not know it thoroughly, but thinking it over, perhaps, the subjugation of the guerrillas may have been conducted everywhere within the area of the Army group's operations.

1. (Hiromu) Takahashi Bn. Area. (around Tisong, Candelaria, Botuhoc)

2. Ichimura Battalion Area (Cuencia, Taal, Bauan area)

3. Lipa district unit area (Mt. Malipunyo, extensive area with Lipa as its centre.

4. In the center of the area between Lipa and Malubalu, there was a time covering about a week in the middle of March, when trucks were attacked nightly (sometimes there was an American land mine, sometimes a trench mortar, and at other times a machine gun. For the purpose of wiping out these guerrillas, I recall at this time that the OKUBO unit was given that responsibility.

5. With regards to what I have already stated.

I have also stated things that occurred in the Nasugbu area



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In the area of the 31st Regt. (Toshio) Takahashi Bn.

- ( Nasugbu Area
- ( Aga area
- ( Tagaytay vicinity

At any rate the answers relate to what happened prior to the landing of the American forces on Nasugbu on 31st of January.

Moreover, I heard that the telephone wires between the above said battalions and headquarters were often cut by guerrillas, so, the subjugation of the coast line area is naturally included in the answer.

6. After the middle of February, the 116th Battalion was dispatched to Tayabas, to protect the advance of the Noguchi army group but, in this time movement included in the orders was the directive that upon completion of their protective duties, the battalion was to carry out the subjugation of guerrillas in that same area. However, with regard to the actual movement (result), I have not heard.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statements in my present memory are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: CAPT. MASAYASU ITO, Army

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January,

1946.

PHILIP L. SCHMITZ  
 2nd Lt., Inf., WCID

Witness: YOSUSHI YASUTAKE, T/4, WCID

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy.

GORDON T. CHARLTON  
 Capt. CMF