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PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF MANUEL ACOP

10 May 45

1. State your name, age, unit and civilian address.
Manuel Acop, 20, "C" Co., 1st Bn 68th Inf., PA, Guisad, Baguio.
2. Did you enter Baguio with American forces?
Yes.
3. What part of Baguio did you first enter?
Guisad. We came down from Mason Hill.
4. When you reached Guisad, did you encounter the enemy?
No, except for 2 Japs killed in a cave.
5. Did you find any civilians in the vicinity?
Yes.
6. Can you name those civilians who were there at the time?
Mariano "Berong" and Laur Lacuzong who are brothers and sisters; "Titing" Carbonell. These were other civilians whose names I don't know.
7. Do you know a certain Mrs. Sineo and her family?
No, but I knew Mr. Sineo.
8. Therefore you don't know whether Mrs. Sineo and her family were among those civilians in Guisad at that time?
No.
9. When your unit and the Americans got there, what did you do?
The Americans started to pick up clothes from all houses in the vicinity. When we saw the Americans doing that, we Filipino troops did the same thinking that those things belonged to the Japs.
10. What things did you get for yourself?
Only clothes.
11. Where did you put them?
I put them under the care of "Laur" Lacuzong.
12. Did you threaten anybody when you were getting those clothes?
No.
13. Did you ~~use~~ maltreat anybody?
No.
14. Do you know of any civilian who was threatened or maltreated by your companions?
No.
15. Can you recover the things you took that you left under the care of Laur Lacuzong?
I can if she still has them.
16. From whose house did you take the clothes?
I got them from the tunnel of a certain Tersoka, a Jap mestizo and interpreter of the Jap Military Police.
17. Do you know who among your companions also took things?
As far as I know, practically everybody took things but those seen by the MP were confiscated by them.
18. Did you not take anything else aside from the clothes you have mentioned?
No.
19. Who was with you all the time when you took the things from Tersoka's tunnel?
Pablo Bognay of the Sp. Wpn. Pltn., Co. "C", Cpl. David, also of same Sp. Wpn. Pltn., Co. "C", Sgt. Tago of 1st Pltn., Co. "C", Sgt. Pingrad of Sp. Wpn. Pltn, Sgt. Guzman of Co. "C" Hq and several others whom I don't remember.

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20. Did the above EM also take things with them?

Yes.

21. Are you willing to swear to the truth of your declaration?

Yes.

Mario Acop

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 th day of
May, 1945 at La Trinidad, Benguet.

E. A. Aspillaga

E. A. ASPILLAGA
2nd Lieut., CE, PA
Bn S-2

WITNESS:

[Signature]

A. C. Salvapena, Jr.

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