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HEADQUARTERS 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL  
APO 201

26 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation.

TO : Provost Marshal, 1st Cavalry Division, APO 201

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: VOPM

1. On the night of 24 March 1945 at approximately 22301, a shot was heard in the Military Police Platoon, 1st Cavalry Division, Area.
2. Investigation revealed that Captain Reynaldo Briones, Troop "D" ECLGA, attached to Military Police Platoon, 1st Cavalry Division, had been wounded by a shot from a Thompson sub-machine gun.
3. Further investigation revealed that the Captain was shot near a native hut about seventy five yards from the Military Police Platoon area. He had just left the hut with three other guerrillas. There were two other people; Leonard H. Judge, Pfc, 13128299, Military Police Platoon, 1st Cavalry Division and an unidentified woman, inside the hut. As the Captain left the hut a shot was heard. A bullet struck the Captain in the right leg just below the buttocks. The bullet did not lodge in the leg but passed through and was not recovered. There were three other people present at the time Captain Briones was wounded. They are: Pfc Bernardo Garcia, 2nd Lt Juanito Flaminiano, and Pfc Dominador Simbolan, all of whom are guerrillas attached to the Military Police Platoon.
4. It was later found that Pfc Bernardo Garcia had brought the unidentified woman to Pfc Leonard H. Judge for immoral purposes. Lt Flaminiano had accompanied Pfc Judge and the woman to the shack. A short time later, Captain Briones and Pfc Simbolan came into the shack. About fifteen minutes later, Pfc Garcia arrived.
5. Testimony does not indicate that the shooting was intentional, although some discrepancy exists as to circumstances causing the actual firing of the shot.
6. The weapon that caused the injury to Captain Briones was a Thompson sub-machine gun, #546906, which is now in possession of this office.
7. Statements of persons involved, excluding the unidentified woman, and diagram of the scene of the incident are herewith attached.
8. A medical report showing condition of Captain Briones also extent of wound will be forwarded as soon as it can be obtained.

(SGD) ROBERT J. FELTHOUSEN  
Sgt, Investigator  
Provost Marshal's Office

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Diagram of Scene  
Statements of Captain Briones  
Pfc Garcia  
Pfc Simbolan  
Lt Flaminiario  
Pfc Judge

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*Joaquin Cortez*  
JOAQUIN CORTEZ  
Captain, GRCP  
Liaison Officer

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*Report from Capt. Carver*

HEADQUARTERS 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL  
APO 201

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27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division, APO 201.

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2. Investigation revealed that Captain Reynaldo Briones, Troop "D" ECLGA, attached to Military Police Platoon, 1st Cavalry Division, had been wounded by a shot from a Thompson sub-machine gun.
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5. Thorough investigation has revealed no quarrel or argument which would indicate that the shooting was intentional although there is some slight difference in testimony as to the facts surrounding the firing of the shot.
6. Guerrilla attachments have received strict orders against permitting civilians to enter military areas, and Pfc Judge is thoroughly familiar with the regulation regarding this subject.
7. It is believed that all personnel concerned are guilty of a deliberate violation of standing orders, and it is recommended that the enlisted men concerned be tried by summary court and that the guerrilla officers involved be officially reprimanded by this office.


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(SGD) RICHARD K. CARVER  
Captain, Cavalry  
Provost Marshal

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- Reports of Investigation - Sgt Felthousen
- Diagram of Scene
- Statements of Captain Briones
  - Lt Flemignano
  - Pfc Judge
  - Pfc Simbolen
  - Pfc Garcia

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