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18 NOVEMBER 1944.

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STATEMENT OF STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH P. LAMKIN, 20,700,241

I was in Company "A" 194th Tank Battalion. At the outbreak of the war I was at Clark Field. On approximately 15 December 1941 I was transferred to Batangas, South Luzon Forrest. I left Batangas about a week later (22 December 1941) and went north to Lyngayan for delaying action down into Bataan. We retreated down to Bataan again until the surrender on 9 April 1942.

I arrived at Camp O'Donnell on 23 April 1942 and stayed there until 31 May 1942, at which time I went to Camp Cabanatuan. I left Camp Cabanatuan on 18 June 1942 for Culumpit, Pampanga, Luzon, for work detail. I went back to Camp Cabanatuan on 5 September 1942. I left Cabanatuan on 26 October for the Davao Penal Colony. I stayed at the Davao Penal Colony until 28 February 1943 and then went to Lasang where on 20 August 1944 I boarded a Japanese transport.

*NG Lamkin, Joseph P.  
20,700,241*

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Sergeant James F. McComas, Company "A", 194th Tank Bn. and I kept a very close check of the entire outfit and between the two of us we checked the roster until it was lost on the Japanese transport.

*MTA*  
*DEAD*  
D CLEVENGER, Pearlie L., Staff Sergeant

*Refer*  
Clevenger Sergeant/was a member of Company "A", 194th Tank Bn. and died at Cabanatuan prior to 18 June 1942. I was checking our roster all the time and was told by several men in the outfit that he had died.

*MTA*  
D VEILLETTE, Byron L., Staff Sergeant

*etc*  
Sergeant Veillette died at Cabanatuan about July 1942 from cerebral malaria. I saw him after he died and identified his body.

*dead*  
GOODRICH, Wallace F., Sergeant

Sergeant Goodrich died at Cabanatuan the latter part of September 1942 from malnutrition. He got so sick that he couldn't eat the food that the Japanese gave him. I viewed his body and identified him.

*DEAD*  
LARSON, Howard J., Sergeant

I am positive that Sergeant Larson is dead because Private First Class Ray E. Mahan told me that he was the only man left in the Maintenance Section of which Sergeant Larson was a member.

Statement of Staff Sergeant Joseph F. Lamkin (Cont'd.)

*Lead*  
SAARINEN, Paul A., Sergeant

Sergeant Saarinen died in September 1942 at Cabanatuan from dysentery, I believe. I saw him and identified his body.

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SROBEL, Herbert F., Sergeant

*MAIA*  
Sergeant Srobel was killed in action on 26 December 1941 during delaying action from Lingayan to Bataan. I believe that his body is buried at Rosallis. My tank was parked right next to his. I saw him get killed. He was taken by the Filipinos and buried.

BELL, Gerald J., Corporal *MAIA D*

and

BENDER, August, Private *MAIA D*

Both men were missing in action as of 26 December 1941 near Rosallis. Bell had a machine gun in a pit which was practically in the path where the Japanese came through. He was accompanied by Private Bender. Both men have been missing in action ever since.

*Lead*  
BROWN, Billie E., Private First Class

Private Brown died at Cabanatuan in September 1942 from malaria. I saw him and identified his body.

GATTIS, Arthur G., Private First Class *DEAD*  
DAVIS, Richard E., Private *MAIA Death Report*  
HART, James, Lieutenant *MAIA D*

All three men have been missing in action since 27 December 1941 near Rosallis. They were in the tank crew and all the tank crew disappeared. The tank crew was commanded by Lieutenant Hart. There was another member of the tank crew, but I am unable to recall his name.

Statement of Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Lamkin (Cont'd.)

**DEAD**  
CLEVINGER, James E., Private First Class

Private Clevinger died at Camp O'Donnell from dysentery about 29 May 1942. I saw him and identified his body.

**DEAD**  
LEE, Wallace C., Private First Class

Private Lee was accidentally shot through the stomach about 13 December 1941 by one Private Wesley J. Kerrigan. He was taken to the Fort Stotsenberg Hospital and was never heard of after that. Efforts were made to trace him in the hospitals onataan, but we were unable to find him. If he lived he evidently got on some hospital ship.

**DEAD**  
BERNARDO, Joseph J., Private

Private Bernardo died at Cabanatuan between 18 June and 5 September 1942. I recall he was on the death records kept at American Headquarters. *Ref*

**DEAD**  
GILLMER, Claude, Private

Private Gillmer died at Cabanatuan about June 1942. I do not know the cause of his death, but he was carried on the death records kept at American Headquarters.

**DEAD**  
HAROLDSON, Kenneth A., Private

Private Haroldson died at Camp O'Donnell from cerebral hemorrhage during May 1942. I saw him and identified his body.

**DEAD**  
KELLEY, Andrew J., Private

Private Kelley died in Cabanatuan about 10 June 1942. Cause of death unknown to me. I saw his body and identified him. *Ref*

Statement of Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Lamkin (Cont'd.)

KNUDSEN, Julius S., Private ~~Army~~

Private Knudsen died at Cabanatuan between June and September 1942. I never saw him, but he was carried on the death reports kept at American Headquarters.

LANTAGNE, John C., Private

Private Lantagne died at Cabanatuan between June and September 1942. I do not know the cause of his death, but he was carried on the death reports kept at American Headquarters.

MAXSON, Dwight E., Private

Private Maxson died at Cabanatuan the early part of June 1942. Cause of death unknown; however, I saw him and identified his body.

NOSKA, Henry, Private

Private Noska was in the Maintenance Section. He died at Cabanatuan between June and September 1942. Cause of death unknown to me; however, he was carried on the death reports kept at American Headquarters.

SOLSBBE, Wince L., Private

Private Solsbee died at Cabanatuan in September 1942. I do not know the cause of his death; however, I saw him and identified his body.

SNELL, Harold A., Sergeant

Sergeant Snell was transferred to the Philippine Army before the surrender. A commission was supposed to have gone through for him. It was recommended before surrender came. However, the serial number was turned back from the States. He died in May 1942 at Camp O'Donnell from dysentery. I saw him and identified his body.



Statement of Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Lamkin (Cont'd.)

*Dead*  
TALBOTT, Delbert, Private

Private Talbott died at Cabanatuan in June 1942. I do not know the cause of his death; however, he was carried on the death reports kept at the American Headquarters.

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TAPASZI, John B., Private

Private Tapasci died at Cabanatuan between June and September 1942. I do not know the cause of his death; however, he was carried on the death reports kept at the American Headquarters.

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WOOD, Allen W., Private

Private Wood was also in the Maintenance Section. He died at Cabanatuan between June and September 1942. I do not know the cause of his death; however, he was carried on the death reports kept at the American Headquarters.

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*RMC*  
 About August 1944 Sergeant James F. McComas, Company "A", 194th Tank Bn., and I checked the entire list of our company and I believe there were about 46 men that we had counted dead. I have only been able to account for 30 and I would suggest that Sergeant McComas be contacted to give any additional information relative to the above men, or any others that he may know, as Sergeant Mc Comas and I worked on these records together.

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*Dead*  
KING, Edward, Private First Class

Private King was in Headquarters Company, 194th Tank Bn. He died at Cabanatuan approximately the 1st day of June 1942 from malaria and dysentery. I saw the body and identified him.

MIA  
BRINK, Jack D., Corporal

Corporal Brink was in Company "C", 194th Bn. He died at Camp O'Donnell in May 1942. I do not know the cause of his death, but I saw the body and identified him.

MIA Dead  
EMLEY, Howell, Private First Class

Private Emley was shot by the Japanese at Culumpit, Pampanga Province, approximately 20 August 1942. I was on detail and five (5) men were shot, he being one of the five. I told Lieutenant Shapiro about this, but I could not think of Emley's name. The other men that I could not think of and who were shot because one man tried to escape, and the Japanese shot them because of this were:

A U. S. Marine Corps Sergeant from the 4th Marines at Shanghai

Dummy ADAMS, Sergeant, stationed at Nichols Field prior to the war.

SMITH - There were twin brothers, Private Ralph L. Smith and Private First Class James H. Smith Dead

Another unidentified Air Corps man.

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I was down in the hold and when the torpedo struck it threw me up out of the hold and I found myself floating in the water. While swimming to shore I noticed another man who was behind me about 20 feet and I called to him and he did not answer. He had only a small piece of board. I thought I could help him and I swam to him from my raft. His head was split deep into the center and his brains were all exposed. This man's name was MUSFELT. He was purple. There was another man along with me who was Sergeant NEUTSON, but neither of us was able to help Musfelt. He was having convulsions and tried to ~~grate~~ on to Neutson and got a strangle hold. He seemed to be on the verge of death and our mattress was sinking because of the extra weight, so we put him off and he went straight down and didn't come up again.

Statement of Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Lamkin, (Cont'd. )

I was in the hold with the 500 men. There were three other Japanese boats there at the time and they too were firing upon the men in the water. These boats were cruising through the water all during the night and they were shooting the men they could find. The waters are infested by sharks and the Japanese were shooting any body they could get hold of.

It is my opinion that if they retook any prisoners they would have shot these too. There is no reason why they would shoot some and let others live.

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The home address of Sergeant James F. McComas is -

301 North E Street,  
Brainerd, Minnesota.

Sergeant McComas is at home now, having gone directly from San Francisco.

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LAMKIN, Joseph P., Pfc (S/Sgt) 30,700,241, Co A, 194th Tank Bn.

Interviewed at Walter Reed 16 Nov 44 by Lt. Shapiro.

Lamkin and Knudson were floating on mattress about 200 yds from shore. They saw Mussfeld floating nearby and brought him up on the mattress; his head was split open, his brains could be seen. Mussfeld grabbed hold of Knudson and struggled with him. Both Lamkin and Knudson put him off the mattress and he drowned. There were no other rafts near by.

(See statement of Haskell regarding Mussfeld).

O'Donovan - Lamkin confirms Kuskie's story about this man.

When Lamkin was at Camp #1, Cabanatuan, he and others were on a work detail at Culumpit, Pampangua, Province of Luzon, Cpl Niegrem, 31st Inf. escaped. He had a wife in Manila. Before men went on detail each one was given a number. Japs asked if anyone else had a wife in Manila. Smith of C Co, 194th Tk Bn said that he did. One morning Japs called off names of 4 men who had numbers, 2 lower than Niegrem's and two higher than Niegrem's. One of the men called was Sgt Adams, Air Corps, Nichols Field; the 5th man was Smith. The five men were loaded in a truck with Capt Day (QMC), and another American officer as witnesses. A short time later Lamkin heard three volleys coming from the direction where the men were taken. Capt Day returned and said that all five were executed. Day added that Smith was still alive after the 3 volleys and that a Jap officer went up to him with a pistol and killed him.

*McFEE*  
*of Walter Reed*

Lamkin confirmed canteen story about this man and said he believes his name was James McFEE.

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- Sgt Paul Sarimen - died same time and place as Violette.
- Sgt Glenn Snel - died May 42 at Cp O'Donnell.
- Pvt Kelly - from St. Paul - died at Cabanatuan between May and Oct 42.
- Pvt Billie Brown - of Brainard, Minn., died at Cabanatuan between May & Oct 42.
- Sgt Herbert Strobel (or Strobel) - was killed in action near Lengayen Gulf 26 Dec 41, during delaying action. He was <sup>in</sup> a tank which was struck by mortar. Lamkin saw his body taken out. The medics buried him nearby.
- Pvt Ike Gillmer - Of Brana, Minn., died at Cp #1, Cabanatuan between June & Oct 42.

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Pvt Goodrich - died at Cabanuan between June & Oct '42, dysentery.  
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1st Sgt James Clevenger - died abanatuan June '42, dysentery.  
Pfc Pearly Clevenger - Brother of above, died at Cabanatuan in June '42.  
Pfc Joseph Bernardo - died at Cabanatuan between June & Oct '42.  
Pvt Naska - died at Cabanatuan between June & Oct '42.  
Cpl Watson - died at Cabanatuan between June & Oct '42.  
Pfc Wood - died at Cabanatuan between June & Oct '42.

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1. Referring to War Department Letter AG 704 (13 Sep 44) PC-S to Commanding General, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, APO 500, subject Personnel Missing in Action in the Philippine Islands, I have definite personal knowledge of the death of the following United States Army Personnel at the time and place indicated:

a. Captain Sharp, (initials believed to be G. W.), Infantry, at Barrio of Adlaon, City of Cebu, Philippine Islands, 17 April 1942. Remains are buried in Cantipla forest.

b. Private Robert Whiteside, Ordnance, at municipality of Claver, province of Surigao, Philippine Islands, about August 1943. Remains buried at Claver.

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d. An enlisted man, named James Milligan, United States Army, rank unknown, at barrio of Burgos, municipality of Tandag, province of Surigao, Philippine Islands, about June 1942. Remains buried at Burgos.

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

Prepared by  
MIS-X Section  
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DATE: 29 Apr 44

NARRATOR : Sgt. John E. Scrull UNIT: 14th Bn. Sq., (H), 19th Bn. Co.  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 8259476  
HOME ADDRESS : 807 James St., Waco, Texas  
EX-REPORT NO. : 297

KNOWN INFORMATION: Cpl. Knortz arrived at Misamis, Mindanao one day with four other Americans: Maj. Clyde Childres, Cpl. Schoen, Pfc. *[initials]* Hemingway and Cpl. Money. These men, excepting Cpl. Knortz who is dead, are still on the island.

Lt. Commander Worchester and Lt. Sam Wilson, of the Navy, reported in during February 1945. Lt. Commander Worchester was a native of the island, his father having been a governor general.

About 14 started in the party with me when the Japs came into Mindanao, but after two days, four of them left and went on by themselves. They were: Pvt. Davis, Pvt. Stewart, Pvt. Gropp and one other enlisted man whose name is unknown. I later received definite information that four men were killed by natives and think that they were possibly these men.

At Col. McClish's headquarters on Mindanao, there were four civilians, Hammer and Smith, engineers, and Charles G. and William Boles, father and son, plantation owners. Boles Sr. was later killed, about 5 September 1945.

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John E Spruell Lt. 14<sup>th</sup> Bomb. Sq.  
Formerly with guerrillas in  
Mindanao.

Fred Defenbaugh never returned  
from patrol. Presumed he was killed by  
Japs as they attacked the town that day.  
Occurred at Ganassi about 30 miles  
west of Dansalan at western end of Lanao.  
Col Vesey had asked for volunteers to see  
who was on the hill. Defenbaugh and John H Martin  
volunteered.

James Cropp and John Stewart 14<sup>th</sup>  
Bomb - and others left us after  
the surrender and were later told they had  
been killed by natives - in May 1942. It was  
in the vicinity of Cosinan and Dagumbaan.  
Never been confirmed. Anthony J. DeCarlo may  
have been one of the other 2. Possibly Kenneth  
L. Bayley may know the names of the other 2.

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DATE: 22 Apr 44

NARRATOR : Cpl. William D. Swift  
ORGANIZATION: 3rd Bn., 4th Marines, USMC  
HOME ADDRESS: 1420 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles, Calif.  
EX-REPORT NO: 296

I remember the last names of the following still in the  
Philippine Islands.

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PALAWAN ISLAND

Lear George	Pfc., AC, 7,002,975	Klinert	LEROY A. Pvt. AC, 6,919,990
Shea Charles J.	Pvt. AC, 14,002,059	Cronin	KRONER, Clayton H. Pfc. AC, 6,914,229
Marquez George V.	Pvt. AC, 14,002,191	Hogg Calvin R.	Pfc. AC, 6,930,319
Megehee Marvin E.	Pvt. AC, 6,364,150		
Pryor, machinist mate,	1/01.		
Young			
Wigfield Wm. N. Jr.	Pvt. AC, 14,026,320		
Luther Martin W.	Pfc. AC, 11,017,279		

The other group which escaped from Puerto Princesa, Palawan, in the early part of August 1943 were: Bruce Elliott, Coxwain USN, Pvt. Davis, USMC, Henderson, USMC, Sidney Wright, USMC and Bob Hodges, USMC. I heard that Henderson was killed north of Brookes Point and that Wright is still on the island.

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

Prepared by  
MIS-X Section  
CPM Branch

Date: 13 June 44

NARRATOR : Pfc. Clarence D. Bearden  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 6970869  
HOME ADDRESS : Route #2, El Dorado, Arkansas  
ORGANIZATION : 48th Mat. Sq., 27th Bn. Gp.  
EX-REPORT NO. : 350

The following men were killed by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands:-

- Handwritten* Pvt. Tousaint in July of 1943.
- Lt. Talbot in November of 1943. — *RMC*
- Handwritten* Pvt. Young
- Handwritten* Pvt. Lear, nephew of Gen. Lear
- Robert Fryor of the U.S. Navy
- ✓ Pvt. Cooper
- ✓ Cpl. Hitchcock
- Handwritten* Mr. Hubbard
- Handwritten* Mr. Linblom
- Lt. King, U.S. Navy
- Dr. Myers, a Missionary

*Handwritten* D.C.D. Cpl. Klinert and Pvt. Mc Murrey died of malaria.

*Handwritten* D.C.D. Pvt. Mackie and Pvt. Oakley were killed by guerrillas on Panay in April of 1943.

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Rank Sergeant (date)

1. Name: Lorenberg, Ralph
2. Rank: Sergeant
3. Serial No. 16015654 4. Unit 17<sup>th</sup> Par. Bde., 24<sup>th</sup> Par. Reg. (AC)  
(Div., Bde., & Co. or Gp. & Sq.)  
Ship or Duty Station
5. Home Address: 1499 E. Loyd St., Galena, Illinois  
(Street) (City and State)
6. When and where were you captured? April 9, 1942, Mairville, Butuan, P.I.
7. List main camps or hospitals (giving all names by which known) in which you were imprisoned:

Camp	Location	From	To
<u>O'Donnell</u>	<u>Butuan, P.I.</u>	<u>4-16-42</u>	<u>5-2-42</u>
<u>Cabanatuan No. 1</u>	<u>Quevedo, Manila, P.I.</u>	<u>6-28-42</u>	<u>9-19-43</u>
<u>Bilibid</u>	<u>Manila, P.I.</u>	<u>10-14-43</u>	<u>10-21-43</u>
<u>Cabanatuan No. 1</u>	<u>Quevedo, Manila, P.I.</u>	<u>11-21-43</u>	<u>11-26-43</u>
<u>Bilibid #2</u>	<u>Manila, P.I.</u>	<u>11-26-43</u>	<u>7-11-44</u>
<u>Narumi #2</u>	<u>Nagoya, Japan</u>	<u>9-6-44</u>	<u>7-4-45</u>

8. At your last camp, were you in the main camp? Sub Camp # 2  
Hospital? 4 months Work Detail? 9 months

9. Were you wounded when captured? no How? \_\_\_\_\_  
Were you seriously ill while a P/W? yes If so, give nature of illness, cause and duration:

Dengue fever (heat), Infectious Enteritis (Cholera), Rheumatism, (exposure)

10. Were you interrogated by the Japanese? yes When? 5-3-42  
Where? O'Donnell POW Camp

(Give names of interrogators, if known and other details:)

Names unknown. Was asked about different amounts of troops etc. No information provided

11. Do you know of any stool pigeons or collaborators, or any who helped the enemy in any way? (Give names, dates, camps and full details.)

Benjamin L. Osborne P.F.C. 200<sup>th</sup> CA<sup>o</sup> Narumi, Nagoya, Japan. This man provided the Japanese with information concerning things of British P.O.W. at the above named Camp. He should be punished ~~severely~~ (severely)

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12. If you received escape and evasion briefing before capture, was it of any value to you? no How? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did you attempt, or do you know of any attempts to escape from camps? (Give details of each attempt separately, stating method employed, names of your companions, where and when you were recaptured, and by whom).

A Marine, named Carrington escaped from Bilidid Prison on or about May 1944. He slipped out through side electric power lines. Safely returned to U.S.

14. Were you helped in evading capture or escaping from camps? If possible, give names and addresses of helpers, or identify each by describing them and tell what they did for you.

15. Did you attempt any sabotage or destruction of enemy installations, war materials, communications? (Give details, places and names).

Yes. Damaging Gasoline Wrecks at Pandacan Oil Refinery in Manila P.I. also by sifting dust into lutes in Nagaya factory.

16. What administrative or committee jobs did you hold in camp? (Describe).

None

17. Do you have any information not covered by this questionnaire?

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- (a) Men dying of thirst and too weak to walk without medical aid were shot and bayoneted on the march of death - Bataan.
- (b) Men were beat and tortured for minor faults, some of which were not the 'minor' faults at all.
- (c) Most Prison Camps I have been in have never been properly provided for in any of the mentioned ways.
- (d) Most all of the work details were Military establishments
- (e) In Japan everywhere was exposed to all of the mentioned hazards of war.
- (f) Especially in Transporting POW's from the Philippines to Japan, conditions were ~~of~~ ~~that~~ very improper and trying.
- (g) Such as the P.O.W's from Corregidor who were marched through Manila.
- (h) The only proper care prisoners were given was when the International Red Cross intervened which was only about 3 times in 3 1/2 yrs.
- (i) Such as shooting nine (9) men for the escape of one (1) man, and many other ways.

## DETAILS OF ATROCITIES

KIND OF CRIME	WHERE IT HAPPENED	WHO WAS THE VICTIM (include name, nationality & whether military personnel or not).	STATE IF YOU SAW YOURSELF. IF YOU DID NOT SEE IT, WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT IT?
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1. Punishment for not being able to go any further without medical aid: Bataan, P.I., John R. Carabine, American, S Sgt. USMC. Bayoneting with intent to kill (man died about 4 hours later.) (Death March)
2. Filipinos names unknown, were shot for leaving a column and going for water (Death March - Bataan)
- maybe Eugene R. Carabine PI AC now MIA.
3. Doyle W. Waggoner, American, AOM 1/c, was beaten and then starved to death for attempting to escape from Maruni, Nagoya Camp. attempted escape 6/30/45 - died 7/27/45

4.

5.

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN QUESTIONED BY ANY MILITARY OR NAVAL AUTHORITIES ABOUT ATROCITIES OR MISTREATMENT? No. If YES by WHOM, WHERE, WHEN \_\_\_\_\_ yes or no

DID YOU MAKE A SIGNED STATEMENT? No. yes or no

I DO HEREBY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 27th DAY OF Sept. 1945

W. A. Pyle, USNR  
COMMISSIONED OFFICER

Ralph Levenberg  
Sign your name here.

ANNEX "B" TO WAR DEPARTMENT SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your Name Lewenberg, Ralph 2. Rank Sergeant 3. ASN 16015654

4. Home Address 1499 E. Lacey St. Palmsburg, Illinois  
Street City & State

5. Last camp in which imprisoned Masumie, Nagaya, Japan

6. If you have any information concerning military personnel who escaped from Japanese hands prior to your liberation and might still be at large, you should answer the following: (Fill out a separate form for each individual).

a. Full name of this person \_\_\_\_\_

b. His rank \_\_\_\_\_ c. Organization \_\_\_\_\_

d. Home town or state \_\_\_\_\_

e. Was he in good health? \_\_\_\_\_ (If wounded or ill, give full details):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

f. When was he last seen in Japanese hands? \_\_\_\_\_

g. Present whereabouts or presumed whereabouts? (Give full details)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

h. If your information is hearsay, give name and address of your informant(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have any important information concerning the fate of any P/W, or any group of Ps/W, not liberated when you were and who may still be in Japanese hands? (If so, give full details below):

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**S E C R E T**ANNEX "C" TO WAR DEPARTMENT SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

(FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE DREADFUL SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING).

1. Your Name Swenberg, Ralph 2. Rank Sgt. 3. ASN 16015654  
 4. Home Address: 1499 E. Leary St. Joliet, Illinois  
 5. Last camp in which imprisoned Mirima, Nagoya, Japan  
 6. If you have information concerning military personnel who died in action or during imprisonment, furnish the following information to the best of your ability:

FIRST CASE:

- a. Full Name of Deceased Jack L. Larson  
 b. Grade or rank Pfc c. Organization 17<sup>th</sup> Para Sqd.  
 d. Home Address Joliet, Illinois  
 e. Date and place of death on or about May 1/42 O'Donnell, P.I.  
 f. Cause of death Heart Disease & Malnutrition  
 g. Place of burial O'Donnell, P.I.  
 h. Were you an eyewitness to his death? I saw him the day before he died.  
 i. Names of persons believed to have witness his death \_\_\_\_\_  
 j. If your information is hearsay, give name and address of your informant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND CASE:

- a. Full name of Deceased Ellis J. Holcomb  
 b. Grade or Rank Sgt. c. Organization 17<sup>th</sup> Para Sqd.  
 d. Home address Joliet, Illinois  
 e. Date and place of death on or about 5/1/42, O'Donnell, P.I.  
 f. Cause of death Malaria & Dysentery  
 g. Place of burial O'Donnell, P.I.  
 h. Were you an eyewitness to his death? I saw him a few days before he died.  
 i. Names of persons believed to have witness his death \_\_\_\_\_

j. If your information is hearsay, give name and address of your informant(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form carefully as the information you give may be of considerable aid in determining the fate of other men with whom you served in the Philippine Islands. The families of each of these men have waited long for news and this may be the only means of obtaining the information.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF COMPLETED STATEMENTS

- When the attached Casualty Information Form has been completed and signed, it will be given to the nurse in charge of the ward.
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- What is your name? George S. McGowan
- What is your rank or grade? M/Sgt
- What is your serial number? 6578370
- In what branch of the service are you assigned? AAF
- Give mailing address you expect to have for the next 60 days.  
Box 106 Yerington, Nevada
- To what organization were you assigned at the outbreak of the war?  
19th Bomb Group 93rd Bomb Sq. H.
- What was your rank or grade at that time? (Include any specialist or air mechanic rating).  
Sergeant First Class Airplane Mechanic
- Where was your organization stationed at the time of your capture?  
Cab-Cabin Field Marwalis
- Were you taken prisoner? yes
- What was the approximate date of your capture? May 9 1942
- At what place or places were you imprisoned and during what period or periods? List separately.

at Camp O'Donnell Capas, Luzon - 35 days  
on detail under Taps on Luzon UNTIL  
April 25 1944 - Escaped and joined  
guerrillas in Southern Luzon UNTIL Feb. 28 1945

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12. If in hiding to evade Japanese by reason of escape from prison camp or never having surrendered, describe briefly your activities during the period of evasion.

While in activities with the Guerrillas I worked with an American Lt. operating a network of Radios - Built airfield - rescued American fliers - Acting as field man - securing information - intercepted Jap when trying to land on Bondoc, Tayabas

13. State all known facts pertaining to the death of any American civilian or member of Armed Forces who died or was killed after 7 December 1941.

Give name, grade, organization or other information helpful in identifying persons named and the following:

- Date of death.
- Place of death.
- Place of burial, if known.
- Circumstances of death.
- Whether information is hearsay or based on your own observation.
- If hearsay, state source of information and your opinion of its reliability.

- (1) Cpl Paul Indant. 19th Bomb Group - Date of Death April 20, 1942 - Place of Death - O'Donnell, Agos. Luzon  
Died of Sickness - Saw it myself.
- (2) Lt Col. Calachua - Date of Death Nov 1943  
Place of Death - Bayombong, Luzon - Died of Sickness - Saw it myself.
- (3) Peterson - 19th Bomb Group - Told to me by an American soldier.
- (4) PFC Dick Smith - 19th Bomb Group - Date of Death - August 1943 - Died of Sickness - Told to me by Sgt Frank McGowan - very reliable.

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14. Give any other information or source of information that might assist in determining the fate of any person in the Philippine Islands since 7 December 1941.

As close as I could check up  
on men of My Sqdn. was that they  
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George A. McLawson M/Sgt.

Name and Grade



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Captain, AGD

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I, personally, know of the death  
of the following:

*Dr. Col. Theodore Kalakuka*  
*2MC*  
*Arlington, Va*  
*0-16841*

<sup>K</sup>  
Col. Calakuka died suddenly in September 1943,  
and was buried at Bayangbong. From what he told  
myself and the others in our group, he was chosen  
by the Japanese, upon recommendation of General  
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high explosive, and although I did not see him  
after he was supposed to have died, no trace of  
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*D*  
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*George S. McGowan*  
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Munitions Bldg.  
Washington 25, D. C.

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LESLIE HEITEL,  
1st Lt, AC,  
AAFPIC Liaison Officer.

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Dear Captain:

We are still trying to get information that will be of some assistance to you. Inclosed you will find some of the latest results of our endeavors.

As you can see, there still has been no change in my status, but it was good to get the information from you just what had not been done by my Headquarters. Some day they are liable to do something - we hope.

That's about all for the present. Regards from all.

*Leslie Heitel*  
LESLIE HEITEL, Lt.  
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Certification signed  
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