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2nd Lt. Grant, John, William, Inf. USA
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- Q. Are you willing to tell the truth, nothing but the truth that will be propounded to you?
- A. Certainly.
- Q. Please state your personal circumstances?
- A. My name is Dorothy Dore, single, 18 years old, now residing at Talsag, Bukidnon.
- Q. Do you know Lt. William Grant?
- A. Yes, Sir.
- Q. Where is he now?
- A. He was killed by native guides.
- Q. Will you please narrate how Lt. Grant was killed by his native guides?
- A. We were staying in a certain man's house for a couple of days waiting for somebody to guide us to Datu Frederick Walter Taylor's hideout. One day two native guides showed up and naturally we asked them whether they knew the Datu's place and they assured us that they even had relatives in the Datu's place. They knew the place and had intentions in going there. So Lt. Grant decided to take them as our guides. On Nov. 21st we started out, hiked all day until we reached a certain spot where the rest of the guides which included three more men and three women, making all in all five men and three women, were picked up. Then we proceeded with our trip and till after crossing the Tigua river, we noticed that there seemed to be no more trail and we were leading to a thick jungle. We did not suspect that there was anything wrong because the natives seemed to be courteous and kind. At about 3:30 in the afternoon, we were invited to rest by the guides and they gave us rice to cook and told us not to worry because if we were overtaken by night in the forest, they would build us a shack to sleep in. When my cousin, Elizabeth Devila was cooking the rice for show, Lt. Grant decided to have a smoke. His tobacco being wet, he dried it and made a fire and just as he turned his back, Batanlog, one of the guides thrust his spear on Lt. Grant in the back. The rest of the guides followed. Two of them speared him and the second spear thrust was in his heart and the third on his lower right rib. His bolo wounds were on the upper right forehead and the rest were on his left wrist. I was about five meters

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1. from Lt. Grant and the first thing I did was to pick up Lt. Grant's pistol and fired it. After firing at the natives, they took off.
- Q. Was Lt. Grant able to offer any resistance against the assailants.
- A. No because he was surrounded. All what he said was "fire the gun".
- Q. When you fired the gun, as you alleged, were you able to hit any of his assailants.
- A. No, because that was the first time I ever handled a .45 and it just went off the air.
- Q. After the wounding of Lt. Grant, what did you do, if you did anything, so with your cousin Devila?
- A. She was attacked herself, receiving three bolo wounds and she took off. For almost half an hour, I was left with the dying man and I tried my best to do something. I tried to carry him three times but he was too heavy for me. With my bandages and few medical supplies, I ~~gave~~ ^{tried to} give him medical treatment. He could not recognize anybody anymore.
- Q. Was Lt. Grant able to tell you anything before he died?
- A. I asked him if I were to fire the gun again to scare the natives but he said, "No." He could not recognize me anymore.
- Q. About how long did he suffer from his wounds before he died?
- A. About an hour.
- Q. You said that your cousin Devila took off and was also assaulted, is that right?
- A. Yes, and then she showed up in about half hour.
- Q. Where were her wounds?
- A. Slight wounds on her back of the head, her right palm and her right thigh.
- Q. Where were the wounds of Lt. Grant?
- A. Spear wound at his back, spear wound in the heart, spear wound on his lower right ribs, bolo wounds on his upper right forehead and bolo wounds on his left wrist.
- Q. What was the purpose of all the native guides for killing Grant, do you know?
- A. I think, they were interested in our clothings and Lt. Grant's arms.
- Q. Were they able to get any of your clothings and Lt. Grant's arms?

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- Nothing done*
- A. They stole only my cousin's pack; the rest were saved.
- Q. After the death of Lt. Grant, did you search his body and if you did, what were the things you found, if you find any?
- A. I searched his body and was able to get his purse as the rest of his belongings were in his pack. The purse contained ₱112.00 Philippine emergency currency, ₱50.00 old Philippine currency and a 10 dollar American bill.
- Q. You stated that you were going to the place of a certain Datu called Frederick Walter Taylor, where was your starting point and what was is the name of the place of this datu?
- A. We started from the house that belonged to a certain Benátiz in Upper Sabangan, Buk. The evacuation place of this datu is also called Sabangan.
- Q. How did it happen that you were in that area?
- A. The Japanese made a push against the 117th Infantry so we evacuated in that place.
- Q. Who were your companions aside from your cousin Devils and Lt. Grant?
- A. My father, Ex-Sgt. Victor A. Dore and Lt. Bonner, Alexander. Lt. Bonner separated from our party after the 3rd day of our stay in Sabangan.
- Q. After the death of Lt. Grant, what did you do?
- A. I left the dead body of Lt. Grant near a creek because we could not carry him and besides darkness was already coming. I simply covered his face with his hat and my cousin and I returned to the place where my father was. From there my father and myself proceeded to some evacuation places across the Polangui River and later we decided to go Basac, Buk., a stepping place for us to reach Talakag.
- Q. Do you know the Army serial number of Lt. Grant and his former assignment.
- A. Yes, I do. His Army serial Number is 6999542 and his assignment is with the Motor Pool, 117th Infantry, Mailag Bukidnon.
- Q. Before 10 May 1942, the surrender of Mindanao, do you know the assignment of Lt. Grant?
- A. He told me that he belonged to the Motor Pool Section at Malabang, Lanao.

- Q. Where is your father now?
- A. My father died at Basac, Bukidnon on Feb. 29 1944 at about 6:30 in the evening. He died of natural death.
- Q. Do you know the Army serial number of your father?
- A. I do not know the Army serial number of my father.
- Q. Do you know the personal circumstance of Lt. Grant?
- A. As far as I know, his name is John W. Grant, born on 16 June 1919 at Akran, Ohio and his mother's name is Mrs. Kathyrine Grant.
- Q. Do you know the names of the natives who guided you in Upper Sabagan and who eventually killed Lt. Grant and wounded your cousin?
- A. According to Datu Frederick Walter Taylor, after I had given to him the descriptions of the natives who guided us, said natives are named Tirso, Botanlog, Fandu-an, Valentin and one more that I forgot the name and three women. The said Datu also told me that in case our Government will begin to function, he can easily arrest all of them.
- Q. Is your father an Ex-Serviceman and is being pensioned by the US Govt.?
- A. Yes, he received \$60.00 a month.
- Q. Where is your mother now?
- A. My mother and brother were captured by the Japs during the drive made by the enemy on the 117th Inf., towards Sabagan. She is now in Malaybalay, Bukidnon.
- Q. What more do you like to state in this connection?
- A. The only money in my possession which belonged to Lt. Grant is the 10 dollar American bill and the fifty pesos of old Phil. currency, due to circumstances was spent by me but I am willing to reimburse it when called for. We had an accident in the Polangui river while crossing down the river, consequently the Pack of Lt. Grant which we were carrying and which contained the \$112.00 emergency money thrown overboard.

For all that I've done, I wonder if what Lt. Grant's had left could not be spared to me as part of a relief fund.

Dorothea Dore
DOROTHEA DORE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of
March 1944 here at Talakag, Bukidnon. (Over)

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APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION
 IN THE RESERVE FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

28 June 1943

Name in full: Grant John William
(Surname) (first name) (middle name)

Permanent residence: Cynthiana Falls, Ohio

Post office address: 1826 Second Street, Cynthiana Falls, Ohio

Born (Town and State): Columbiana, Ohio

(Day, month & year): 18 June 1919

Civil status: (Married, single or widower): single

If married or widower, state the number of children and ages of each.
None

Are you a citizen of the United States? (If foreign born give the place and date of arrival in the U.S.) Citizen of United States

Name of father, if living otherwise nearest relative: Father dead - Mother

Degree of relationship: Mother

His occupation or profession: Clerk at Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

Persons to be notified in case of accident or death: Mrs. William C. Grant

Degree of relationship: Mother Address: 1826 Second Street, Cynthiana Falls, Ohio

What is your present occupation: Acting Officer If employed, where and as what? 112nd Regt, 133rd Div. Transportation Unit, Commanding as a Capt.

In what branch of service of the Reserve Force of the United States Army do you desire to be commissioned? Air Corps (as Acting Officer), Quartermaster Corps

Do you speak any foreign language or Philippine dialects? If so which ones?
None

Have you ever been charged or convicted of crime before a civil or military court? If so give details: None

State degrees, if any, when and where received, and mention any special studies you have at present: No degrees, no special studies

State other Military experiences you have and college academy or other institutions where an Army or Naval Officer has been detailed as instructor of Military Science and Tactics: Enlisted in U.S. Air Corps 11-8-39 attended air corps Tech. School for engine mechanics also Army Clerical School

Occupational Record: Name of company or firm, date and annual earnings:
Automobile Wash and - Company out of business - in Akron, Ohio in 1938-39 - commission basic \$22.23 wash basic pay

John W. Grant
 (Signature)
 A.S.N. 6899542
 Sgt. 14th Bomb. Sqdn. (H)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of June 1943 at Barberton, Mahoning County, Ohio

J. D. Prueger
 Major, Cav. USA.

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Name: Grant John William
(Surname) (First name) (Middle name)

Exact height in bare feet: 5 ft. 6 in
Circumference (Navel) 38 in Chest (Thorax) 36 1/2 in
At rest 34 in Full expiration 32 1/2 in Full inspiration 36 1/2 in

Exact weight: 160 lbs

Body Normal Face Oval

Complexion White Hair Brown

Eyes Blue Right eye 20/20 Left eye 20/20

Color perception Normal

Teeth Normal Gums Normal

Throat 2-filled - rest normal

Heart and Lungs Normal

Are there any indications of disease or derangement of function of the organs of respiration or of the appendages? No

Cardiac condition: On palpitation Normal On percussion Normal

On respiration Normal

Are there any indications of disease of the heart or of the blood vessels? No

Hearing: Right ear Normal Left ear Normal

Spine Normal Cervical Normal

Limbs: (Varicose veins; ulcers) Normal

Genito-urinary system Normal

Date June 28 1913

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Ramon M. Rabog

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