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County of Hardin,

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 Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authority for administering oaths in cases of this character, one MARION FRANCIS HENDERSON, CPL, 14042297, 1550th ASU, M.P. Section, who being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

Q. I have a directive here from the War Crimes Commission, and this directive comes through Second Army, whereby I am to interrogate you relative to your confinement in a Japanese prison Camp. I would like for you to start at the beginning and tell me when you were first captured and the time and place.

A. I was assigned to the 31st Infantry, G Company, 2d Bn.

Q. Where were you when you were captured?

A. Marivellas.

Q. On what date were you captured?

A. April 9, 1942.

Q. Were you on the death march?

A. Yes, six days. I had friends who helped me along on the march. We all helped each other. If one would fall out the Japs would kill him.

Q. Where did you go from Marivellas?

A. To San Fernando to Camp O'Donnell. We stayed there until around October.

Q. While you were at Camp O'Donnell did you see any atrocities?

A. So many killed there I don't remember.

Q. Do you remember who was commandant of that Camp?

A. No Sir.

Q. How were you treated there?

A. No chow, very little water. Had to stand in a mile line to get a canteen of water.

Q. Where did you go from Camp O'Donnell?

A. We were sent to Nicholas Filed.

Q. Was that a prison camp?

A. We were building an Air port there. They whipped us and beat us every day.

Q. How long were you at Nicholas Field?

A. About six months.

Q. Were you at any time beaten?

A. Yes Sir, plenty of times.

Q. By whom?

A. Jap guards.

Q. Can you identify any of these?

A. I don't know what their names were. One we called "Air Raid," he killed many American soldiers. I saw him take an American Major out one day after the Major had knocked a Jap about six feet, and they broke his arms and about beat him to death.

Q. "Air Raid" was the one who actually broke the Majors arms?

A. Yes, Sir. I've seen them beat Americans and then shoot them. They took ten out and shot them one time.

Q. Who was in charge of the guards who killed the Americans?

A. A Jap major was in charge.

Q. Was he Commandant of the prison camp?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. You actually saw these ten Americans shot?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. When was this?

A. Around the 15th or 16th of March, I'm not sure. I could recognize him or any of the guards there.

Q. What were some of the Japs names?

A. "Carahao, Donald Duck, Tim Soldier."

Q. Did you see any of these men with pseudo or pet names commit any act of violence?

A. Yes Sir I have. All of them. They also took American Red Cross issue off of us. They took most of that.

Q. From Nicholas field where did you go?

A. Palawan.

Q. During your stay in Palawan did you see any atrocities?

A. I saw a Jap stick a bayonet in a boy. I don't know the name of the Jap. They made us believe they couldn't speak English but they could and one of the boys called him yellow belly or something like that and then he stuck a bayonet in him.

Q. Where did you go from Palawan?

A. I went to No. 3 Camp, Fukuoka. I stayed there a year.

Q. How were you treated in this Camp?

A. Very rough. When American planes would come over they would take 29 men out and shoot them. They would make the American soldiers stand outside all night long and pour water over them. They hit me with an iron bar once. Then they knocked me out of a three story window and broke my neck. They gave us about a cup of rice a day. When I left there I weighed fifty pounds.

Q. Who ordered the Americans shot?

A. The Commandant of the camp.

Q. During your stay at Fukuoka did you witness any other atrocities?

A. Well we were put in solitary confinement, in a place about as big as a dog house, on bread and water and stayed there for about three weeks. Our air raid shelter was a ditch about four feet deep. They made us sing Japanese songs. We found out later that they were against the Americans and refused to sing them anymore. When the war was over they would not tell us. They took all medicine away from us and when you had double pneumonia they would slap us on the face.

1. Do you know the names of any of these men?

A. We had "Water Snake," he was the meanest one we had, "Candy Kid." They made us go to work in rain, snow, sleet, when we were sick. We ate dog meat in the Philippines. When American planes came over they would make us stand still, and if anyone moved they would shoot them. They burned my feet and legs with hot irons.

Q. Is there anything else that you can tell us relative to the mistreatment you or any other Americans received while you were a prisoner?

A. No that's about all I can think of right now.

 I have read the foregoing statement consisting of this page and two other pages of a single spaced typewriting. I have initialed all corrections. This is a true statement.

 Further deponent sayeth not.

MARION FRANCIS HENDERSON

Cpl, 14042297

1550th ASU, M.P. Section

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

9th day of August 146 at Ft Knox, Ky. Witness to signature:

W.C. HATFIELD, Irene Ferril(sp)

Major, Inf.

Summary Court Officer

Two pictures:

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