

JAP TROOPS TOLD TO 'KILL AMERICANS CRUELLY'

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MANILA, Nov. 19 (AP)—The story of how 150 captured U. S. soldiers were herded into air raid shelters, drenched with gasoline and set afire was told today at Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's war crimes trial. Signed documents were the

CITY POLICE INVESTIGATE AUTO WRECKS

Again over the weekend city police were kept busy investigating numerous minor traffic accidents. No one was injured in any of the collisions, though three cars figured in one on Riverside early Sunday morning.

A 1938 Chevrolet coupe driven by Alexander Burke, Merrill, skidded on the wet pavement, crashed into a Ford sedan parked before the residence of Howard H. Pernell, 324 S. Riverside, then careened across the street into another parked Ford owned by Erik Olson, 402 Riverside. Burke's car received about \$150 damage in the two crashes. He reported that lights of an oncoming car blinded him, he jerked the steering wheel and his automobile skidded.

Hits Pole
Lloyd DeLap, milk truck driver, reported to police that he fell asleep at the wheel of his milk truck at 2 a. m. Sunday and hit a telephone pole on the left side of 11th street at the Lincoln intersection.

Carl A. Lundholm, 2435 Orchard, reported a minor collision with a 1936 Pontiac sedan driven by Bessie Denny, 1104 Crescent at Orchard and Division before daylight Sunday.

Alvin Flanders, Portland salesman, reported a collision with a 1935 Ford driven by Chris Lampropoulos at Main and 12th at 8:35 this morning.

John Hess, route 2, reported to police that a double-barrelled 12-gauge shotgun was stolen from his car between 4 and 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon while it was parked at Main and 6th. The gun was new. Hess had just purchased it Saturday afternoon.

Melvin Doughty of Klamath Falls posted \$25 bail in police court for an appearance on charges of reckless driving. Six drunks and one vagrant appeared in court this morning. Fifteen drunks and two persons charged with disorderly conduct bailed out.

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mute witnesses. The nine survivors of that Japanese orgy of flame, bullets and bayonets long since have left the Philippines. The depositions said the Americans, captured in the Philippines fighting, were working on the air field on Palawan Island southwest of Luzon last December 15. Their Japanese guards ordered them into the shelters at noon.

Into the packed shelters the Japanese poured gasoline, set it afire, then shot and bayoneted those who attempted to escape. But nine managed to get away into the jungles and were saved by guerrillas.

Kill Prisoners
A captured Japanese diary quoted a soldier guard stationed at the air field as saying it was feared American forces were about to land on Palawan and it was necessary to kill the prisoners.

The prosecution put a Japanese colonel on the stand later in the session and forced from him an admission that he had urged his troops "to kill Americans cruelly."

Col. Masatoshi Fugishige, who himself must stand trial

later, gestured violently and snapped his answers, but once lost his aplomb.

Fugishige was asked if, in instructing a seaborne unit in land fighting in Batangas province, he had made a speech telling them to kill civilian women and children.

"I did not," he declared.

There was then read before the military commission a translated document, introduced as a transcript of what he had said.

"Kill American troops cruelly," the document ran. "Do not kill them with one stroke. Shoot guerrillas. Kill all who oppose the emperor, even women and children."

Yes, Fugishige admitted, he had said that. He hastened to assert he had told his troops that if they were attacked by women or children "out of military necessity they must be combated."

A deposition introduced under the signature of Harold Memmler, Chicago, Ill., said that Yamashita twice visited Cabanatuan prison camp where prisoners were ill and starving, but the visits brought no improvement in conditions.

The only change, Memmler said, was that afterward many of the prisoners were loaded into trucks and hauled off to foul old Bilibid prison. He

charged the Japanese stole medicine from Red Cross packages intended for prisoners and that the sick were left unattended.

Additional depositions told how Americans at Cabanatuan and Bilibid were beaten, tortured and starved.

Rushing to wind up its evidence, the prosecution planned to show the commission tonight

moving picture evidence of the Palawan massacre.

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