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Document Four

Grady T. Ellis, Testimony of Illegal Acts by Japanese in Philippines, 1945 (excerpt) National Archives and Records Administration (Record Group 331, Box 1994)

"I walked with about 100 other prisoners in a group, which was originally formed from the regular companies but after a few days became very disorganized. Many of the men would fall out along the line of march and would be shot or bayonetted [sic] by the guards and left to die. If any of our men were caught trying to help a faltering soldier he would also be shot, bayonetted [sic] or clubbed with the butt of a rifle by the Japanese guards. We were forced to march nine days without food except that given us by the Filipinos along the way. On one occasion we marched for two days and nights without a break, and at one point we were kept in a wire stockade for three days, two of which it rained and then resumed our march which took a total of fourteen days."