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Tino said: "During Japanese times the Japanese owned all the land because when you planted something they came and took it and you could not say anything and there was no question about it."

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Boy

All the people moved out of the village. When the first bomb dropped in Kumay one guy from UM . working there came while people were in Church and told them about it. Then, people in their Sunday clothes, went to the jungle and stayed there.

Boy said he stayed close to the Madog area during the Japa. occupation. (**41-45) In town the Japanese headquarters where Hilarion's house (next to Epa now) used to be. They selected the best house. Also the Japanese teacher there in town. People needed to go to school in the evening to learn the Japanese language because we thought the Japs were going to stay here for a long time. Most of the people in my generation know how to speak a little Japanese.

* Boy's mother was partial owner of this land where they stayed.

JAPA. OCCU.

-all the young people from 15-25 taken and then returned

They went to Santate

-all the people from 15 yrs. up less the sick, the mothers and the babies assembled in Mandino (where Tom's Gofigan area is); then returned again. When assembled everybody was killed, crying.

-interpreter Manuel (fr. Saipan) came and said: get out in five minutes because the Japa. are going to bomb the cave.

They left and when they were at a little distance they heard the détonation.

Manuel said: I am not going with you because you will kill me but I ask you a favor, take my wife. She was beautiful. Manuel was afraid because he was very mean and used to bit people from Umatac. He had slapped Tutu.

-The old people knew the area like if it were their own home. They could find their way with their eyes closed.

-From the hill, Gofigan's land we could see when the Japanese invaded. The ocean was full of soldiers.

- people went to greet the Americans with a white flag, by canoe. 3