

*Letter from Her ^{Oct. 5,}
Husband Says Vinda ¹⁹⁴⁵
Adkins Oreta Was Shot*

Mrs. Robert Beam of near Newton is in receipt of a letter from her brother-in-law, Pedro T. Orata, written from the Philippines, bringing word that her sister, Mrs. Vinda Adkins Orata, had probably been shot by the Japanese. He has been with his people in the province of Urdaneta Panzasinan. The letters reads in part:

"The only information that I received from her neighbors in Manila—I was in the province until after liberation — is that she was last seen with four Japanese soldiers, two in front of her and the other two behind her. Her hands were tied behind her back. This happened the early part of February.

"It seems the concensus of opinion among her neighbors that she died a heroic death. She was helping the people to put out the fire which was consuming the houses. She was shot, so they told, in the palm of her right hand, but that did not stop her from what she was doing, so in due time she was discovered and subsequently taken.

She was active during the occupation making and selling cakes.

"The Lord is wise in His wisdom, so we must pray that she rest in peace. Thousands were murdered mercilessly in Manila and the provinces. The entire south side, with few exceptions, where she lived was razed to the ground."