



Map 1

.... Municipal boundaries

○ Capital

role in a curing ritual in the hamlet of Laba-an, a dependency of San Quintin.

A shaman<sup>5</sup> from the neighboring coastal province of Ilocos Sur was invited to preside over the celebration. Everything was ready except for the ceremonial drum, whose sound, according to her, was absolutely necessary to summon and appease the spirit being who

caused the person's illness. For some unfortunate reason, the village drum was nowhere to be found; but some by-standers remembered I had one in my museum collection. The shaman

<sup>5</sup> The shaman's name is Fermina Agbulos from Burgos, Ilocos Sur. She also has been conducting ceremonies in Peñarrubia and Tangbaw, a dependency of San Isidro.