

EVACUEE REPORTS -

BAGLEY, VAN AUGUSTUS

[MR + MRS]

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19 January 1945

SUBJECT: Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Van Augustus Bagley, citizens of the United States, evacuated from enemy-occupied territory in the Visayan Islands.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Bagley were evacuated from Pansy Island to Tacloban, Leyte, by sailboat with the aid of guerrillas. Mrs. Bagley was in good health but Mr. Bagley was in urgent need of medical treatment. They expressed their desire to return to the United States.

2. They have lived in the Philippines since 1931. She is a school teacher and he a baker. They were in Carles, Iloilo Province, from 1931 to 1932, in La Castellana, Negros Occidental Province, from 1932 to 1934, and in Bacolod, Negros Occidental Province, from 1934 until 1942. Mrs. Bagley taught in the Public Elementary School, Bacolod, while Mr. Bagley operated a bakery, specializing in fine pastry.

3. As the Japanese forces moved southward from Luzon early in 1942, the Bagleys left Negros Island and sought refuge in Carles, Iloilo Province. They lived with friends and received financial aid from the guerrilla organization, headed by Col. Macario Peralta, Jr. Lt. Col. Pedro Serran gave them two hundred (\$ 200.00) pesos in April 1943. They were also assisted by Lt. Fred Stangl, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, and Dr. Edward K. Lin, self-styled leader of the Chinese population in Free Philippines, who gave Mr. Bagley free medical treatments. Dr. Lin accompanied the Bagleys to Tacloban, Leyte. Information about him is contained in a separate report.

4. Mr. Bagley was born in Longmont, Colorado, 27 August 1885. Mrs. Bagley, nee Marie Lucile, was born in York, Nebraska, 13 May 1890.



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2. They have lived in the Philippines since 1931. She is a school teacher and he a baker. They were in Cebu, Iloilo Province, from 1931 to 1932, in La Castellana, Negros Occidental Province, from 1932 to 1933, and in Bacolod, Negros Occidental Province, from 1933 until 1942. Mrs. Bagley taught in the Public Elementary School, Bacolod, while Mr. Bagley operated a bakery, specializing in fine pastries.

3. As the Japanese forces moved southeast from Iloilo in 1942, the Bagleys left Negros Island and sought refuge in Cebu, Iloilo Province. They lived with friends and received financial aid from the guerrilla organization headed by Col. Ricardo Peralta, Jr., Lt. Col. Pedro Saxon gave them two hundred (\$200.00) pesos in April 1943. They were also assisted by Lt. Fred Saxon, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, and Lt. Edward K. Kim, self-styled leader of the Chinese population in Iloilo. Mr. Bagley free medical treatment. Dr. Kim accompanied the Bagleys to Tacloban, Leyte. Information about his occupation is a separate report.

4. Mr. Bagley was born in Langmont, Colorado, 27 August 1897. Mrs. Bagley, nee Marie Lucille, was born in York, Virginia, 17 May 1890.



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