

EVACUEE REPORTS:

HEMINWAY, TRUMAN, JR.

ST. JOHN, JOSEPH. F.

LANG, GORDON A.

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2 November 1944

1. The following Americans heretofore employed in special operations in the Leyte Area Command, having been released from further service by the Sixth Army, have reported to me for instructions:

	<u>Regular Grade</u>	<u>Guerilla Grade</u>
J. D. Richardson	Lt (USN)	Major
Gordon A. Lang	Yeoman 2/c	Major
Truman Headway Jr.	Pfc 4th Cl	Captain
Joseph F. St. John	Pfc 2 AM	2nd Lieut.

2. All of the above named, and many others in other objective areas, avoided capture by the enemy at the time of the surrender and have since been committed to guerilla warfare with varying results dependent, in large measure, upon individual aggressiveness, courage and devotion to the cause.

3. All of the above named have held guerilla commissions ranging from Lieutenant to Major. All now revert to their grades held in the regular establishments. All are desirous of being returned to the United States with their families, if any, provided there is no further local requirement for their services.

4. The problem of the disposition of Americans associated with the Philippine resistance movement and our special operations, and awards for especially meritorious service, presents many difficulties if injustice and inequities are to be avoided. Foremost of the considerations present are the following:

a. Neither officers nor men have had the opportunity for advancement in grade they would have had had their service since 6 May 1942 been outside of the Philippines, despite the fact that their service within the Philippines has been accompanied by infinitely more hardship and peril;

b. In the areas wherein commands have been formalized and recognized by the C in C and where communications have long been firmly established there is considerable more information available for the evaluation of individual



service than in the unorganized areas of Luzon;

c. In the 10th Military District much more has been done to recognize and reward the service of individual Americans under Colonel Fertig by way of authentic commissions and promotions in the AUS, than has been done in other organized commands under Filipino commanders, or in areas where no formal commands have been created. This is responsive to the naturally increased interest and more aggressive approach to the problem of rewarding the service of Americans by an American commander than by a Filipino commander and to the degree to which communications have been established in the several areas.

5. In the approach to this problem sight should not be lost of the facts that:

a. Many of the officers and men involved originally sustained their freedom from motives of self-preservation - some from a patriotic desire to continue the fight after the Army had been forced to capitulate;

b. Subsequent aggressive service in the development of military intelligence and support of the resistance movement has been motivated by devotion to duty and to the cause;

c. Many have rejected the opportunity for evacuation by submarine during the past year from a sense of responsibility for completion of the job once started;

d. All Americans, at least in the formalized commands, have been the recipients of irregular or guerilla commissions primarily because they were Americans and without regard to the standards prescribed for commissioned grade in the Army of the United States. Many who have rendered meritorious service under guerilla appointment in fact fall far short of the qualifications for commission in the AUS;

e. The service of some warrants the conferrence of a military decoration - of many others it does not.

6. The problem is thus a complex one and yet one that justice demands must find its solution in some sound and equitable basis. I feel that I am not personally qualified to chart such a course for your consideration. I suggest



however as a means towards its solution:

a. That as a matter of policy all Americans upon being relieved by the Sixth Army, as it takes over in the several objective areas, if they desire, be returned immediately with their families to the United States for re-assignment after rehabilitation and home leave;

b. That upon his relief a letter of commendation be addressed by the Commander in Chief to each officer and man who, regardless of individual achievement, has contributed to the resistance movement and our special operations, couched in language somewhat as follows:

"I desire to express my grateful acknowledgment for the splendid service you have rendered our cause in the Philippines since the surrender of our forces on 6 May 1942.

Through it you have made a major contribution to the sustenance of Philippine resistance, the development of our system of signal communications and the procurement of intelligence on enemy dispositions and movement in furtherance of my plans of reoccupation.

Your service has won the gratitude of the Filipino people as it has merited the pride of all Americans and I am sure that through it you will always derive much personal satisfaction.

Accept my personal wishes for success in the future service you render in the cause of our country."

That a copy of each such letter be forwarded to the War or Navy Department, as the case may be, for inclusion in the individual record of each officer or enlisted man concerned.

c. That a board of officers be appointed in USAFFE, composed of members experienced in personnel matters, to study and develop the means for appropriate action designed to re-adjust grades and ratings of individuals concerned to an equitable basis, by this Headquarters if within its authority or the War



Department if not. Such board to hear and consider all available evidence pertaining to the post-surrender service of each officer and enlisted man and the recommendation in the premises of his local commander. Resulting from its study the board should in addition recommend special awards of military decoration for service of an especially meritorious nature.

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Joseph F. St. John - ASN 6909351-14<sup>th</sup> Bomb. Sqdn.  
Clark Field Pampanga, Luzon P.I.

Rating: P.F.C R.A.M

Outbreak of war stationed at Clark Field  
Arrived Sept. 16-1941. Left Luzon Dec 30<sup>th</sup>,  
arrived Mindanao Jan. -1<sup>st</sup>. Was then  
stationed at Davao, Lanao until surrender.  
Escaped the Japs and went to the hills  
on the Surigao coast.

Suffered from malaria from four to  
five months.

Joined the 110<sup>th</sup> Division in the month  
of March, 1943.

Was then sent to the Island of Leyte  
with a U.S. Navy coast watcher station.  
Remained here on the Island of  
Leyte until American troops returning  
was picked up by American soldiers  
in Base Malagibay 12 Km. south  
of Abuyog.

Reported in to IHD 6<sup>th</sup> Army on  
Oct. 31, 1944.

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Truman Hemmerway Jr. ASN 6981224

Pfc 4<sup>th</sup> cl Aerial photographer 14 Bort Sgt

Clark Field Panganga Luzon.

Sept. arrived from Hawaii.

Left Luzon on SS Mazon for Mindanao  
about end of December. Stationed at Davao Lanes.

Fall of Mindanao May 10<sup>th</sup> 1942

Escaped to the hills in Misamis Occ.  
and lived with natives from May to Nov. 1942

Nov. 42 turned in and helped organize the  
110<sup>th</sup> Div under Col Eric Chick.

Met Comdr. Parsons Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1943 and volunteered  
to take charge radio station on Parson Is.

Layte. Commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut in Nov 26 1942 by  
Col Fertig. later promoted to first and then Sept 43  
was promoted to Captain by Col Roughton.

Set up a station in southern Samar and then  
went back to Layte to take charge of station  
watching over my original area of Surigao  
straits. On Oct 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> contacted Rangers Pt. 1

and helped them <sup>SI</sup> with information concerning  
Dinagat Island. Left Parson Island Jan  
on account of Japs and moved station to Desolation

point. There I stayed until the 6<sup>th</sup> Ranger Bn. landed. Upon orders from Sixth Army Hdqrs. I proceeded to Tacloban on Oct 31 1944.

Sept 6 1943 I married Miss Katherine Barbara Krebs an American citizen in the Roman Catholic church at Basey Samar.

All papers and certificates have been rightly made and filed by the proper authorities.

Miss Krebs was formerly a resident of Manila and Masin Luyte.







Nov. 1, 1944

Name Lang - Gordon G.

Serial No. J 328-51-80 Rate Yeoman 2/c  
U. S. Navy

Address 225 1/2 W. Main St  
New Ulm, Minn

Next of kin Mr. Harry H. Lang  
225 1/2 W. Main St  
New Ulm, Minn

Relationship Father

Beneficiary Mrs Day B Lang  
wife of Gordon G Lang

Assignment at outbreak of war  
was 16th Naval District  
Radio Control Station (Coding Room)

Transferred to Rdo Station 16th  
Naval District, Fort Mills, Corregidor



Transferred on Feb 27, 1942 to  
Naval Units, Southern Philippines  
Cebu, Cebu.

Commissioned Lt (jg) U.S. Navy  
by the Commanding General  
Crisyan Force, April 28, 1942

After the surrender of Cebu on  
May 18, 1942 escaped to Leyte,  
and organized a band of guerrilla  
soldiers and fought the enemy  
several times. My activities were  
confined to the Southern Area  
of Leyte Province.

June 28, 1943 was commissioned  
Major, Inf. Reserve USAFIP.

Ordered to report to report to GHD  
10th MD on 13 Feb. 1944.

Communicated by radio to CO 10th  
MD and was assigned to Capt.

Hemingway's radio station on Tinian Is.

Marrried Miss Day Borromeo  
May 14, 1943 in Massin, Leyte.  
has one child, boy, born  
Jan 18, 1944.

Yeoman 2nd class



ENLISTMENT RECORD

Saluper ARTHUR \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Army Serial Number) (Born Jan 22 1924)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Barrio) Gingog MISAMIS OR  
 (Town) (Province)  
 Height 5 ft. 5 inches Weight 130 lbs.  
 Complexion DARK Size of Shoes 7  
 Married or single SINGLE Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Years in Primary and Int. 11 years, High School 2 years  
 Graduate work ✓ Specialized in AGRICULTURE  
 Languages and dialects spoken Visayan - English

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

NINE \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Main Occupation) (Monthly Wage)

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

ALIJANDRO SALUPER Father Gingog  
 (Name of Nearest Relative) (Relationship) (Address)  
 Person to be notified in case of Emergency Alijandro Saluper  
 (Name)  
Father Gingog  
 (Relationship) (Address)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY

Father



CURRENT ENLISTMENT

Age of enlistment 18 years 10 months 0 days  
 Accepted for service at Gingog on the  
20th day of October 1942 in the grade of  
 (Month and year)  
Pvt by Capt. T. Hemminger  
 (Rank and designation) (Organization)

ENLISTMENT RECORD

Kuba (Last Name) Johnny (First Name) Peter (Middle Name)  
 (Army Serial Number) April 28 (BORN - Month Day Month) 1926  
Manila (Barrio) Manila (Town) Manila (Province)  
 Height 5 ft. 10 inches Weight 160 lbs.  
 Complexion White Size of Shoes 8-1/2  
 Married or single Single Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Years in Primary and Int. 11 years. High School 2 years  
 Graduate work \_\_\_\_\_ Specialized in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Languages and dialects spoken English - Visayan - Tagalog

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

(Main Occupation) \_\_\_\_\_ (Monthly Wage) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

Francisca Kuba (Name of Nearest Relative) Mother (Relationship) Manila, Leyte (Address)  
 Person to be notified in case of Emergency Francisca Kuba (Name)  
Mother (Relationship) Manila, Leyte (Address)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY



CURRENT ENLISTMENT

Age of enlistment 17 years 8 months 0 days  
 Accepted for service at Manila, Leyte on the  
15 day of October 1942 in the grade of  
Pvt (Rank and designation) by St. Gordon Kang (Organization)  
Manila

**ENLISTMENT RECORD**

SUMABAT (Last Name) Romulo (First Name) Junio (Middle Name)  
 (Army Serial Number) APRIL (BIRTH - Month) 23 (Day) 1922 (Month)  
CAPUL-ANONAN (Barrio) Malitbog (Town) Leite (Province)  
 Height 5 ft. 5 inches Weight 153 lbs.  
 Complexion DARK Size of Shoes 6  
 Married or single MARRIED Occupation Boxer

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Years in Primary and Int. 7 years. High School - years  
 Graduate work - Specialized in Agriculture  
 Languages and dialects spoken VISAYAN English Tagalog

**OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Boxer (Main Occupation) (Monthly Wage) -

**HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE**

Mrs. Relegiosa de Sumabat wife Lorito Dinagat  
 (Name of nearest relative) (Relationship) (Address)  
 Person to be notified in case of Emergency Mrs. Relegiosa de Sumabat  
wife (Name)  
wife (Relationship) Lorito Dinagat (Address)

**DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY**



**CURRENT ENLISTMENT**

Age of enlistment 18 years 11 months 5 days  
 Accepted for service at Malitbog on the  
7 day of August 1942 in the grade of  
Pvt. by Major Gordon H. Lang  
 (Rank and designation) Guerrilla (Organization)

ENLISTMENT RECORD

Eviota Glecerio Lorigino  
 (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)  
 (Army Serial Number) Loreto Dec. 21 1925  
 (BORN - MONTH DAY YEAR)  
— Loreto Surigao  
 (Barrio) (Town) (Province)  
 Height 5 ft. 5 inches Weight 105 lbs.  
 Complexion Brown Size of Shoes 6 1/2  
 Married or single Single Occupation —

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Years in Primary and Int. 9 years. High School. 2 years  
 Graduate work Specialized in Agriculture  
 Languages and dialects spoken Visayan + English

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

(Main Occupation) (Monthly Wage)

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

Fidel Eviota Father Loreto, Surigao  
 (Name of Nearest Relative) (Relationship) (Address)  
 Person to be notified in case of Emergency Fidel Eviota  
 (Name)  
Father Loreto  
 (Relationship) (Address)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY



CURRENT ENLISTMENT

Age of enlistment 19 years 2 months 0 days  
 Accepted for service at Loreto on the  
15 day of Feb. 1944 in the grade of  
 (Month and year)  
Pvt. by Capt. T. Himinway  
 (Rank and designation) (Organization)  
CW Station

ENLISTMENT RECORD

Lopez (Last Name)      Vitalics (First Name)      Palaya (Middle Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Brinabista (Barrio)      Surigao (Town)      Surigao (Province)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height 5 ft. 7 inches      Weight &      150 lbs.  
 Complexion Dark      Size of Shoes      6 1/2  
 Married or single single      Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Years in Primary and Int. 7 years. High School \_\_\_\_\_ years  
 Graduate work \_\_\_\_\_ Specialized in agricultura  
 Languages and dialects spoken Visayan + English

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

None (Main Occupation)      \_\_\_\_\_ (Monthly Wage)

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

Emihildo Lopez (Name of Nearest Relative)      Father (Relationship)      Brinabista (Address)  
 Person to be notified in case of Emergency Emihildo Lopez (Name)  
Father (Relationship)      Brinabista, Surigao (Address)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY

Father



CURRENT ENLISTMENT

Age of enlistment 24 years 6 months July days  
 Accepted for service at Loreto on the  
15th day of July 1944 (Month and year)  
 in the grade of P.V.T. by Capt. T. Heminway  
 (Rank and designation)      C.W. Station (Organization)



ENLISTMENT RECORD

QUIZON CRESENCIANO BASTES  
 (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

(Army Serial Number)                      (BORN- Month August day 12 year 1909)

CANIPATAN HINUNANGAN LEYTE  
 (Barrio) (Town) (Province)

Height 5 ft. 4 inches Weight 155 lbs.  
 Complexion DARK Size of shoes 7

Married or single MARRIED Occupation RADIO OPERATOR  
 (1st class)

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Years in Primary and Int. 7 years. High School 4 years  
 Graduate work                      Specialized in Arithmetic  
 Languages and dialects spoken ENGLISH, SPANISH, VISAYAN

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

COMMERCIAL RADIO OPERATOR (1st class) P105.00  
 (Main Occupation) (Monthly Wage)

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

FILomena PALANG QUIZON WIFE Buena Vista, Agusan  
 (Name of Nearest Relative) (Relationship) (Address)

Person to be notified in case of Emergency LUCIO QUIZON  
 (Name)

FATHER Buena Vista, Agusan  
 (Relationship) (Address)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY

FILomena P. QUIZON (WIFE)



CURRENT ENLISTMENT

Age of enlistment ~~22~~ 35 years 2 months 12 days  
 Accepted for service at MALIBU LEXTE on the  
23<sup>RD</sup> day of AUGUST 1943 in the grade of  
2ND. LIEUTENANT by RUPERTO MANG LEON.  
COLONEL GUERRILLA OUTFIT  
 (Rank and designation) (Organization)

NOTE:- accepted for service first by Col. MCLISH, organization, and  
 Kings-og, oriental messengers, as civilians, attaché.

ENLISTMENT RECORD

APOLE DIMETRIO \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)  
NO NONE AUGUST X 1922  
 (Army Serial Number) (BORN- Month day Year)  
LISOR LORETO, DIVACAT SURIGAO  
 (Barrio) (Town) (Province)  
 Height \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ inches Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.  
 Complexion \_\_\_\_\_ Size of shoes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married or single SINGLE Occupation MINER

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Years in Primary and Int. 6 years. High School X years  
 Graduate work X Specialized in MINING  
 Languages and dialects spoken ENGLISH & BISAYAN

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

MINER P24.00  
 (Main Occupation) (Monthly Wage)

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

DONATO APOLE FATHER LORETO  
 (Name of Nearest Relative) (Relationship) (Address)  
 Person to be notified in case of Emergency DONATO APOLE  
FATHER LORETO  
 (Relationship) (Address)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY

PARENTS



CURRENT ENLISTMENT

Age of enlistment ~~22~~ 20 years 10 months X days  
 Accepted for service at LORETO, SURIGAO on the  
14 day of JUNE 1944 in the grade of  
 (Month and year)  
PLT by GORDAN ALANG.  
LT (P) ~~PLT~~ USNAVF  
 (Rank and designation) (Organization)