

EVACUEE REPORTS:

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Philippine Evacuee Report #206

SUBJECT : LEYTE and MINDANAO
From : Earl Chester HOMAN Jr, ASN 6946983

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Name : Earl Chester Homan Jr.
Born : 9 November 1918 in Reading, Pennsylvania.
Education : 1 year at Wyoming Poly Technical College
Air Corps Technical School, radio.
Service : Enlisted in June, 1939, stationed in the
Hawaiian Department from June, 1939, to
September, 1941; transferred to Clark
Field in September, 1941, with the 14th
Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Group.
Assignment : Radio Operator
In P.I. : Since September, 1941.

Interrogated by G-2, GHQ SWPA.

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The information submitted by Homan is considered reliable in
so far as it represents his own experiences.

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CHRONOLOGY

- Sept 41 - Stationed at Clark Field with the 14th Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Group.
- 24 Dec 41 - Unit was evacuated via Bataan to Mindanao on the USAT 'MAYON', sent to the Malabang Airfield in Lanao.
- 15 Mar 42 - Sent to Bacolod on Lake Lanao to operate a fixed radio station.
- 1 May 42 - After Jap landing at Parang, Cotabato, went with air corps group to Leyte.
- 12 May 42 - Went to Surigao after Col CONNELL told group to either surrender or get off of the Island.
- May 42 - Mar 43 - Lived in evacuation in Surigao.
- Mar 43 - Went to San Roque, Leyte and joined Col KANGLEON as Transportation Officer.
- Aug 43 - Made Communication Officer and set up coast watcher stations at Guadalupe, Massin, and Panaon Island.
- Oct 43 - Ordered to Mindanao by Col FERTIG and placed in charge of radio station WAT at Esperanza.
- Mar 44 - Evacuated.

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GARCIA : Senator on Bohol who was helping the guerrillas in 1943.

RICHARDSON : Ensign in USN of an MIB unit, now acting as Liaison Officer for Col Kangleon on Leyte.

St JOHN : Formerly with the 14th Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Group, now operating a radio on Leyte.

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HEMINGWAY ✓ : Formerly with the 14th Bomb Squadron, now acting code man at the radio station which is operated by St John on Leyte.

CHAPMAN ✓ : US soldier acting as code man at station on Leyte.

SMITH ✓ : Formerly with the 19th Bomb Group, now at the radio station on Leyte.

"GORDON" LANG ✓ : A US Navy man from Cebu, now acting as Supply Officer for Col Kangleon on Leyte.

ESCANO ✓ : A wealthy Spanish mestizo from Cebu now living near Malitbog, Leyte with his family of about eight persons. He was connected with the Cebu Electric Company and a steamship line. His house was a favorite stopping point because of his generosity to the Americans. He is supporting the guerrillas.

EVANS ✓ : Major in the guerrilla army on Mindanao. In addition to his duties as Signal Officer, he was also busy doctoring people who came from miles around for treatment.

DILLION ✓ : A Filipino Major acting as Col Fertig's Finance Officer.

VARNEY ✓ : Former superintendent of the Surigao gold mines, now acting as a Captain under Col Fertig.

BARNEY WALTERS ✓ : Formerly of the Anacan Lumber Company, now a Captain under Col Fertig in charge of the launches on the Agusan River.

LAGMAN ✓ : Filipino Captain acting as Col Fertig's Adjutant.

WILSON ✓ : Commander, USN, formerly in charge of the naval radio station at Talacogon and the printing of emergency money on Mindanao for Col Fertig.

MISSTERS ✓ : An American and former employee of the Surigao gold mines, now acting as a Lt in charge of procuring food for Col Fertig.

CRUMP ✓ : Formerly a geologist at the Surigao gold mines, now a Supply Officer for Col Fertig.

GORLER ✓ : Formerly employed in the Surigao gold mines and now acting as Supply Officer for the 114th Infantry.

MILLS and DUPRAON ✓ : American Soldiers with the guerrillas on Mindanao serving as radio operators at station WAT in March, 1944.

MITCHELL ✓ : Formerly a member of the 19th Bomb Group, now acting as radio operator of station WAT as of March, 1944.

FEIGEL ✓ : An American civilian now working for the guerrilla army. He used to appear at Headquarters for two or three days every couple of months and then go off again on some mysterious army mission.

GROUCH : Formerly a member of the 19th Bomb Group. In December, 1942 he set out from Tandag, Surigao, in a bance, presumably to go to Australia, with PIERSON and has not been heard of since.

PIERSON : Formerly with an MTB unit. He and GROUCH were last heard of in December 1942.

MILLIKEN : Formerly a Sgt with the 19th Bomb Group, died of malaria about the middle of May, 1942.

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