

EVACUEE REPORTS:

SCANLAN, JOHN B.

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Philippine Evacuee Report #264

18 May 1944

Subject: PANAY
From : Rev John B SCANLAN CSSR

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Name: John B Scanlan
Born: 1901 at Limerick, Ireland
Missionary, with the Redemptorist Fathers in Iloilo
In PI: Since 1929

Interrogated by G-2 GHQ SWPA

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Father Scanlan has been in evacuation since the Japanese invasion on Panay and consequently has no first hand information.

CHRONOLOGY

Dec 1941: At St Clements' (Redemptorist Fathers) in Iloilo City. At the outbreak of the war, the superior considered it his duty to stay at St Clements' but gave the Fathers permission to evacuate if they saw fit.
4 Jan 1942: Father Scanlan accompanied by Father MAGNIER (evacuee #260) left to join Mr Ford (evacuee #245) at the Anturias Sugar Central near Dumalag in Capiz.
April 1942: Accompanied Mr Ford and his family and Father Magnier to his evacuation camp near Tapaz.
17 Oct 1943: Japanese penetration threatened. Accompanied Mr Ford and his family and Father Magnier to their security area in the vicinity.
26 Feb 1944: Left for evacuation to Australia with Mr Ford and his family and Father Magnier.

Japanese in Tapaz In November 1943 the Japanese held Tapaz. One night they gave a dinner to celebrate the installation of a puppet municipal government, and JUAN GUIQUILIO, owner of the land on which Mr Ford's evacuation camp was built, went down to take part in the celebration. He had once been a Town Councillor in Tapaz. Much tuba was drunk, and he told the Japanese Captain in charge three times that he had the Fords on his land. Later that night he led the Japanese Captain and a patrol of 50 to the Ford camp, but they had already evacuated for their security area further up the river. The Japanese started for the security area, lead by Guiquilio, but on the way the Captain fell down a river bank, became discouraged and turned back. Guiquilio was killed on the spot by the Japanese.

FATHER ROBERT QUINN CSSR Of the Redemptorist Fathers in Iloilo. Sent a letter to Father Scanlan in December 1942 from Pilar in Capiz. Reported to be well and free in March 1943.

FATHER JOSEPH CORR CSSR Of the Redemptorists Fathers in Iloilo. Spent four months with Mr Ford, leaving in May 1943. Reported to have been captured by the Japanese in December 1943.
FATHER WILLIAM DALY CSSR

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