

EVAQUEE REPORTS:

SPRUVILL, JOHN E.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION GENERAL STAFF

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SUBJECT : MINDANAO

From : John E SPRUILL, Sgt, ASN 6259476



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Name : John E Spruill
Born : 21 January 1915 in Powell, Texas.
Education : High School.
Service : Enlisted in the Army in 1932, serving with the Infantry and Air Corps; served with the guerrillas on Mindanao as a 2d Lieutenant.
Assignment : Armament Inspector.
In P.I. : Since 16 September 1941.

Interrogated by G-2, GHQ SWPA.

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Spruill was unable to give any information of value. His activities with the guerrillas had been limited.

CHRONOLOGY

- Sept 41 - Stationed at Clark Field, Philippine Islands, with the 14th Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Group.
- 8 Jan 42 - Arrived at Malabang, Lanao to help operate the radio located there.
- 23 Apr 42 - Sent to Esacolod on Lake Lanao to operate the radio station there.
- 25 Jun 42 - Went to Kapei, Lanao with HOLDER, FARRENS, and Pouling KO and met MOLNA, McCLISH, HAMNER, SMITH, BOWLES, Charles BOWLES, KNORTZ, and BALL.
- Aug 42 - Smith, Bowles, his son Charles Bowles, and Jones left Kapei and were later ambushed by a Jap patrol at which time Bowles was killed.
- Dec 42 - Joined Col FERTIG.
- 8 Feb 43 - Commissioned a 2d Lt by Col Fertig and made Supply Officer, Ordnance, of the 10th Military District.
- 5 Mar 44 - Evacuated.

PANDIAMAN MOLNA ✓ : A Moro Lt and former protege of General FORT. He surrendered to the Japanese on 5 June 1943 and was made Deputy Governor of Lanao. It is doubtful if he is whole heartedly helping the Japs. Spruill believed he will help the Americans when the invasion comes.

DAVIS, STEWART, and GROPP : Members of the 14th Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Group who left Kapei in the summer of 1942 and were not seen or heard of later.

RAGSDALE : Sgt in the 440th Ord Co. He went insane and committed suicide on 11 September 1943. Spruill helped to bury him.



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