

EVACUEE REPORTS:

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SUBJECT : PALAWAN and CUYO  
From : McVee J VIGOUROUX, Cpl, ASN 14026146

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Name : McVee J Vigouroux  
Born : 15 January 1922 in Pascagoula, Mississippi.  
Education : First year High School.  
Service : Enlisted 8 October 1940.  
In P.I. : Since 1 November 1941.

Interrogated by G-2, GHQ SWPA.

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Vigouroux travelled around from island to island after the fall of Bataan. The information submitted by him concerning the people he met is considered as being fairly reliable.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 13 Dec 41 - Went with volunteer group to operate airfield in Mindero
- Jun 42 - Went to Cuyo.
- Aug 42 - American group captured and killed Japanese officer and enlisted man who came to Cuyo to recruit laborers for the Coron manganese mines.
- Sept 42 - Joined Alfred and Paul COBB's guerrilla group on Palawan.
- 17 Sept 42 - Returned to Cuyo after Major MANIGQUE and Lt GARCIA refused to join in plan to rescue the American prisoners of war at Puerto Princessa.
- 20 May 43 - Was with Lt Errold T GLEW when he was killed by Pedro Ponce De LEON, Mayor of Cuyo.
- 15 Jun 43 - Went to Tablas, Romblon Province, with Capt WHITEHEAD, Robert PRYOR, Alfred COBB, HOGG, SWIFT, and F ABAJUANA.
- 24 Aug 43 - Started to Australia via Palawan with Whitehead, Cobb, Hogg, Swift, and Abajuana, stopping at Bacuit where Hogg remained because of illness, met Lt Col WELLS who claimed to be working for SWPA.
- 28 Nov 43 - Landed Batu Batu, Tawi Tawi; Vigouroux and Swift decided to remain with Lt Col SUAREZ.
- 17 Dec 43 - Whitehead group continued its trip to Australia.
- Mar 44 - Evacuated by submarine.

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LT COL SUAREZ : CO of 400 guerrillas on Tawi Tawi. He is a good man, but security is poor in his organization. Vigouroux heard from the natives that the submarine was expected.



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MAJOR JURADO ✓: CO of guerrillas in Romblon Province. He is no good and gave the Americans no help. Capt Whitehead and Jurado did not get along.

MAJOR MANIGQUE ✓: Has 60 riflemen under him on Palawan. He is no good, has political ambitions, prints money to hold his men who abuse the civilians, and has accomplished nothing.

LT GARCIA ✓: Though a rival of Manigque on Palawan, he is no good either. He protected Mayor Ponce De Leon after killing of Lt Glew.

SALIP TALI ✓: Moro leader of group with 12 guns on Cagayan Sulu. He is pro-Jap and has a reputation for killing people.

MRS TRIA ✓: School teacher on Cuyo who speaks good English and can be trusted.

A SANDAVAL ✓: Owns a store on Cuyo. He can be trusted.

GABO ✓: Trustworthy Treasurer at the Municipality Building on Cuyo.

LOUISA PONCE DE LEON ✓: School teacher living at Pow Wow Barrio, Cuyo. She speaks good English and can be trusted.

EMILY PONCE DE LEON ✓: A nurse on Cuyo who speaks good English and can be trusted.

MARIE MONLAVI ✓: A school teacher on Cuyo who speaks good English and can be trusted.

JUDGE FELICIANO ✓: Lives on Cuyo.

UNG HENG WAY ✓: Chinese store owner on Cuyo. He is trustworthy.

TIMBANCAYA ✓: Former Chief of Police of Puerto Princesa now living on Cuyo. He is trustworthy.

T MENDOZA ✓: Doctor in charge of Cuyo Hospital. He is a good surgeon.

G CONTADO ✓: Acted as guide for the American soldiers on Mindoro. Vigouroux knows him well and says he is a good man.

PALMER ✓: Member of 48th Materiel Squadron. When last seen he had bad tropical ulcers and was using crutches.



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