

EVACUEE REPORTS:

YOUNG, ROBERT L.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
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Philippine Evacuee Report #295

Subject: PRISONERS OF WAR

From : Robert Lewis YOUNG

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Name : Robert Lewis Young
 Born : 1917 in Butte, Montana
 Education : High School, 1/2 year Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington
 Service : Enlisted U.S. Army 26 March 1941, Spokane, Washington
 Assignment : Hqs. 1st. Filipino Corps
 In PI since : 26 September 1941

Interrogated by G-2, GHQ

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Young spent all of his time around the headquarters of the guerrilla forces in Negros Occidental and was not able to give any information of any particular value other than to confirm the information contained in Philippine Reports #292, 293, and 294 in so far as they pertain to the period he and his companions were prisoners of the Japanese in Bacolod and to the conditions generally existing in Negros.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 9 April 1942 • Taken a prisoner of war at Batuan. Taken to Marvallis.
- 21 May 1942 • Moved to Bacolod, Negros with 9 other Americans to drive American made trucks for Japanese.
- May 1942 to July 1943 • Drove trucks over all the coastal roads in Northern Negros. Ambushed many times by the guerrilla forces. Very few Japs ever killed because guerrillas opened fire too soon.
- Sept. 1942 • Heard that guerrillas ambushed two trucks and killed about 20 Japs.
- Oct. 1942 • Heard guerrillas, armed only with bolos, burned two trucks and killed 18 Japs.
- 4 July 1943 • Escaped in truck with 6 other Americans and joined Col. Mata's forces in the mountains. Was not permitted to go south to contact Col. Abcede. Separated from companions.
- 29 March 1944 • Reported that 26 Japs and 8 Constabulary men were killed in an ambush by the guerrillas.
- 27 April 1944 • Reports came in to Col. Mata's Headquarters of attacks on all Jap garrisons on the Island. Reported that many Japs were killed.

Prisoners of War Young submitted the names of the following Officers and men who were still living and apparently in good health at the time he was transferred from the concentration camp at Marvallis, Luzon, to Bacolod, Negros:

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| Major | H. H. Houser | Hq. 1st Philippine Corps |
| Captain | Smith | " " " " |
| Major | Montgomery | " " " " |
| Robert | Miller | " " " " |
| " | Stump | " " " " |
| " | Pendley | 192nd Tank Bn. |
| " | Smith | 192nd Tank Bn. |
| " | Burn | 1st Cavalry, Regular Army |
| " | Elmer | Hqs. - Spokane, Washington |
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