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supplies, but except for those noted as arriving surely in later paragraphs, these vessels were sunk, captured or destroyed at Cebu to prevent capture. The ATS at Cebu was at first under the superintendent ATS USAFFE, later under the Port Commander at Cebu (Colonel John D. Cook, QMC). Prior to the fall of Cebu several vessels arrived there or at ports in Mindanao, with cargo from Australia intended for forwarding to Bataan. Among those arriving were the S.S. Coast Farmer, S.S. Anhui, and the Dona Nati. Others, including the Florence D. Don Isidro, were reported sunk enroute.

10. Transportation was sent to Mariveles on the nights of 8 and 9 April, 1942, to move such units as were designated by a G-4 representative to Corregidor. About three thousand officers, nurses and men were evacuated. A total of seven thousand could have been moved on the available vessels if it had been desired. Some material, chiefly anti-air craft guns and equipment was also transferred to Corregidor. All serviceable self-propelled vessels were moved from Bataan, as well as one water barge and such lorchas and scows as could be used in supplying Fts Hughes, Drum and Frank.

11. After the fall of Bataan, the dock area on Corregidor, which had been previously bombed and shelled from the Cavite shore, was under additional artillery fire from Bataan. Several vessels were sunk in the North Harbor, and others, which had been moved to the South Harbor for greater security, scheduled trips to the out-posts with passengers, cargo and water. On the nights of 5 and 6 May during the enemy landing on Corregidor, 3 vessels were employed on this duty.

12. The following officers were assigned to the Army Transport Service. Those known to be dead are so indicated.

- 1 - Colonel Frederick A. Ward, O-7566, QMC, Superintendent ATS
- 2 - Colonel Joseph A. Kramer, QMC, Executive Officer, ATS, Corregidor.
- 3 - Lt. Colonel Edwin V. Kerr, O-12304, FA, Commanding Officer of Troops, USAT Don Esteban, transferred to II Corps Luzon, Died on board Jap Prison Ship Oryoko Maru, enroute, Japan.
- 4 - Lt. Colonel Cornelius Z. Byrd, O-17760, Inf. (QMC) Executive Officer ATS, Manila and Corregidor and Assistant Superintendent ATS, Cebu, died at Camp 3, Moji, Japan.
- 5 - Major Joseph J. Hughes, O-288858, QMC, Assistant Superintendent ATS, Bataan, died December 44, on board Jap Prison Ship enroute to Japan.
- 6 - Major Walter A. White, O-278768, QMC, Administrative Officer, ATS, Corregidor.
- 7 - Major Robert H. Ennis, QMC, Maintenance and Repair Officer, ATS, Corregidor, transferred to Motor Transport Service, died at Cabanatuan, Prison Camp, 2 September 42.
- 8 - Major Arthur E. Strang, QMC, Officer-in-Charge, ATS Activities at Mariveles, Bataan.
- 9 - Major Thomas W. Jurieka, QMC, Operations Officer, ATS, Cebu,

Launch Mitchell - Missing 6 May 1942, Corregidor
 Launch McConville - Missing 6 May 1942, Corregidor
 Launch Jewell - Reported sunk about 4 May 1942 at Corregidor
 Launch Ledyard - Assigned Ft. Wint, sunk at Olongapo 26 December 1941
 to prevent capture
 Launch Geary - Missing 6 May 1942, Corregidor
 Launch Adams - Bombed and sunk 4 January 1942 at Corregidor
 Launch Tilly - Missing 6 May 1942, Corregidor
 Launch Forby - Missing 6 May 1942, Corregidor
 Launch Maxwell - Assigned Commanding General, Philippine Department,
 bombed and sunk 5 January 1942 at Corregidor.
 Launch Evelyn - Chartered, assigned Ft. Mills. Sunk 4 January 1942
 at Corregidor by bombing
 Launch Suntey II - Chartered, assigned Ft. Mills. Sunk 5 January 1942
 at Corregidor by bombing
 Launch Pelican - Sunk or captured at Zamboanga Mindanao
 Launch J54 - Air Corps vessel operated by ATS. Went adrift from USAT
 Don Esteban, 15 February 1942.
 Launch J161 - Probably sunk South Harbor, Corregidor, 5 May 1942
 Launch J162 - Bombed and sunk 4 January 1942 at Corregidor
 Launch J163 - Bombed and sunk 5 January 1942 at Corregidor
 Launch J230 - Sunk 6 May 1942 at Cabcaben, Bataan
 D Boat 163 - Coast Artillery Vessel, sunk 24 April 1942 at Corregidor
 12 Mine Yawls - Coast Artillery - 7 sunk 1 January to 5 May 1942, 5 re-
 ported destroyed 6 May 1942 to prevent capture
 Water Barge 89 - Captured 9 April 1942 at Bataan
 Water Barge 145 - Bombed and sunk about 5 May 1942 South Harbor, Corre-
 gidor.
 Maintenance Barge 181 - Bombed and sunk 29 December 1941 at Corregidor

Derick Barge 168 - Bombed and beached 5 January 1942, North Harbor.
Corregidor

14 Scows - All not previously sunk captured 9 April 1942 at Batasan except
Scow 154, captured 6 May 1942 at Corregidor.

Nos. 154, 155, 156, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 167, 169, 170

9 Lorchas - All not previously sunk captured 9 April 1942 at Batasan except
1 captured at Corregidor 6 May 1942.

Nos. 84, 85, 86, 88, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103

2 Chartered Scows - 1 assigned Ft. Mills, sunk. 1 assigned Ft. Wint
destroyed 26 December 1941 to prevent capture.

Of the above vessels nearly all were damaged by bombing and shelling
on various dates. The launches reported missing may have been either sunk
or captured.

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- Floridita - Abandoned and aground, North Harbor, Corregidor. Towed to Mariveles. Drydocked and repaired by Navy. Sunk in Mariveles Harbor 9 April 1942. Believe owners to be Dee C. Ghuan & Co., Lumber exporters.
- Hai Kwan - British tanker. Requisitioned at Corregidor. Sent to Cebu where, after drydocking, was loaded with diesel fuel and gasoline, then proceeded to Iloilo to await air escort to Corregidor. Believe destroyed before Japs entered Iloilo. Master's name, Thistlethwaite.
- Princesa - Chartered in Cebu. Arrived Corregidor 21 February 1942 with 700 tons subsistence. Returned to Cebu. Believed captured there 15 March 1942.
- Wansy - Questionable if this vessel was actually acquired by U. S. Bombed and sunk Caspomanes Bay Negros Occidental, 30 December 1941 en route to Southern Forces with cargo of arms and ammunition. Col. Wade D. Killen, O11131 Inf. should be able to furnish further information re this vessel. About 2500 gross tons.
- Gia de Filipinas - Chartered in Cebu. Bombed and sunk off Mindoro 21 February 1942 with cargo mainly corn and rice en route from Cebu to Corregidor. Owners Tabacalera.
- ✓Lopus - Chartered in Cebu. Madrigal & Co. Owners. Bombed and damaged off Palawan 28 February 1942 en route to Corregidor with cargo. Reported in Nippon Times 31 March 1943 as captured with 1300 tons cargo mainly subsistence. J. Medina, Master.
- Mayon - Chartered for 1 voyage by QM USAFFE to transport troops and cargo to Del Monte, Mindanao, 29 December 1941. Bombed off Mindoro 30 December 1941. Later taken over in Cebu. Believed to have been chartered by Asst. Superintendent, AT3, Cebu. Shelled and burned at Nasipit, Mindanao, 28 February 1942, while loading supplies. Later used for fuel storage by Philippine guerrilla forces. Owners, Madrigal & Co. Operated by Elizalde & Co. Approximately 3000 gross tons.
- Agustina - Shelled and sunk, Bugo, Mindanao, 28 February 1942 while loading cargo. (Also reported as sunk 3 March 1942). Col. Wade D. Killen, O11131, Inf and Col. William P. Morse, O5106 are believed to have witness and sinking of this vessel. No date as to charter.
- Emilia - Same remark as Agustina above.
- Regulus - Captured near Ilin Island, Mindoro 7 March 1942 with rations from Cebu for Bataan taken over in Cebu. Madrigal & Co. owners.

Governor Smith - Bombed and sunk off Goron Island, 7 March 1942 with rations from Cebu for Bataan. Taken over in Cebu.

Bonus - Shelled north of Cebu Island 10 March 1942. Destroyed by crew Elizalde & Co., owners. No data as to charter.

Princess of Negros - Captured at San Carlos, Negros, 10 March 1942. Turned over to Philippine Commonwealth Government for use of resident Quezon. 435 tons Dwt. Negros Navigation Co., owners.

Bolinao - Bombed 14 March 1942. Captured 15 March 1942 at Toledo, Cebu. No data as to charter.

Surigao - Either captured or destroyed by crew to prevent capture at Iloilo, Pansy about 9 April 1942 with cargo of rations for Bataan. Probably taken over at Iloilo.

Katipunen - Reported destroyed at Cagayan Misamis 5 May 1942 to prevent capture. Status unknown.

Fortuna - Taken over in Iloilo. Sent to Cullion and Palawan with cargo in February 1942. Bombed and burned North of Palawan, February or March 1942. Gross tonnage about 250.

Canlaon II (or Kanlaon II) Sunk or destroyed to prevent capture at Cebu 10 March 1942. De La Rama SS Co., owners. Chartered at Cebu.

Candesa - Iloilo-Bacolod ferry. Reported sent to Mindanao. Possibly captured in Bohol. Status unknown.

Henry Keswick - Ocean-going tug. British owners Jardine Mathieson-Wheppon Dock Co., Hong Kong. Used by ATS December 1941 to tow barges to Corregidor. Abandoned by crew in Manila Bay. Salvage party sent to Manila 2 January after occupation of city by Japanese forces to salvage vessel and tow to Corregidor. Sunk 10 April 1942 by shelling at Corregidor at which time it was in use as an ATS vessel.

The above vessels are all known or believed to have been officially acquired by the ATS. [In addition the following vessels may have been used by the Visayan-Mindanao Force or the ATS Cebu. Status of these vessels is undetermined.]

F. Aboitiz - Reported sunk at Bugo, Mindanao.

Basilan - Reported sunk at Cebu. 3000 tons dwt.

✓ Governor Taft. - Reported sunk near Cullion, March 1942.

✓ Governor Wood - Same as Governor Taft.