

KM-179- MARQUEES CUT-OFF (LHR of Col BOWMAN, Engr OFF-RE: Alleged Bombing prior to 9 Apr 42

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Colonel Roscoe Bonham, Retired, 7H4 Ranch, Killeen, Texas,
30 April 1957: To The Adjutant General, Army Records
Center, St. Louis 14, Missouri.

Reference the basic communication, you are advised that the Engineer Depot, Headquarters and Main Storage area located at KM 179, Mariveles Cut-Off, was not subjected to any enemy bombing prior to 4:00 AM, 9 April 1942, at which time the undersigned departed therefrom.

Neither was there any bombing at any time prior to 9 April 1942 nearer than three-fourths of a mile to the main Engineer Supply dumps, at KM 179, Mariveles Cut-Off.

I was personally present during all of the twenty-four hours comprising the date of 8 April 1942, except for about two hours at General King's headquarters during the forenoon of that day.

ROSCOE BONHAM

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Colonel Roscoe Bonham
United States Army, Retired
7H4, R. R. #2, Box 79
Killeen, Texas

Dear Colonel Bonham:

This office is in receipt of a claim for benefits based on civilian employment at Engineer Depot, Kilometer 179, Mariveles Cut-off, Bataan, Philippines during 1942. Payroll records are available to show that the individual in question was employed thereat and affidavits by two of his co-workers are also of record attesting that individual in question was killed at Kilometer 179 on 8 April 1942 as a result of an enemy bombing raid.

In previous communications with this office, you expressed a willingness to furnish any information to your knowledge that would aid in the adjudication of claims. It is therefore kindly requested that you advise this office at the earliest practicable date whether the Engineer Department at Kilometer 179, Mariveles Cut-off, was bombed at any time prior to the fall of Bataan on 9 April 1942.

There is inclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Envelope

DAVID H. ARP
Colonel, AGC
Commanding

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