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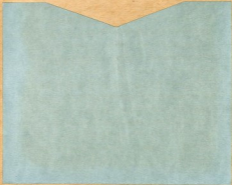
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COBB GUERRILLA UNIT

NAME OF UNIT

ALFRED COBB

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. 2nd Ind fr Hq, PHILRYCOM to Adj Gen, Dept of the Army, Wash.
25, D. C. dtd 13 Apr 48, w/C/S ltr fr Capt E R Curtis to
Lt Col W M Henee dtd 9 Apr 48
4. 1st Ind to The Adjutant General, Dept of the Army, Wash.
25, D.C. dtd 15 Jun '48

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: OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 : RADIO CITE
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SUBJECT: Guerrilla activities of Alfred Cobb : Type of Communication
FROM : TAG, Washington, 25, D. C. : Ltr

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col Wallace M Hanes:

Basic, ltr fr the Secretary of the Army, dtd 23 Apr 48, referring to 1st Ind, that office, with inclosures, dtd 15 March 48, concerning the request for recognition of Alfred Cobb and his brother for guerrilla activities on Dumaran Island, Palawan, during the occupation.

E R Curtis
Capt E R Curtis
Chief, Unit Branch



BASIC: Ltr fr the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, dtd 23
Apr 48, AGAO-C 370.64 (3 Mar 48)

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HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINE-MARKETS COMMAND, APO 707 15 JUN 1948

TO: The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

The basic correspondence referring to Alfred Cobb, dated 15 March
1948, was returned to The Adjutant General by 2nd Indorsement, this
headquarters, dated 13 April 1948, copy enclosed for your reference.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:

1 - Copy of 2nd Ind,
dtd 13 Apr 48

M. O. BILLBE
Capt., A. G. D.
Asst Adj Gen



Lt Col Wallace H Hanes:

Basic, ltr fr the Secretary of the Army, dtd 23 Apr 48, referring
to 1st Ind, that office, with inclosures, dtd 15 Mar 48, concerning the
request for recognition of Alfred Cobb and his brother for guerrilla
activities on Dumarun Island, Palawan, during the occupation.

Capt E R Curtis
Chief, Units Branch



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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D.C.

Suspense
Date 23 May 48

AGAO-C 370.64
(3 Mar 48)

23 April 1948

SUBJECT: Regarding experience of Alfred Cobb and his associates in
Dumaran Islands, Province of Palawan, Philippine Islands
During the Japanese occupation of that territory, and his
request for compensation for Philippine guerrilla activities

TO : Commanding General
Philippine-Ryukyus Command
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement, this office, with in-
closures, dated 15 March 1948, file and subject as above, concerning
the request of Alfred Cobb that he and his brother be considered for
compensation for Philippine Guerrilla activities during the Japanese
occupation of the Philippine Islands.

2. Information is desired as to when the return of subject cor-
respondence, together with the desired information, may be expected in
this office.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

s/ B J Faurville
t/ Adjutant General

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Capt Mitchell

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Mr. Andrew Pea.
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Alfred Cook — award*

Capt. Mitchell

11/6/48

*~~Basic~~ Basic and
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Request they check their in
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PHILIPPINES-RYUNYUS COMMAND
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SUBJECT: Request for compensation for guerrilla activi-
FROM: Alfred Cobb / base

Date
9 Apr 48

FOR ACTION BY:
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col Wallace M. Hanes:

1. Basis, letter from Mr. Alfred Cobb, to Secretary James Forrestal, dated 3 March 48, requesting compensation for his guerrilla activities in Dumarcan Island, Province of Palawan, forwarded to this headquarters by 1st Ind Br the AGO Dept of the Army, dated 15 March 48, requesting information on which to base a reply.

2. C/N attached.

Capt. H. E. Curtis
Chief, Unit Branch



HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE-RYUKYU COMMAND OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL		APO 707
GSCPT 201-		APO 707
Dear _____		_____
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, dated _____, in which you request _____		

Individuals requesting recognition as guerrilla casualties are required to submit documentary evidence in so far as possible to substantiate each individual claim, so that proper consideration may be given by this headquarters.

Enclosed herewith is Guerrilla Affairs Division Form No. 2 in triplicate for accomplishment in accordance with attached instruction sheet and letter entitled, "Information Concerning Guerrilla Casualties."

It is suggested that your application be presented with this letter within sixty (60) days from the above date, either in person to the Guerrilla Affairs Division, C-3, this headquarters, located in Building No. T-711, Philippine University Area, Quezon City, or mailed to the Commanding General, PHILRYCOM, Attention: Guerrilla Affairs Division, APO 707, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Sincerely,

- 3 Incls:
1. Guerrilla Affairs Division Form #2, in triplicate
 2. Instructions for Form #2
 3. Information Concerning Guerrilla Casualties.

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c/s

BASIC: Ltr fr Mr. Alfred Cobb to Secretary James Forrestal, dated 3 March 48, requesting compensation for his guerrilla activities.

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HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND, APO 707 13 APR 1948

TO: The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Extensive investigation and evaluation of facts pertaining to the claim of Mr. Alfred Cobb reveal that his activities and the activities of his deceased brother, Paul Cobb, as guerrillas, however patriotic in nature, do not fulfill the requirements of the constant guerrilla recognition criterion used by this headquarters in the consideration of all claimant guerrillas. Furthermore, scrutiny of available records reveals that the Cobb Guerrilla Unit, referred to in the basic letter, was organized as a homeguard unit. This unit was disbanded and disbanded in May 1943 after considerable friction with adjacent guerrilla units.

2. A claim has been filed with the U. S.-Philippine War Damage Commission by Angelica Cobb de los Santos, purportedly administratrix and heiress of the late Ira D. Cobb, for personal effects and 24 head of cattle lost during the war on Dumaran Island, Province of Palawan, Philippine Islands. No action has been taken on this claim at present and there is no indication as to ultimate disposition.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incls
n/c



R. E. CANTRELL
Capt. AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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Capt E. R. Curtis
Chief, Unit Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND

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FILE NO. SUBJECT: Request of Mr. Alfred Cobb.

9 April 48

(1) FROM: Capt E. R. Curtis TO: Lt Col W. M. Hanes

1. Mr. Alfred Cobb has requested compensation as guerrillas for services rendered in 1942 and 1943 on Palawan Island by himself and deceased brother Paul. A succinct report of their activities is as follows:

a. Alfred and Paul Cobb, American mestizos, ran a cattle ranch on Dumarán Island in Northern Palawan before the war. In April and May 1942 they organized a Home Guard Organization and were able to restore order and local forms of government in their area, Northern Palawan. In September 1942 Alfred Cobb visited Cuyo Island and contacted several Americans there who had been members of the 48th Material Squadron. Some of these American soldiers joined his unit and at the end of 1942 the Cobb brothers had an estimated force of 150 men.

b. Concurrently with this organization the Cobb brothers, Alfred in particular, were experiencing difficulty and friction with the local constabulary forces. In January 1943 the Cobb organization joined forces with Higinio Mendoza, ex-governor of Palawan and organizer of guerrillas in Southern Palawan. At this time friction between the Cobb-Mendoza Unit and the constabulary groups became more violent which resulted in the disarming of the Cobb-Mendoza Group and complete disbandment of the organization in May 1943. On 19 June 1943 Maj Guillermo Madamba, Provincial Inspector, Philippine Constabulary was shot and killed by Alfred Cobb. Exact reasons are unknown, Maj Madamba would not take part in the guerrilla movement and Alfred Cobb was very active. This wide variance of attitude together with the disbanding of Cobb's unit by the constabulary, aided and abetted this violent action.

c. There is a conflict of testimony at this point. Mr. Cobb in his letter states that in May 1943 he went to Cuyo Island and proceeded to Australia. The Green Book states that Madamba was killed in self-defense by one of the Cobb brothers in June 1943. Mr. Baldomero Garcia, Executive Officer, Palawan Special Bn, states that Madamba was murdered by Alfred Cobb on 19 June 1943. The preponderance of evidence would place Cobb's departure for Australia sometime after 19 June 1943. He arrived in Darwin Australia on 6 January 1944. Paul Cobb was purportedly drowned at sea in December 1943 in an endeavor to reach Australia.

2. Lt Col Gilbert, Director, RFD has opined that Mr. Alfred Cobb cannot be considered as a USAFFE soldier in that he was never inducted.

C/N "Request of Mr. Alfred Cobb," (Cont'd):

3. Claims Service has advised the GAD that there are no claims filed for the ranch or cattle belonging to the Cobb brothers and that they can not entertain a claim from Mr. Cobb for his cattle inasmuch as the guerrilla unit which would have used them is not recognized.

4. The War Damage Commission has a claim on file by Angelica Cobb de los Santos, administratrix and heiress of Ira D. Cobb, the father of Alfred Cobb, for personal effects, 4 bulls and 20 cows. Mr. Alfred Cobb mentions a Roland de los Santos as one of his men.

5. The Cobb brothers definitely do not qualify for guerrilla recognition as they cannot meet the recognition criterion in that,

a. They do not demonstrate continuity of activity.

b. Their unit was disarmed and disbanded by the Constabulary forces in May 1943.

c. They engaged in inter-unit quarrels and fighting detrimental to the resistance movement.

Conclusions:

1. The guerrilla activity of Mr. Cobb, however indicative of patriotic endeavor, does not satisfy our constant guerrilla recognition criterion.

2. The decision rendered by RFD precludes the possibility of remuneration to Mr. Cobb as a USAFFE soldier.

3. A claim for the cattle owned by Mr. Cobb has been presented to the War Damage Commission which precludes further action in this regard.

Recommendation:

That the AGO Dept of the Army be given the following information:

a. Mr. Alfred Cobb cannot be recognized as a guerrilla.

b. That a claim has been filed with the War Damage Commission for the cattle lost during the occupation, which if approved would warrant Paul Cobb his proportionate share.

ELBERT R. CURTIS
Capt PA

SUBJECT: Regarding experiences of Alfred Cobb and his associates in
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AGAO-C 370.64
(3 Mar 48)

1st Ind

S: 16 April 48
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AGO DEPT OF THE ARMY, Washington 25, D. C., 15 March 1948

TO: Commanding General, Philippine-Ryukyus Command, APO 707, c/o
Postmaster, San Francisco, California

For information on which to base a reply.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

s/ D. J. Townville
Adjutant General

1 Incl:
Photostat cy ltr dtd 9 June 43
fm, Maj. V. V. Grasparil, Inf.
CO, 6th Military District CP 5
w/1 Incl.

March 3, 1948

Honorable James Forrestal
Secretary of Defense
United States Government
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

I, Alfred Cobb, 42 years of age, American citizen, and now residing at Scarborough Road, Scarborough, New York am writing on behalf of myself and my deceased younger brother, Paul Cobb, also an American citizen.

At the outbreak of World War #2 my brother and I were living in Dumarán Island, Province of Palawan, Philippine Islands where we had a cattle ranch. We are sons of the late Ira D. Cobb, an American citizen, who died in the Santo Tomas concentration camp in Manila, Philippine Islands in October, 1943. Said Ira D. Cobb was a Spanish American war veteran who saw service in Cuba in 1898 and in the Philippine Insurrection of 1901 to 1903. He was a native of Paris, Arkansas and was born in Hill County, Texas, near Forth Worth.

Being the only Americans in that part of the Philippines at the outbreak of the war (my father was in Manila), we most naturally felt that we must do everything we can do of whatever we can. Sea transportation to Manila and Iloilo or Cebu were immediately impossible because almost over night the Japanese were all over the Philippine waters. We were, therefore, bottled up in Dumarán Island and in the mainland of Palawan which is only about one mile across the channel from Dumarán

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Island. Things went worse every day and just before Corregidor surrendered, we scuttled a few motor launches that were within our reach. People abandoned their villages and settlements all along the coast and took to the hills and into the interior.

The Japanese took Puerto Princess, the capital city of Palawan Province, in May 1942. In the same month we organized what was known in Palawan Province as the Cobb's Guerrilla. We reorganized the Volunteer Guards in Dumarau Island and in Northern Palawan Island. The Philippine Constabulary at Puerto Princess disbanded just before the Japs landed. We were able to gather a few rifles and immediately began patrolling up and down the coast of Palawan Island to organize our Guerrillas.

About June, 1942 the Japanese brought to Puerto Princess about 400 American Prisoners of War to open up an airfield over there. My brother and I went down to Puerto Princess as near as we dared, which was near enough to see the Americans working in the fields. They were felling down coconut trees. At night we planted little notes in the tree trunks that the Americans were felling and in this way were able to communicate with them. However, a wholesale rescue was impossible and their secret plan to break away was abandoned at the advice of their officers. Four men, however, were able to escape in pairs of two and join our Guerrillas in the Northern part of the island. They were Charlie Watkins and Joe Little, both of the U. S. Navy, and the later pair were George Fryer of the Navy, and William Swift of the Marine. Of these four men, to the best of my knowledge, only George Fryer died later.

In one of our trips along the coast toward Puerto Princess

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in July, 1942, we encountered a detachment of Japanese soldiers at a "Barrio" (settlement) called Tanabag, about 40 miles up the coast from the Japanese garrison in Puerto Princesa. We allowed a boat-load of them to reach the shore before we opened fire, since we had the advantage of coconut trees for cover all along the beach. We accounted for 8 Japanese enlisted men and one Japanese Lieutenant that were left dead on the beach. Only two Japanese got back to their launch by swimming and the launch immediately put out to sea.

In early September, 1942, word came to me that there were some 50 Americans stranded in Cuyo Island, about 100 miles by sail boat from Palawan Island. My brother and I with some of our men went to this Cuyo Island to fetch the Americans since they were absolutely helpless there, Cuyo Island being one of those very small islands in the Sulu Sea with no forest at all. We used a Japanese fishing launch that we were keeping for just such an emergency, for the over-night run to Cuyo Island. (This Jap fishing launch was captured from a bunch of Japanese fishermen by the Coron Guerrillas in another surprise attack a little to our North and we were keeping the Japanese launch in the inland waters of Northern Palawan Island. Later, we had to set fire to this launch or lose it to the Japanese.) Unfortunately, when we got to Cuyo Island, the Japanese had already been there ahead of us and about one half of the Americans had already surrendered. This, of-course, satisfied the Japs who thought they had all the Americans and did not take the trouble to look for the rest who scattered themselves in the other side of the Island. This group of Americans were all enlisted men in the U. S. Army. Their only officer

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surrendered with the other half to the Japs. Their outfit was the 48th Material Squadron, U.S. Army Air Force. They were mostly Technical Sergeants. These 26 remaining men were naturally very glad to join us and that night we sailed back for Palawan Island where we were doing our Guerrilla activities. These men stayed with the Cobb Guerrilla up to the time when I sailed for Australia in late 1943.

In May, 1943, in a quick trip to Cuyo Island for quinine and other medicines we could find which were desperately needed, I ran into Major A. K. Whitehead of the 26th Cavalry, U. S. Army. Major Whitehead had three Filipino soldiers with him. He had recently escaped from a Japanese prison camp in Iloilo. We joined forces with Major Whitehead and with most of the Americans in our group, we made a trip to Tablas Island, off the Northern coast of Panay Island, intending to secure a big enough sail boat on a plan to get most of the men down to Australia. The plan did not materialize, which was perhaps lucky because a big sail boat is almost surely to attract the attention of the Japanese. So we broke up into smaller groups in small native fishing sail boats, and each group set sail for Australia. I learned later that William Young, Maurice Mc Gee, Willie Wigfield and George Marquez, all of the 48th Material Squadron, U. S. Army Air Force were captured in their sail boat and put to death by the Japs in Iloilo. Major Whitehead and I and a party of three were able to work our way back to Palawan Island in easy overnight runs till we got to Balabac Island off the coast of North Borneo. From Balabac

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Island we crossed the Sulu Sea stopping at a little island in Sulu, and finally reaching Tawitawi in December, 1943. The day we were to set sail for Australia from Tawitawi, the Japanese came with a surprise attack about five in the morning but were not able to land. In this fight, we were only helping the Tawitawi Guerrillas under the command of Col. Suarez. The next day, December 18, 1943, Major Whitehead and I, with three Filipinos set sail for Australia, arriving in Darwin, Australia, January 6, 1944. Our sail boat was a "Moro Cumpit" about 26 ft. without a deck, one of those sail boats that the Moros used for fishing.

I am enclosing photostat copies of orders received at Cobb Guerrilla headquarters in Palawan Island from Col. Macario Peralta for me or my brother or the both of us, as Guerrilla Leaders and Organisers, to report to Panay Island and receive instructions from Col. Peralta, and orders of General McArthur. These orders arrived at our headquarters when Major Whitehead and I were in our sail boat on our way down to Australia.

(The original orders which I have in my possession today, together with some other papers that were being kept in our Guerrilla Headquarters in Palawan Island were sent to me to San Francisco, California, in 1946, by one of our men, Roland delos Santos.)

My brother Paul who was left in charge of our Guerrilla activities received the orders and, therefore, he with some of the men under his command proceeded to Panay Island. In December, 1943, after having accomplished his mission in Panay Island, my brother together with two other Americans of the 48th Material Squadron, U.S. Army Air Force, namely Alfred Bucuzzi, and Villanciano (last name), left the Island of Panay on their sail

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boat. Unfortunately, they were overtaken by one of those tropical typhoons the night they left and all perished at sea. They have never been heard of since. In all sincerity I know that my brother lost his life in the service of his country. He was 26 years old. Many of the boys of the 48th Material Squadron, U.S. Army Air Force who were with us in Palawan Island are alive and back in the States today.

Major Whitehead and I arrived in Australia in January 6, 1944 and were flown in a B-24, under orders of General McArthur, from Darwin to Brisbane, Australia where we made detailed reports to USAFFE Headquarters under General then Col. Courtney Whitney, who is now in Tokyo, Japan, with General McArthur. I was sent to the 42nd General Hospital, U. S. Army at Brisbane, Australia, for hospitalization for three weeks. Upon my discharge from the Army hospital, I joined the Army Transport Service and made three different trips to New Guinea before coming back to the States.

On my return to the States I sailed in the Merchant Marine all through the rest of the War and at the present moment am in the Merchant Marine as a licensed Engineer.

I am submitting the above brief report of my brother's and my Guerrilla activities for whatever consideration it may deserve from the Government. I understand that the U. S. Government or the U.S. Army have paid and are paying compensations to Filipino and American Guerrillas who rendered services and took up arms against the Japanese during the War. The Cobb Guerrilla was a well known outfit, at least in that part of the Philippines

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where we were operating, and their activities, I know, are in official reports to the U. S. Army of persons other than myself; Major A. K. Whitehead, presently with the Hq. 1st. Squadron, 8th Cavalry, Tokio (A.P.O. 201, c/o Postmaster, S. F. Calif.) and William G. de Carbonell, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy Reserve.

Our timely arrival in Australia by sail boat with all the first hand information that we possessed of actual existing conditions in those parts of the Philippines where we were engaged in our Guerrilla work, organization, and intelligence, was of incalculable assistance to both the U.S. Army and Navy.

Our properties in the Philippines, homes, ranch and all the other tangible assets are hopelessly damaged and gone, not to mention my father who died in Santo Tomas concentration camp and my own brother who lost his life at sea, in the services of his country.

I sincerely believe my brother Paul and I are entitled to compensation for Philippine Guerrilla activities we have rendered, if such services rendered during the war against the Japanese are being recognized and paid for by the Government.

Very respectfully,

s/ Alfred Cobb
t/ Alfred Cobb

Encs.

Photostat copy letter Col. Peralta regarding instructions, General McArthur, dated June 9, 1943, and Photostat copy Col. Peralta, Radiogram dated May 27, 1943


Alfred Cobb
The Orange
Scarborough Road
Scarborough, New York

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TO	DATE	REMARKS
Cal Hanes	10/4/48	1 ————— E.H.
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Capt. Curtis	12/1/48	changed with ————— now
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Lt Col Gilbert can this be verified?
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