

EVACUEE REPORTS :

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WILBUR EMERY

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SUBJECT : MINDANAO  
From : Wilbur Emery DALLENBACH, ASN 1727499

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Name : Wilbur Emery Dallenbach  
Born : 14 June 1911 in Rockwell City, Iowa.  
Education : BA Degree, University of Iowa, Political Science; Air Corps Radio School, Scott Field, Illinois.  
Service : Inducted 27 February 1941; assigned to Headquarters Squadron, 19th Bomb Group, Clark Field, Philippine Islands.  
Assignment : Radio Operator.  
In P.I. : Since 4 October 1941.

Interrogated by G-2, GHQ SWPA

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Dallenbach is well educated, more observant than the average person, and has a good memory for names. The information given by him is considered reliable.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 4 Oct 41 - Stationed at Clark Field with Hq Squadron, 19th Bomb Group.
- Dec 41 - Included in group of 9 enlisted men under Lt HEALD sent to Del Monte, Mindanao, to operate the 5th Air Base radio station.
- 1 May 42 - Sent with Cpl Alma B MILLS to work under Col TALLEY, CO of the radio station located in a tunnel under the Elizalde ranch house near Del Monte.
- Jun - Dec 42 - Lived in evacuation with the Manobo natives in the homes of various Datus who felt honored to have Americans stay with them.
- Dec 42 - Accompanied a Datu on trip into the unexplored regions of northwest Davao in an area that was supposed to have been unseen by white man before.
- 24 Dec 42 - Joined Major PENDATUN at his request.
- Jan--Jun 43 - While sick with malaria and dysentery, lived at home of Mrs TORRES.
- Jun--Oct 43 - Was operator of radio at Major Pendatun's Headquarters.
- 29 Oct 43 - Reported to the radio station at Liangan, Lanao which was under Lt Commander WILSON.
- Nov 43 - Liangan radio station abandoned.
- 28 Nov 43 - Reported to Col PERTIG'S Headquarters at Butuan to receive treatments from Major EVANS for malaria, dengue, and dysentery.
- Mar 44 - Evacuated because of ill health.



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SAM WILSON ✓: Lt Commander, USN, in charge of the radio station at Liangan, Lanao. He was a printer in Manila for a long time and is now in charge of printing emergency money at Esperanza. He is doing a good job. He is strongly anti-American. He is an unfair, selfish, and arbitrary individual, and if the guerrillas were forced into the mountains again, he would not come out alive.

MAJOR PENDATUN ✓: He is a Christian Moro about 33 years old, a good fighter, strongly pro-American, and was proud to have Americans with him. He gave Americans money and medicine freely and never sent them to the front unless they requested it. He became confused when other officers of equal or higher rank joined him and started to set up headquarters with files and paper work. There was some jealousy and personal friction because of rank and seniority between Pendatun and some of the officers. Pendatun tried to be fair with the natives and there was some trouble when the other officers had the soldiers unnecessarily confiscate food and goods from the civilians. Pendatun made his men return some of the things they had taken.

MAJOR ANDREWS ✓: A mestizo in the Philippine Army who said that he was ashamed of his American blood and who seemed to be disgruntled with Americans in general because aid did not materialize.

MAJOR EVANS ✓: A doctor at Col FERTIG'S Headquarters.

FATHER FRANCIS DOINO ✓: An American Priest in the Linabo Parish. He supported the guerrilla forces and on more than one occasion "straightened out" Major Andrews.

MANASKI ✓: A Filipino councillor at Linabo. Although he and his family were sick, they gave unsparingly of their food, clothes, and money to the Americans and to Pendatun's guerrillas.

MRS TORRES ✓: Widow of Col TORRES, PA, who was killed by the Japanese in a concentration camp in Davao. Mrs Torres was a nurse and had been brought up by an American family in Manila. She is strongly pro-American and unsparing in her efforts to help all Americans in the vicinity.

CASSINO ✓: A Filipino school teacher at Kiokong Barrio who was friendly and helpful to the Americans.

CAESAR FORTICH ✓: A German mestizo whose ranch "Opallon" was always open to Americans whom he unstintingly helped in addition to giving supplies to the guerrillas.

CARLOS FORTICH ✓: Brother of Caesar. He was guerrilla governor of Bukidnon.

JOSE FORTICH ✓: The youngest brother of the same family. He was an officer under Col Fertig.

MR FORTICH ✓: The father of Jose, Carlos and Caesar. Formerly an assemblyman. He died in January, 1943.

LEE BROOKS ✓: Sgt, 28th Bomb Group, now believed to be in Cotabato.

FORREST HOWARD ✓: Pvt, Hq Sq, 19th Bomb Group, He is now at a radio station somewhere in Lanao.

ALMA B MILLS ✓: Cpl, Hq Sq, 19th Bomb Group. He is now a radio operator under Col Fertig.

OWEN P WILSON ✓: S/Sgt, Hq Sq, 19th Bomb Group, who is now a radio operator for the 10th Military District on the east coast of Mindanao.



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LINCOLN DEPRAON ✓ : Sgt, 14th Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Group. He is now a radio operator under Col Fertig.

HULL ✓ : Cpl, Hq Sq, 19th Bomb Group, who surrendered to the Japanese at Malaybalay in July, 1942 because he was seriously sick.

JOHN BLISS ✓ Sgt, Hq Sq, 19th Bomb Group, reported to have left for Australia in a banca.

SHEAHAN ✓ Pvt, Hq Sq, 19th Bomb Group. Some reports say that he left for Australia while others say that he disappeared in the "Maghat" country.

MOGEE, WELCHER, and KRUEGER : Hq Sq, 19th Bomb Group, surrendered to the Japanese.

CHOTIA ✓ : Pvt, Hq Sq, 19th Bomb Group, who died of malaria and pneumonia at Buncud, Bukidnon in 1943.

INDEPENDENCE : The average Filipino still is generally enthusiastic about the idea of independence. However, the educated class knows that the Filipinos are not yet prepared for independence and would rather remain under American control. Mr Casca, former Director of Education in Bukidnon, who was killed by some outlaws, was also of this opinion.

ROXAS ✓ : The Filipinos are proud of his behavior since the occupation by the Japanese.

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