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Subject: Antique Province, Panay
From : Rev Rudolf C.P. Greitemann

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Name: Rudolf C.P. Greitemann ✓
Born: 1897, at Groningen, Netherlands
Missionary from St Joseph's College, Mill Hill, London
In FI: Since 1926

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Rev Greitemann has stayed since the outbreak of the war in Pandan, Antique, mostly in his own parish of Sebaste and in evacuation in the hills hiding from Japanese penetrations. His information is fragmentary and hearsay and is given here for what it may be worth.

Japanese in Antique The Japanese occupation of Antique in May 1942 was unresisted. Captain Nenomura, Japanese Commanding Officer of Antique, called all town mayors in to a meeting and instructed them to return to their towns and see that Japanese patrols were not molested. The province was comparatively peaceful until August and September of 1942, when guerrillas became active and much trouble for the civilians ensued. The guerrillas shot many civilian "fifth columnists" without trial, and confiscated much food and equipment.

The Japanese made increasing efforts to suppress guerrilla activities and in September 1943 started penetration by mobile units. The purpose of these patrols was to starve out guerrillas, by burning or otherwise destroying rice supplies and to terrorize civilians so that they would not support the guerrillas. Approximately 250 Japanese took part in the first penetration in September. The unit would visit towns and islands in succession, and then return without warning. Eight visits were made to Pandan between September and Christmas in 1943. In the latter penetration, 90 Japanese accompanied by a few BCs visited Sebaste and killed two women.

Guerrilla resistance to these penetrations was usually very slight, but on the occasion of the Christmas penetration at Sebaste, Lt LUNA killed 11 of the Japanese mobile unit.

CAPTAIN NENOMURA ✓ Japanese Commanding Officer of Antique Province after the Japanese occupation. A fair man, who prevented many murders of civilians recommended by other civilians on political grounds.

CAPTAIN FUJI Commanding Officer of a Japanese mobile unit in Antique during late 1943. Reported to have been captured by guerrillas near Pandan in December 1943 and killed by having two bamboo poles driven through his chest. He is said to have terrified captive civilians with stories of his beheading people in Singapore and on Bataan.

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Priests in Antique All priests in Antique were ordered to present themselves to the Japanese on the occupation of the province in 1942. Most of them did so, and were interrogated and told to go on with their work. This was in Antique only. In other provinces of Panay priests were interned, except for those of German nationality, who were left at liberty but were required to bow to every Japanese soldier and were otherwise molested. In recent months priests have been less respected by the Japanese and by November 1943, were classed as "cooperators with the guerrillas" together with all other civilians found in the mountains.

FATHER H VAN AMSTEL Dutch, Mill Hill Missionary at Laus-an, Antique. Protested to the mayor and chief of police against the use of his church as a dance hall in July 1942. The latter informed the Japanese, accusing Father Amstel as a "fifth columnist", and the Japanese imprisoned him in his church. On 23 July 1942 the Japanese shot him in the back at the edge of his grave.

FATHER J KAUFMANN Austrian, Mill Hill Missionary. Was called to the window of his house in Igarasa, Iloilo and shot by guerrillas as a "fifth columnist" and "Nazi" on 30 August 1942.

FATHER H FINK Mill Hill Missionary. Shot and killed by guerrillas in Dao, Antique, in October 1942, as he was assisting the dying chief of police, who had been shot by guerrillas as a "fifth columnist".

FATHER FREDERICK STOIBER Bavarian, Mill Hill Missionary. Shot by guerrillas in San Jose, Antique, in October 1942 as a "fifth columnist", when the guerrillas found a picture of his brother, a Luftwaffe pilot, on him and found the remains of a homemade radio set under his house. The guerrillas later admitted that they had been mistaken.

FATHER ADRIAN AARIS Mill Hill Missionary. Killed by the Japanese at Masasin, Iloilo, on 26 December 1943.

FATHER PIET KOOTER Dutch, Mill Hill Missionary. Was beaten, tormented and shot by the Japanese on 10 February 1943 at Valderrama, Antique, when he was found in the place from which guerrillas had shot at a Japanese patrol and ran.



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