

EVACUEE REPORTS:

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Philippine Evacuee Report #177

Subject : Evacuation in southern NEGROS ORIENTAL  
From : Rev James F McKINLEY

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Name : James Franklin McKinley  
Born : 1904, in Adair County, Missouri  
Education : BA, 1925, Drury College, Springfield, Missouri  
DD, 1929, Yale Divinity School  
MA, 1937, Union Seminary, Columbia University  
Occupation : Employed by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions as Dean of the College of Theology at Silliman University, Dumaguete.  
In PI : 1930-1936, and 1938-1944

Interrogated by G-2 GHQ SWPA

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McKinley has been in evacuation in the mountains of southern Negros since the outbreak of the war. His information is limited, and much of it is naturally hearsay and must be evaluated with this in mind.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 12 Dec 41 - Evacuated wife and three small girls from Dumaguete to the mountains.
- January 42 - Made reconnaissance in southern Negros for evacuation sites for Silliman faculty and for the Civil Emergency Administration.
- 2 Feb 42 - Moved with his family to the hacienda of William C PFLEIDER at Asia, Negros Occidental.
- May 1942 - Finding Pfleider uncooperative, and suspicious of his loyalty, moved family inland. Joined Mr and Mrs WATKINDS (evacuees #182 and #183) at Capinganon barrio seven hours up the Tayabanan river from Asia.
- 22 Jul 42 - Japanese land at Asia. Pfleider meets them at the pier.
- 25 Jul 42 - Warned that Pfleider was coming to capture them for the Japanese, buried property at Capinganon and fled into the mountains with the Watkinds.
- Aug-Oct 42 - On the move, hiding from Pfleider and the Japanese.
- February 44 - Evacuated to Australia.

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William C Pfleider Known as "Willie" in southern Negros, evacuated from Dumaguete to his hacienda at Asia early in 1942 and joined there by the McKinley family at his invitation. Untrustworthy. Talked disparagingly of the United States and tried to get people to surrender to the Japanese in March-May 1942.

Miguel DEQUINA, barrio Lieutenant of Asia in July 1942, was with Pfleider at the time and later told McKinley that Pfleider met the Japanese on the pier when they landed at Asia on 22 July 42. He betrayed SAWTELLE and SMALLEY to the Japanese, and promised the Japanese he would capture the McKinley and Watkinds families for them.

Augustin DECHOSA, headman of Capinganon barrio where McKinley took refuge in July 1942, later submitted an affidavit to Lt MASCARDO relating how Pfleider arrived at Capinganon the morning after McKinley and Watkinds had left it. Pfleider took their food, clothes, and household supplies to Asia and burned their house.

Pfleider later joined the guerrilla army as assistant Quartermaster, and was promoted to Captain while VILLAMOR was on Negros. Villamor married Pfleider's sister in law. Pfleider was placed on inactive service just before Villamor left Negros because of a tubercular infection.

BUK PFLEIDER, DUF PFLEIDER : brothers of "Willie", came with him to Capinganon barrio in July 1942 to capture McKinley and Watkinds.

SERAFIN CULLANTE : former rural policeman, a tenant of Pfleider. Came with him to Capinganon barrio in July 1942 to capture McKinley and Watkinds, and is believed to have taken McKinley's buried valuables.

SMALLEY : English, a resident of Asia for many years, betrayed by Pfleider to the Japanese in July 1942.

MAJOR DONALD W SAWTELLE : was in Cebu at the outbreak of the war, and is believed to have been an aide of President Roosevelt at one time. Betrayed by Pfleider to the Japanese at Asia in July 1942, and taken by the Japanese to Tolong.

JORGE MADAMBA : formerly a Captain QMS under Colonel ABCEDE. Now inactive.

B MASCARDO : former Chief of Police of Tolong, now Lt in the 75th Infantry 7th MD, a good soldier.

LOYAL CITIZENS OF NEGROS ORIENTAL : McKinley had a wide acquaintanceship in southern Negros, and reports that the community of Basay is loyal and always helpful to American refugees. Among those he knows and is indebted to for protection are:

Lt Col Placido B AUSEJO, Basay  
Major Benjamin VILORIA, Adjutant, 7th Military District  
Major Benjamin HOLLERO, Sanki barrio, Sipalay  
Captain Timoteo ORACION, Basay  
Lt Eduardo TIEMOP, G-1 Section, 7th Military District  
Lt Narciso MAJAROCON, G-1 Section, 7th Military District  
Lt Aquilino LAYAGUE  
Lt Manuel UTZURRUM, Basay  
Lt Santiago UTZURRUM, Basay

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Lt Jose UTZURRUM, Pagatban  
Ladislao CABALDE, Palasanon  
Ramon MONSALE, Basay. Captain of the motor launch "Rosario"  
before it was captured by the Japanese.  
Francisco VALDEGAMO, Daro, Basay. Helped Major Villamor  
a good deal.  
Lt Gregorio VETURANZA, Basay. Married to one of the EDWARDS  
girls of Brooke's Point, Palawan. A doctor,  
now 1st Lt under Capt Jose GARCIA, 75th In-  
fantry, 7th Military District.



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