

EVACUEE REPORTS:

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Philippine Evacuee Report #334

Subject : BATANGAS PROVINCE, LUZON  
From : Patrick Joseph MELLODY, Pfc, ASN 6983551

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Name : Patrick Joseph Mellody  
Born : 15 August 1921 in Buffalo, New York  
Education : High School, 1936-38  
Service : Enlisted in Buffalo, New York, on 14 February 1940; sent to Corregidor to join 59th Coast Artillery stationed there  
Assignment : Coast Artillery  
In PI : Since 20 May 1940

Interrogated by G-2 GHQ SWPA

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Mellody was a prisoner of war for two weeks. After escaping, he spent all of his time hiding from the Japanese. He had never heard of the guerrilla leaders who operate on Luzon. Little information of value was obtained from him.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 8 Dec 41 - Stationed at Ft Drum with the 59th CA.
- 6 May 42 - Surrendered with unit.
- 7 May 42 - Taken to Nasugbu, Batangas and made to repair the pier.
- 10 May 42 - All American prisoners made to parade in Nasugbu after having gone 2 days without food and water, many men fell from exhaustion, made to look bad before the people, all soldiers were given water after the parade.
- 22 May 42 - Escaped with Harold GUENTNER.
- Jun - Oct 42 - Guentner and Mellody lived with different civilians in Batangas.
- 1 Oct 42 - Separated from Guentner.
- Oct 42-May 43 - Lived in the hills near Tuy, Batangas in a house owned by Francisco ROSALES. Sexto LOPEZ was paying for the food and clothing. The people were friendly and concealed his presence from the Japanese.
- 1 May 43 - Moved to the lowlands near Tuy, Batangas, continued to be fed and clothed by Sexto LOPEZ.
- 1 Nov 43 - Heard of guerrillas and two Americans in the vicinity of Lemery, Batangas.

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- 15 Nov 43 - Joined the guerrillas at Lemery under Lt KRAMER and Lt JORGENSEN, both of whom had escaped from Bataan.
- 28 Jan 44 - Accompanied Lt Kramer and Lt Jorgensen to Mindoro.
- 30 Jan 44 - Guentner arrived in Mindoro.
- 1 Feb 44 - Met Major PHILLIPS, WISE, and other members of the party operating the radio station.
- 16 Feb 44 - 500 Jap troops raided the town of Paluan, Mindoro looking for radio, killed seven civilians.
- 20 Feb 44 - Guentner was captured, later heard that he was beat up and killed.
- 20 Mar 44 - Major Phillips was killed while taking a bath in a creek; Jorgensen, who was with him, escaped.
- 27 Mar 44 - Lt Jorgensen was captured, fate unknown.
- 25 Mar 44 - Left Mindoro with Lt Kramer and went to Panay.
- Mar - Jun 44 - Taken care of by the guerrillas on Panay while waiting for a submarine, Lt Kramer gave lectures to the engineer classes.
- 20 Jun 44 - Arrival of sub.
- 21 Jun 44 - Evacuated.

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GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION IN BATANGAS : There were 60 guerrillas in the area around Lemery, Batangas. They were fed and taken care of by the people for the protection that they gave them from the bandits which had been operating in that area. No effort was made to oppose the Japanese.

General Conditions on Batangas The people were friendly and desirous of protecting Mellody from the Japanese. Some of the people were acting as Jap undercover agents. These were pretty well known by those who are loyal to the United States.

Generally speaking, the Japanese had been treating the civilians fairly well. However, most of the people are still loyal to the United States and are looking forward to the time when the U.S. Army returns.

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