

EVACUEE REPORTS:

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Philippine Evacuee Report #228

Subject : Identification on LEYTE
From : Mr Charles S MILLER Jr and Wife

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Name : Charles S Miller Jr ✓
Born : 1910 at Beach City, Ohio
Education : AB in Pre-medical Physical Education
Occupation : Branch Manager of Firestone Tire and
Rubber Export Company for Cebu and the
Visayas
In PI : Since December 1939, Cebu and Visayas

Interrogated by G-2 GHQ SWPA

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Mr and Mrs Miller were in hiding for almost the entire time since the surrender on Cebu, and had little significant information. They are intelligent, and considered carefully before expressing themselves. They are young and impressionable, some of their information is hearsay, and this must be borne in mind in evaluating their information.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 9 Apr 42 - Left Cebu City for the mountains on the eve of invasion.
- 8 May 42 - Left Cebu Island in a small boat.
- 10 May 42 - Landed in Leyte and worked their way northwards to San Isidro.
- May 42-Dec 43 - Lived in hiding in the forest, protected by friendly civilians and moving from place to place in northernmost Leyte.
- 11 Dec 43 - Left from Tabango for Mindanao via Bohol.
- 23 Dec 43 - Arrived in Mindanao.
- Jan - Feb 44 - Lived at Hq 10th MD.
- Mar 44 - Evacuated to Australia.

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Colonel ALEJANDRO BALDERIAN ✓ : Guerrilla commander of all north Leyte for Colonel KANGLEON. His headquarters are near Jaro, inland from Tacloban.

Major FELIX PEMANIAN ✓ : Guerrilla commander in charge of the area from Carigara and Villalba northwards, including Biliran Island, under Colonel Balderian.



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Captain FILOMENO CORTON : Former engineering student at Silliman University, now guerrilla commander of the area around Leyte, Leyte. Thoroughly pro-American, courageous, and a hard worker. Made the arrangements to take the Millers out of Leyte in December 1943.

Major SOLIMAN : Graduate of an American military school, now Chief of Staff for MIRANDA's independent guerrilla outfit. Reported he has surrendered to the Japanese.

Colonel QUINTERO : A PC officer formerly stationed in northern Leyte, now old, deaf and retired from active service but still staunch and respected by the civilians there. When the Japanese occupied Leyte, he attended a meeting of all mayors called by the Japanese at Tacloban. When the Japanese interned his family in Leyte Town, he gave himself up in return for their freedom.

JOSE VELOSO : Assemblyman from Leyte, one of two brothers who own big properties there.

JUARING VELOSO : A judge in Colubian, brother of Jose Veloso. Pro-Japanese, and reported to have given instructions to the civilians to shoot Americans on sight, without fear of standing trial afterwards.

JULIAN VELOSO : Filipino boy, accompanied Mr SCOTT on a visit to the Millers, and suspected of subsequently betraying Mr Scott and his companions to the Japanese.

ENRIQUE ENAGE : Mayor of Colubian, a traitor and a turncoat. He surrendered to the Japanese when they first came into Leyte, then after they left, became a guerrilla captain, and again surrendered when they came back a second time. He is popularly believed to have obliged three refugees to surrender to the Japanese, but claims they voluntarily turned themselves in. He once visited the Millers while they were in hiding, and after he had left them told the local civilians to turn the Millers in to the Japanese. He later sent a man and two guards to pick the Millers up but they had already moved to another location. Thoroughly untrustworthy.

PASTOR MENDOZA : Lives at Calubian.

ENRIQUE GRANADOS : Mayor of Leyte, Leyte. Related by marriage to PASONCUIY.

LUIS GRANADOS : Former Chief of Police in Leyte, Leyte. Now works for Pasoncuy as an intelligence agent.

DY TIAON SONG : Chinese resident of Leyte, Leyte. He and his wife have contributed food and money to the guerrilla, and were among the few trusted people who knew the whereabouts of the Millers and sent them food. They have managed to retain some money and property, this causes envy among the Filipinos, and may make things difficult for them.

RALPH J PASONCUIY : Chinese mestizo, trustworthy, works as a doctor at Larigara. An unusually able man, knows radio and photography well. Now works for Colonel Kangleon on intelligence procurement.

JOAQUIN ESPELETA : Mayor of San Isidro. A heavy drinker, undependable.

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FORTUNATU BALMORIA ✓ : Resident of San Isidro, trustworthy, fed Mr and Mrs Miller for over a year and moved them from place to place as their safety demanded.

NICOLAS BALMORIA ✓ : Nephew of Fortunatu Balmoria. Trustworthy.

LAUDE ✓ : Filipino superintendent at the Manila Rock Asphalt Mine at Balite south of Villalba. Claims to have been a sergeant in the AEF in the last war. Worked for the Japanese when they owned the plant before the war, and kept some company money when the Japanese were forced out; consequently wanted by the Japanese. Offered to help the Millers when they met him in May 1942 but did not fulfil his promises. A good penman and suspected of forgery. Unrespected and undependable.

JESUS MACASA : Spaniard from Cebu City. Met the Millers at Baybay in May 1942 and helped them.

WILLIAM BOWLER ✓ : American mestizo from Cebu City. Met the Millers at Baybay in 1942 and helped them. Now acting as intelligence man for Colonel FERTIG, has many contacts among influential personalities and is thus able to obtain good information.

GENE WING, HUGO MILLER ✓ : Influential Americans from Manila, left Cebu at the time of the Japanese invasion in Wing's yacht and went to northern Leyte. The Japanese captured their yacht and they took to the hills near Leyte, Leyte, where they were captured by the Japanese on 15 November 1943.

SCOTT ✓ : An American from Hong Kong. Was in Manila at the outbreak of the war and evacuated to Villalon in northern Leyte. He and his three companions were caught by, or betrayed to, the Japanese on 28 June 42.

Mr "MELPAS" ✓ : Englishman, auditor for White Page and Company in Manila. Companion of Mr Scott and captured by the Japanese with him.

Mr "AIKEN" ✓ : Englishman, an associate of Gene Wing and Hugo Miller in Manila. Companion of Mr Scott and captured by the Japanese with him.

Mr "LLOYDS" ✓ : Englishman, salesman for Asiatic Petroleum Company in Cebu. Companion of Mr Scott and captured by the Japanese with him.

Major INGENIERO ✓ : Miller visited Major Ingeniero, commander of the guerrilla on Bohol, at his headquarters in Carmen in December 1943. Ingeniero is keen, able, thoroughly pro-American, and has the entire civilian population supporting him. His forces are well organized and many passes were necessary to pass the numerous guard posts.

WILLIAM MICHAEL ✓ : American mestizo, salesman for Asiatic Petroleum Company in Cebu. Evacuated with his family to the mountains behind Danso when the Japanese invaded Cebu. He helped many American officers after the surrender, and he and his 14 year old son arranged for the Millers to leave Cebu in May 1942. He may be in trouble, as he has an attractive daughter and in May 1942 had already been beaten once by the Japanese for refusing to let a Japanese officer "marry" her.



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