

EVACUEE REPORTS:

PARHAM, ARCHER B.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
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Philippine Evacuee Report #358

Subject : NEGROS
From : Archer Brandon PARHAM

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Name : Archer Brandon Parham
Born : 10 February 1922 in Butuan, Agusan, Mindanao
Education : University of Santo Tomas, PI, 1938-41, taking a medical course
In PI : All his life

Interrogated by G-2 GHQ SWPA

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Parham, an American-Mestizo, played an inactive part with the guerrillas on Negros. His information was merely confirmatory of information received many times from other evacuees concerning general conditions existing on Negros.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 1942 - Mar 43 - Lived in evacuation with family in the mountains on Negros.
- Jun 42 - Father, Archer PARHAM, formerly Divisional Superintendent of Schools on Negros, surrendered to the Japs in an effort to obtain medicine for his family.
- Mar 43 - Joined the guerrillas, stationed with the Medical Corps of the 75th Infantry.
- Mar-Nov 43 - Worked in the hospital.
- 23 Nov 43 - Commissioned a 3rd Lt and assigned to District Headquarters.
- Jan-Jun 44 - Served as Staff Officer at District Headquarters, also did some coding and decoding work as well as work in the finance office.
- 31 May 44 - Beginning of Japanese campaign on southern coast of Negros. All CPS destroyed. Guerrillas did as well as could be expected.
- 2 Jun 44 - Brother, Conrad M PARHAM, 13 years old, was captured by Japs, later heard that he was serving Jap soldiers as errand boy.
- 20 Jun 44 - Evacuated.

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GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION : Though the discipline is not good and though the financial records are not kept in the proper manner, Parham said that the guerrillas were doing well under the circumstances. It would be difficult to improve the situation.

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS : American officers and men are not needed. The men would welcome Americans but the officers would resent them. They want to do it by themselves so as to receive all of the credit.

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