

EVACUEE REPORTS:

WHITNEY,

FRANCIS A.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION GENERAL STAFF

APO 500,
9 June 1944

Philippine Evacuee Report #2814

Subject : Europeans on PANAY
From : Mr Francis A WHITNEY

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BAGERIE : British, officer in the last World War, was with the Visayan Stevedore Transportation Company at Iloilo. Reported went to Negros Occidental when the Japanese entered Iloilo.

BARBERAN : Spanish, in charge of the Teras Oil Company at Iloilo. Reported in Manila.

Rev "van BOARS" : Dutch, Mill Hill missionary at Casoy, Antique.

Rev BRERETON : British, Mill Hill missionary at Pandan, Antique.

Rev JOSE BRIGHTON : British, Catholic priest reported at Patria, Antique.

Dr FERMIN CARAM : Turkish, a naturalized Philippines citizen. Governor of Iloilo Province when war was declared. Not anti-American, and helped Americans as well as he was able. Surrendered to the Japanese and was appointed puppet Governor. Apparently cooperating with the Japanese, but also reported to be helping the guerrillas.

Rev JOSEPH CORR : Irish, Redemptorist missionary from St Clement's, Iloilo. Now probably in concentration camp.

Dr G I CULLEN : Iloilo Port Quarantine Officer for many years, held the rank of 1st Lt in the army. Reported in St Paul's Hospital in Iloilo, and also reported in concentration camp.

Rev WILLIAM DALY : Irish, Redemptorist missionary from St Clement's, Iloilo. Now probably in concentration camp.

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MAGREGOR DAVIES : British, has wife and several children. Formerly worked for Storch and Mac Murray in Iloilo. Captured by the Japanese.

Rev EUGENIO "DEBARTO" : Italian, Mill Hill missionary at Laua-an, Antique.

Rev "FUIGIL" : German, Mill Hill missionary at Culasi, Antique.

Rev "FUNICK" : Dutch, Mill Hill missionary at Barbasa, Antique.

GARRETT : British, manager of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Iloilo. Reported hanged by the Japanese.

GARRETT : British, employed by Marner, Barnes and Company at Iloilo. Nothing known of his whereabouts.

WILLIAM GEMPELE : Swiss, naturalized Philippines citizen. Formerly with Koppel Company in Iloilo. Now Lt Col 6th MD.

RECORDO GURREA : Spanish, now with the guerrilla in the mountains of Antique.

Rev JOHN HOGAN : Irish, Redemptorist missionary from St Clement's, Iloilo. Now probably in concentration camp.

Mrs JAVIER : Australian, married to Dr Javier, a Filipino, who was captured by the Japanese and taken to Iloilo where he now apparently works for them. Reported Mrs Javier and several children went to Iloilo in February 1944.

Capt KAUDORO : Probably Spanish, employed by Visayan Stevedore Transportation Company at Iloilo. Reported in La Paz, Iloilo.

KENNEDY : British, formerly employed by Asiatic Petroleum Company.

KERR : British, manager of Marner, Barnes and Company at Iloilo. Reported captured by the Japanese.

"KIRNEY" : Probably Australian or British, but claimed to be American. Married to a Spanish mestiza, and has several children. Employed by Visayan Stevedore Transportation Company. Present whereabouts unknown.

Rev KRAFT : German, Mill Hill missionary at Leon, Iloilo.

LEES : British, acting as British Consul. Was manager of Smith, Bell and Company in Iloilo. Reported hanged by the Japanese.

JOSEPH MITCHENER : Probably Russian, had been many years in the Philippines. Was employed as secretary to the manager of the Philippine Railway. Now living in Iloilo and apparently cooperating with the Japanese.

Rev "MUNIN" : Dutch, at Barbasa, Antique.

Rev PATRICK NULTY : Irish, Redemptorist missionary from St Clement's, Iloilo. Now probably in concentration camp.

Rev THOMAS O'CONNOR : Irish, Redemptorist missionary from St Clement's, Iloilo. Now probably in concentration camp.

Rev "RUDIFERIA" : German, Mill Hill missionary at Tibiao, Antique.

TED SAUL : British, now in Passi, Iloilo.

WALTER SAUL : British, formerly employed in Iloilo. Reported in concentration.

Rev "SCHERER" : Dutch, Catholic priest at Pandan, Antique.

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WILHELM SCHMIDT : Swiss, reported with guerrillas.

Rev CARLOS SCHNEIR : Dutch, Mill Hill missionary at Anini, Antique.

ALFRED SHINKO : Probably Russian, claims to be American citizen. Present whereabouts unknown.

"SHUBSOLE" : British, was employed by Nestle Milk Company. Reported in hiding with wife and one child, and also reported surrendered.

Rev DOMINGO "SLOELING" : Dutch, Mill Hill missionary at Tubungan, Iloilo.

Rev "SMERRE" : Dutch, Mill Hill missionary at Pandan, Antique.

Rev "SEATH" : German, Mill Hill missionary at Bugseong, Antique.

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Mrs ABELAIDE : American, married to Dr Abelaide. Whereabouts unknown.

Miss ADAMS : American, at the hospital in Capiz. Believed to have been killed by the Japanese near Tapaz.

Mrs ALIENZA : American, married to a Filipino. Was at Calinog when last heard from.

ROY ALLEN : American, living at Iloilo, went with the army to Mindanao to work on an airfield. Reported sent to Corregidor later. Is a civil engineer, married to a Filipino. Rumored that both he and his wife went down with the S S "Corregidor" when she was sunk by a mine in Manila Bay.

V A ALLEN : American, married to a Filipino. Has four children. Was master mechanic of Philippine Railway Company at Iloilo. Should be a valuable man in the reconstruction of the railway. Present whereabouts unknown, but probably in the vicinity of Calinog.

YEATOR ALLEN : Brother of V A Allen. Seemingly had no occupation and is probably now with his brother.

ANTONIO BELD : Italian, believed not to be a naturalized American. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War. Present whereabouts unknown.

LOUISE BLANCHFLOR : American, married to Filipino doctor. Whereabouts unknown.

Miss BUCHNER : Was with Mission Hospital in Iloilo. Captured by Japanese and is reported to have married Luis "Casasuse" while in concentration camp.

BOYD : Ex-Spanish American War veteran. Was living in Cabatuan, Iloilo. Was in the hills when last heard of.

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Mrs BURNS : Lived and worked with her sister, Mrs. Charles H. Hodges at Iloilo. Captured by Japanese along with Mrs Hodges during 1942. Her husband is reported to be in Texas.

V F BROWN : Formerly resided at Passi, Iloilo. Captured by Japanese 13 Aug 1942. Has a boy still in Passi and a girl who married Mr Morrison and is now reported to be in a concentration camp at Bago, Cebu.

WILLIAM BROWN : American mestizo. Son of V F Brown. Last heard of at Iloilo.

V BEND : Manager of Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Iloilo. Reported that he surrendered to Japanese and sent to either Manila or Mindanao.

Mr and Mrs CARROLL : Employed by Liggett & Myers Co, Iloilo. Both of them, together with their three children, are reported captured.

PEDRO "CASANQUE" : Spanish-American War veteran. Captured by the Japanese.

EMILIO "CASANQUE" : Son of Pedro "Casaque". Reported surrendered.

PEDRO "CASANQUE" JR : Another son, reported surrendered.

LUIS "CASANQUE" : Reported surrendered.

THEODORE "CASANQUE" : American, son of Pedro "Casaque" by his first wife. Reported surrendered to the Japs.

Mr and Mrs CHURCH : Both were with the Central Philippine College. Reported that they and their two children were captured.

WELLES CLARK : Believed to be a Britisher, although he is a Spanish-American War veteran drawing a pension from the US. He is reported to have been taken by the Japanese from his home on Guineros Island.

G I COLLIER : American doctor, Iloilo Port Quarantine Officer, captured by the Japs. G-I has reported that he is still in Iloilo at St Paul's Hospital; others say he was killed.

BOB DAVIS : Spanish-American War veteran married to a Filipina. Had several children. Reported that he and his son were picked up by the Japs.

Miss DEWELL : American nurse, had been living at Janbuay. Killed by Japs.

WILLIAM DUNLEY : Spanish-American War veteran. Reported to have gone to Mindanao. Had several children by Filipina wife.

Miss EADSON : American Baptist Mission worker.

FLORA EDDY : Baptist Mission worker, now in Jap concentration camp.

JACOBSON FLEMING : In concentration camp.

FREDERICKSON : He and his wife were missionaries of Doane Hall, Iloilo. Whereabouts unknown.

JAMES FRANK : Now deceased. Lived at Passi. Sons named Wilson, Roosevelt, Jayne Tombs, and Frederic have all been active against Japs.

E FURTURE : American married to Filipina. They have several children. Reported captured and later killed by the Japs.

WILLIAM E GREENMAN : American attorney in Iloilo. Married to American woman. Has one daughter. All were captured by Japanese.

GREENMAN : Was living in Capias. Is very old. Whereabouts not known.

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MORRIS GIBBENS : Italian, thought to be a naturalized citizen. Reported surrendered.

EDWARD GIBBERT : Formerly a mechanic for Iloilo Air Express. Now with the military forces in Pansy.

Miss HARRIS : Missionary of Doane Hall, Iloilo. Surrendered to Japs.

LOUIS HEMMING : Was at La Carlota Sugar Central. Has several children. Whereabouts not known.

Miss HINDELY : Missionary of Doane Hall, Iloilo. Whereabouts not known.

ELIZABETH JALBURNA : American who is married to a doctor. Reported to still be in Iloilo. She has a sister who is supposed to be with her.

Mr JEMPAL : Now deceased. Has sons named Frederick, Herbert and Jessie who are now with guerrilla units. Home is in Passi, Iloilo.

Mr HERR : Killed by Japs at Tapan. Formerly with Goodyear Tire Co.

FRANK LAFESA : Spanish-American War veteran living in Buenavista, Guimaras. Nothing has been heard of him since the invasion.

Mrs LISHEN : Somewhere in Pansy.

MANUEL LORING : Lived in Iloilo City. Now in concentration camp.

WILLIAM LUDWIG : American of German extraction. Lived at Castero, Capiz. His oldest son was a 1st Lt USAFFE. Surrendered to Japs on 15 Dec 43.

E A "BEEFARTY" : Co-receiver of Philippine Railway, Iloilo. Has American wife, one son and two daughters. Captured by the Japs. Have heard that he was hanged by the Japs. This is unconfirmed.

COLIN MARSHALL : Was in charge of the Visayan Stevedore Transportation Co. Reported that he went to Negros when the invasion came.

E McKEVIN : Surrendered in 1943.

McCAPREY : Lived at Iloilo. Reported that he and his son are with the military forces in Mindanao.

Mrs MERCADO : American woman married to Filipino. Have two children. Formerly lived at Bacolod, Negros. Whereabouts unknown.

JOSEPH MELLIN : Died of dysentery during 1943. Formerly lived at Lucena, Iloilo.

Dr and Mrs MYERS : They and one or two of their children were killed by the Japs at Tapan. There is one son in concentration in Manila.

RICARDO NOLAN : Spanish-American War veteran. Attorney at Bacolod. Whereabouts unknown.

ROY O'BELL : Lived at Passi, Iloilo. Has several sons with the guerrillas.

Miss PARRIS : American living at Doane Hall. Reported surrendered to the Japs.

Rev PRATT : Seventh Day Adventist. Lived on Guimaras Island with wife and children. Reported captured.

THOMAS POWELL SR : American attorney at Iloilo. In concentration camp.

THOMAS POWELL Jr : Major, USAFFE. Reported surrendered and later escaped.

ROBERT POWELL : Was with USAFFE on Batan. Whereabouts not known.

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Dr and Mrs ROSE : Head of Central Philippine College. Had two children. All were killed by the Japs.

Mr and Mrs ROUNDS : Had one child. Belonged to the Mission. All killed at Tepaz, Capiz.

H H SHERRARD : Formerly employed by Philippine Railway, Iloilo. Died of dysentery in 1943. Had Filipina wife and several children.

ROBERT B SULLIVAN : Employed by Texas Oil Company at Iloilo. Conflicting reports that he surrendered and that he died.

THOMSON : American Negro. Ex-US soldier living in Iloilo. Present whereabouts unknown.

Dr and Mrs WATERS : Had three children. Formerly of the Mission Hospital at Iloilo. Surrendered to the Japs. Probably in a concentration camp.

GEORGE WHITE : Employed by Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Iloilo. Surrendered.

WILLIAMS : Reported to have been captured with Rev Pratt in Guimaras.

YOUNG : Ex-soldier married to a Filipino. Formerly lived in Capiz. Present whereabouts not known.

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JAPANESE PENETRATIONS AT PASSI : In September 1943 a Japanese mobile unit raided Passi, Iloilo, and killed 84 people who were living on land belonging to "Yu Jeco". At another time about 50 Chinese were captured and killed there. Some of them were burned to death.

WEATHER CONDITIONS : The rainy season begins in Panay in June and lasts until November, and at this time only the first class roads can be used by cars, trucks, and tanks. The rest of the year is dry.

HEALTH CONDITIONS : Have been good since the declaration of war. There have been no epidemics reported. Most of the doctors are with the guerrilla army.

FOOD SUPPLIES : There will soon be suffering, perhaps starvation, in some areas of Panay, especially around Iloilo and other coastal towns. The army takes up to 30% of what is produced, and large planters are holding their stocks of rice for higher prices. An invading force could not count on food being available on Panay.

CURRENCY : Practically none of the prewar currency is in circulation. The 1941-1942 and 1943 issues of emergency notes circulate readily among the people, and the issues of 1941-1942 are preferred. The Japanese have issued notes which are neither numbered or signed. These are generally regarded as worthless, and are not accepted except in the garrisoned towns.

Prewar Japanese Residents There were colonies of Japanese in Iloilo and other towns on Panay before the war, and many of these Japanese left the country before war was declared. Those who remained were placed in concentration in the provincial jail in Iloilo at the outbreak of war and were later transferred to San Agustin and later still to San Enrique. They seemed to be well treated, although the food allowance was small. At the same time all Japanese property in Iloilo was taken over for the army by the Alien Property Custodian, William GEMPERLE, at present Lt Col 6th Military District.

A few of the older Japanese residents appeared to be pro-Filipino and were opposed to the war. Several sons of Japanese-Filipino parents are now with the guerrilla.

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K OSHIWATA : Resident of Bacolod for many years. A building contractor, owned a hardware store and operated a sugar plantation. He acted as Japanese Consul for Negros, and was interested in shipping scrap iron to Japan. Believed to have been subsidized by the Japanese Government. Escaped at the time war was declared and later returned to Bacolod as civil administrator.

MURIKAMI : Leading Nip in Iloilo for many years. Seemed to have been a sort of Japanese Consul for the district. Left Iloilo before the outbreak of the war. Rumored, but not confirmed, that he returned as a General.



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Philippine Evacuee Report #281

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- Jan 44 Japanese penetration reaches Janiway area.
- 20 Feb 44 Japanese penetration into Talibong Barrio. Whitney in hiding.
- 27 Feb 44 Started evacuation to Australia.

Japanese Penetration: Toward the end of January 1944 a Japanese mobile force under Capt. Watanabe made a penetration into Central Iloilo. The Japanese plundered, terrorized and murdered civilians in order to force them to move back into towns garrisoned by Japanese so that they would no longer afford support for the guerrillas. On 29 February 44 a patrol of this mobile force, accompanied by some B.C.s came into Tabilong Barrio where Whitney was staying. They captured the Barrio Tanti, and Whitney and his family were taken to a camp of about 200 yards from the village. Whitney's captives, an old Filipino lady of 77 accompanied by the Japanese and two other captives were killed in the camp. Mr. Alonzo Cruz the Barrio anti-aircraft officer told Whitney that his wife had been caught by the Japanese, tortured and killed.

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FLORENTINO ANDRADE ✓ Number one stenographer in the Iloilo Port QM office. Reported that he now works for puppet Governor Caram in Iloilo.

FERRARES ✓ Puppet Mayor of Pototan under the Japanese. He is pro-guerrilla, and sends to the army what information he can get from the Japanese. In February 1944 he sent word to Whitney that the Japanese were planning to come to his Barrio.

Iloilo Port Quartermaster: This was organized on 20 December 1941 under the direction of the quartermaster at Cebu. One hundred men, including six Americans were employed there. The office managed the Port of Iloilo, chartered boats for the army, and purchased supplies of food, gasoline and oil from Iloilo City and the back country for the use of the army.

They shipped food and troops out to Bataan and Mindanao and also shipped food inland to Army depots near Lambunao and Passi.

COLONEL MCLANNAN ✓ Cavalry officer. Organized the Iloilo Port Quartermaster office in December 1941. Relieved in March 1942 and sent to Negros to organize a combat force.

MAJOR RICHARD JONES ✓ Succeeded Colonel McLannan in March 1942. Reported he escaped to Bacolod at the time of the invasion and later surrendered there.

PAUL MENO ✓ American pilot of the Iloilo Negros Air Express; worked at the Iloilo Port Quartermaster. Was killed on 16 April 1942 in the Japanese invasion of Iloilo. Believed his wife is maintained in Manila.

CHARLES MOAT ✓ Englishman from Asbato. Worked at the Iloilo Port Quartermaster office. Was sent to San Jose in Antique on 14 April 1942 to dispatch rice boats to Culion. Has not been heard from since.

SAWYER ✓ American from Masbate. Managed a warehouse for Iloilo Port Quartermaster. Whitney saw him on the afternoon of 15 April 1942. Since, contrary to orders, the warehouse was not destroyed, Whitney conjectures that Sawyer was killed or captured.

ANSE EMERSON ✓ American. Spanish-American War veteran. Procured palay for the Iloilo Port Quartermaster. Escaped with Whitney to Lambunao on 16 April 1942. Later captured by the Japanese there and taken with his Filipina wife and three children to Iloilo.

GILBERT NEWTON ✓ Ex U.S. Navy, from Masbate. Procured palay for the Iloilo Port Quartermaster. Escaped with Whitney to Lambunao on 16 April 1943. Later joined the guerrilla in Ordinance. Reported to have died of dysentery leaving a Filipina wife and one child in Lambunao.

HOBART ✓ American, retired Master Sergeant of the U. S. Army at Pototan, aged about 73. Reported bayoneted by the Japanese during 1943, leaving two daughters.



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