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Mann, Homer	"	28 Windsor Ave., Berkeley, Calif.	Civilian Eng. Airfield	1st Lt., CE	Inst. Eng. School. Const. Officer	1 May 43	31 Mar 44
Newman	"		Civilian Emp. G-4	1st Lt., GM	Ordnance O.	unconfirmed	Aug 43
Spencer, Cyril L.	"	Rm 1841, 230 Park Ave, N.Y.	Civilian Eng. Airfield	Capt., CE	Chief of Map Section	9 Dec 42	1 Apr 44
Schuring, Henry C.	"	1098 Sberwood San Jose, Ill, Calif.	Civilian Emp. G-4	1st Lt., CE	Liaison Officer	6 May 42	1 Apr 44
Treat, Jack	"	Palo, Alto, Calif.	Civilian Eng. Airfields	1st Lt., CE	Airfield and Supply O. Sara Airfield	1 May 42	3 Jan 44
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Hawley	Payroll Lt.Col.Garcia	Payroll Lt.Col.Garcia	76 - Satisfactory	Ev to Australia 20 Mar 44. Commissioned 2nd Lt.AUS, June-July 1944.
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| | Arrived Panay November 43.
Quartered in Engineer Security Camp
Evacuated to Australia Jan 44. | | | |
| 5. | Dean, Bill | 6968450 | Sgt | A.C. |
| | Arrived Panay Jan 43.
N.C.O. in charge of Engineer Security Camp.
Departed Australia Jan 44 | | | |
| 6. | Durhan, Farris Lee | 14002166 | | A.C. |
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