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July 28, 1942

1. The following Communication men, under enemy artillery firing and bombing on Ft. Mills performed heroic work beyond the call of duty. Immediately after a Communication line was put out of action, they went out under fire to repair it.

Pfc. William C. Lamm 6564087
 Sgt. Clifford W. Mann 19012889
 Pvt. Robert T. Bowers 14040516

2. They have previously been recommended for the award of the Silver Star by the Bn. C.O. and the Btry. C.O.

Alvin O. Oyer
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 1st. Lt. 60th C.A.
 Commanding

1. William E. Buck, as driver for the 1st. Bn. C.O. 60th C.A. Ft. Mills P.I. has been recommended for the award of the Silver Star by the Bn. C.O. and Btry C.O.

2. On many occasions, he made urgent trips under fire both alone and with the Bn. C.O.

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Alvin O. Oyer
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 Commanding

July 28, 1942

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1. The Cash on hand, in the the
Btry. fund of Hq. Btry. 1st. Bn. Was
burned by me and Capt. Robert
Callaway

2. I have in my possession a
certificate to that effect, signed
by Capt. Robt. Callaway and
my self, noting the number and
amount of each bill burned.

Alvin O. Oyer
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Fort Mills, P.I.
February 28, 1942

Subject: Attempt to Locate and Spot Artillery Fire on Enemy Gun Positions
in the Vicinity of Ternate, P.I.

To: Commanding General, Harbor Defenses of Manila Bay,
Fort Mills, P. I. (Through Channels)

1. The following is a narrative report of the attempt made to locate, and spot artillery fire on, enemy gun positions in the vicinity of Ternate, P.I.

On February 7, 1942, the original detail, consisting of the undersigned and two civilians, Mr. Ganfield and Mr. Backus, left Fort Mills at 7:00 p.m. aboard the ration boat for Fort Frank. Equipment carried included tow radio sets ("Walkie Talkie"), maps of the area in question, cipher device, field glasses, pocket compass, and Thompson sub-machine guns.

Upon arrival at Fort Frank trips were made to the mainland to contact guides which had been previously used by Mr. Ganfield and Backus on a reconnaissance of the Ternate area. After three trips in the motor-panco, guides were finally procured and the detail landed in Cayenco Cove at approximately 4:00 a.m. February 8, 1942.

Although the natives assured us that no enemy had been to barricade Cayenco up until that time, the detail passed the day of February 8th in a cave on Restinga Ridge. During the morning several rounds were fired by Fort Frank in the vicinity of Cayenco Cove, some of which landed close enough for us to feel a very slight concussion.

Immediately after dark on February 8th the party proceeded to a ridge scouted by the guides during the day and from which they assured us a view of the Ternate area could be had. This position was reached by dawn on February 9th. The position afforded but a limited view of the Ternate area, but Sapong point was clearly visible. Activity was observed on Sapong Point, and suspicious-looking objects were visible. Fire was requested and adjusted on this point. The enemy fired several rounds during the morning, which rounds clearly came from a point on which we had no observation. Consequently the guides were sent out the next day to look for a more favorable location. All day February 10th was spent in more or less fruitless observation.

After dark on February 10th, the detail started for the new position. In less than two hours a heavy wood was reached through which the guides could not take us in the dark, particularly since there was a very poor moon. Consequently the party waited until dawn of February 11th to proceed to position, reaching same at approximately 8:00 a.m. This position was found to

afford excellent observation of the Ternate-Maragondon area, except that the bridges across the river were obscured by a small hill just west of the river bank. Constant observation during the 11th disclosed enemy activity in the edge of some woods which bordered a rice field on the west side of the Maragondon River, and South of Sapong. During the afternoon a truck full of men was seen to enter this rice field, drive across it and disappear in the woods. Just before sunset the enemy fired about six rounds from the vicinity of the woods into which the truck disappeared. Fire was requested and adjusted on these woods. It is to be noted that no flash was visible to the observing detail, nor could smoke or dust be seen drifting up after the rounds were fired.

On February 12th observation was continued and fire was requested and adjusted on Sapong barrio and again on the woods from which the sound of firing the evening before had seemed to come. During the firing on the woods a small detail of enemy, about ten, ran out of the woods and across the rice field toward the Maragondon River.

One of the guides had been back to Cayoona Cove the night of February 11th to get additional rations and another battery for the radios. We ate the last of the initial rations on the morning of February 12th, but expected the guide back with additional rations by 8:00 a.m. At about 11:15 a.m. a native who lived approximately one kilometer from our position came running towards us indicating that an enemy patrol of from twenty to thirty strong was approaching our position. His story was that this patrol had come to his house and caught him by the wrist and insisted that he show them where the Americans were. He had wrenched loose and run into the woods and come to tell us. Our two guides upon hearing this news disappeared. The detail withdrew into the woods to a spot which could be easily defended and waited for developments. As nothing happened in about an hour, the detail once more took up position where observation could be had. However, it was obvious that unless the guide showed up with the food, we would have to start back to position so the detail of three started back carrying all equipment except blankets and shelter haves, which were hidden in the woods. In as much as we had done most of our traveling at night, we became confused on the trails and finally reached Paniman Cove at about 9:00 p.m. We reached Cayoona Cove at about 11:00 p.m. where we were met by a motor-banco from Fort Frank, which arrangement had been previously made by radio to Port Mills.

On February 13, 1942, a report of the circumstances was made to S-2, Harbor Defenses of Manila Bay, and a decision made to return to the field for further observation. The detail this time was to consist of five volunteer enlisted men, two Americans, three Philippine Scouts, and the undersigned.

The Americans, Staff Sergeant Boyd and Corporal Morrison, both of the 60th C.A. (AA), arrived at 8:00 p.m. February 13, 1942 by special boat. The undersigned found it necessary to go to Cayoona Cove to get one of the guides previously used and considered as reliable as anyone available. The party, including the three scouts, Corporal Bautista, Private Dionnes, and Private ^{FELIX} Medrosa, all of the 91st C.A. (PS), left Fort Frank at about midnight in two bancos, one of which was in tow. The party went first to barrio Calumpang where Captain Rueda, P.C., had requested a tow to Leoc Cove. Thus one motor was

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was pulling three bancos. We arrived at Loco Cove and disembarked at daybreak.

February 14, 1942, the party hid in the woods while an additional guide and six porters were rounded up for us by one of Captain Rueda's men. At dark the detail started for position via Loco Barric. It was the intention of the undersigned to walk ~~xxx~~ all night or reach position before dawn. However, upon reaching the mountains it was found impossible to advance because there was no moon. The party consequently slept until dawn and continued through the heavily wooded mountains until comparatively open country was reached when another halt for the day was made. On the evening of the 15th the march was continued and the detail came within a few minutes climb of the position. The porters were dismissed and the party entered the position early in the morning of the 16th. The positions used was the same as before, although it had been intended to change positions. The guides reported after a reconnaissance made on the 15th that the enemy was occupying the position it had been originally intended to use.

The enemy fired heavily during the 16th, but no flashes were visible, nor could smoke or dust be seen to arise from the woods from the vicinity of which the sounds seemed to come. Fire was requested and adjusted on a wood from which the sound of the fire of one battery seemed to come. After friendly fire, the enemy ceased firing from that wood and did not open fire from that position again during the period of observation by the detail. However, a battery which seemed to be on the east side of the river and north of Ternate opened fire and could not be located by the detail. The night of the 16th the enemy opened fire at night for the first time. Although the flashes were clearly visible, no accurate locations could be made. It was apparent, however, that one of the batteries was located in the vicinity of Maragondon. This battery had not fired previously while the detail was in position. The sound indicated a heavier caliber than the other batteries which had been heard to fire.

During the afternoon of February 16th evidences of the fact that the enemy had reconnoitered the position the detail was occupying were found in the form of empty cigarette packages and a piece of bread evidently from the enemy field ration. Adding this to the fact that no headway had been made in locating enemy positions, it was decided to move to a position closer to the enemy installations, if a suitable position could be found where observation security, and communications could be had simultaneously. Sergeant Boyd and Private Dionnes volunteered to reconnoiter a hill which overlooked what was apparently the heart of the enemy position. Inasmuch as there was no moon, the reconnaissance had to be made at dawn. These two soldiers left our position at dawn on February 17th.

The remainder of the detail took up position for observation as usual. Private Meddoza was assigned to the left flank, Corporal Bautista to the right flank, Corporal Morrison to the front, and the two guides to the rear, which was wooded and quite inaccessible. The detail was warned to observe closely for enemy patrols inasmuch as it was evident the enemy knew that friendly units had occupied this position before. No enemy activity was observed in the Ternate area nor did the enemy open fire. At about 10:30 a.m. a message was received from Fort Mills warning that the enemy was in Patungan, and would likely go to Calumpang. After completing radiex transmission, I collapsed the radio equipment and put same back in the edge of the woods. After a few minutes I glanced up and observed two soldiers coming from behind a bushy tree toward the edge of the woods in which I was sitting.

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These soldiers were less than ten yards from me and about three yards from Corporal Messis n. The Corporal was behind a rock acting as observer to the front and at this moment had his back toward the front. He saw the enemy about the same time as I did. He made no outcry, but calmly motioned for me to take cover. Before turning to get my rifle out of a tree directly behind me, I saw four enemy had cleared the tree which obscured my complete vision to the front, and that one of them lunged toward the helpless Corporal Morrison. The Corporal had, unfortunately, crawled out to the rock, which was less than ten yards from the edge of the wood, without his gun. After procuring my gun, I jumped behind the nearest under-growth and opened automatic fire on the spot where the enemy was last seen coming from. I could not see well through the dense under-growth and cannot say what effect, if any, my fire had. However, the enemy immediately opened up a brisk fire. Fire appeared to come from the flanks where Corporal Bautista and Private Mendoza were posted. I fired again with automatic fire and dropped back toward our camp. Because of the nature of the woods I could not see the enemy without unduly exposing myself, as he had approached to the very edge of the woods before he was observed by us. By that time I reached the camp some five minutes later the fire had ceased. Two ~~shots~~ isolated shots were heard off to the left flank from the direction from which Sergeant Boyd and Corporal Dionnes should be expected to return.

After waiting at the camp for a few minutes for other members of the detail to show up, I instructed one of the guides to remain hidden in the vicinity for two hours and bring any members of the detail he saw into a pre-arranged meeting place, and to hide any equipment he could that the enemy might overlook. All items of equipment except personal arms and the cipher device which was in my pocket were lost. I took the other guide and started back for the Loco valley through the woods. Upon reaching the edge of the valley at the base of the mountains, at about two p.m., I stopped in a friendly native's house to wait for nightfall and also for other members of the detail. Upon discussing the situation with the guide I found that the guide left near the position did not intend to bring the members of the detail via Loco after all, in spite of my instructions. Consequently I felt there was no use in waiting at this point any longer than nightfall. The natives advised us that one hundred of the enemy was in Loco barrio. The guide went to the barrio to verify this information, and finding it true, procured two additional guides to take us around Loco.

At nightfall we passed around Loco and proceeded to barrio Calayo, reaching this point at about midnight. The guide then procured a banco which he had hidden in a creek, and in spite of the information that the enemy was patrolling the beach, we put out in the bay, because we also received information that the enemy intended to search the vicinity of Calayo the next day. At about four a.m. we reached Limbones Cove where we went ashore to rest. At dawn we proceeded to Port Frank arriving there at about 9:00 a.m. February 18, 1942.

2. With referende to personnel, attention is invited to the fact that the soldiers as well as the civilians volunteered for this work, and that the loyalty, cooperation, and initiative of each man was commendable.

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Appropriate citations are recommended. The status of personnel who did not return, as indicated by best reports available, is as follows:

Sergeant Boyd - Captured.

Corporal Morrison - Killed or captured.

Corporal Bautista - Captured. (NOTE - REPORTED BEING OFFICER OF SWATH AND
M.C.S.V.)

Richard G. Ivey
Captain, 60th C. A. (AA)

1st Ind.

Hq. 60th Coast Artillery (AA), Fort Mills, P.I., March 1, 1942. @ To: CG,
HD of Manila and Subic Bays, Fort Mills, P.I.

1. The recommendation contained in paragraph 2, basic letter is
concluded in.

2. It is believed that in volunteering for and leading the hazardous
expeditions by these two small parties Captain Ivey is also deserving of
citation and award of appropriate decoration.

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April 1, 1942.

Subject: Letter of Appreciation.

To: The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Oahu.

1. It was with great pleasure indeed that the congratulatory message from the Oahu was received. The gift carton of cigarettes from K. C. Ting, Matt. 1c has been equally distributed to the victorious gun crews concerned.
2. The original message of congratulations from K. C. Ting, Matt. 1c1 is being reproduced both in Chinese and English and distributed with the cigarettes.
3. It is indeed a pleasure to forward herewith to K. C. Ting, Matt. 1c a reply to his spontaneous note and gift of approval.

T. M. CHASE,
Colonel, 60th C. A., (AA),
Commanding.

1-Incl:

#1-Letter to K. C. Ting, Matt. 1c.
with 1/Incl-Chinese translation.

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Subject: Letter of appreciation.

To: The Commanding Officer, U.S.A. Corps.

1. It was with great pleasure learned that the complimentary message from the Main was received. The gift cards of appreciation from K. G. Ting, Major, have been equally appreciated by the veterans and crew members.

2. The original message of commendation from K. G. Ting, Major, has been retained both in Chinese and English and distributed with the other letters.

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T. M. CHENG
Colonel, 50th C. A. (A)
Commanding

1-Encl:
1-Letter to K. G. Ting, Major, in
with Hindi-Chinese translation.

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YANGTZE PATROL
U.S.S. OAHU

March 31, 1942.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: Commanding Officer, Anti-Aircraft Units,
Fort Mills.

Enclosure: (A) Letter from K. C. TING, Matt. 1c, U.S. Navy
with english translation.
(B) One carton of cigarettes.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded at the spontaneous request of one of my men, a Chinese, when he saw the brilliant victory of one (or more) of your batteries in shooting down two enemy planes yesterday.

2. All of us were wild with joy as the pieces of our hated enemy's plane came twisting and hurtling toward us. However, no one was happier than this old Chinese who has seen his peaceful country tormented for over four years by the Japanese "topside sampans", which never seemed to fall out of the skies. Finally he saw it happen!

3. Congratulations to the victorious crew from the OAHU. You shoot 'em down. We'll bring you back the pieces for souvenirs.

Copy to:
Commander Inshore Patrol.

Signed: D. E. SMITH
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English translation of Enclosure (A), Letter from K.C. TING, Matt.1c.USN

Dear Comrades,

Now is the time that we are all declaring war against the Japanese, especially yesterday afternoon when I saw with my naked eye that we shot down two enemy planes when they come to bomb us. You know comrades, that is the thrilling act that we all wish to see all time heartedly.

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A TRUE COPY:

E.L.BARR
Lt. Col. 60th CA(AA)
Executive Officer

UNITED STATES ASIATIC FLEET
Yangtze Patrol
U.S.S. Oahu

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Lt. Col. 60th CA(AA)
Executive Officer.

親愛的

同志 盼望 是我們對你們的時期

尤其是昨天下午 有敵機來空襲你們

炸毀我的執眼看見了諸位同志

炸毀機由空中擊毀了兩架 這

是我們每個人所希望有的 同志

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以表我之敬意！
孔慶雲 啓

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送給你們

孔恩亭 敬上

亲爱的

同志 同志 同志 我们的时间你们的时期

元旦是昨天下午 有南机来空能你们
眼睛看见了诸位同志

将南机抄空中要手稿了 两样 这
是帮你们好人所弄来的

同好

BATTERY D
SIXTIETH COAST ARTILLERY

Fort Mills, P.I.
April 3, 1942.

To: The commanding Officer, Sailors, and Cooks of the U.S.S. Mindanao.

Your note of the First was greatly appreciated by myself and the Battery. I am sorry I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, although I have enjoyed the company of Lieutenants Nash, Goodwin, and Lightfoot for a few hours before the Japs blasted our quarters.

The Battery feels a close bond with the Mindanao and still remembers how you kept popping at the Japs on December 29, 1941, when we were put out of action. Although several other batteries were firing and all claim the hit on that blasted bomber, we feel that you are competent to judge who really brought her down.

The pies were greatly appreciated by all men of the battery, and we should like to complement your cooks on their good work. I know it was a sacrifice on the part of your men to part with such a generous amount, and that makes the gift more worthy.

May you blast more boats in Manila Bay, and may you see more Rising Sun's set in the North Channel.

Sincerely Yours,

HENSON GUYTON,
Capt., 60th CA (AA)
Commanding, Btry. "D".

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April 1, 1942.

Memo for Commanding Officer and men of Battery D:

The Muidanas did not pick up any fragments of the plane which, under your expert attention, came down about a mile ahead of us. If we had, we would gladly turn them over to you. It was a tremendous sight and one for which we have been waiting for months, for as I have frequently said, I wanted to see one come apart in the air and career into the water. You did a gratifying job of it! As an expression of our pleasure in your accomplishment, the Muidanas (which still has a little of the essential makings) is sending by this afternoon's guard mail boat 12 pies, which we hope will reach you promptly and in good condition. With best wishes for an early repetition.

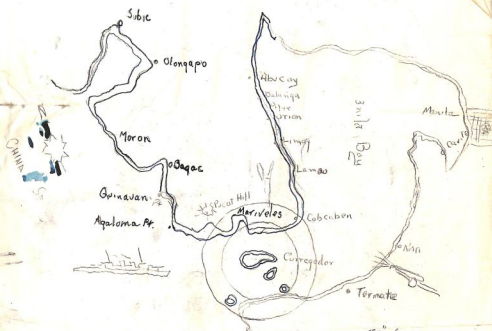
Sincerely yours

Alan McCaskey

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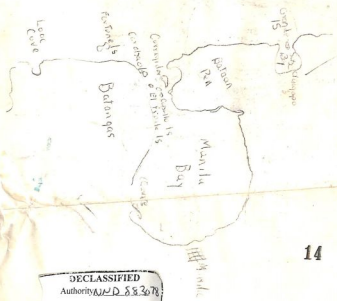
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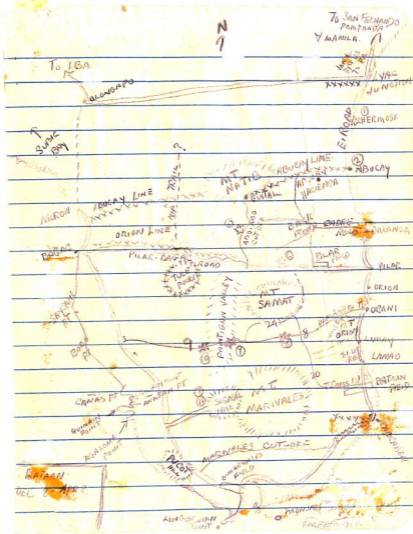
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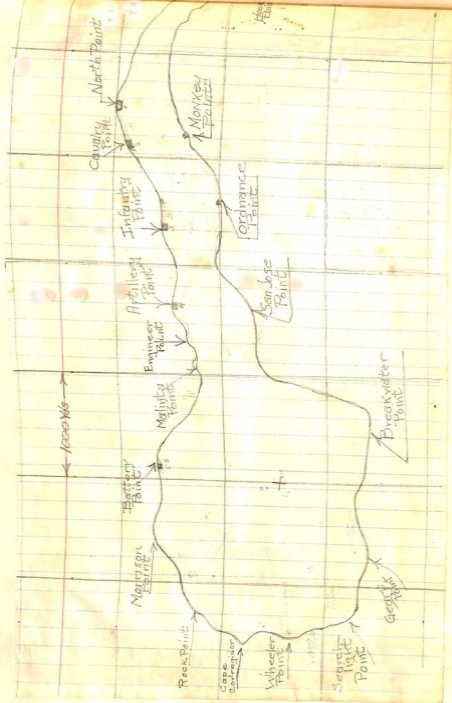


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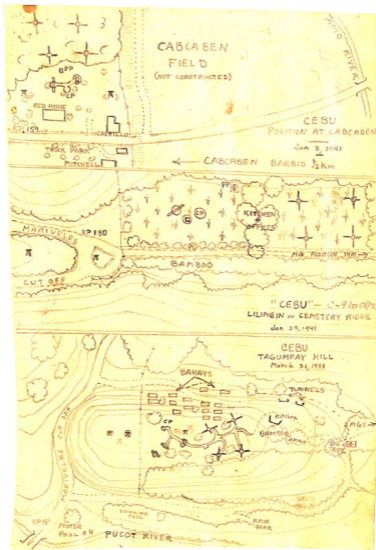
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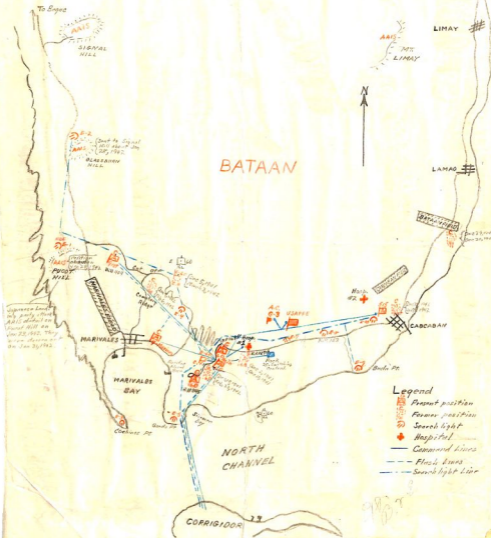
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