

Millard Hileman

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Biography:

Millard Hileman was born August 6, 1914. He enlisted in the Air Corps Ordnance in 1941 and was sent to Manila and Clark Field in the Philippines. He served with the 698th Ordnance as part of a twelve-man demolition team. On April 9, 1942, Clark Field surrendered to the Japanese but Hileman decided to escape with six others in the jungle. He spent the next year living with sympathetic Filipinos. During this time, he suffered malaria and dysentery. Millard surrendered to the Japanese on June 18, 1943 and was sent to San Fernando Prison. On June 27, 1943, he was transferred to Bilibid Prison and designated as a Special Prisoner. August 11, 1943, he received a red tag with sixteen others. They left on August 13, 1943 for Cabanatuan Prison and lived with the other 'red tags.' He suffered from diphtheria at Cabanatuan. July 20, 1944 Millard was sent to Fukuoka Camp No. 3 in southern Japan aboard the Nissyo Maru. There he suffered pneumonia and a broken foot. At the end of the war, the American army sent him back to Clark Field. He went home aboard the Klipfontein and docked in Seattle. Hileman died in Prosser, Washington.

Scope and Content:

The Millard Hileman papers cover the years, 1944-1993 and are divided into four series: Correspondence, Research, Book, and Tapes.

Correspondence, 1981-1990, describe his recollections for the book and include numerous letters between him and co-author, Paul Fridlund.

Research records, 1944-1993 are arranged alphabetically. These records are correspondence with or about other prisoners of war. Also included are articles about the men or places.

Book is a copy of his book, *1051: An American POW's Remarkable Journey Through World War II*. Words Worth Press, (Walla Walla. 1992).

Tapes are the thirty-two oral history tapes used for writing the book. They are housed in a separate box within box one.

Dates: 1944-1993 (bulk 1987-1989)

Restrictions: none.

Volume: .75 linear feet and 32 audio tapes.

Accession number: 1999.109.1

Record Series 1: Correspondence.

Box 1: Correspondence, 1981-1990.

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- 1 **Correspondence, American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, 14 September 1981**
Note: Hileman's recollection of Clark Field and the move into Bataan.
- 2 **Correspondence, Paul Fridlund, 14 April 1986 - 7 November 1987.**
- 3 **Correspondence, Paul Fridlund, 14 November 1987 - 24 December 1987.**

- 4 Correspondence, Paul Fridlund, 29 December 1987 - 26 January 1988.
- 5 Correspondence, Paul Fridlund, 2 February 1988 - 28 April 1988.
- 6 Correspondence, Paul Fridlund, 2 May 1988 - 28 August 1988.
- 7 Correspondence, Paul Fridlund, 4 October 1988 - 3 January 1989.
- 8 Correspondence, Paul Fridlund, 7 July 1989 - 14 April 1990.

Record Series 2: Research.

Box 2: Research, 1944-1993.

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- 9 Research, Paul Ashton (Bilibid), 1987.
- 10 Research, Bataan, 1945-1992.
- 11 Research, Leon Beck, 1987-1989.
- 12 Research, Bilibid - Manila, 1945-1946.
- 13 Research, Homer Boren, 1987-1988.
- 14 Research, Grover Bump, 1988-1989.
- 15 Research, Cabanatuan, 1945-1946.
- 16 Research, Samuel Carr, 1987.
- 17 Research, Cheesman Family, 1987-1988.
- 18 Research, John Cernitsky, 1988.
- 19 Research, Tom Coleman, 1988.
- 20 Research, Vernon Fassoth, 1987.
Special Items:
Photograph of the Fassoth family.
The Story of Fassoth's Camp.
- 21 Research, Fukuoka Camp #3, 1944-1990.
- 22 Research, Thomas E. Gage (34th Pursuit), 1989-1992.
- 23 Research, Thomas E. Gage (34th Pursuit), Philippine Notebook, 1986-1993.
- 24 Research, Walt Helhowski, 1987-1989.
- 25 Research, Japan Times, 1990-1992.
- 26 Research, Chas Johnson.

- 27 **Research, Joseph Jordan.**
- 28 **Research, Nieves Jordan, 1987.**
- 29 **Research, Kinder Family History, 1946-1992.**
- 30 **Research, Alvis Loveless, 1989.**
- 31 **Research, Hugh McCoy, 1946-1989.**
- 32 **Research, Wendell Morgan, 1986.**
 Note: This correspondence was with Morgan's brother, Mike.
- 33 **Research, Leland Montgomery, 1988.**
- 34 **Research, Nissyo Maru, 1988.**
- 35 **Research, H.R. 'Pat' Patton, 1987.**
- 36 **Research, Ernie Pineda, 1987.**
- 37 **Research, POW Bulletins, 1944-1945.**
- 38 **Research, Wayne Sanford, 1989.**
- 39 **Research, John Scott, 1989.**
- 40 **Research, Arthur 'Pee Wee' Standlee, 1987-1988.**
- 41 **Research, Pierce Wade (17th Ordnance), 1983-1989.**
- 42 **Research, Arthur Whitehead, 1989.**
- 43 **Research, Hank Winslow, 1987.**
- 44 **Research, World War II Chronicle.**

Record Series 3: Book.

Box 1: Book.

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- 45 **Book, *1051: An American POW's Remarkable Journey Through World War II.***

Record Series 4: Tapes.

Box 1: Tapes.

Tape:

- 1 **Tapes, Side 1: Early years with Paul Vacher; Side 2: Arrival at Clark AFB and December 8th Bombings.**
- 2 **Tapes, Side 1: December 8th Clark Field; Side 2: 2nd and 3rd week at Clark Field.**

- 3 Tapes, Side 1: Clark Field demolition.
- 4 Tapes, Side 1: Life on Bataan; Side 2: More of Bataan and description of 'Casey Cookies.'
- 5 Tapes, Side 1: More of Bataan; Side 2: same.
- 6 Tapes, Side 1: Life and times in Pasbul with Vacher, meeting Isabel; Side 2: Paul and I go back to barrio; Cheesman.
- 7 Tapes, Side 1: Thanksgiving with Cheesmans; Side 2: Meeting with Calyer and Merrill in Zambale.
- 8 Tapes, Side 1: Times in Zambales with Esquibels; Side 2: Back in Pio with Bill after Vacher's capture.
- 9 Tapes, Side 1: Start with note to Col. Kushino and our terms of surrender; Side 2: Wendell Morgan.
- 10 Tapes, Side 1: Days in Bilibid and interrogation; Side 2: Final days in Bilibid and red tags trip to Caban.
- 11 Tapes, Side 1: Cabanatuan; Side 2: In Cabanatuan, Quaning poker.
- 12 Tapes, Side 1: Leaving for Japan through Cabanatuan; Side 2: Boarding the Nisshyon Maru.
- 13 Tapes, Side 1 and Side 2: Aboard the Nisshyo Maru.
- 14 Tapes, Side 1: Welcome to Camp No. 3; Side 2: More life in Camp No. 3.
- 15 Tapes, Side 1 and Side 2: Life in Fukuoka Camp #3.
- 16 Tapes, Side 1: Spring of 1945 in Fukuoka Camp #3; Side 2: More of Spring '45.
- 17 Tapes, Side 1 and Side 2: Final days in Camp #3 until war's end.
- 18 Tapes, Side 1: Japanese surrender in Camp #3; Side 2: Leave Camp #3 thru Okinawa to the P.I.
- 19 Tapes, Side 1: Life at 29th repo depot Las Pinas south of Manila; Side 2: Back to the hills with Sherdie Allen.
- 20 Tapes, Side 1: Trip to Fassoths onto Zimbales; Side 2: Back to U.S.A. aboard the Klip (Dutchship).
- 21 Tapes, Side 1: Escape from Bataan.
- 22 Tapes, Side 1: Hank to Millard.
- 23 Tapes, "Charlie Johnson's bull shit dissertation of almost winning the war single handed on Bataan for McArthur..."

- 24 Tapes, Bill Ostrander, March 26, 1988.
- 25 Tapes, Millard to H. Winslow, July 21, 1984.
- 26 Tapes, Winslow to Millard, July 19, 1987.
- 27 Tapes, Hank to Millard, November 6, 1985.
- 28 Tapes, From Beck, October 1987.
- 29 Tapes, Bataan, the forgotten Hell, December 5, 1982.
- 30 Tapes, Talk with Cheesmans, August 3, 1987.
- 31 Tapes, Unlabeled, but appears to be 'Winslow.'
- 32 Tapes, Unlabeled.