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Narrative to accompany the revised ADBC Database of World War II POWs of the Japanese:

This revision to the ADBC Database of World War II Prisoners of War is being submitted to provide information gained from rosters of the 803rd Engineer Battalion (Aviation) and numerous individual records that became available to us after the April 4, 2006 submission of the original database. A few individual records have been added to the database when the information became available and that information was verified by the American Battle Monuments Commission database. In most cases, those individuals died soon after becoming POWs and the information did not get into the War Department files maintained on IBM punched cards.

During the preparation of this revision, it became apparent that displaying the Source Codes would be simplified by dividing the Source Field into three fields. In the revised database, whenever more that one source of information was used for a record, up to three source codes are provided. The sources are displayed alphabetically with the first code in the Source1 field, the next code in the Source2 field and (if there is a third code) the next code in the Source3 field.

The original database submission contained some instances of more than one code in the Arm and Rank fields that had the same meaning. These duplications have been resolved and the database can now be more effectively used to search for all POWs with the same entries in a field or combination of fields. There were also some typographical errors in various fields. We have worked diligently to eliminate such errors.

Since entries in the Code Lists must be brief and most punctuation characters are not permitted, references to publications are not complete. The following additional information on publications cited in the Sources Code List is offered to persons that desire a more complete description of the source.

Books:

ALL THIS HELL: U.S. Nurses Imprisoned by the Japanese by Evelyn M. Monahan; University Press of Kentucky, 2003
Anywhere-Anytime: The History of the 57th Infantry (PS) by Col. John E. Olson; published by the author; 1991
Barbed Wire Surgeon by Alfred A. Weinstein; Macmillan; 1948
Blood Brothers: a medic's sketch book by Eugene C. Jacobs; Carlton Press, 1985
Brothers Of Paul: Activities of Prisoners of War Chaplains in the Philippines during World War II by The Rev. Dr. Richard S. Roper; Revere Printing; 2003
Conduct Under Fire: Four American Doctors and Their Fight for Life as Prisoners of the Japanese1941 – 1945 by John Glusman; Random House; 2005
DECEMBER 8, 1941: MacArthur's Pearl Harbor by William H. Bartsch; Texas A & M University Press; 2003
Doomed at the Start: American pursuit pilots in the Philippines, 1941-1942 by William H. Bartsch; Texas A&M University Press; 1992
Doomed Garrison -- the Philippines (a POW Story) by John R. Vance; Cascade House; 1974
In the Shadow of the Rising Sun: diary of an American POW in WWII by William D. Miner; Giraffe Books, Philippines; 2003
O'Donnell: Andersonville of the Pacific by Col. John E. Olson; published by the author; 1985
Prisoner of War by Clyde Fillmore; Quanah, Tex., Nortex; 1974
Rogues of Bataan by Ted R. Williams; Carlton Press; 1979
The Butchers, The Baker by Victor L. Mapes; McFarland & Company; 2000
The Fall of the Philippines by Louis Morton; Center for Military History, Washington, DC; 1953
The Hard Way Home by Col. William C. Braly; Infantry Journal Press; 1947
The Life of a P.O.W. under the Japanese in Caricature by Malcolm Fortier; C. W. Hill, Spokane; 1946
The Steadfast Line: The Story of the 27th Bombardment Group (Light) in World War II by Mary Cathrin May; Privately Published; 2003
We Band of Angels by Elizabeth M. Norman; Random House, Inc.; 1999
We Refused To Die: My time as a prisoner of war in Bataan and Japan, 1942-1945 by Gene S. Jacobsen; University of Utah Press; c2004

Other Publications:

There Were Others by Col. Hiram Tarkington (never published – the manuscript is in the Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA)
USMA in the Philippines by Col. John E. Olson – this is an article printed in the July 1993 issue of Assembly, published by the Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy

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