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To : Adjutant, District of Mindanao (thru Capt. G.O. Fort).
Subject : Active Volcano in Piagayungan Mountain Range.

1. June 5th, 1916, the undersigned in command of a combined detachment of First Cotabato Co., and First General Service Co. on reconnaissance patrol from Kapaad N.W. thru the Piagayungan mountain range, came in sight of an active volcano which from all indications had recently erupted a discharge of volcanic ash and either smoke or flame capable of partially destroying the vegetation for two miles in circumference of the crater.

2. Unfortunately for the purpose of obtaining the exact bearing of the crater the atmosphere was clouded with smoke and a low hanging ground mist. Bearings taken four miles to the N.E. of the crater however showed two towns on Lake Lanao thought to have been 17 degrees W. of N. and Lumbayan 47 degrees W. of N. The name given the crater as obtained from three Moros of the vicinity of Kapaad who accompanied the expedition as guides was the same as that of the range of which it is a part, ie. piagayungan.

3. Also, due to the aforementioned mist, the top of the crater could not be seen, but the moros of Kapaad, who had passed near before claim that smoke constantly rises from the top.

4. The terrain for two miles E and W and five miles N and S is rough and broken. Large fissures appear at the base of high masses of volcanic rock, from two of which to the N.W. of the crater, smoke issued with considerable force bearing a strong sulphuric odor. Whether or not there are other active fissures to the S and W is not known. The undersigned passed within 50 feet of one of these smoke columns.

5. The sides of the crater as far as could be seen were deeply scored as tho by molten lava and bore little or no vegetation. Fine volcanic ash of the size of a bean, light in weight and having somewhat the appearance of coal ash, was scattered for two miles in all directions and in places, over a faint trail, showing that an eruption had occurred, in all probability, since the trail had last been used.

- (1) Kapaad, Coast of map N. 4654 - 7° 29' N - 124° 15' E
(2) Mura Barado, Piagayungan