

1st Indorsement

OFFICE PROVINCIAL COMMANDER, Bacolod, January 17, 1933.
To- District Adjutant, Visayas, Cebu.

1. Returned. Investigation disclosed that Kanla-on Volcano began to emit smokes on or about December 24, 1932, and it continues emitting smokes up to the present time. Information has it that on January 1, 1933, plenty of smokes and ashes were emitted and the people living near the volcano were a little bit alarmed. The emission of smokes and ashes in abundance almost continued the whole day. People of La Granja, La Carlota, claimed that ashes thrown off even reached the place and they could gather some by placing a piece of paper on the ground. This shows that there were plenty of ashes emitted at that time. La Granja is about 12 kilometers from the volcano. It is also claimed that the rivers coming from the west and south sides of the volcano were very turbid of ash color. Mr. Felix Maramba, Agronomist of La Granja, also claimed that the water had a sulphuric odor. As a proof of this many fish were found dead floating and many people turned out to pick them up.

2. On the 12th instant, I went to Ma-ao, Bago, La Granja and barrio Canlaon, La Carlota, Hda. San Jose, La Castellana and Magalleon, Isabela, to verify it myself if the volcano is really emitting smoke and ashes and to gather information re other abnormal activities. While on reconnaissance I saw the volcano emitting smoke and some quantity of ashes. I found the river turbid with ash color. Evidence of ashes on automobiles running through La Carlota-La Castellana road could be seen on the body and top of the cars.

3. One man of La Granja claimed that he felt an earthquake on or about January 3, 1933, about noon but this statement could not be corroborated by any other observer. One "Caminero" who is living at barrio Canla-on, near the volcano, claimed that he heard a rambling sound on the night of the 9th instant which lasted about 5 minutes. This is corroborated by his family. They did not feel however, any earthquake at that time.

4. Information has it that it usually emits smokes about the beginning of the year but the emission lasted only a few days. People claimed that this is the longest duration of the emission of smokes and some of them are somewhat alarmed.