

BILIRAN ISLAND, LEYTE PROVINCE
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

INTRODUCTION

On September 4, 1939, an eruption occurred west of Caibiran town, Biliran Island, Leyte Province, Philippine Islands. It caused some concern among the inhabitants of the town. The people spent sleepless nights for fear that another eruption of much more dangerous proportion might follow. The local officials immediately took precautionary measures against this possibility and sent urgent request for a government technical man to visit the place and advise them on the alarming situation, as revealed in the telegrams and letters, copies of which are enclosed herewith, exchanged between Municipal Mayor Eulalio G. Maderazo of Caibiran and Governor Rafael Martinez of the province immediately after the eruption.

Father Selga who was indisposed to make the trip lost no time in sending a telegraphic message informing the inhabitants of Caibiran that the mountain is not an active volcano and its present activity is only a sign of declining volcanism. He explained further that the thick smoke coming out from that mountain is not dangerous, it being probably due to great expansion of gases. Due to Father Selga's inability to go, the undersigned with a letter of introduction from the Director of Mines, copy of which is also enclosed herewith, made the requested visit to Caibiran, Biliran Island, Leyte. The party's travel from Manila