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MAJOR GENERAL PARKER SURVEYS PARKER VOLCANO

Dispels Doubt Regarding Authenticity Of This Cotabato
Volcano

When the first report of the discovery of a giant volcano in the wilds of Southern Cotabato was made by Major General Frank Parker, there were many in the Philippines who did not hesitate to express their doubts. It could not have been possible, said many, that such thing as a volcano with a crater measuring about a mile across could remain undiscovered for so long in such a little country as the Philippines.

There was no record of this natural wonder in the government archives.

But the giant volcano of Cotabato is so figment of the imagination. It is not a elevated lake (which would have appeared like a volcano from an airplane) as some presumed. Any doubt regarding it was dispelled with the completion of a thorough survey conducted last week by the members of an expedition headed by Major General Frank Parker and composed of Vice Governor-General Hayden, Major Arthur M. Heritage, Capt. Maugham, Lt. Don Old, Lt. Rush, Lt. W. T. Colman, Capt. E. H. Pagenhart, division chief in the bureau of coast and geodetic surveys; John Bach, and others. The members of the party returned to Manila on January 10.

Major General Parker, commanding general of the Philippines Department, U.S. army, who first discovered the volcano and after whom the volcano is being named by the Cotabato Provincial board, declared upon landing that the survey made by the party dispelled any doubts which might have been held that the giant peak was not