

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU
Station at Borongan

Borongan, Samar, P.I.
April 8, 1935.

The Director of the
Weather Bureau,
Manila
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that on April 5, at 10:00 A.M. I received a typhoon warning from the central office stating that the typhoon 104 miles East-southern Luzon moving WNW and the said typhoon warning was distributed by me to the Municipal President, merchants and to the station commander, with the words underneath; while it will be well to be watchful no precaution need be taken at present.

As to my experience I myself said that this typhoon will approach Samar except when there is another typhoon in the Pacific, and also I did not think at that time that there will be a typhoon in this Municipality because the Barometer from 2:00 P.M. up to 10:00 P.M. of April 5, was in a good sign, and the central office did not send any typhoon warning during night of April 5, of the present year.

But at about midnight of the same date the winds from the fourth and first quadrants were blowing strong and gusty and increasing more in intensity, and the sea was very rough its direction from East. In this case I doubted that the weather is getting worst. Then at 2:00 A.M. I went immediately to my office to take the note from the Barometer, and found that the Barometer was 748.57 at the very moment I went out from my office to tell the Municipal President that precaution must be taken at present, because the typhoon is coming nearer.

Therefore I respectfully inform you that on April 6, this Municipality was struck by a destructive typhoon which was lasted until 1:00 P.M. of the same date. At 4:00 A.M. the hurricane winds were blowing from the fourth and the first quadrants and the Barometer continue falling reaching the Minimum 710.73 at 6:00 A.M. of the same date. The hurricane winds that blow in this Municipality are: NW, N, NE, ESE, and SE.

The effect of the destructive typhoon are as follows:

30% of the houses totally destroyed, 10% of the houses partially destroyed and 95% of the coconuts plants, 90% of the crops and some other plants were completely destroyed. This Municipality was practically swept by the hurricane winds. The sea waves and rain rushing from the mountain carrying big trees and others.

The Barrios north of the town such as; Bugas, Santa Fe, Canhuway, and Punta Maria were flooded by a tidal waves. In Bugas there were 22 persons drowned and 6 persons from the other Barrios. According to the information the water in Bugas was 21 1/2 meters. In Canhuway the water rose 21 1/2 meters. In Punta Maria 2 meters.

And the Barrios south of the town such as; Maydolong, this Barrio was flooded by a tidal waves, the water rose about 2 meters.

Moreover I have the honor to inform this office that the nipa roof of the thermometer shelter and parts of the wooden materials of same were blown away, and the Map of the Philippine Islands which I used in my office was also blown away by the winds. The Weather Vane falls to the ground with slight damage and I hired a blacksmith to repair and to set of same.

Awaiting further instruction for the reparation of the thermometer shelter.

Respectfully Yours,
Gracio
Observer.