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Three Manobo girls, July 1931

Until the early 1970s, Clagg worked as an entomologist for the U.S. Navy, assigned for much of the time to the District Public Works Office for the 14th Naval District at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Active professionally, he was an officer and honorary member of the Hawaiian Entomological Society. He died in Barnstable in 1989.

Scope of collection

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Clagg, Charles F.: A waterfall which I discovered while hiking up the Calian River June 2, 1930. It is about 30 feet high and in a



narrow rocky gorge. Calian, Davao.

1930 June 2

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: A coconut picker. There are no notches on the tree he is climbing and he must therefore place his feet more



flat on the trunk. This accounts for his off position. Calian, Davao.

1930 June 6

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: This shows how coconuts are obtained from tall trees. The men cut small notches for their feet to assist in climbing the biggest trees. Two men are in the picture, one near the top of the tree in the foreground. Calian, Davao.



ca.1930 June 6

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: Cleaning coconuts. A young grove at Calian. This is only a few months growth of brush and vines. The man in



the middle is longhaired and wears it loose. Calian, Davao.

1930 June 7

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: Horse fight at Calian. The horses are each trying to bite the flank of his opponent. Calian, Davao.



ca.1930 July

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: Part of the gallery at the horse-fight. Most of the women stayed on top of the rock to be safe. A vinta pulled up



at the right. Calian, Davao.

1930 July 20

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: The M.S. 'Lustveco' from Davao. The cargo boat is bringing in the mail and will load hemp, etc., for the return



trip. Tonnage: 146; speed: 11 knots. Calian, Davao.

1930 July

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: The girls on the ends have brought down the onions under their arms to sell at the plantation store. They each have a small sister by the hand. Note how the stomach of the little boy, third from the left, sticks out after a meal of rice. Calian,



Davao.

1930 July

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: Three Manobo girls who have just traded native onions for the soap they now hold in their hands. Notice the bracelets of brass on the arms of the girl on the left. These ring bracelets and anklets of brass and copper are highly valued



among the wild people. Calian, Davao.

ca.1930 July

Gelatin silver print



Clagg, Charles F.: A view along the beach at Calian and Lapman. Calian, Davao.

ca.1930 July

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: Preparing copra at George Pahl's plantation. The men on the right are splitting coconuts with axes and the women and children are spreading the slit nuts to dry in the sun. The man in the foreground has long hair done up in a pug.



Notice his small knife and sheath.

ca.1930 July

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: A man splitting off the outer part of a petiole from a stalk of aboca. The part he splits off is called a 'tuxe' and



is later stripped of its pulp to leave the fiber, known as Manila hemp. Calian, Davao.

ca.1930 July

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: My house in the La Lun Mts., at 55000 ft. altitude. On one slant of the triangled roof arte leaves from large air plants like orchids. For the other side we used the broad leaves from wild banana and for the back and for the front at night we used the fronds of giant tree ferns. Quite a house. This photo is of the rear and part of one side. La Lun Mts., Calian, Davao.



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Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: One of my cargadores high up in a tree from which he had just cut the top limbs to clear the way for picture



taking. La Lun Mts., Calian, Davao.

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Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: A rocky stretch of beach between Calian and Lamidan. Places like this are what make it impossible to build



good roads cheaply in this country. Calian, Davao.

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Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: Henry Pahl on the left, George Pahl on the right. These two are brothers. George Austin Pahl in the middle is Henry's son. The Pahls come from W. Va. They are typical of the 'old timers,' Americans who came out here in the army and



later settled here as planters. Fine men -- all.

ca.1930 July

Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: Ho Hee, on the left, Mr. Pahl's Chinese cook when I was there the middle of last year. He let him go later. Lum, on the right, is Mr. Pahl's Chinese carpenter, and a good one too. Calian, Davao.

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Gelatin silver print



Clagg, Charles F.: Looking out from under the coconuts at Calian. Calian, Davao.

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Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: Where there are no wharves or piers passengers have to be carried through the surf like cargo by one of the



boat men.

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Gelatin silver print

Clagg, Charles F.: A view of the 'Lustveco' and the cargo boat at sunrise. Calian, Davao.



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Gelatin silver print

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