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South From Corregidor: The complete story with new photographs, maps and addendum John Morrill Added pictures, maps and an Addendum bring closure to this amazing 1942 World War II escape story. Republished by Mike Deal and Tim Deal with support from the last surviving escapee, Lyle Bercier and Lieutenant Commander Morrill's daughters make this republished version of South from Corregidor a one-of-a-kind read. On the evening of 6 May, 1942, hours after US Army General Jonathan Wainwright surrendered all US and Filipino forces on the island of Corregidor and other fortified islands in Manila Bay to the Imperial Japanese Army, 18 US Navy sailors from USS Quail began their daring escape to freedom. Using a 36 foot Navy motor launch, the 18 sailors, led by Lieutenant Commander John Morrill began their 2,000 mile journey through Japanese infested waters. With only a watch, compass, homemade sextant and a few maps it was an incredible feat of navigation. Their story is one of great audacity, where the generosity and bravery of the Filipino people, along with sheer luck played an integral role in the outcome of events. This World War II escape story was originally published as a series of Saturday Evening Post articles in December, 1942, and then as a book in early 1943. The book was written by Lieutenant Commander Morrill less than a year after the escape. This republished version of South From Corregidor is as the Skipper, as Lieutenant Commander Morrill is called by his crew, wrote it. Thirty-nine maps have been added to help show their journey, as well as six illustrations that were included in the Saturday Evening Post three-part article printed following the escape. In addition to photographs of the escapees, an Addendum is included that tells what happened to the 18 sailors. Did they survive the war? More information on the escapees can be found online at www.sfc1942.yaleaerial.com.

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