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Barot, MANTAPA Island Group Wednesday

We had an accident on the boat shuttle from the sea Otter owned by Dick Bartlett borrowed by Al Sim for our use this morning at about 11:00 AM.

When the sea Otter had anchored off Barot Inelda and the girls took the plastic boat for shore. First, then Vincent, Marcelino Pasco, AP press photographer, Danny and Tony Vasquez then followed. The boat which was from Socoy because three of the passengers were ~~in~~ forward, was swamped by three foot waves and over turned.

Vincent lost his 'kaypee' as Marcelino the photographer who was weighed down with three cameras, lenses, a gun, clothes bag, sportshoes in an effort to climb up the overturned boat which had of course a slippery bottom, was swept away by the westward current, cling to Vincent who went down with him.

If turned out Marcelino does not know how to swim but can float. So he was fished out of the water unconscious, artificial respiration was administered, water rolled out of his stomach. He received concussion but his equipment was ruined,

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and Vincent had a cut in the forehead.
We arrived from fishing around the
island of Barit to see Pamela desperately
trying to flag us in with just sunglasses and dress
then a towel.

Danny and Jerry swam to the shore
but Jerry lost her bag.

The UOU did well. They acted quickly.
Sgts Estacio and Ramos, a submarine technician
man, pulled Marcelino out of the water. A
minute more and he would have drowned.

And the UOU also dove to 90 feet
for Edora's portfolio and Jerry's handbag
including the contents of bags and glasses which
were scattered over the moss-covered bottom.

Megno went down without rowing
suit and lungs to 90 feet to retrieve the
hand bag.

Vincent says he was scalped in Tuga.

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The weather has been bad, the sea rough and the wind strong.

We have not caught any fish either so we could not fish at all.

But we enjoy the islands. As James says it is paradise.

Tomorrow we start at 6:00 AM.

Am reading Napoleon (From 18 Brumaire to Tilsit by Georges De Foy as translated by Henry H. Stockwell. It criticizes Napoleon's ascension to dictatorship.

"It was to the Revolution that Bonaparte owed his marvellous destiny. He was able to force himself upon republican France precisely because an interval was fated that country to dictatorship." "The Brumarians" had no intention of giving up to Bonaparte, and they chose him only as an instrument of their policy. That they propelled him to power without imposing any conditions, without even first determining the fundamental character of the new regime, betrays their incredible mediocrity.