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- GENERAL 1944

Guerrilla

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C-in-C (Thru: G/S)

13 December 1944

Herewith is draft of communique of Guerrilla operations as directed.

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DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

Since our landing on LEYTE our Guerrilla forces in the Western VISAYAS and MINDANAO have sustained an aggressive offensive against enemy garrisons on the several major Islands and have succeeded in capturing large areas, including strongly held coastal points and airfields. Constant Guerrilla pressure has succeeded in seriously disrupting the enemy's lines of communication and impeding the free movement of his reserves. In these operations our Guerrilla forces have inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Specifically:

On MINDANAO our Guerrilla forces under the command of Colonel Wendell W. Fertig, Engr Corps, have invested numerous important coastal points and enemy held airfields and have liberated the entire provinces of LANAO and MISAMIS Occidental.

On PANAY our Guerrilla forces under command of Colonel Macario Feralta Jr., Infantry, in a series of sharp thrusts have captured the towns of ZARRAGA, PALNONGON, SAN MIQUEL and ENSTANCIA, siezed several vital enemy airfields and are now maintaining heavy pressure on remaining enemy positions on the Island.

On NEGROS our Guerrilla forces under command of Lt Colonel Salvador Abcede, Infantry, in a general offensive movement against enemy occupied areas have cleared the Southern half of the Island with the exception of the DUMAGUETE area where the enemy has been driven into a pocket and is now under close siege. On the East coast, SIBULAN, SAN CARLOS, BAE, ISABELLA and LUZRIGA, together with several airfields have been captured.



On CEBU our Guerrilla forces under command of Lt Colonel Charles Cushing, Engr Corps, in a series of direct attacks and violent harassing movement have cleared the enemy from the major part of Southern CEBU leaving him confined for the most part to Central CEBU where his lines of communication are under constant pressure and his freedom of movement seriously restricted.

In the SULU ARCHIPELAGO our Guerrilla forces under the command of Lt Colonel Alejandro Suarez, Infantry, have maintained constant harassing action against enemy positions severely restricting his freedom of movement.

On BOHOL our Guerrilla forces under command of Major Ismael Inginiere, Infantry, are maintaining constant pressure on the enemy in the TAGBILARAN area where his forces are now concentrated.



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Date *21 Nov 44*

21 November 1944

Subject: Demolitions and Sabotage, M-1 Operation. *HW*

To : Commander-in-Chief, South West Pacific Area, APO 500.

In accordance with Operations Instructions Number 73/6, request that the following projects be initiated on dates shown:

1. Reference: Paragraph 1 b (3) (a) and (b): Destruction of railroad bridges and road bridges at PLARIDEL and CALUMPIT on S-4.
2. Reference: Paragraph 3 a (2):
 - a. Maximum demolitions and sabotage to destroy culverts and wooden bridges on the road OLONGAPO--DINALUPIHAN--SAN FERNANDO, S-4 to S-Day.
 - b. Destruction of road bridge at BALIUAG on S-4.

For the Commanding General:

G. H. DECKER,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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Guerrilla activities

C.W.

Chief of Staff

6 October 1944

1. Herewith is a draft of a special communique which I suggest for issuance by the C in C in compliance with your C/N of 5 October.
2. In this draft I have generalized on meritorious achievements rather than specifying names and positions that would:
 - (a) Tend to compromise the individual or his family; and render insecure the continuance of our work;
 - (b) Hurt and possibly alienate those not so named;
 - (c) Chance the inclusion, particularly in the areas unrecognized and concerning which little reliable information is at hand, of individuals who may later be established as having been renegades or bandits.

Note that Parsons' mother-in-law, Kangleon's wife and daughters and Peralta's entire family, that we know of, are held by the enemy. To flaunt him with their deeds by name might well cause retaliation upon those so held.

3. Something along this line would appear to lay the foundation desired by the C in C for the full story later. In it I have attempted to extend full credit for achievement without changing a slight to anyone.

4. I have endeavored to generalize on the whole set up so that the enemy can derive little more information than he now has - nothing specific that would permit him to pin point any particular position, locality or individual.

5. Should you desire it developed further and along more specific lines, despite the risks entailed, I shall submit a revision. I advise against it, however, at this time.

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SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE:

As our forces of liberation roll forward the magnificent support we are receiving from guerilla units throughout the immediate objective area and adjacent Islands causes me at this time to pay public tribute to those great Filipino and American patriots who have led and supported the resistance movement in the Philippines since the dark days of 1942.

Following the disaster which, in the face of overwhelming superior enemy power, overtook our gallant forces, a deep and impenetrable silence engulfed the Philippines. Through that silence no news concerning the fate of the Filipino people reached the outside world until broken by a weak signal from a radio set on the Island of PANAY which was picked up, in the late fall of that same fateful year, by listening posts of the War Department and flashed to my headquarters. That signal, weak and short as it was, lifted that curtain of silence and uncertainty and disclosed the start of a human drama destined to make military history.

In it I recognized the spontaneous movement of the Filipino people to resist the shackles with which the enemy sought to bind them both physically and spiritually. I saw a people in one of the most tragic hours of human history, bereft of all reason for hope and without material support, endeavoring, despite the stern realities confronting them, to hold aloft the flaming torch of liberty. I gave this movement all of the spiritual encouragement that the situation and the material support that my limited resources would permit.

Through the understanding assistance of our Navy, I was able to send in by submarine, in dribbles at first, arms, ammunition and medical supplies. News of the first such shipment spread rapidly throughout the Philippines to electrify the people into full returning consciousness that America had neither abandoned

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not forgotten them.

Since then, as my resources increased, I was enabled, after formalizing the guerrilla forces by their recognition and incorporation as units of our army, to send in vitally needed supplies in ever increasing quantities through Philippine coastal contacts by four submarines finally committed exclusively to that purpose.

I would that at this time I might name the gallant heroes of this epic in Philippine-American history, but considerations of security for the individuals, their families and the cause require that I limit myself to a generalization of their work and a statement of their brilliant achievements.

Of the latter I need but point out that for the purposes of this campaign we are materially aided by strong, battle tested forces in nearly every Philippine community, alerted to strike violent blows against the enemy's rear as our lines of battle move forward and that now are providing countless large areas adjacent to military objectives into which our airmen may drop with assurances of immediate rescue and protection. We are aided by the militant loyalty of a whole people - - a people who have rallied as one behind the standards of those stalwart patriots who, reduced to wretched material conditions yet sustained by an unconquerable spirit, have formed an invincible center to the resolute overall resistance.

We are aided by the fact that for many months my plans of campaign have benefited from the hazardous labors of a vast network of agents numbering into the hundreds of thousands providing me with precise, accurate and detailed information on major enemy moves and installations throughout the Philippine Archipelago. We are aided by the fact that through a vast network of radio positions extending into every center of enemy activity and concentration throughout the Islands, I have been kept in immediate and constant communication with such widespread sources



of information. We are aided by the fact that on every major Island of the Philippines there are one or more completely equipped and staffed weather observatories which flash to my headquarters full weather data morning, afternoon and night of every day and which in turn provides the basis for reliable weather forecasts to facilitate and secure the implementation of our operational plans. Widely disseminated to our forces throughout the Pacific and in China the information from this weather system has materially aided our military operations over a large section of the world's surface.

We are aided by an air warning system affording visual observation of the air over nearly every square foot of Philippine soil established for the purpose of flashing immediate warning of enemy aircraft movement through that same vast network of radio communications. We are aided by provision on all inland waterways and coastal areas of complete observation over enemy naval movement to give immediate target information to our submarines on patrol in or near Philippine waters. This information has contributed to the sinking of enemy shipping of enormous tonnage, and through such same facilities was flashed the warning to our naval forces of the enemy naval concentration off the eastern Philippines during the Marianas operation.

Finally we are aided by the close interior vigilance that has secured for our military use countless enemy documents of great value, among which were the secret defensive plans and instructions of the Commander in Chief of the Combined Japanese Fleets to counter our offensive action in the several Pacific areas and complete information on the strength and dispositions of enemy fleet and naval air units. That same Commander in Chief of the Combined Japanese Fleets was a prisoner of one of our guerilla units prior to his death from injuries sustained in an air crash.

All of these vital aids to our military operations, and there are many more

still unmentioned, are responsive to the indomitable courage of the military and civil leaders whom I shall in future name and their loyal followers both Filipino and American; to gallant Filipinos, residents of the United States, who have volunteered to infiltrate into the Islands in support of their countrymen and Americans who have infiltrated with them; and finally to the militant loyalty and unconquerable spirit of the masses of the Filipino people.

As COMMANDER IN CHIEF of the forces of liberation I publicly acknowledge and pay tribute to the great spiritual power that has made possible these notable and glorious achievements - - achievements which find no counterpart in military history. These great patriots, Filipino and American, both living and dead, upon whose valiant shoulders has rested the leadership and responsibility for this unparalleled movement in the past critical period, shall, when their identities can be made known, find a lasting place on the scroll of heroes of both nations - heroes who have selflessly and defiantly subordinated all to the cause of human liberty. Their names and their deeds shall ever be enshrined in the hearts of our two peoples in whose darkest hours they have waged relentless war against the forces of evil that sought, through ruthless brutality, the enslavement of the Filipino people.

To these great patriots to whom I now pay public tribute I say stand to your battle stations and relax not your vigilance until our forces shall have swept forward to relieve you.



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	Maj Carrington	---
Administration	Lt T C Bird	---
Maj H W Fort	Lt J Wells	---
CWO C J Hallinan		---
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	Col W J Niederruom	---
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Brig Gen W E Chambers	Lt J A Isely	---
Col H B Wheeler	Lt R R Smith	---
Col C Whitney	Lt R A Gardner	---
Capt C C Phleger		---
Col J M Bartella	Drafting	---
Col J E Bowen	M/Sgt R T Hoover	---
Comdr R S McIver		---
Lt Col E J Macherey	Chief Clerk	---
Lt Col K I Curtis		---
Lt Col J V Rathbone		---
Lt Col L J Loughran	For:	---
Maj D G Sherrard	Approval	---
Maj R B Steele	Comment	---
Lt Comdr N E Weaver	Concur	---
Lt Comdr G Dwight	Info	---
Maj F E Anderson	Nec Action	---
Capt L A Telesco	Signature	---
Capt H B Bowman	Ret Adm	---
Lt J A Sipple	Note Ret	---
	Dispatch	---
Planning	Summary	---
Brig Gen W C Dunkel	Journal	---
Brig T W White	Your File	---
Col B R Poyton	File Adm.	---
Col H C McLean		---
Capt R D Tarbuck		---
Col D Larr		---
Col R H Kreuter		---
Col C T Tench		---
Col W T Ryder		---
Comdr R W Allen		---
Lt Col E J Latoszewski		---
Lt Comdr R H Amberg		---
Lt Comdr F E Borchert		---
Maj E C Hawes		---
Maj G T Walker		---
Lt E M Fitzpatrick		---
Capt S F Leo		---
Lt J T Spangler		---



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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From: C/S

To: Colonel Whitney

Date: 5 Oct 44

1. The CinC desires that you prepare a suggested press release with reference to guerilla activities to be given out during the first three days after the landing. He wants a comprehensive story emphasizing the gradual organization which the CinC was able to bring to bear on the situation; the support by Navy submarine; and the establishment of listening posts. The story should include accounts of each guerilla leader; reference to be made to Tomas Confesor. Other parties which are in the hills should also be included. He wants the story vivid, at such length as to present the background that will open the way for the epic record to be released. Include also the activities of Commander Parsons; the story of the Japanese Naval CinC whose body was found.

2. The General intends to clear the story with a view to its transmission from Hollandia at the proper time.

3. The propriety of issuing some parts of the account as proposed by the CinC is, to my mind, open to serious question. Please, however, prepare the stories along the lines as above indicated and we can then discuss questions as to deletions.

RKS.



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