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INDIVIDUAL

WISE, BRAYNARD L.

Upon my arrival in PANAY with Lieutenant Colonel JURADO, we went directly to Colonel PERALTA's headquarters. We were asking for radio equipment to re-establish the ship watcher station in Northern MINDORO, also guns, ammunition and other supplies, if possible. Colonel PERALTA stated he did not have any of these available. It was decided that, with the permission of GHQ, I would return to AUSTRALIA on the next transportation to ask for these supplies. We left the headquarters of Colonel PERALTA about May 15th and went to the Headquarters of Lieutenant Colonel GARCIA in Northern PANAY. I was told to stay at Lieutenant Colonel GARCIA's headquarters, and Colonel JURADO left for MINDORO about the 20th of May. Colonel GARCIA told me to go with Captain RUIZ, his executive officer; the vessel was expected at any time.

There was an evacuation camp of several Americans and other nationals. Due to a pending Japanese penetration, this was broken up the first part of June. Lieutenant Colonel GARCIA assigned all servicemen to some unit; I was assigned with Lieutenant AMES' radio station. Later he assigned me to his secret station in the mountains, with a Lieutenant DONESA. I stayed there waiting for an answer to my messages to GHQ, asking for further instructions. About the 15th of June a Lieutenant LIM came from MINDORO to Lieutenant Colonel GARCIA's headquarters, asking for me. I was sent for and went there. It was only a message from JURADO about the guerrilla activities in MINDORO. While I was there, a message came from Colonel PERALTA saying "WISE IS TO GO". I went back to the radio station and waited. Later I received a message to come to GARCIA's headquarters on the 18th of June. When I arrived there he told me of a message that had come in. It simply said: "MESSAGE FROM KAZ RPT KAZ SAYS STAY IN CONTACT WITH ME BY RADIO PD STAY WITH GARCIA".

There was no meaning to this message. It was not known if I was to stay behind or go on the vessel. GARCIA had decided to send only the servicemen out. It was decided I would go to the vessel



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and see if there were any orders for me there. On the evening of the 20th the vessel arrived; GARCIA was not there at that time. Captain RUIZ, Lieutenant TALBOT and myself were the first to go out for the contact.

Once aboard, I asked the Captain of the vessel if he had any orders for me. He said that he had none he knew of. Later I met a Master Sergeant from Camp TABRAGALBA I had known there. He had no orders for me.

About 10:00 P.M. Colonel GARCIA came aboard and we had a big long talk. I had no orders at all. Colonel PERALTA had refused to give any equipment to MINDORO. Colonel GARCIA told me to do as I pleased; if I wanted to go, it was all right with him. We decided I might be able to help more by coming back to GHQ and try to help with the supplies needed up there and to explain the general situation. I asked the Captain of the vessel if I could come. He said: "That is for you to decide"; I said I would go.

When we were forced to leave early the next morning, the gun crew was on top side firing the big guns, when one of the officers on the after-gun found a letter for me laying on the deck. It was one from my mother mailed in January.

For any further information regarding this statement, I refer to Lieutenant Robert S. KRAMER or Pfc. Nathan TALBOT.

Braynard L. Wise
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WO(jg), AUS



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

APO 500
19 October 1943

AG 210.453 (19 Oct 43)

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : O WO and EM concerned.

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:Auth: C-in-C :
:Initials: *Bmf* :
:Date: 19 Oct 43 :
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Following-named O WO and EM WP on or about 22 Oct 43 from APO 500 to points outside continental limits of Australia for purpose carrying out instructions of C-in-C upon completion will return to proper sta:

- MAJ LAWRENCE H PHILLIPS 0916722 CE
- CAPT RICARDO C GALANG 0515082 Inf
- 1ST LT RUBEN P SONGCO 0478156 Inf
- WOJG BRAYNARD L WISE W2129711 AUS
- 1st Sgt Benjamin M Harder 32423772
- S Sgt Arcangel Banaires 6735925
- S Sgt Vicente A Pinnela 39238489
- Techn 4th gr Vicente A Agbayani 39839127
- Techn 4th gr Alfred A Alberto 36515325
- Techn 5th gr Ramon D Vitorio 39097646

Travel by mil or commercial aircraft (par 3b, AR 55-120, 26 Apr 43) USAT, belligerent vessel or aircraft, Govt motor T and rail atzd. EWM.

In lieu of subs flat per diem \$6.00 atzd O and WO and monetary alws in lieu of rat and/or qrs atzd EM in accordance with Table II, AR 35-4520, while traveling within the continental limits of Australia only. TCNT. TDN. 1-5600 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

This ltr O rescinds all other ltr O issued this date on the above personnel.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

B. M. Fitch
B. M. FITCH,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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Auth: *JK*
Init: *JK*
Date: 15 Sept 44

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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PERO

AFPO 501
15 Sept, 1944

PERO 201-Wise, Raymond L.

SUBJECT: Travel Orders.

TO : CWO RAYMOND L. WISE #2129711 AUG, 978th Sig Serv Co, APO 923.

1. CG directs necessary all serv above-named to WF at proper time from Brisbane Qld to such places outside the continental limits of Australia as necessary on temp duty purpose carrying out instructions. Completion temp duty return proper sta.

2. TCNT TRN. Travel by rail, Naval or commercial aircraft (per Jh, AR 55-120) is directed for accomplishment of BCM. Army or Naval T, Helligerent vessel or aircraft, commercial steamship, or any other means of T authorized, if necessary. Personal baggage not to exceed 50 lbs authorized while traveling by air.

3. In lieu of subs flat per diem \$6.00 authorized while traveling and temp duty if Govt billets or shelter not provided and messing facilities not furnished; or in lieu of subs flat per diem \$2.25 authorized if Govt billets or shelter provided but messing facilities not available. During period both Govt billets or shelter provided and messing facilities furnished per diem allowance is susp. No per diem authorized while traveling or on temp duty beyond the mainland of Australia. 65-~~xxx~~ #432-C2 03 A 212/50425.

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M. B. KENNEDY,
Major A. G. D.,
Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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AG, USAFFE
Thru: AG, GHQ

14 September 1944

1. For the performance of a secret mission approved by the C in C it is requested that secret letter orders be issued for the following named officer, of the organization indicated, to proceed from this headquarters to points outside the continental limits of Australia on or about 17 September and return at an indefinite date:

GWO Wise, Braynard L., W20129711, 978th Signal Service Co.

2. Travel by any or all types of usual transport should be authorized.
3. Military and naval transportation outgoing has been arranged.
4. Request that orders be delivered to Colonel Courtney Whitney, G-3 Rear Echelon, GHQ, APO 500 - Room 46 Heinderff House.

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