

EVACUEE REPORTS:

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Subject: Guerrilla Activities in NEGROS and CEBU

From : Frank V. LANE

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Name : Frank Vasquez Lane
Born : Manila, Philippine Islands in 1914
Education : High School Graduate, Marine Engineer
Occupation : Engineer
In PI since : All his life

Interrogated by G-2, GHQ

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On 20 September 1942, Lane joined the guerrilla forces in Cebu where he remained until 26 August 1943, at which time he transferred to the Negros Forces. On 28 August 1943, he was commissioned by Lt. Col. Cador and acted as Provost Marshall, G-2, and at times served in combat missions near Bais. Though Lane spent all of his time with the army in the mountains, it is believed that the information given by him is worthy of belief and is substantially correct. He appeared to have no axe to grind and apparently was desirous of telling the truth.

GENERAL CONDITIONS IN CEBU: Lane stated that from 20 September 1942 to 26 August 1943 he traveled throughout the unoccupied territory of Cebu. During this time he talked to many people, both soldiers and civilians. The guerrillas are highly organized. Discipline is good. Both the people and the army practically worship Col. Cushing who personally plans the attacks, sleeps with the men, leads them in their fights, and visits with the wounded after the engagements.

Because there has been a minimum of stealing and abusing of the public, and because the Army makes every effort to protect the people from Japanese raids, the civilians wholeheartedly support the Army and donate as much food as is possible.

CONDITIONS IN NEGROS: The situation is just the opposite in Negros to what exists in Cebu. The Army is little thought of by the people. Little protection has been given to the civilians, either from the Japanese or the soldiers, who have been guilty of robbing and stealing.

After the arrival of the supplies and carbines from SWPA in Negros about the first of March, there was an improvement in the attitude of the people toward the Army and in the morale of both the army and the civilians.

Generally speaking, the efficiency of the different units in Negros varies, dependent upon the quality of the officers in command.

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