

EVACUEE REPORTS:

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Philippine Evacuee Report #319

Subject: General Conditions in NEGROS ORIENTAL

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Name : Samuel W. Real
Born : Philippine Islands in 1904
Education : High School, Technical School
Occupation : North Negros Sugar Co., electrical work
In PI since : 1930

Interrogated by G-2, GHQ

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Since Real spent all of his time at the Headquarters of Col. Abcede working on signal installations, the information given by him was necessarily restricted to a small area and is passed on for what it is worth.

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Information re USPIF Col. Abcede has instituted training schools for both the officers and the enlisted men. Combat principles, military courtesy, commando tactics and other phases of military training are being taught in the schools.

G-2 ORGANIZATION: Particular stress is being placed in developing a more efficient intelligence organization. Emphasis is being placed on educating the soldiers and the civilians of the importance of security, secrecy of operations, and immediate reporting to Headquarters of the movements of Japanese forces. Members of G-2 are dressed as civilians and sent into the occupied towns to gather any information available concerning enemy activities.

FOOD: The food problem is one of the most difficult facing the people on the Island. This is true for both the Army and the civilians. Reports from the occupied territory indicate that conditions are even worse there than in the free territory. This has resulted in the prices becoming extremely high.

HEALTH: There was a great improvement in health after the arrival of the medicines in February. Malaria is prevalent in the southern part of Negros. Reports from the North indicate that such is not true in that sector of the Island. Periodically, cases of typhoid are reported to Headquarters.

MONEY: Prior to the arrival of the carbines and other supplies in February, the value of the money issued by the Army and the Civil Government was low in comparison to the value of the money issued by the Japanese. Since that date the reverse has been true. Even in the occupied territory, it was reported that the people were refusing secretly to accept Japanese money but demanded the Army money. This has to be done secretly because the Japanese punish those caught with emergency money in their possession.



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