

PHILIPPINE

REGIONAL SECTION-

ADMINISTRATION,

MAY

1944

LIST OF PAPERS

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SERIAL NUMBER.	FROM —	DATE.	TO —	SYNOPSIS.
1e	CW	2 May 44	C/S	Telling him that the shortwave broadcasts to Phil commenced last night. Arrangements made so CinC can make recording if so desires.
2e	CW	3 May 44	C/S	Forwarding information on decoration of Col. MATA.
3e	CW	4 May 44	C/S	Re financial difficulties in 6th MD - Re Iloilo Currency Committee
4 e	CW	4 May 44	G-2	Re information on Gen. KONO and Col. or Maj. ISIMURA.
4e2	6-2	4 May 44	CW	
5e	CW	5 May 44	C/S	Draft citation covering MATA's services. Award of Distinguished Service Star of Philippines.
6e	CW	5 May 44	C/S	May issue of "Free Philippines" is coming off press Suggesting a caution msg for next issue
7e	CW	6 May 44	C/S	Forwarding news item in connection with captured Jap documents of importance.
8e	CW	6 May 44	C/S	Advising that FERTIG's station WAT and Navy Z4V have not been heard from since 4 April.
9e	CW	8 May 44	AG-E	Advising of personell now on duty with 10th MD.
10e	G-2, USAFFE	4 May 44	G-2, GHQ	Re rumours starting in Base Sec I
11e	G-2	7 May 44	PRS	Requesting msg re reprisal executions in Davao POW camp be dispatched to FERTIG.
12e	FRS	9 May 44	Dpty Cont. , AIB	Request 20,000 U.S. currency 100,000.00 Phil currency be ready by 11 May for shipment to SMITH 50,000.00 U.S. for FERTIG.
13e	CW	10 May 44	AG-P	Do not desire commissioning and assignment of Mr. SCHURING. to this section.
14 e	CW	10 May 44	AG-GHQ	Requesting orders on W/O CAMPEAU and EM to proceed outside continental limits of Australia.
				<i>In weather file.</i>
15 e	CW	11 May 44	Asst Dpty Cont. AIB	Requesting transportation (jeep and truck) for PRS supply section
16e	CW	11 May 44	AG, USAFFE	Forwarding letters re recommendation of SPENCER, MANN, HAWLEY be commissioned as officers in AUS.

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17 e	G-2, USAFFE	9 May 44	G-2, USAFFE	Directives re "Declaration of PI Currency" and "Conversion of PI Currency".
18e	CW	12 May 44	C/S	Advising of men departing for Philippine Islands.
19e	G-2	11 May 44	CW	Requesting msg be dispatched to FERTIG re roads in Cotabato Prov.
20e	CW	13 May 44	C/S	Advising operational sub made contact & enemy documents and 40 people successfully picked up.
21e	CW	13 May 44	C/S	Suggested msg from C in C to be put in next issue of "FREE PHILIPPINES" (June 1st Issue)
22e	CW	13 May 44	C/S G-2	Forwarding copies of May 1st issue of "FREE PHILIPPINES".
23e	CW	14 May 44	PRO(Col. Diller) C/S	Advising him that we are having teams trained for sabotage work for use when time comes.
24e	CW	14 May 44	C/S	Re Weather publications which can be obtained from O.S.S.
25e	G-2	14 May 44	CW	Requesting msg be sent to CUSHING re airfields on Mactan Is.
26e	PBS	11 May 44	Dpty Cont., AIB	Re providing Capt. ROSENQUIST with \$2,000 U.S. currency and P 5,000 Phil. currency.
27e	CW	17 May 44	Cont., AIB	Equipment needed for Room 42
28e	CW	17 May 44	AG, USAFFE	Advising of AC men escaped from enemy and in Luzon.
29e	CW	18 May 44	C/S	Re PERALTA-MINDORO situation.
30e	CW	19 May 44	C/S	Advising NARWHAL cleared its Northern base on 15 May on 5th trip. Telling what was on board.
31e	Cw	19 May 44	Ag, USAFFE Lt.Col. R.D. McClellan	Advising of Phil. Evacuees expected to arrive Brisbane 20 May.
32e	CW	21 May 44	C/S	Fwding copies of calendar sent to Phil. with copies of leaflet on Hollandia operation.
33e	CW	21 May 44	C/S	Dispatching party to BALABAC Island BROCKE'S POINT. Request funds to send with them.
34e	CW	21 May 44	C/S	Advising evacuees from NEGROS arrived and were turned over to USAFFE.
35e	CW	21 May 44	AG, USAFFE	This section has no requirement for services of CLAUDE FERTIG
36e	CW	21 May 44	C/S	Request steps be taken to secure P 1,000,000 from U.S.

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37e	CW	21 May 44	G-2	Requesting SIMMONS be supplied with \$2,000 U.S. and ₱5,000 Phil. currency.
38e	CW	21 May 44	C/S	Asking if PARSONS should go along with first trip of NAUTILUS.
39e	CW	21 May 44	AG, USAFFE	Advising LAPHAM and MCKENZIE have reported at one of our LUZON positions.
40e	CW	21 May 44	C/S	Forwarding reactions to propaganda material sent into Islands.
41e	CW	22 May 44	AG, USAFFE	Fwding orders on SPRULL - Appointment to 2nd Lieutenant
42e	CW	22 May 44	Col. Lehrbas	Recended order prior to evacuation Forwarding Peso bill from "Pappy GUN for MacArthur to sign.
43e	CW	22 May 44	C/S	Request authority to send BOWLER ₱500,000 Enemy currency first trip of NAUTILUS.
44e	CW	22 May 44	A.D.C. to C in C	No information concerning BROWN.
45e	CW	22 May 44	A.D.C. to C in C	No information concerning McREYNOLDS. USAFFE shows him POW.
46e	CW	22 May 44	A.D.C. to C in C	Forwarding info on Capt. COOKE.
47e	CW	24 May 44	C/S	Advising party was dispatched to Balabac Island.
48e	CW	12 May 44	Col. Ind	Certificate for money sent to Smith and Fertig.
49e	AG, Radio and Cable Section	24 May 44	CW	Re award of Distinguished Conduct Star of Phil to Cpl. VEGA.
50e	CW	25 May 44	C/S	Msg. from USAFFE re Awards of U.S. and Phil. decorations to be dispatched to CO's.
51e	CW	25 May 44	G-3 Col. McLean Thru C/S	Outline of PRS functions and responsibilities.
52e	CW In Weather file	25 May 44	C/S	Advising that a complete weather station went with party to BALABAC.
53e	CW	25 May 44	C/S	Advising NARWHAL established contact with SMITH & discharged cargo and personnel.
54e	CW	26 May 44	Dpty C/S, USAFFE	Advising LAPHAM and MCKENZIE are free and alive.
55e	G-2	27 May 44	PRS THRU: C/S	Requesting msgs be sent to Smith, Kangleon, Andrews, Fertig re airfields.
56e	CW	30 May 44	C/S	Advising attempted rendezvous midnight of 28th off East Coast Mindanao failed.

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57e	CW	30 May 1944	G-3 Col. H.C. McLean Thru: C/S	Advising of simple directive for C/S re inactivation of PRS.
58e	CW	31 May 44	C/S	Advising NAUTILUS left on first trip to Phil. Lt. SIMMONS was on board - List of Supplies
59e	CW	31 May 44	G-4 Gen. L.J. Whitlock	Report of CP on NAUTILUS. Re loading and supplies on board.



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Supply shipment per SS NAUTILUS

Comdr. PARSONS

Col. WHITNEY

31 May 1944

1. The NAUTILUS arrived at DARWIN for first loading at 0900, 28 May 1944. Five hours were required to remove 14 torpedoes to prepare vessel to receive cargo.

2. Loading of supplies per list attached and amounting to 3,317.26 cu. ft., 188,879 pounds, started aboard at 1400, 28 May, and was completed at 0200, 29 May. Vessel pulled out at 0700, 29 May, according to schedule.

3. Note that 3,180 gallons of 100 octane gasoline, and 412 gallons of aviation lub oil were loaded in deck storage torpedo tubes. This supply of gasoline will be delivered, together with supply sent on the MARSHAL, to site in the vicinity of and accessible to FARM PROJECT NO. 2, MINDANAO.

4. It should be recorded that Capt. SHARPE, in command of the NAUTILUS, and his officers and men, were most cooperative, very much interested in their mission, and did everything possible to facilitate the loading at DARWIN.

G. P.

From PRS

To: G-4
Gen. L. J. Whitlock

Date: 31 May 1944

Thought you would find foregoing report from Commander Parsons of interest. Report may be retained for your files.

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List of supplies

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FRS

Chief of Staff

31 May 1944

1. Advise that the NAUTILUS, on her first Philippine trip, was dispatched to Western MINDANAO on 29 May at 0630.
2. On board was Lieut. John D. SIMMONS, USNR, designated in charge of the Western MINDANAO Navy control station and the following cargo:
 - 3,180 gallons 100 octane aviation gasoline
 - 412 gallons aviation lubricating oil
 - 4,450 carbines (complete with magazines, belts, pouches, etc)
 - 500 Tommy guns
 - 2 20 mm guns
 - 1,500,000 rounds carbine ammunition
 - 300,000 rounds .30 cal. rifle ammunition
 - 100,000 rounds .45 cal. pistol ammunition
 - 14,000 rounds machine gun ammunition
 - 500 81 mm mortar shells
 - 2,000 hand grenades
 - 2 tons medical supplies
 - 7 complete radio units
 - 2 diesel driven submarine motor launches
 - 1 9½ hp diesel engine
 - 3½ tons miscellaneous supplies
 - 9,000 pieces of QM clothing as dunnage
3. Increase in our gasoline and lube oil shipments will be noted.
4. With this shipment our troops in Western MINDANAO should be fully armed and equipped.

C.W.



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FRS

G-3
(Colonel H. C. McLean)
Thrus Chief of Staff

30 May 1944

In connection with the inactivation of PRS I suggest for your consideration that, apart from the reassignment of personnel involved, a simple directive along the lines following would accomplish the desires of the Chief of Staff as verbally communicated to me:

- "1. The Philippine Regional Section, AIB, will be inactivated at 2400 hours _____ June 1944.
2. Thereafter all of the duties, functions and responsibilities now charged to that agency will be assumed by the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3, with the following exceptions:
 - (a) The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, will assume responsibility for all matters pertaining to Philippine Civil Affairs;
 - (b) The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, will assume responsibility for Philippine supply under such priorities as are established by G-3; and
 - (c) The Chief Signal Officer will assume operational control over radio station KAS at Darwin."

C.W.



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FRS

Chief of Staff

30 May 1944

1. Regret to advise that our attempted midnight rendezvous of the 28th off the East coast of MINDANAO failed due, as reported by the sub commander, to "navigational difficulties and heavy rains." Failure to make contact does not appear to have been due to lack of local preparations as all shore signals were perfected according to plan and our boats were out 4 miles. However, we lost nothing by the failure -- but neither did we gain. It was recognized as a doubtful operation in the planning stage as contact had to be effected between two closely held enemy positions.

2. Cargo, mail and personnel intended for delivery to FERTIG's AGUSAN headquarters will be discharged in Western MINDANAO, next point of sub contact.

C.W.



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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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File No.:

Subject:

From: G-2

To: PRS ✓
THRU: C/S

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Date: 27 May 1944

Request following messages be transmitted:

1. To Smith: 33

"Re your 114. Where are the new airdromes being constructed. Request full details concerning them. What Bicol fields are operational, their locations; are they prewar or new fields, their capacity, revetments, hardstands, dimensions and defenses."

2. To Kangleon: 7

"Indications that 8 enemy air fields built or building east, northeast and southeast of Burauen. Confirm and advise on details including locations, extent of construction, capacity, dimensions, surfacing, revetments, hardstands, defenses, operational or not."

3. To Andrews: 132

"Indications enemy building airfields at Manapla and Rizal, and that Silay, Tanza and Talisay airfields are to become operational soon. Check and advise which are under construction, which are operational and their capacities, revetments, hardstands and defenses."

4. To Fertig: "Indications enemy improving 6 of Del Monte fields. Which of the Del Monte Fields are being used and by what type aircraft. Which are ready for use. Which are under construction. Require details as to revetments, hardstands, capacity, runways, surfacing each field. Where are the defenses, type defenses and AA."

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FRS

Deputy Chief of Staff
USAFVE

26 May 1944

Hereunder, for your information, is an extract from radio message number 123, 19 May from Major SMITH:

"LAPHAM AND MCKENZIE HAVE ARRIVED AT BALL'S CAMP. THEIR IDENTIFICATION AS FOLLOWS: FIRST LT ROBT B LAPHAM, ASN O-379114, FORMERLY WITH THORPE, SINCE NOV 43 UNDER ANDERSON COMMAND AS CO OF SECOND MD, USING RANK OF MAJOR FOR ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES; MCKENZIE, CIVILIAN CONNECTED WITH MINES IN BAGIO PRIOR TO WAR, COMMISSIONED SECOND LT BY ANDERSON IN AUGUST 42, PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN USAF BY LAPHAM. BOTH WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION OF RANK. LAPHAM HAS BEEN SENDING ALL INFORMATION TO ANDERSON BUT RECENTLY LOST CONTACT AND DOES NOT KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS. HAS SENT TO HIS HQ FOR LATEST REPORTS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED IN ONE WEEK. x x x"

C.W.

see msg ref above 2326



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FBS

**G-3
(Colonel H. C. Nelson)
Thru: Chief of Staff**

26 May 1944

1. In my C/M of yesterday I neglected to point out:
 - (a) That FBS is, by directive, the responsible staff agency to deal with matters connected with the administration and training of the Filipino Battalion encamped at Bomboert, Queensland; and
 - (b) That FBS is responsible for the collection of intelligence through all available sources in the Philippines and its prompt delivery to G-2 or other staff agency concerned and for the vigorous prosecution of all special missions dispatched to the Philippines.

C.W.



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PRS

G-3
(Colonel H. C. McLean)
Thru: Chief of Staff

25 May 1944

1. Colonel Curtis has requested me to give you an outline of PRS functions and responsibilities. These are not, with few exceptions, established by written directive and hence are difficult to enumerate. Generally speaking, however, PRS has been the channel through which all Philippine matters have passed to the Chief of Staff, PRS doing the pick and shovel work necessary to provide the Chief of Staff with full available information on specific matters raised with policies or courses of action drafted for his consideration.
2. PRS plans the extension of channels for communication and intelligence, and the establishment of a coast watcher and weather observatory system throughout the Philippines, and, subject to the approval of such plans, supervises the selection, training, equipping, and dispatch of personnel to implement the same.
3. PRS studies, procures, and tests technical equipment, especially in the field of communications, designed to strengthen the guerilla movement and to best equip radio stations in the communications system and ascertains that adequate codes are provided to assure security in the transmission of messages.
4. PRS keeps close check on coast watcher activities and the speedy transmission of target information through the Navy control radio and submits a summary of such information weekly to the Chief of Staff for his information.
5. PRS keeps close check on the flow of radio communications through the several channels from the Philippines to Darwin and directs remedial action as difficulties arise.
6. PRS plans, for the consideration of the Chief of Staff, the activation of new territorial commands throughout the Philippines as deemed, from time to time, desirable and takes the action necessary to implement such plans once approved.
7. PRS formulates action recommendations covering all tactical, technical, and administrative problems arising in connection with the guerilla movement throughout the Philippines or any of the commands formally activated or the detachments dispatched on special missions.
8. PRS staffs (from the Filipino Battalion) and supervises the operation of radio station KAZ at Darwin through which flows all GHQ Philippine radio traffic received in and dispatched from this continent.
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G-3
(Colonel H. C. McLean)
Thru: Chief of Staff

25 May 1944

best serve the supply requirements of the guerilla forces and independent detachments and to place into execution specific approved projects, where forward transportation is necessary.

10. PRS staffs (from the Filipino Battalion) and supervises a forward supply base at Darwin and a local supply base at Brisbane, and the planning, procurement, concentration, special packing, loading and dispatch to the several areas, of equipment and supplies essential to sustain the guerilla movement in the Philippines, special detachments on missions therein, and the general morale of the Filipino people.

11. PRS plans other action for the consideration of the Chief of Staff, designed to sustain the morale of and bring the C in C's personal leadership and encouragement direct to the Filipino people - that D day for counter-offensive operations may find an united people from within ready to strike in accordance with such instructions as the C in C may give - and takes the action necessary to implement such plans once approved.

12. Incident to the above PRS shapes the course of propaganda for consideration by the Chief of Staff.

13. PRS compiles, classifies, evaluates and interprets all information received from the Philippines in the field of Civil Affairs and submits action recommendations on all problems before this Headquarters in that field.

14. PRS, pursuant to directive, prepares a monthly digest of all information received by radio on Philippine political and economic affairs for submission to the War Department.

15. PRS, pursuant to directive, is charged with the implementation of the policy of the C in C governing the evacuation of Americans from the Philippines and the care and security of evacuees until their arrival at Brisbane or other point of destination.

16. PRS prepares special studies from time to time desired by the Chief of Staff concerning Philippine matters and drafts special messages to the forces or people, the advisability of which is indicated or desired.

17. PRS analyzes incoming radio communications and processes those non-routine to the Chief of Staff with any clarifying comment deemed necessary, attaching a map suitably marked if geographical positions are involved, and

PRS

G-3
(Colonel H. C. McLean)
Thru: Chief of Staff

25 May 1944

recommends appropriate action thereon if any be indicated.

18. PRS receives all mail and documentary material dispatched to this Headquarters from the Philippines by pre-arranged submarine pick-up in the several areas and distributes the same upon arrival here to the several staff agencies immediately concerned.

19. PRS performs such other duties as may be from time to time required by the Chief of Staff or which a rapidly developing situation in the Philippines may require.

20. I believe that the above generally covers PRS's activity.

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PRS

Chief of Staff

25 May 1944

1. I am pleased to advise that the MARWAL established contact with Major SMITH on the N.E. coast of SAMAR last night and discharged personnel and cargo as planned.

2. Through this operation we have 27 potential radio stations, two weather stations and a group of carefully selected and trained Filipinos poised to drive channels for communication and intelligence through the BICOLS into the heart of LUZON. Such operation will be complementary to but distinct from direct penetrations into LUZON from the N.E., W.W., and West, heretofore approved and projected for execution next month.

3. It is cause for satisfaction to note that success of the SMITH contact thus permits PRS under the plan of re-organization to pass its responsibilities into stronger hands with a record of all such operations accomplished in substantial accordance with plan.

C.W.



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FRS

Chief of Staff

24 May 1944

1. Advise that a FRS party was dispatched this morning to BALABAC Island with the mission of opening a direct channel for radio communication to this headquarters from that Island and ultimately BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN and to bring under close observation the vital sea passages into the SUIU Sea (BALABAC Strait and North BALABAC Strait). Accomplishment of this mission will close one of the few remaining unguarded gaps in our coast watcher system and extend to another vital area our channels for radio communication. Transportation is being provided by operational submarine from the West coast.

2. The membership of this party consisted of the following volunteers:

1st Sgt Amado S. CORPUS
Sgt Ramon F. CORTEZ
Sgt Carlos S. PLACIDO
Sgt Jaime R. REYNOSO, Jr.
Cpl Theodore J. RALLOJAY
T/5 Richie D. DACQUEL

3. These men are all well trained and well disciplined and departed fully conscious of the importance of their part in the campaign. I am confident that their mission will be discharged to your full satisfaction.

G.W.



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RADIO FOR TRANSMISSION BY PRS

TZ/gb

24 May, 1944

TO: COL WHITNEY AIB

FM: AG RADIO & CABLE SECTION

Request the attached message re award of United States and Philippine decorations be dispatched and original copy returned showing time of dispatch and PRS number.

E.G.L.

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 25 May 1944

1. Request instructions.
2. Transmission of the message prepared by USAFFE to all District and area commands would open the flood gates to award recommendations which this Headquarters would be powerless, from this distance, to evaluate. Furthermore it would constitute a heavy administrative burden upon radio communications.
3. I recommend that the present dormant state of this matter be allowed to continue undisturbed pending reoccupation after which such recommendation may be subject to orderly investigation for merit determination.

C. W.



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ROUTINE

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24 MAY 1944

FROM : CG USAFFE SGT MACARTHUR

TO : PHILIPPINE MILITARY DISTRICT AND AREA COMMANDERS

SUBJECT IS AWARD OF UNITED STATES AND PHILIPPINE DECORATIONS PD TO ESTABLISH A POLICY APPLYING TO ALL MILITARY COMMANDERS DESIRE YOU SUBMIT BY MAIL OR RADIO IF PRACTICABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING ACTS OF HEROISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN UNDER YOUR COMMAND WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROPRIATE AWARD PD MERIT OF EACH CASE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED TO LIMIT RECOMMENDATIONS STRICTLY TO OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS INSTANCES PD RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE NAME CMA RANK CMA SERIAL NUMBER CMA UNIT CMA DATE AND PLACE OF ACT OR SERVICE AND BRIEF NARRATIVE OF CIRCUMSTANCES PD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNITED STATES ARMY AWARDS SHOULD SHOW UNITED STATES ARMY GRADE AND SERIAL NUMBER AS WELL AS GRADE TO WHICH APPOINTED LOCALLY AND WHERE POSSIBLE NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

OFFICIAL:

L. S. OSTRANDER,
Brig. Gen. USA
Adjutant General.



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NO. 10147

DATE: MAY 1944
ROUTINE
SA MAY 1944

TO : PHILIPPINE MILITARY DISTRICT AND AREA COMMANDERS
FROM : CG USAFFE 308 MACARTHUR

SUBJECT: IS-4000 - PHILIPPINE DISTRICT TO
ESTABLISH A POLICY APPLYING TO ALL MILITARY COMMANDERS DESIRING TO
SUBMIT BY MAIL OR HAND IN PRACTICABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING
ACTS OF MERIT AND DUTY DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS OF
OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN UNDER YOUR COMMAND WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR
APPROPRIATE AWARD PD MERIT OF EACH CASE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED
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OFFICIAL:

J. S. G. STAMMER
Brig. Gen. USA
Adj. Gen.

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24 May, 1944

TO: COL WHITNEY AIB

FM: AG RADIO & CABLE SECTION

Request the attached message re Corporal Melquiades Vega awarded Distinguished Conduct Star of Philippines be dispatched and original copy returned showing time of dispatch and PRS number.

P. J.
E.G.L. *for*

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P. Z.
E.G.L. *for*

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HQ USAFFE

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ROUTINE

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24 MAY 1944

FROM : CG USAFFE SGD MACARTHUR

TO : PERALTA

MELQUIADES VEGA CORPORAL SIX SIX INFANTRY PAREN YOUR ONE EIGHT
THREE CMA FIVE MAY PAREN AWARDED DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT STAR OF
PHILIPPINES BY DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT QUEZON FOR CONSPICUOUS
COURAGE AND GALLANTRY IN THE FACE OF AN ARMED ENEMY ON ONE FIVE
JANUARY PD COPIES OF GENERAL ORDERS BEING FORWARDED

OFFICIAL:

L. S. OSTRANDER,
Brig. Gen., USA,
Adjutant General.

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Replies to NR 183, 5 May 44, classified SECRET.

See # 74 to Peralta

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ROUTINE

24 MAY 1944

FROM : CG USAP 300 MCARTHUR

TO : PERALTA

RECOMMENDED WITH CORONAL SIX SIX INVAULTY PARRA FOUR ONE EIGHT
THREE ONE FIVE MAY POINT AWARDED DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT STAR OF
PHILIPPINES BY DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT QUESON FOR CONSPICUOUS
COURAGE AND GALLANTRY IN THE FACE OF AN ARMED ENEMY ON ONE FIVE
JANUARY TO COMPTON OF GENERAL ORDERS BEING FORWARDED

OFFICIAL:



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L. S. COLEMAN,
Brig. Gen., USA,
Adjutant General.

Replies to HQ 300, 2 May 44, classified SECRET.



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RECEIPT FOR RADIOS FROM
 RADIO & CABLE SECTION
 HQ USAFFE APO 501

TO COL. C. WHITNEY PRS MESSAGE CENTER

DATE MAY 24, 1944

NUMBER	DATE	FROM	TO	CLASS	TIME SENT
NONE	24	(RE CORPORAL VEGA AWARDED DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT OF PHILIPPINES)	PERALTA	S	241815K
NONE	24	(RE AWARD OF UNITED STATES AND PHILIPPINE DECORATIONS)	PHILIPPINE MILITARY DISTRICT AND AREA COMDRS	S	241815K

RECEIPT NO. 101
 PLEASE SIGN THE ORIGINAL AND
 RETURN TO AG RADIO AND CABLE
 SECTION, HQ USAFFE, APO 501.

OFFICERS SIGNATURE _____
 TIME RECEIVED _____



- R E C E I P T -

I acknowledge to have received from Headquarters, United States Army Forces in the Far East, APO 501, ~~SECRET~~ document described below:

GENERAL ORDERS No. 43

Subject: Award of Distinguished Conduct Star
of the Philippines.

Dated: 25 May 1944

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Colonel Whitney, PRS, GHQ, SWPA

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

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25 May 1944

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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT STAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

By direction of the President of the Philippine Commonwealth, a Distinguished Conduct Star of the Philippines is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, to the following named enlisted man:

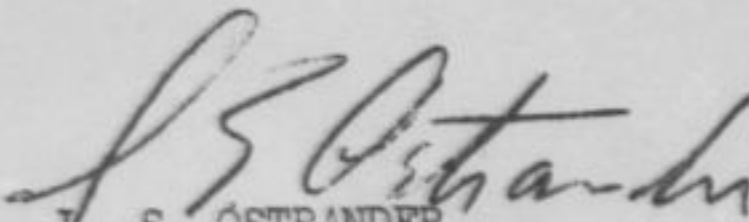
Corporal MELQUIADES VEGA, Infantry, Philippine Army. When captured by the enemy on 15 January 1944, he was inhumanly tortured in an attempt to force him to guide the enemy to his battalion headquarters. He valiantly misled the enemy, who thereupon tied him, bayoneted him, and left him in a burning house. Corporal Vega succeeded in crawling to battalion headquarters. This act of conspicuous courage and gallantry denied the enemy valuable information and contributed to the security of the command.

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By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,
Lieutenant General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


L. S. OSTRANDER,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS, 85TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, CAC
AT LARGE

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March 24, 1944

Subject: Re-Morale of Propaganda Leaflets

To : The commanding Officer, CAC
(Thru the Adjutant General)

1. Last March 20, 1944 the propaganda leaflets were systematically disseminated throughout the towns from Balamban to Pinamungajan in the Western coast from Naga to the City, especially, in the Eastern coast.

2. The civilians were eager to look at the leaflets that each one wants to have a copy of his own. Due to the limited number of copies of the leaflets and due to the enemy's vigilant search for the persons responsible for the distribution and for the persons found having said copy, the system of passing on of the leaflets from one house to another was more effective. The public places, like Capitol Bldg., T. Padilla district, D. Jakosalem district, San Nicolas district and other crowded places were the famous centers of distribution of the leaflets and the empty cartoons of the Carbine ammunitions, of the Tommy Gun ammunitions, and of the 30 cal. ammunitions M2. The pasting of these propagandas and distribution of the empty cartoons for the different ammunitions won the inspiration of the loyal civilians in the City. Some contemptuous undercovermen of the Japanese show signs of their turning color and the lowest Japanese soldier are a little bit informed of their coming soon.

3. The civilians are now realizing the true facts of the wonderful and magnificent progress and developments of the Allied Nations, especially to mentioned the United States, in all fronts. They are so much affected that they requested for some more copies of the propaganda leaflets.

4. Request, therefore, that more copies of the leaflets be supplied to this Headquarters for distribution to the City alone where the need of some more copies is at high demand.

5. For due consideration and favorable action.

(Sgd) Rogaciano C. Espiritu
ROGACIANO C. ESPIRITU
Bvt Major, 85th Infantry
Regimental Commander

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
CEBU AREA COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, 88TH PROV. INFANTRY

21 March 44

Subject: SWPA Supplies and Propaganda, Effects on Civilians
and Soldiers

TO : The Commanding Officer, GHQ, Cebu Area Command
(Thru The Adjutant General)

1. SWPA supplies and propaganda were distributed equally to the different units of this Regiment and to VG Supervisors right after the conference of March 20th.

2. Before supplies and propaganda were distributed, officers and Em who saw them wanted to have a hold, especially of the wrist-watch which was intended for the undersigned. Upon the sight of Lucky cartoons, almost all officers and EM present expect to receive a package, but sorry, the stuff was not enough to be distributed to them. In order to give them equal chances, officers and men were given a "fifty-fifty" smoke to have all of them share the happiness. The cigarette paper and Duke's Mixture were prorated to officers and EM present. How they expressed their happiness, is beyond comparison. Officers and men rejoiced upon tasting the long-awaited smoke and after reading the propaganda. Same as cigarettes, each officer and EM present wanted to take hold of one copy of the printed matters, but copies were not sufficient. So, to suffice themselves, they took hold of different copies and scanned the pictorial pages. It's quite interesting to note that when copies of propaganda were collected, some were found missing, but the loss can't be prevented, for it shows how each and everyone feel upon receiving the initial aid. The SWPA propaganda and supplies had increased the fighting spirit of our men though it was not sufficient to be distributed to all.

3. How civilians felt upon presenting to them some of the propaganda and supplies was terrible. Some civilians who were in the Office at the time of distribution won't go out without bringing a sample to be shown to their friends and volunteer guards. We can't help but spare them copies for their satisfaction and for propaganda purposes. They even went to the extent of asking the empty package of Lucky cigarettes. Civilians who were in the market place gathered around our agent just to take a hold at the sample of Lucky and propaganda. Morale of civilians was extremely high.

4. It is therefore requested that for the next time, this Regiment be furnished with extra stuffs to be propagated to civilians especially our Volunteer Guards.

(Sgd) Bernard B. Hale
BERNARD B. HALE
Bvt Major, Infantry
Regimental Commander



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C O P Y

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
CEBU AREA COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS 86TH INFANTRY
IN THE FIELD

March 24, 1944

Subject: Japs and Civilian Reactions on our SWPA Propaganda
Distributed to All Japs Garrisons Within the 86th
Infantry Regiment Area, Report of -

To : Commanding Officer, CAC, USFIP, In the Field

1. In compliance with verbal instructions of the CO, CAC re disposal of the SWPA Propaganda, the undersigned had conferred with all of his Battalion Commanders at the RHQ, 86th Inf, CAC on March 19, 1944 and distributed the different SWPA Propaganda issued to the 86th Infantry, CAC and gave them instructions to cover all the Japanese Garrisons within their respective Battalion Sectors with said Propaganda on March 20, 1944, and for the S-2 men posting them to observe the Japanese and Civilians reactions for two days from the date said propaganda had penetrated Japanese Garrisons and Japanese Occupied Territories.

2. Attached are reports from Battalion Commanders, 1st, 2d, 3d Bns, 86th Inf, CAC, which are all self-explanatory.

3. General Reactions:

- a. Enemy - Bewildered, Jittery, nervous and morale broken down.
- b. BCs - Convinced that our Patriotic Organization is the one Right and not theirs. They contemplate wholesale surrender or surrender by infiltration if assured safety.
- c. Puppets - Beginning to waive their Pro-Jap activities and collaboration.
- d. Loyal Civilians - Delighted and now convinced that very soon the Forces of General MacARTHUR will soon come to finally liberate us.

(Sgd.) Maximo Albinda
MAXIMO ALBINDA
Bvt Major, 86th Inf
Regimental Commander



3 INCLS -

- 1 Incl - Report on Disposal of Pamphlets and Newsmaps dated March 22, 1944 from 1st Bn, 86th Inf, CAC
- 2 Incl - Report on Enemy Reaction to Propaganda (Posters from 2d Bn, 86th Inf, CAC dated March 23, 1944
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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
CEBU AREA COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BN, 86TH INF.
IN THE FIELD

March 22, 1944

Subject: Disposal of Pamphlets and Newspapers, Report on -

To : The Commanding Officer, 86th Infantry, CAC, in the Field.
(Thru the Bn Comdr, 1st Bn, 86th Inf)

1. In compliance with the verbal instructions from the C.O., 86th Inf a report on the disposal of the USAFFE pamphlets and newspapers into the enemy occupied territory in our Battalion Area is herewith submitted:

a. The pamphlets and newspapers were distributed in the following garrisons, enemy occupied places, truck and train.

- (1) Pit-os Jap Garrison
- (2) Consolacion Jap Garrison at School Bldg.
- (3) Jagubiao Jap Garrison
- (4) Consolacion Public Market (Framed)
- (5) Consolacion Railroad Station (Hanged)
- (6) Jap Garrison at Basak, Mandawe
- (7) 2d Cebu Co. BC Garrison at Mandawe
- (8) Jap Garrisons and Barracks at Mandawe
- (9) Mandawe Municipal Building
- (10) Mandawe Railroad station (framed and Hanged)
- (11) Subangdaku, Mandawe (framed and hanged)
- (12) Cargo truck of the Syndicate (pasted)
- (13) Inside the running train

b. Remarks as to enemy and civilians reaction upon seeing and reading the pamphlets and newspapers as follows:

(1) Japs in the Pit-os Garrison grouped around the newspaper posted near their sentry. Jap Sgt Yano who was left in charge of the garrison in the absence of Jap Capt Abe grouped his men and show to his subordinates the pamphlets, newspapers and the empty lucky strike cartoons that the Sgt found right on his table. Sgt Yano read the contents of the pamphlets to his subordinates.

(2) The Japs of the Consolacion Garrison were in commotion upon finding out early in the morning the copies of the newspaper that were spread in the school grounds.

(3) The Jap guards at the Jagubiao waterworks presented the copy of the newspaper to their detachment in charge.

(4) The framed copy of the Newspaper place at the Consolacion Public Market draw the attention of the whole public.

(5) Civilians who had learned about the newspaper hanged at the Consolacion Railroad Station enthusiastically gathered to the place and read the contents.

(6) Men sent to deliver newspapers at the Jap garrison in Basak, Mandawe have not returned yet and we have sent a follow-up party.

(7) Copies of the newspaper furnished to Lt Daquioag, C.O. of the 2d Cebu Co., BC at Mandawe has rendered a demoralizing effect upon the BC's.



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such that the BC's commented whether they will not be harmed if they will surrender with arms to us.

(8) Around 300 Japs marching along the road in Mandawe proper totally leaved the ranks and grouped around the pamphlets and newsmaps spread along the road. The Japs in the barracks who knew how to reach the English language scrutinized the pictures and read the articles

(9) Municipal employees of Mandawe were allured of the inviting odor and the interesting articles of the newsmap

(10) Civilians in the Mandawe raliroad station who were gambling were delighted upon seeing the newsmap, thus suspending their game.

(11) The framed newsmap at Subangdsuku attracted so many civilians to the extent that they blocked the road and that some tried to run when a truck loaded with Jap soldiers passed by.

(12) The newsmap pasted on the sides of the Syndicate truck has served as a mobile propoganda to the people.

(13) The reaction of the civilians and the Japs regarding the newsmap, thrown inside this running train could not be ascertained.

c. Commenting on the general re-action of the enemy they are trying their best to trace the origin of the pamphlets and Newsmaps while the civilians populace craved for more copies of the said pamphlets and Newsmaps.



(Sgd.) Maximo B. Cabaug
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Bvt 1st Lt, Inf (86th Inf)
Bn S-2 & S-3

1st Indorsement
HQTRS 1STBN, 86TH INF-REGT, CAC, 3-22-44. To - Regimental Commander, 86th Inf Regt, CAC, in the field, (Through Adjutant)

Forwarded with much appreciation. The Japs now are crazy.

(Sgd.) Dominador E. Acantilado
DOMINADOR E. ACANTILADO
Bvt Captain, Inf (86th Inf)
Bn Commander

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
CEBU AREA COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS 2ND BN 86TH INFANTRY
IN THE FIELD

March 23, 1944

Subject: Enemy Reaction to Propaganda (Posters), Report on-
To : C. O., 86th Inf., CAC In the Field.

1. Per instructions, posters (Propaganda) were posted by our S-2 men on the night of the 20th of March on the following designated places:

LILO-AN
COMPOSTELA
DANA O
YATI
KAHUMAY-HUMAYAN

2. The following enemy reaction was observed.

In LILO-AN - At sunrise after the posters were discovered by the enemy, they were much disturbed - A patrol consisting of 87 Japs were sent out to Tiltilon and vicinities; One (1) poster "THE ROAD HOME RUNS THRU TOKYO" was taken out by a sentinel from where it was posted and given to Colonel Kieto, Regimental Commander of Japs at Lilo-an. At 9:00 A.M. that day Colonel Kieto called a conference which was attended by ranking officers from Lilo-an and Consolacion. Conference lasted till 2:00 PM that day. We believed the subject of their conference was mainly about the propaganda. In the enemys' quarters the Japs showed signs of restlessness and surprise. There was a "lull" in the usual business in the streets - no trucks were seen running that day. At night enemy sent out patrols in the sea and on the streets with the object, perhaps of ferreting the ones who posted those propaganda.

IN COMPOSTELA - One of the posters was also taken out and brought to their quarters (Noning Alfonso's house). There, the six (6) Japs stationed in that town assembled and made loud conversation. They were uneasy and restless, too.

IN DANA O - The posters were conspicuously posted at the enemy's sentry post and BC garrison, but no observation was made on the enemy's reaction due to the fact that the civilians, who posted the posters, was shadowed by an undercover.

In YATI - Japs took three (3) posters and gave it to their officers, who immediately made a conference. Laborers were lined up and investigated, as to who posted those posters. The Japs thereat were in commotion. One poster was torn to fragments.

In KAHUMAY-HUMAYAN - A truck-load of Japs saw two (2) of our posters posted on a coconut tree. The Japs disembarked from the truck and rushed to see the posters. Upon seeing, a Jap officer took the poster and examined closely, other soldiers looked on bewildered and surprised - the small-eyed rats opened wide their eyes in fright of what they saw. The poster was taken to their garrison at KAHUMAY-HUMAYAN and there they were heard making loud noise.



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3. In summary, in all the places where posters were posted there were evident signs of disturbance and commotion, restlessness, surprise and bewilderment of the enemy. This office comes to conclude that the propaganda was soundly effective in loosening and lowering the enemy's morale.

4. Hope more of its kind or still more dashing and glaring propagandas of our Forces are coming.

(Sgd) Mauricio S. Garaygay
MAURICIO S. GARAYGAY
Bvt Capt, 86th Infantry
Battalion Commander

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
CEBU AREA COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, 3D BN, 86TH INFANTRY
IN THE FIELD

March 24, 1944.

Subject: Posting of Propaganda Posters, reaction of

To : CO, 86th Infantry, CAC, In the field

On the dawn of the 20th of this month, posters (Road Home Runs Thru Tokyo) were posted just in front of the garrisons (Japs) of Asturias and Tuburan. Some of them were thrown inside the garrisons.

A S T U R I A S : -

1. Early in the morning of the 20th instant the Japs snatch the posters we posted to prevent being seen by civilians. The Japs made an extensive patrol within the town looking for more posters of the same kind and looking for the person that posted it.

The Japs went inside the house of JOSE CABRERA suspected by the Japs to be the one that posted our posters. Japs searched the whole belongings of CABRERA to look for the same kind of paper. The mayor, EMILIANO MACAPAZ was called to the Office of the Japs and was asked about the said posters. He was told by the Japs that our propaganda was no good. The Japs refused our posters to be seen by the Mayor despite his request to see it. However, on that very morning the Mayor went to one of the barrios of Asturias and hold a meeting. He delivered a speech, show and explained the public the contents of our posters. It was responded with an applause by the Public. The civilians morale is increased as a result of the posters we posted.

T U B U R A N : -

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ding Officer of the Garrison. The said pamphlet was intentionally placed near the house of the Mayor. As a result of the delivery of Arabic pamphlet, on the afternoon of 21st day of this month four (4) Japanese were sent to the city probably to report to their superiors of the pamphlets they received.

In general, the reactions of the civilians of the posters we posted in towns has given them relief and has greatly increased the spirit and morale of the civilians. The reactions of the Japs towards the posters makes them jittery and caused them lack of S L E E P .

(Sgd.) Braulio C. Noval
BRAULIO C. NOVAL
Bvt Capt, 86th Inf
Battalion Commander

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA



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File No.:

Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 22 May 1944

1. In view of the opportunity presented by the first trip of the NAUTILUS authority is requested to dispatch ₱500,000 in enemy currency to Colonel Bowler, Commander of the Western MINDANAO Sector.

2. All principal coastal towns in this area are under enemy occupation and as a result this type of currency is best suited to serve intelligence purposes. The transfer of such funds from FERTIG's headquarters on the AGUSAN would be an extremely difficult task.

3. This will probably be the last opportunity for some time for direct contact with that area as submarine trips for several months will be confined to the VISAYAS and LUZON.

CW
C.W.

From: G-2

To: C/S

Date: 26 May/44

Concur in above recommendation.

Approved

C.A.W.
C.A.W.

G-2

PRS

27 May 1944.

Note approval by Chief of Staff. Col. Bowler should be instructed that an accounting will be required when feasible.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

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A.D.C. to C in C

To: PRS

Date: 18 May 1944

For any information available in order to answer attached letter.
Letter not acknowledged.

1 Incl: Ltr to C in C fr Mrs. Ray Robison,
Joy, Illinois, re brother, Capt
Paul C. Cooke, in charge of MRU
in Manila

L.L.

From: PRS

To: A.D.C. to C in C

Date: 22 May 1944

This Section has no information in re Captain Paul C. Cooke. USAFFE records disclose the following:

"P. C. Cooke, Capt. 2nd Corps Hq. reported prisoner in Red Cross radio 196 dated 11 December 1942."

"Paul Grabs Cooke, Capt. O-213073, reported 'deceased' by Red Cross radio 855 dated 30 June 1943."

There is no further information on the officer concerned.

C.W.



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A.D.C. to C-in-C

PRS

17 May 1944

Do you have any available information on Captain SAMUEL McF. McREYNOLDS, Jr., Coast Artillery, who was on Corregidor? It is desired to use such information to reply to letter of inquiry to C-in-C.

L. L.

From: PRS

To: A.D.C. to C in C

Date: 22 May 1944

There is no information in this Section concerning the above named officer. Records of USAFFE merely record him as a POW in the Philippines.

C.W.



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A.D.C. to C-in-C

PRS

17 May 1944

Request that if any information is available on soldier referred to in attached letter which can be communicated to his father, that it be furnished this office as a basis for reply on behalf of C-in-C.

1 Incl: Ltr dd 24 Apr 44 to C-in-C fr
J Paul Brown, 1448 Opechee Way,
Glendale, Calif, re son, Bruce
Brown, 30th Bomb Sq, 19th Gp, PI.

L. L.

From:

PRS

To: A.D.C. to C in C

Date: 22 May 1944

There is no information in this Section nor in USAFFE concerning the above named soldier.

1 Incl: n/c

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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Subject:

From: CW

To: Col. L. Lehrbas

Date: 22 May 1944

1. "Pappy" Gunn just left the inclosed Peso bill with me. He took the last PRS party north to the sub base and had each member sign the bill (no one else). He is very anxious to get General MacArthur to sign it across the other signatures along the word "Philippines." I hope the General will do it.

1 Incl:
Peso bill

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To P.R.S.



File — Peso note
is with my personal
papers
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HEADQUARTERS U. S. A. F. F.

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From: AG-AP

To: AG, GHQ, APO 500
(Att. Col C. Whitney)

Date : 10 May 1944

Attached paraphrased copy of radio WD, 9 May 1944, is forwarded for remark upon which to base reply.

C.J.E.

PRS

AG, USAFFE

22 May 1944

1. Herewith, are copies of orders of the 10th M. D. pertaining to the appointment of Sgt. SPRUILL to the grade of 2nd Lieutenant and the vacation of such appointment prior to his evacuation.

2. It is suggested that the War Department should be informed concerning the policy of this headquarters in such matters in order that it may not be misled into the belief that all guerilla commissions are being confirmed.

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General Headquarters
Southwest Pacific Area

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From: G-2

To: FRS

Date: 22 May 1944

1. Forwarded.
2. The recipients of these funds should sign a receipt for them and should be instructed to furnish, when feasible, an accounting in detail of their expenditure.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

/s/

C. A. McV.

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Mem advised
/s/ C.P.

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Clifton E. Taylor
CLIFTON E. TAYLOR, W/O



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 21 May 1944

1. I am dispatching a party of six (6) men on Tuesday to establish a position on BALABAC Island and at BROOKE'S POINT, Palawan in accordance with previous authority. It is desirable that this party be self-sufficient for a period of one (1) year.
2. Request authority to send with this party ₱100,000 in enemy currency, ₱50,000 in Philippine currency and \$5,000 in U. S. currency.

/s/

C. W.

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From: G-2

To: C/S

Date: 21 May/44

1. This is a coast-watching party and its need for funds will be moderate in comparison with the needs of a regular intelligence net. On this basis, the total of ₱160,000, or ₱26,600 per man per year seems generous.

2. Recommend approval of :

Enemy Currency - - - - -	₱100,000
Philippine Currency- - - - -	₱ 25,000
U.S. Currency - - - - -	\$ 2,000

/s/

C.A.W.

Approved:
/s/ R.K.S.

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AG, USAFFE

21 May 1944

1. Advice just received from one of our agents discloses that 1st Lieut. Robert B. LAPHAM, O-379114, and a Mr. MCKENZIE, with one of the BAGUIO Mines prior to the war (Bonguet?), have reported in to one of our LUZON positions. Both have been and will continue to be actively engaged in the guerilla movement.

msg 123 from Smith.

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Funds for Lt. SIMMONS

Comdr PARSONS

Col WHITNEY

21 May 1944

1. Lt. JOHN D. SIMMONS, USNR, is going forward to MINDANAO by the first trip of the NAUTILUS to reactivate Navy Coast Watcher Control Station Z4K, which operates under Col. FERTIG'S Command.

2. It is recommended that he be supplied with funds as follows to be used for intelligence purposes:

\$2,000.00 UNITED STATES currency
P5,000.00 PHILIPPINE currency

3. Lt. SIMMONS will land in MINDANAO at a site considerably removed from Col. FERTIG'S headquarters, which would prevent his drawing funds from him.

C. P.

PRS

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21 May 1944

Forwarded. Recommending approved.

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Chief of Staff

21 May 1944

1. Recommend that immediate steps be taken to secure by air delivery from the United States one million (\$1,000,000) pesos. That previously secured is about exhausted, over half of it having been rendered unserviceable due to faulty aging.
2. It is further recommended that the additional currency be of a series prior to 1941 (under enemy suspicion) and that it be not aged. Emphasis should be made on the necessity of having same thoroughly dried prior to shipment.

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CHECK SHEET

AG 201-Fertig, Claude E.

Subject: Officer status.

FROM
AG-AP

TO
PRS
Thru AG GHQ

DATE
14 May 1944

Information received from the War Department indicates that their records do not reveal that Claude E. Fertig was ordered to active duty, and that he has only an inactive reserve appointment now. This headquarters will take necessary action toward ordering above-named individual to active duty only if a recommendation is received from someone who wants him on duty as an officer.

C. J. E.

PRS

AG, USAFFE

21 May 1944

This section has no requirement for the services of this officer.

C. W.



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Chief of Staff

21 May 1944

1. Advise that the following evacuees from NEGROS arrived at Brisbane yesterday afternoon and were turned over to USAFFE pursuant to Para. 2, directive of 18 April:

Service Personnel

Major Edward F. McClenahan, USA
Lieut. Emilio F. Quinto, USA
Lieut. Frank V. Lane, Phil. Army (?)
Sgt Robert L. Young
Pvt Howard T. Chrisco
Pvt James F. Dyer
Pvt Jay R. Snell

Civilians

Samuel W. Real
Mrs. Rose V. Real
William E. Real - 12 years of age
John F. Real - 10 years of age
Bernie R. Real - 8 years of age
Herman G. Real - 6 years of age
Hancy E. Real - 4 years of age
Mrs. George Ossorio
Kenneth Ossorio - 16 years of age
Mr. George Fleischer
Mrs. George Fleischer
Davis Fleischer - 10 years of age
Jean Fleischer - 8 years of age
Joan Fleischer - 8 years of age
William Fleischer - 5 years of age
George Andrews
Russell L. Foraythe
Mrs. Viola Winn
Rodger Winn - 6 years of age
Norman Winn - 4 years of age
Kliner Winn - 2 years of age
Mrs. Viola K. Macasa
Virginia E. Macasa - 16 years of age
Ricardo C. Macasa Jr - 14 years of age



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Civilians (cont)

Mrs. Ada C. Jaboneta
Betty Jaboneta - 8 years of age
Ernesto E. Jaboneta Jr - 17 years of age
Mrs. P. R. Lindholm
Beverly Lindholm - 11 years of age
Dean Lindholm - 9 years of age
James Lindholm - 4 years of age
Janet Lindholm - 2 years of age
Miss Modesta Hughes

2. By the terms of the aforesaid directive the responsibility of PRS for this immediate project is discharged.

G.W.



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Chief of Staff

21 May 1944

1. Herewith are copies of the calendar recently sent in to the Philippines together with copies of a leaflet on the Hollandia operation, printed after completion of the May 1st issue of FREE PHILIPPINES, and inserted therein just prior to its shipment. This method of covering last minute developments will be followed in future.

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6 calendars
7 leaflets

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AG, USAFFE
Lt. Col. R.D. McCleer

19 May 1944

1. In compliance with Para. 2 of GCR Directive of 18 April 1944, Subject: "Processing of Philippine Evacuees," you are advised that the following persons, recently evacuated from the Philippines, are expected to arrive at Archerfield, Brisbane, at approximately 1700 on 20 May:

Major Edward McCLENNAN
Lieut. Emilio QUINTO
Russel SNELL
James DYER
Bob YOUNG
Howard CHRISCO
Frank LANE
Russel FORSYTHE
George ANDREWS
Mrs. LINDHOLM and children Beverly, Dean,
James and Jeannette
Mrs. Viola WINN and children Roger, Norman
and Eleanor
George FLRISCHER with wife and children Davis,
Jean, Joan, and Bill
Miss Modesta HUGHES
Mrs. George OSSORIO and son Kenneth
Lieut. Samuel W. Real with wife and children
William, John, Berna,
Hermana and Nancy
Mrs. Viola Knox MACASA and children Virginia
and Ricardo
Mrs. Ada G. JACONTE and children Betty and
Ernesto

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Chief of Staff

19 May 1944

1. Advise that the **NAUWHAL** cleared its Northern base on its 5th trip to the Philippines on 15 May at 0500.
2. On board, besides the thirty-eight trained officers and men, previously reported, were twenty-seven (27) complete radio units with which to forge a communication system through **INEON**, six (6) complete weather stations in the implementation of the weather observation system directed by directive of 29 April 1944, Subject: "Task Force Weather Teams", and 2400 gallons of 100 octane gasoline with 260 gallons of lubricating oil to cache near Fern Project Number Two.
3. Also on board was the radio equipment to establish alternate Army and Navy control stations in Western **MINDANAO**, with additional units to complete the communications system in that area. Miscellaneous supplies of guns, ammunition, medicines, etc., completed the shipment.
4. The **NAUTILUS**, now in Brisbane, will clear for the Northern base on 20 May. Gasoline and oil in similar quantities as above has been loaded here.
5. Looking over the **NAUTILUS** yesterday, and studying the potentiality of these vessels for cargo carriage, I am more than ever impressed with the splendid job that Comdr. **PARSONS** has done in taking full advantage of maximum possibilities. It is impossible to visualize the quantity of stores that he succeeds in forcing into the available space, at best extremely limited.
6. The Captain, Executive, other officers and crew of the **NAUTILUS** whom I had the opportunity to observe are splendid and will readily absorb the spirit that has carried the **NAUWHAL** to the successful conclusion of four Philippine missions. With both vessels dedicated to this service I am confident that results will be attained to merit your full satisfaction.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

(Do not remove from attached sheets)



File No.:

Subject: First Trip NAUTILUS

From: Comdr PARSONS

To: Col WHITNEY

Date: 18 May 1944

1. The NAUTILUS arrived BRISBANE 14 May and is expected to be ready to sail from here 21st May for loading at DARWIN.
2. The NAUTILUS is scheduled to make 3 trips on each patrol. The first trip has been scheduled for MINDANAO, the second for BOHOL-SAMAR and the third either to carry Intelligence Parties to NORTHERN LUZON or supplies to other Military Districts.
3. As this is the first trip of the NAUTILUS to the PHILIPPINES, it is my opinion that I should make the trip from DARWIN and return-- or make the trip to MINDANAO and await the return of vessel in about two weeks. The Commander of the vessel has asked that I go with him to inaugurate the service of his vessel, if it can be arranged.

CP.

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 21 May 1944

1. Attention is invited to the foregoing C/N from Commander Parsons.
2. I believe that the suggestion that he make the first round trip of the NAUTILUS is worthy of your consideration. The personal contact with the officers and men of the vessel thereby provided would unquestionably serve to indoctrinate them with the spirit so strongly influencing these operations.
3. However, in view of the projected integration of PRS responsibilities into General Headquarters, of which you have informed me, I make no recommendation but request instructions.

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C.W.

To PRS

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Chief of Staff

18 May 1944

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(Fertig's message number 795 - 25 March, attached);

- (b) Colonel MANZANO, whom G-2 strongly supported for appointment to "direct procurement of intelligence and extension of intelligence net in Luzon" and who was so appointed, (G-2 note to C/S of 27 March) seems opposed to PERALTA's intervention in that area

"MANZANO REPORTS ACTIONS OF 6th MILITARY DISTRICT AGENTS ENDANGERED MANY LOYAL PEOPLE" (Fertig's message 795, attached);

- (c) That while PERALTA for some time had a coast watcher and radio station on Cape CALAVITE (first discovered by Major PHILLIPS) no ship sightings were reported for submarine targets as a result;
- (d) Despite G-2's strong indorsement of PERALTA's capabilities in the intelligence field it is noteworthy that G-2 did not recognize that PERALTA as such as had an intelligence net in operation in its note to the C/S of 6 May, wherein all Philippine intelligence nets were listed by G-2 and evaluated;
- (e) PERALTA believes that his signal units must be protected by armed

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force - that a signal unit without protection is a suicide squad "as it is bound to be detected sooner or later"; that it is essential to protect MINDORO units "TO PAY AND FEED 900 MEN NOW IN MINDORO IN ORDER TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING NOTHING BUT BANDITS" (Peralta's message number 216, attached). It is on just such a premise that PHILLIPS seems to have made his fatal error from which we sought to save him. The idea that the commitment of 900 armed civilians to its defense would save a signal unit from determined enemy pressure so close to LUZON is an absurdity - or is the purpose merely to pay tribute to these people in order to "prevent them from being nothing but bandits" - a position that this headquarters could accept with little dignity.

We have innumerable signal units now standing guard for us at isolated points without benefit of any such protection by armed force and we will have increasing numbers of them as we penetrate deeper into LUZON. We require the friendship of local citizens but armed protection, in the strength that is possible, is but provocative of overwhelming enemy action against the station and the citizens as well. Illustrative of this is the period October-November last when all of PERALTA's radio units on the Island of PANAY were out for over thirty days due to enemy action despite his 15,000-20,000 troops to defend them.

- (f) The designation of PERALTA to take over the MINDORO-Central LUZON intelligence development upon an admission that this headquarters had failed to succeed therein by direct action would further inflate his already over-inflated ego to the point that subordination of his command to the will of this headquarters would become well-nigh impossible.
- (g) It is extremely doubtful that PERALTA would get maximum benefit from the PRS members of PHILLIPS' party or cooperation from other elements essential to the development of LUZON intelligence in view of his attitude toward individuals outside of his immediate command.

"I DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF TRUSTING ANYBODY OUTSIDE MY OUTFIT DUE TO EXPERIENCE HEARING PEOPLE BOAST HOW GOOD THEY WERE AND THEN NOT ~~COMING~~ UP WITH THE GOODS. HOWEVER, RAMSEY MAY BE DIFFERENT STORY ~~AND~~ BEFORE I MAKE DECISION, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ANY DATA ON THIS OFFICER. x x x AM INTERESTED IN HIS TRAINING, OCCUPATION BEFORE LAST WAR, LAST EFFICIENCY REPORT ON HIS RELIABILITY AND



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ABILITY TO DO THINGS^a (Peralta's message number 160 - 28 April).

7. I believe that the foregoing points should be re-examined before extending PERALTA's scope of authority and responsibility into the vital area Northward. G-2 states that "Mindoro has been Peralta's playground - that we have not recognized it as such is beside the point." I consider it a point that cannot be so lightly ignored. PERALTA's request for authority to operate in MINDORO was disapproved by this headquarters (message number 98 - 31 May 1943 dispatched, incidentally, by G-2 itself). That he went into the area nevertheless reflects capacity for reckless insubordination - that he therein inducted into the Army of the United States 900 civilians gave PHILLIPS his worst headache - possibly indirectly contributed to his death.

8. G-2's recommendation on its aforesaid note fails to take into account the position of Colonel MANZANO appointed "to direct procurement of intelligence and extension of intelligence net in Luzon." Sound policy would dictate that having been clothed with such authority and charged with the attending responsibility his position should be considered in any plan such as that G-2 proposes.

9. Furthermore, experience has shown that guerilla leaders - whether it be FERTIG, PERALTA, ARCEDE, or others, are guided by the compelling natural instinct to give highest priority in the disposition of equipment and personnel to local security. For this reason alone, if for none other, a policy that would empower a guerilla leader to undertake a distant project of the importance of the MINDORO-Central LUZON development would render impossible achievement of the success otherwise possible through independent direct action.

10. This Section has been planning the reinforcement and revitalization of the MINDORO position, as soon as forward transportation could be provided, in accord with its C/N of 14 March, attached, with which G-2 was in substantial agreement. A group has been planned for dispatch capable of establishing at least two well dispersed and concealed radio re-transmission stations to insure a steady flow of information from LUZON south during crucial periods; a weather station; coast watchers at vital points; and to otherwise proceed with the PHILLIPS mission. A capable, well trained American officer, to whom both the area and the details of PHILLIPS' operations are well known, has volunteered to head the mission and it has been in contemplation that he would be proposed for the responsibility at the proper time. ~~SECRET~~

11. In view of the foregoing I strongly recommend that the action taken on G-2 note in reference be reconsidered and that in lieu thereof the following procedure govern:

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13 May 1944

- (a) That PRS be permitted to continue to adhere to the course previously charted in this vitally important matter by reinforcement of the position as herein outlined; or
- (b) That if (a) above is not approved, Major JURADO, recently in MINDORO for PERALTA, be attached directly to this headquarters and given the MINDORO responsibility under GHQ direct control and direction. This officer is a Naval Academy graduate, former Chief of the Philippine Offshore Patrol. Of him, the C in C commented on PRS Action Sheet Number 732 - 3 October: "Know Jurado well - excellent soldier."

Major JURADO, especially if on a direct channel with and representing this headquarters, would be acceptable by all elements concerned and receive their full cooperation. Such action would give this headquarters direct and immediate intelligence from the area covered with full and reliable information as to its source for purposes of evaluation - would obviate the necessity to filter same through PERALTA, thereby avoiding an unnecessary burden upon communications and delay in transmission, with the attending possibility of textual changes; or

- (c) If (a) and (b) are disapproved, dispatch Colonel MANZANO, already appointed to direct ILOZON intelligence, to MINDORO to take charge of the MINDORO activity and the development of ILOZON intelligence from that area under GHQ control and direction and following the same procedure as above set forth under (b).

12. I hope that the points herein raised will be given the thoughtful consideration which I believe they merit in view of the importance of the issue involved. I hope that such consideration will result in a modification of the action on the G-2 note in reference as I believe that modification thereof is essential to the orderly progress of the development of ILOZON intelligence. If, however, such is not the case and you decide to adhere to the re-orientation resulting from the action for which reconsideration is herein asked you may be sure that it shall be PRS' firm purpose to do everything within its power to drive along the re-oriented course to a successful conclusion.

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25 MARCH 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : FERTIG
NR : 795 24TH MARCH

INTELLIGENCE COVERAGE OBTAINED BY OPERATIVES OF MANY INDEPENDENT GUERRILLA GROUPS AND THE "FREE PHILIPPINES" (FP AND ADMITTED BY ALL THE MOST STEADFAST AND UNSELFISH GROUP) PHILIPPINE ARMY PERSONNEL: SCOUTS, RELEASED FIL POW, AMER POW, BC, BUSINESS MEN AND PUPPET OFFICIALS. COVERAGE APPEARS EXCELLENT MANILA VICINITY BATAAN, CORREGIDOR, CAVITE, BATANGAS, PAMPANGA, PANGASINAN, TAYABAS AND LA UNION, LARGER AIRBASES AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM AGENTS PLACED AS TECHNICIANS, TECHNICAL MEN, SKILLED LABORERS AND UNDERCOVER AGENTS IN BARS AND CABARETS. FURTHER FROM MANILA COVERAGE DECREASED WITH DISTANCE, DUE PARTIALLY TO LACK OF COMMUNICATION. I BELIEVE NEARLY ALL GROUPS IN LUZON WOULD COOPERATE GLADLY WITH PROPOSED CLEARING HOUSE BUT WILL NOT CONTINUE TO FURNISH INFO TO PERALTA'S AGENTS SINCE HE HAS NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE SOURCE OF INFO, REDEEMPT NOR FULFILLED LAVISH PROMISES OF FUNDS AND MEDICINE. MANSANO REPORTS ACTIONS OF 6TH MILITARY DISTRICT AGENTS ENDANGERED MANY LOYAL PEOPLE.

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TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA
NR 216 11 MAY

PER JURADO - MINDORO UNITS WERE BEING HANDLED BY PHILLIPS AND WERE IN FAIR WAY BUT HIS DEATH BROUGHT AGAIN TRACES OF INDISCIPLINE FROM BELONCIO WHO DOES NOT LIKE RUFFY. SAYS HE IS DOING HIS BEST TO KEEP BELONCIO IN LINE WHO SEEMS TO RESPECT HIM, THAT BEFORE HE LEFT HE WAS ABLE TO PUT IT ON FAIR BASIS FOR COMMUNICATION PURPOSES. HE IS DISTINCTLY NOT SATISFIED WITH DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING. ONE THING HE MUST HAVE IS SOLID FOUNDATION OF ARMED FORCE TO PROTECT HIS SIGNAL UNITS HE CLAIMS. SIGNAL UNIT WITHOUT PROTECTION IS SUICIDE SQUAD AS IT IS BOUND TO BE DETECTED SOONER OR LATER. AN ESSENTIAL IS SUFFICIENT MONEY TO PAY AND FEED 900 MEN NOW IN MINDORO IN ORDER TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING NOTHING BUT BANDITS. I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING HE SAYS BUT MY RESOURCES DO NOT PERMIT ME TO HELP HIM MUCH. IT IS EASY TO PLANT A SIGNAL UNIT BUT DIFFICULTY IS TO MAINTAIN IT.



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

From: G-2

To: PRS

Date: 23 March 1944.

1. Reference check sheet to C/S proposing establishment of second Mindoro radio position, the following comments were made by G-2:

"1. Recommend approval of establishing a radio station in that area. A radio station there is desirable and necessary as an alternate to Phillips' station, and also to cover Apo Pass. Reported capture of Warrant Officer Wise (member of Phillips' party) means probable liquidation of Phillips' station.

"2. Request that PRS prepare a directive for this party for approval by this office containing the following:

- a. Composition of the party.
- b. Specific mission.
- c. Extent of intelligence activities.
- d. Policy to be followed with respect to guerrilla forces encountered."

2. The C-in-C approved the suggestions in Para. 2 of G-2 comment.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 14 March 1944.

1. I propose, unless there is objection to my doing so, to send a party into MINDORO, as the opportunity presents itself, to land some distance south of PALUAN on the West Coast to establish at least two widely dispersed radio positions in the interior capable of communication direct with this headquarters. It is my purpose that this party, once contact has been established, will stand by for instructions and be prepared to guard frequencies of smaller units from LUZON to re-transmit here in accordance with our original plan.

2. I am confident that PHILLIPS and the majority of his party will survive the present enemy drive and I want to be in position to re-equip and recommit them to the original intelligence and communications purposes when they have reestablished contact with us. We finally got the C in C's message, approved for dispatch on 18 February, through to PHILLIPS on 25 February and his "ROGER" signifying its receipt. I am hopeful that his subsequent complete silence is due to those instructions.

3. Northern MINDORO as a gateway to LUZON, as a reception center for LUZON communications, and as an observation point for the VERDE Island Passage and APO East Pass is far too important for us to give up at the first sign of enemy action, which was inevitable when we went in. I propose to reestablish it -- and reestablish it on a stronger basis than before.



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18 May 1944

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- (b) Colonel MANZANO, whom G-2 strongly supported for appointment to "direct procurement of intelligence and extension of intelligence net in Luzon" and who was so appointed, (G-2 note to C/S of 27 March) seems opposed to PERALTA's intervention in that area

"MANZANO REPORTS ACTIONS OF 6th MILITARY DISTRICT AGENTS ENDANGERED MANY LOYAL PEOPLE" (Fertig's message 795, attached);

- (c) That while PERALTA for some time had a coast watcher and radio station on Cape CALAVITE (first discovered by Major PHILLIPS) no ship sightings were reported for submarine targets as a result;
- (d) Despite G-2's strong indorsement of PERALTA's capabilities in the intelligence field it is noteworthy that G-2 did not recognize that PERALTA so much as had an intelligence net in operation in its note to the Chief of Staff of 6 May, wherein all Philippine intelligence nets were listed by G-2 and evaluated;
- (e) PERALTA believes that his signal units must be protected by armed



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force - that a signal unit without protection is a suicide squad "as it is bound to be detected sooner or later"; that it is essential to protect MINDORO units "TO PAY AND FEED 900 MEN NOW IN MINDORO IN ORDER TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING NOTHING BUT BANDITS" (Peralta's message number 216, attached). It is on just such a premise that PHILLIPS seems to have made his fatal error from which we sought to save him. The idea that the commitment of 900 armed civilians to its defense would save a signal unit from determined enemy pressure so close to LUZON is an absurdity - or is the purpose merely to pay tribute to these people in order to "prevent them from being nothing but bandits" - a position that this headquarters could accept with little dignity.

We have innumerable signal units now standing guard for us at isolated points without benefit of any such protection by armed force and we will have increasing numbers of them as we penetrate deeper into LUZON. We require the friendship of local citizens but armed protection, in the strength that is possible, is but provocative of overwhelming enemy action against the station and the citizens as well. Illustrative of this is the period October-November last when all of PERALTA's radio units on the Island of PANAY were out for over thirty days due to enemy action despite his 15,000-20,000 troops to defend them.

- (f) The designation of PERALTA to take over the MINDORO-Central LUZON intelligence development upon an admission that this headquarters had failed to succeed therein by direct action would further inflate his already over-inflated ego to the point that subordination of his command to the will of this headquarters would become well-nigh impossible.
- (g) It is extremely doubtful that PERALTA would get maximum benefit from the PRS members of PHILLIPS' party or cooperation from other elements essential to the development of LUZON intelligence in view of his attitude toward individuals outside of his immediate command

"I DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF TRUSTING ANYBODY OUTSIDE MY OUTFIT DUE TO EXPERIENCE HEARING PEOPLE BOAST HOW GOOD THEY WERE AND THEN NOT COMING UP WITH THE GOODS. HOWEVER, RAMSEY MAY BE DIFFERENT STORY AND BEFORE I MAKE DECISION, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ANY DATA ON THIS OFFICER. x x x AM INTERESTED IN HIS TRAINING, OCCUPATION BEFORE LAST WAR, LAST EFFICIENCY REPORT ON HIS RELIABILITY AND



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ABILITY TO DO THINGS^a (Peralta's message number 160 - 28 April).

7. I believe that the foregoing points should be re-examined before extending PERALTA's scope of authority and responsibility into the vital area Northward. G-2 states that "Mindoro has been Peralta's playground - that we have not recognized it as such is beside the point." I consider it a point that cannot be so lightly ignored. PERALTA's request for authority to operate in MINDORO was disapproved by this headquarters (message number 98 - 31 May 1943 dispatched, incidentally, by G-2 itself). That he went into the area nevertheless reflects capacity for reckless insubordination - that he therein inducted into the Army of the United States 900 civilians gave PHILLIPS his worst headache - possibly indirectly contributed to his death.

8. G-2's recommendation on its aforesaid note fails to take into account the position of Colonel MANZANO appointed "to direct procurement of intelligence and extension of intelligence net in Luzon." Sound policy would dictate that having been clothed with such authority and charged with the attending responsibility his position should be considered in any plan such as that G-2 proposes.

9. Furthermore, experience has shown that guerilla leaders - whether it be FERTIG, PERALTA, ABEDE, or others, are guided by the compelling natural instinct to give highest priority in the disposition of equipment and personnel to local security. For this reason alone, if for none other, a policy that would empower a guerilla leader to undertake a distant project of the importance of the MINDORO-Central LUZON development would render impossible achievement of the success otherwise possible through independent direct action.

10. This Section has been planning the reinforcement and revitalization of the MINDORO position, as soon as forward transportation could be provided, in accord with its C/N of 14 March, attached, with which G-2 was in substantial agreement. A group has been planned for dispatch capable of establishing at least two well dispersed and concealed radio re-transmission stations to insure a steady flow of information from LUZON south during crucial periods; a weather station; coast watchers at vital points; and to otherwise proceed with the PHILLIPS mission. A capable, well trained American officer, to whom both the area and the details of PHILLIPS' operations are well known, has volunteered to head the mission and it has been in contemplation that he would be proposed for the responsibility at the proper time.

11. In view of the foregoing I strongly recommend that the action taken on G-2 note in reference be reconsidered and that in lieu thereof the following procedure governs:



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- (a) That PRS be permitted to continue to adhere to the course previously charted in this vitally important matter by reinforcement of the position as herein outlined; or
- (b) That if (a) above is not approved, Major JURADO, recently in MINDORO for PERALTA, be attached directly to this headquarters and given the MINDORO responsibility under GHQ direct control and direction. This officer is a Naval Academy graduate, former Chief of the Philippine Offshore Patrol. Of him, the C in C commented on PRS Action Sheet Number 732 - 3 October: "Know Jurado well - excellent soldier."

Major JURADO, especially if on a direct channel with and representing this headquarters, would be acceptable by all elements concerned and receive their full cooperation. Such action would give this headquarters direct and immediate intelligence from the area covered with full and reliable information as to its source for purposes of evaluation - would obviate the necessity to filter same through PERALTA, thereby avoiding an unnecessary burden upon communications and delay in transmission, with the attending possibility of textual changes; or

- (c) If (a) and (b) are disapproved, dispatch Colonel MANZANO, already appointed to direct LUZON intelligence, to MINDORO to take charge of the MINDORO activity and the development of LUZON intelligence from that area under GHQ control and direction and following the same procedure as above set forth under (b).

12. I hope that the points herein raised will be given the thoughtful consideration which I believe they merit in view of the importance of the issue involved. I hope that such consideration will result in a modification of the action on the G-2 note in reference as I believe that modification thereof is essential to the orderly progress of the development of LUZON intelligence. If, however, such is not the case and you decide to adhere to the re-orientation resulting from the action for which reconsideration is herein asked you may be sure that it shall be PRS' firm purpose to do everything within its power to drive along the re-oriented course to a successful conclusion.

Incls:

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C.W.

15 May 1944

To: C/S

Re Peralta 91, 209, 210, 211, 212, 216:

1. These messages from Peralta paint a picture. Phillips was sent to Mindoro - an area covered by Peralta. Phillips was lost - survivors remain. Shall we repeat the performance, or shall we put our activity in Mindoro under Peralta?

2. PRS' recommended message to Wise indicates an intention to continue Wise as a free agent. The mission of Phillips was to:

- a. Watch Verdi Id. Passage and Apo East Pass.
- b. Correlate the development of information from Manila and Central Luzon.

3. Peralta has agents in Mindoro. Believe the mission can be successful if operated under Peralta. Give Peralta the job and the tools. He will gain prestige and will take action to assure the success of his project, rather than adopt a hands off policy of allowing a competitor to hang himself. Mindoro has been Peralta's playground - that we have not recognized it as such is beside the point. He does operate there, and successfully. A current intelligence plan includes Mindoro under Peralta for intelligence work.

4. Recommend that:

- a. Wise and members of his party be placed under Peralta to continue the mission originally assigned to Phillips.
- b. That Peralta be notified to that effect.



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25 MARCH 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : FERTIG
NR : 795 24TH MARCH

INTELLIGENCE COVERAGE OBTAINED BY OPERATIVES OF MANY INDEPENDENT GUERRILLA GROUPS AND THE "FREE PHILIPPINES" (FP AND ADMITTED BY ALL THE MOST STEADFAST AND UNSELFISH GROUP) PHILIPPINE ARMY PERSONNEL: SCOUTS, RELEASED FIL POW, AMER POW, BC, BUSINESS MEN AND PUPPET OFFICIALS. COVERAGE APPEARS EXCELLENT MANILA VICINITY BATAAN, CORREGIDOR, CAVITE, BATANGAS, PAMPANGA, PANGASINAN, TAYABAS AND LA UNION, LARGER AIRBASES AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM AGENTS PLACED AS TECHNICIANS, TECHNICAL MEN, SKILLED LABORERS AND UNDERCOVER AGENTS IN BARS AND CABARETS. FURTHER FROM MANILA COVERAGE DECREASED WITH DISTANCE, DUE PARTIALLY TO LACK OF COMMUNICATION. I BELIEVE NEARLY ALL GROUPS IN LUZON WOULD COOPERATE GLADLY WITH PROPOSED CLEARING HOUSE BUT WILL NOT CONTINUE TO FURNISH INFO TO PERALTA'S AGENTS SINCE HE HAS NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE SOURCE OF INFO, REDEMPT NOR FULFILLED LAVISH PROMISES OF FUNDS AND MEDICINE. MANSANO REPORTS ACTIONS OF 6TH MILITARY DISTRICT AGENTS ENDANGERED MANY LOYAL PEOPLE.

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11 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA
NR 216 11 MAY

PER JURADO - MINDORO UNITS WERE BEING HANDLED BY PHILLIPS AND WERE IN FAIR WAY BUT HIS DEATH BROUGHT AGAIN TRACES OF INDISCIPLINE FROM BELONCIO WHO DOES NOT LIKE RUFFY. SAYS HE IS DOING HIS BEST TO KEEP BELONCIO IN LINE WHO SEEMS TO RESPECT HIM, THAT BEFORE HE LEFT HE WAS ABLE TO PUT IT ON FAIR BASIS FOR COMMUNICATION PURPOSES. HE IS DISTINCTLY NOT SATISFIED WITH DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING. ONE THING HE MUST HAVE IS SOLID FOUNDATION OF ARMED FORCE TO PROTECT HIS SIGNAL UNITS HE CLAIMS. SIGNAL UNIT WITHOUT PROTECTION IS SUICIDE SQUAD AS IT IS BOUND TO BE DETECTED SOONER OR LATER. AN ESSENTIAL IS SUFFICIENT MONEY TO PAY AND FEED 900 MEN NOW IN MINDORO IN ORDER TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING NOTHING BUT BANDITS. I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING HE SAYS BUT MY RESOURCES DO NOT PERMIT ME TO HELP HIM MUCH. IT IS EASY TO PLANT A SIGNAL UNIT BUT DIFFICULTY IS TO MAINTAIN IT.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

From: G-2

To: PRS

Date: 23 March 1944.

1. Reference check sheet to C/S proposing establishment of second Mindoro radio position, the following comments were made by G-2:

"1. Recommend approval of establishing a radio station in that area. A radio station there is desirable and necessary as an alternate to Phillips' station, and also to cover Apo Pass. Reported capture of Warrant Officer Wise (member of Phillips' party) means probable liquidation of Phillips' station.

"2. Request that PRS prepare a directive for this party for approval by this office containing the following:

- a. Composition of the party.
- b. Specific mission.
- c. Extent of intelligence activities.
- d. Policy to be followed with respect to guerrilla forces encountered."

2. The C-in-C approved the suggestions in Para. 2 of G-2 comment.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 14 March 1944.

1. I propose, unless there is objection to my doing so, to send a party into MINDORO, as the opportunity presents itself, to land some distance south of PALUAN on the West Coast to establish at least two widely dispersed radio positions in the interior capable of communication direct with this headquarters. It is my purpose that this party, once contact has been established, will stand by for instructions and be prepared to guard frequencies of smaller units from LUZON to re-transmit here in accordance with our original plan.

2. I am confident that PHILLIPS and the majority of his party will survive the present enemy drive and I want to be in position to re-equip and recommit them to the original intelligence and communications purposes when they have reestablished contact with us. We finally got the C in C's message, approved for dispatch on 18 February, through to PHILLIPS on 25 February and his "ROGER" signifying its receipt. I am hopeful that his subsequent complete silence is due to those instructions.

3. Northern MINDORO as a gateway to LUZON, as a reception center for LUZON communications, and as an observation point for the VERDE Island Passage and APO East Pass is far too important for us to give up at the first sign of enemy action, which was inevitable when we went in. I propose to reestablish it -- and reestablish it on a stronger basis than before.

C. W.



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AG, USAFFE

17 May 1944

1. Advice has been received that the following named Air Corps personnel have escaped the enemy and are now near one of our stations in LUSON:

Sgt Chester Konka
Sgt George Gowan
Cpl Eldred Satten

2. Names may be misspelled. Further identification will be forwarded as received.

3. Herewith copy of original advice in reference.

Incl:
Copy of msg 119 fr Smith

C.W.



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Controller, AIB

17 May 1944

1. The following fixtures are required for Room 42:

2 Venetian Blinds 4' x 7'

1 Buzzer, button, and wire connecting room 42 with Room 46.

2. The Venetian Blinds are needed for the two east windows which are open to the hot morning sun. Formerly they were not needed as the desk arrangement made location away from the windows possible. The present arrangement, with additional desks, necessitates the use of the space next to the windows. It is requested that these installations be made as soon as possible.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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File No.:

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From:

G-2

To:

PRS

Date: 14 May 1944

Request following message be dispatched to Cushing.

"How many airfields on MACTAN ISLAND? Give names, exact locations, and description. Which are being used; which are being built?"

no IS to Cushing

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Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 14 May 1944

1. That we will be ready when you desire it, I am now stressing the use of demolitions and sabotage technique in the training of our selected Filipinos. I shall have a number of teams so trained within 60 days and capable of executing any reasonable sabotage plan that operations may determine upon.

2. I realize that prevailing policy is opposed to sabotage, at the present time, as but provocative of increased enemy pressure upon the people and the guerilla forces, but the time will come when you will desire enemy installations, supply, and lines of communication dealt a mighty and destructive blow from within. This must be planned now if we are to be ready. I will have the personnel prepared when you desire to so employ them.

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From: G-3

To: PRS

Date: 16 May 44

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(initialed) C. W.

From: Chief of Staff

To: G-3

(initialed) R. K. S.

From: G-3

To: PRS

Date: 16 May 44

Noted.

S. J. C.



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From: Chief of Staff

To: G-3

(initialed) R. K. S.

From: G-3

To: PRS

Date: 16 May 44

Noted.

S. J. C.



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PRS

Chief of Staff

13 May 1944

Herewith are copies of the May 1st issue of "Free Philippines"
The June issue is now well under way.

Incl:
6 copies of
Free Philippines

C.W.



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13 May 1944

Herewith are copies of the May 1st issue of "Free Philippines."

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6 copies of
Free Philippines

C.W.



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PRO - Colonel Diller

13 May 1944

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Free Philippines

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Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 13 May 1944

1. Herewith is a suggested message from the C in C to the Filipino people for reproduction in the June 1st issue of "Free Philippines."

2. I believe it will be more effective if such messages in the future go into the magazine in this form rather than that heretofore employed where it has appeared more in the nature of a contributed article than a direct message of the C in C to the Filipino people. Furthermore, in this form such messages under date will not be out-dated prior to the publication of the magazine by subsequent events.

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Incl: Suggested letter

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 13 May 1944

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1. I am pleased to advise that, pursuant to plan, contact by operational sub was successfully made with the South NEGROS coast on 11 May at sunset and:

- (a) The PALAU enemy documents recovered by CUSHING were picked up; and
- (b) Twenty eight (28) American women and children, eleven (11) American men and one (1) Filipino officer were evacuated.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

13 May 1944

PATRIOTS OF THE PHILIPPINES:

The landing of our troops at Hollandia and the seizure of the great enemy bases there and at Aitape on the North coast of Dutch New Guinea marked another long advance ~~in my return to the Philippines.~~ *against the enemy*

This action moved our advance bases 500 miles nearer your shores and at the same time trapped another 60,000 enemy soldiers and doomed them to certain annihilation. Thus the enemy army dispatched to this area in the early stages of the war to threaten Australia is now completely isolated, with its communication and supply lines severed. The situation thereby created reverses Bataan.

FREE PHILIPPINES

In this issue of ~~the~~ Free Philippines there is presented in graphic form the Hollandia-Aitape operation. From it you can see how land, sea, and air power was coordinated in one mighty blow at the enemy.

I shall strike similar blows in increasing violence until the enemy has been destroyed and the Philippines has been liberated.



DOUGLAS MacARTHUR
General, U.S. Army
Commander in Chief

12 May 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify th t I have intrusted to Colonel Courtney Whitney the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) U.S. currency and one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) Philippine pre-war legal tender.

s/ Allison W. Ind
t/ ALLISON W. IND, Lt. Col.,
Class "B" Agent Finance Officer.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I have received from Allison W. Ind, Lt. Col., the following:

a. Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) and ninety-eight thousand three hundred pesos (P98,300.00) contained in five sealed tins which will be delivered to M jor Smith for the maintenance of intelligence nets.

b. One thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00) for members of the party to be expended if necessary for intelligence purposes only, the total sum to be accounted for to M jor Smith upon arrival as directed.

c. Twenty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (28,900.00) contained in one small sealed tin which is to be delivered to the Commanding Officer, 10th Military District, and used for maintaining intelligence nets.

d. One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) for members of the party to be expended if necessary for intelligence purposes only, the total sum to be accounted for to the Commanding Officer, 10th Military District, u on arrival as directed.

s/ Courtney Whitney
t/ COURTNEY WHITNEY, Col.,
Chief, P.R.S.

*For signed copy see
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my administration*

s/ Courtney Whitney
t/ COURTNEY WHITNEY, Col.,
Chief, P.R.S.



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

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File No.:

Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 12 May 1944

1. Advise that the following men departed last night for Philippine posts:

To reinforce Major SMITH's party:

2nd Lieut. LABRADOR, Vicente W.
2nd Lieut. PADILLA, Louis L.P.
2nd Lieut. ANCHETA, Carlos F.
2nd Lieut. MAURICIO, Paul F.
2nd Lieut. MENDOZA, Jose T.

S/Sgt MIGUEL, Cipriano L.
S/Sgt NERY, Gerardo B.
Sgt AGCAOILI, Raymundo E.
Sgt GUYOT, Gaudencio V.
Sgt HERRERIA, Donato E.
T/4 LUZ, Pete L.
Cpl DURAN, Agrifino J.
T/5 ANGCOS, Robert O.
T/5 ADVINCULA, Julio C.
T/5 HOLGADO, Eddie C.
T/5 NUEVO, Leodegario O.
T/5 SANTOS, Rudolph B.
Pfc PASCUA, Jerry D.
Pvt AGUILA, Isaac Z.
Pvt BULATAO, George M.

To reinforce the 10th Military District:

S/Sgt FORTUN, Salvador B. *far*
S/Sgt SITJAR, Jose T.
Sgt ACENAS, Semeniano D.
Sgt MONTERO, Jack
~~Sgt~~ GONZALES, Marcelo G. *good*
Cpl NAVARRO, Ambrosio
T/5 BUENAVISTA, Serafin B.
T/5 PALMETO, Daniel S.
T/5 BURGOS, Edward M. *far*
Pvt MAGALE, Isidro P.

Sgt Herrera *far*

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File No.:

Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 12 May 1944

To expand weather observation facilities:

WOJG CAMPEAU, Lucien V.
S/Sgt HOKE, Max E.
Sgt FINNEGAN, George J.
Sgt RICHARDSON, William R.
Cpl LAZANO, Ray J.
Cpl BECKER, William III
Cpl McGRATH, Charles E.

2. All of these men are well trained and well disciplined and may be expected to render a good account of themselves. Each left with a resolute determination to contribute his full part toward the achievement of the C in C's Philippine objectives.

3. I am quite confident that in this new phase of Philippine operations rapid strides will be made in driving new channels for intelligence and communications through the heart of LUZON - and strengthening those already existing elsewhere.

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From: AG, USAFFE

To: PRS
THRU: AG, GHQ

5 May 1944

1. Request recommendations be submitted by separate letters, showing in each:

- a. What duties were performed in Philippine Islands
- b. Why brought out
- c. For what specific positions or duties are the services of the officer desired.

2. Future recommendations should be similarly submitted.

L.S.O.

From: PRS

To: AG, USAFFE

11 May 1944

Individual letters herewith as required.

Incls:

3 check sheets with
Forms 0850 attached
C/N fr PRS to AG, USAFFE
of 30 April

C.W.

also see 602 April administration



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AG, USAFFE



11 May 1944

1. Recommend for the reasons set forth in my C/N of 30 April that the following named individual be commissioned in the Army of the United States in the grade of 2nd Lieutenant:

Cyril L. SPENCER

2. Mr. Spencer has been a Captain of Engineers (guerilla) in the 6th Military District.

3. He has been engaged in engineering mapping for that District.

4. He was involuntarily evacuated under a misconception by Colonel PERALTA of the C in C's evacuation policy. He desires to return to further service in the Philippines.

5. His services are desired in connection with Philippine supply activities and in a reserve of American officers to meet personnel requisitions from the Philippines. He and others similarly qualified have an understanding of present Philippine conditions, guerilla activity and enemy tactics which especially fits them for missions where American leadership is desirable. Major SMITH has urgently requested the assignment to his party of at least three American officers. We have no available reserve for the purpose and it is contrary to the C in C's policy to send in officers not versed in guerilla warfare and whose service would, as a consequence, be under a distinct disadvantage. By creating a small available reserve of officers who have survived in enemy occupied areas thus far, we would facilitate practical training, be able more realistically to plan guerilla direction and supply and have officers available for dispatch into the Philippines as required.

6. I shall only recommend the highest type of men for this purpose as I have no use for any others. Issuance of the commission recommended should be without prejudice to any rights Mr. Spencer may now have or be hereafter accorded in recognition of his service prior to his evacuation from the Philippines.

7. Herewith is W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 0850.

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Form No. 0850
on Cyril L. Spencer

C.W.

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AG, USAFFE



11 May 1944

1. Recommend for the reasons set forth in my C/M of 30 April that the following named individual be commissioned in the Army of the United States in the grade of 2nd Lieutenant:

Homer A. MANN

2. Mr. Mann has been a 1st Lieutenant of Engineers (guerilla) in the 6th Military District.
3. He has been engaged in engineering construction work for that District.
4. He was involuntarily evacuated under a misconception by Colonel PERALTA of the C in C's evacuation policy. He desires to return to further service in the Philippines.
5. His services are desired in connection with Philippine supply activities and in a reserve of American officers to meet personnel requirements from the Philippines. He and others similarly qualified have an understanding of present Philippine conditions, guerilla activity and enemy tactics which especially fits them for missions where American leadership is desirable. Major SMITH has urgently requested the assignment to his party of at least three American officers. We have no available reserve for the purpose and it is contrary to the C in C's policy to send in officers not versed in guerilla warfare and whose service would, as a consequence, be under a distinct disadvantage. By creating a small available reserve of officers who have survived in enemy occupied areas thus far, we would facilitate practical training, be able more realistically to plan guerilla direction and supply and have officers available for dispatch into the Philippines as required.
6. I shall only recommend the highest type of men for this purpose as I have no use for any others. Issuance of the commission recommended should be without prejudice to any rights Mr. Mann may now have or be hereafter accorded in recognition of his service prior to his evacuation from the Philippines.
7. Herewith is W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 0850.

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Form No. 0850
on Homer A. Mann

C.W.

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AG, USAFFE



11 May 1944

1. Recommend for the reasons set forth in my C/N of 30 April that the following named individual be commissioned in the Army of the United States in the grade of 2nd Lieutenant:

Maynard C. HAWLEY

2. Mr. Hawley was commissioned Captain in the Army of the United States by General Christie in January 1942 and served in that grade in the 6th Military District until evacuated from PANAY on 20 March 1944.

3. He was Assistant Quartermaster and Finance Officer of the 6th M.D.

4. He was involuntarily evacuated under a misconception by Colonel PEPALSA of the C in C's evacuation policy. He desires to return to further service in the Philippines.

5. His services are desired in connection with Philippine supply activities and in a reserve of American officers to meet personnel requisitions from the Philippines. He and others similarly qualified have an understanding of present Philippine conditions, guerilla activity and enemy tactics which especially fits them for missions where American leadership is desirable. Major SMITH has urgently requested the assignment to his party of at least three American officers. We have no available reserve for the purpose and it is contrary to the C in C's policy to send in officers not versed in guerilla warfare and whose service would, as a consequence, be under a distinct disadvantage. By creating a small available reserve of officers who have survived in enemy occupied areas thus far, we would facilitate practical training, be able more realistically to plan guerilla direction and supply and have officers available for dispatch into the Philippines as required.

6. I shall only recommend the highest type of men for this purpose as I have no use for any others. Issuance of the commission recommended should be without prejudice to any rights Mr. Hawley may now have or be hereafter accorded in recognition of his service prior to his evacuation from the Philippines.

7. Herewith is W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 0850.

Incls:

Form No. 0850
on Maynard C. Hawley

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P.R.S.

Assistant Deputy Controller
A.I.B.

11 May 1944

In view of the increased activity of the supply department of P.R.S., it is imperative that transportation, supply handling and trucking facilities be secured (none are now with this Section).

Minimum and immediate requirements for Brisbane area are one jeep for use by officers and men in making frequent trips to various supply sources, arranging shipments and in maintaining contact with the A.I.B. supply section at Milton. This work will necessitate sufficient travel to justify the assignment of a jeep. Brisbane area should also have a pickup truck or similar conveyance for handling the movement of sundry supplies and personnel in short notice (large movements can continue to be handled by motor pool trucks).

For Darwin area, not of immediate necessity, but desirable when facilities are available:

1 jeep
1 truck

For additional forward area base expected to be established shortly:

1 jeep
1 truck

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

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Subject: ~~SECRET~~

File No.:

From:

G-2

To:

PRS

Date: 11 May 1944

Request following be dispatched to Fertig:

*Desire info on condition roads LABUNGAN to SAPAKAN and PAIDU-
PULANGI to DULAWAN, both in Cotabato province.*

C.A.W.
C.A.W.

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*request
to Fertig
12 May 44
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AG 201-Schuring, Henry G.
File No.

Subject: Direct appointment in the AUS as
commissioned O

FROM

AG-P

TO

AIB
(Col Whitney)

DATE

4 May 1944

Mr. Schuring prepared this form as his application for
appointment in the Army of the United States. It is forwarded
to you for such action as you deem proper in case.

C.W.C.

From: PRS

To: AG-P

Date: 10 May 1944

This Section does not contemplate asking for the commissioning
and assignment to it of Mr. Schuring.

Incl:

WDAGO Form 0850

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G-2

G/S

10 May 1944

1. Authority is requested to provide Capt. Rosenquist with the following currency:

\$ 2,000 -U.S. Currency
P 5,000 -Real Philippine Currency in P20 bills.

2. It is believed that the special nature of Capt. Rosenquist's mission warrants the provision of these funds. Expenditure of this currency will be accounted for in the usual manner.

C.A.W.

jpd
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From: G-2

To: Col. Mellnik (PI)

Date: 10 May/44.

Note the C-in-C's approval and advise Col. Whitney, PRS.

C.A.W.

CAN-nrb
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G-2, P.I. Section

To: PRS

10 May 1944

For necessary action.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

S.N.M.

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P.R.S.

Deputy Controller, AIB.

11 May 1944

Noted and forwarded for compliance.

C. W.

From: Deputy Controller, AIB

To: Ass't Deputy Controller

11 May 1944

Request funds be made available.

C. S. M.



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Deputy Controller, AIB

9 May 1944

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Action Sheet Nr. 1638 of 16 April 1944, it is requested that currency be prepared for shipment to SMITH by noon, 11 May 1944, as follows:

\$20,000.00 - U.S. currency
P100,000.00 - Philippine currency

2. Authority has been requested for \$50,000.00 in U.S. currency to be sent to FERTIG by same date. It is requested that this be prepared, subject to authorization being received prior to the deadline indicated.

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ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

PHILIPPINE REGIONAL SECTION

AIB Info.
Report No. 2018

Date: 16 April 1944

FRS Action Sheet

No. 1638

W (pencil)

TO: Chief of Staff.

Coordination: G-2

Message No. 84 from SMITH

Precis: In re requirements of SMITH's position.

Comment: This message was directed personally to General MacARTHUR.

I am endeavoring to supply Major SMITH in order that he may be self sufficient for a period of six months. To that end it is planned to send him, about the middle of May, 5 officers and 15 enlisted men, all Filipinos trained as radio operators and intelligence personnel with enough signal equipment to fulfill the major part of his mission and plans.

SMITH's desire to preserve the integrity of his intelligence net in LUZON is within existing policy and plans and affords the only intelligent method for utilizing existing facilities in the development of LUZON coverage.

All supplies requested are being dispatched with the exception of the .50 cal. machine guns as to the necessity and use for which SMITH is being queried.

In line with the effort to meet the six months' supply requirements of this project it is desirable that anticipated fiscal requirements be likewise met now.

Action taken:

Routine questions are being answered.

Action recommended:

Dispatch additional funds as follows: Half million of enemy currency, 100,000 pesos in Philippine currency, \$50,000 in U.S. currency. Advise SMITH that the integrity of the intelligence net he is developing will be preserved as desired.

C.W. (pencil)
C.W.

pencil(Approval for \$20,000 U.S. P100,000 Phil.
(and P500,000 Jap.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Courtney Whitney
COURTNEY WHITNEY
Colonel, Air Corps

Chief, Philippine Regional Section

R.K.S.

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*Mr. Taylor
given original
on 4 June 44
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16 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : SMITH

NR 84 15 APRIL

IF I CAN GET ONLY THE FOLLOWING WE CAN KEEP ON THE
AIR AND CONTINUE EXTENDING THE NET:

ALL RADIO EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL YOU CAN GIVE ME
200 GALLONS GASOLINE
CIGARETTES
PROPAGANDA SUPPLIES
JUNGLE EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING FOR 10 MEN
NESCAFE
CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT INCLUDING 4 M-209 CONVERTERS
10 CARBINES WITH 1 FIRE UNIT EACH OF AMMO
10 TOMMY GUNS WITH 1 FIRE UNIT EACH
10 PISTOLS WITH HOLSTERS.
2 TWIN .50 CAL. MACHINE GUNS WITH MOUNTS AND
10,000 ROUNDS AMMO
200 FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES
MAGAZINES AND BOOKS



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NR 84 CONTINUED:

MOST IMPORTANT IS THE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL TO HANDLE IT. HAVE FOUR LOCAL OPERATORS AND THERE ARE MORE AVAILABLE BUT THEY WILL NOT LEAVE THIS ISLAND. THE MEN WHO CAME UP WITH ME HAVE DONE ADMIRABLY WELL IN GOING INTO AND MAINTAINING THEIR STATIONS IN ENEMY TERRITORY. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THE NUMBER OF MEN AND AMOUNT OF RADIO EQUIPMENT BEING SENT ON THIS TRIP.

I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE INTELLIGENCE NET BEING DEVELOPED BY MY PARTY IN LUZON ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THAT OF COMMANDER PARSONS AND COLONEL FERTIG. I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THIS END IN VIEW AND HOPE TO SOON HAVE MORE RELIABLE INFORMATION COMING IN. I BELIEVE BY THIS METHOD WE CAN GET INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE CHECKED AGAINST OTHER SOURCES. THIS METHOD WILL ALSO ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CAPTURE OF ONE OR TWO PEOPLE CAUSING THE STOPPAGE OF ALL SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

THE PORT OF BARONGAN WHICH HAS A PIER COULD BE USED TO LAND SUPPLIES IF NECESSARY. ON EAST COAST I HAVE AVAILABLE ONE LAUNCH WITH A RELIABLE ENGINE AND SEVERAL LAUNCH CASCOS WHICH COULD BE TOWED. UNLOADING SUPPLIES WILL HAVE TO BE DONE BY MY PARTY WITH CIVILIAN HELP AS THE MERRITT GANG CANNOT BE DEPENDED UPON.

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Col Whitney for file

12 May 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I have intrusted to Colonel Courtney Whitney the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) U.S. currency and one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) Philippine pre-war legal tender.

Allison W. Ind.
ALLISON W. IND, Lt. Col.,
Class "B" Agent Finance Officer.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I have received from Allison W. Ind, Lt. Col., the following:

a. Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) and ninety-eight thousand three hundred pesos (P98,300.00) contained in five sealed tins which will be delivered to Major Smith for the maintenance of intelligence nets.

b. One thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00) for members of the party to be expended if necessary for intelligence purposes only, the total sum to be accounted for to Major Smith upon arrival as directed.

c. Twenty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$28,900.00) contained in one small sealed tin which is to be delivered to the Commanding Officer, 10th Military District, and used for maintaining intelligence nets.

d. One thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) for members of the party to be expended if necessary for intelligence purposes only, the total sum to be accounted for to the Commanding Officer, 10th Military District, upon arrival as directed.

Courtney Whitney
COURTNEY WHITNEY, Col.,
Chief, P.R.S.



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G-2

G-2, USAFFE

9 May 1944.

1. Attached are copies of directives of 7 May 1944 subjects respectively: "Declaration of PI Currency" and "Conversion of PI Currency".

2. It is requested that G-2, USAFFE assumes the responsibility of obtaining declarations of PI currency from personnel evacuated or returning from the PI. Forms, Subject, Declaration of PI Currency are attached for this purpose. They should be executed in sextuplicate and, in the absence of Disbursing Officer PI Com, all copies except those for C.G. USAFFE and principal should be delivered to G-2, GHQ.

3. Personnel recently arrived from the PI and still in Brisbane or vicinity should be required to declare PI currency in their possession.

4. For your information and assistance in identifying currency presented, there is attached to directive "Conversion of PI Currency" herewith, a list of authorized emergency currencies. Any currency presented that is not shown on this list should, nevertheless, be declared.

5. Attached directive, Conversion of PI Currency, provides that each individual evacuated from the PI may obtain up to \$250 U.S. by exchange of pre war legal currency or loan against authorized emergency currencies listed. In the absence of Dis O PI Com Govt such funds may be obtained from Major McVitte, G-2, GHQ.

Inclosures as above.

C.A.W.

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7 May 1944

SUBJECT: Conversion of Philippine Currency.

**TO : Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, APO 501.
Disbursing Officer, Commonwealth of the Philippines, APO 500.**

For the benefit and relief of personnel evacuated from the Philippines, the Disbursing Officer, Commonwealth of the Philippines, is authorized to advance to each evacuee an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) U.S. Dollars under the following conditions:

- (1) Exchange pre-war legal currency of the Philippines at the rate of Two Pesos for One U.S. Dollar.**
- (2) Advance as a loan, payable on demand without interest, one U.S. Dollar for Two Pesos of any of the emergency currencies on list attached. This transaction is not to be construed as establishing an exchange ratio for Philippine emergency currencies.**

By command of General MacARTHUR:

**R. K. SUTHERLAND,
Lieut. General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.**

1 Incl: as indicated.

Copy furnished:

Office of the President, Commonwealth of the Philippines.

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DISTRICT	ISSUING AGENCY	AUTHORITY	DATE AUTHORIZED
10th MD	Mindanao Emergency Currency Board (Davao) Teofista Guingona (Chairman) - illegible - (Prov Auditor) " (Prov Treas)	Pres. Quezon	8-
8th MD	Cebu Emergency Currency Board S. Miranda (Actg Mgr PNB) - illegible - (Prov Auditor) " (Prov Fiscal)	Pres. Quezon	29 Dec 1941
7th MD	Negros Emergency Currency Board (Bacolod) - illegible - (Mgr PNB) Ceferino Ramos (Prov Auditor) - illegible - (Prov Fiscal)	Pres. Quezon	30 Dec. 1941
	- illegible - (Prov Treas) Ceferino Ramos (Prov Auditor) - illegible - (Prov Fiscal)	Pres. Quezon	20 Jan 1942
6th MD	Iloilo Emergency Currency Committee Canon Cervantes (Mgr PNB) (1) Juan Quisumbing (Prov Fiscal) B. Fernandez (Prov Auditor)	Pres. Quezon	30 Dec 1941

POST-SURRENDER EMERGENCY CURRENCY (1942-43-44)

DISTRICT	ISSUING AGENCY	AUTHORITY	DATE AUTHORIZED
10th MD	Mindanao Emergency Currency Board Florentino Saguin (Chairman) Isidoro Barbosa (Prov Auditor) Filamino D. Pacuna (Prov Treasurer)	Pres. Quezon	6 Apr 1943
9th MD	Leyte Emergency Currency Board Enrique Potente (Chairman) Filemon Saavedra (Prov Treas) Proceso Kadavera (Prov Auditor)	Pres. Quezon	23 Sep 1943
8th MD	Bacolod Emergency Currency Board (same as that authorized by Pres Quezon before surrender) Dalmanca Ramos (Chairman) Jose Barronco (Prov Treas) Boroteo Toledo (Prov Auditor)	Pres. Quezon	28 July 1943
7th MD	Negros Emergency Currency Board Alfredo Montelibano (Mgr) Pedro [illegible] (Actg Prov Treas) Alfredo Benedicto (Prov Treas)	Pres. Quezon	1 July 1943
6th MD	Panay Emergency Currency Board Juan Buenafe (Actg Mgr PNB) Juan Quisumbing (Prov Fiscal) B. Fernandez (Prov Auditor) (2)	Pres. Quezon	26 May 1943

(1) Replaced by Juan Buenafe, Asst Mgr PNB in May 1942

(2) Replaced by Rafael Parcon, Prov. Treas. March 1944 (Authority, Pres. Quezon).

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AG 093 (7 May 44)

7 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Declaration of Philippine Currency.

TO : Commander, Allied Naval Forces.
Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, APO 501.
Disbursing Officer, Commonwealth of the Philippines, APO 500. ✓

1. In order to control and record the movement of Philippine currency in the S.W.P.A. during the present period of emergency, the following procedure will be observed:

- a. Military, Naval or civilian personnel evacuated or returning from the Philippines, transporting or holding Philippine currency will be required to report all such currency in their possession, through proper channels, to the Commander-in-Chief, S.W.P.A. Currency will be recorded on the form attached, in sextuplicate.
- b. The owner of Philippine currency may retain said currency, after it has been reported, for presentation to the Commonwealth of the Philippines for redemption according to policies and regulations which may be issued, from time to time, by the Commonwealth of the Philippines or the Government of the United States.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,
Lieut. General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

1 Incl: as indicated.

Copy furnished: [redacted] Commonwealth of the Philippines.
Office of the President

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NO. P-_____

SUBJECT: Declaration of Philippine Currency.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, GHQ, SWPA, APO 500.

1. I, _____, certify that I have brought out, or received, from the Philippines, a total amount of _____ (P-_____) (pre-war legal tender and/or emergency) Philippine currency all of which is in my possession. Details are listed on the back hereof.

2. I further certify that no other person has any interest in or claim on this currency. (If other persons have interest or claim, indicate below: names of claimants; addresses, details of currency, and amounts; explanation of how currency came into your possession).



(Witness)

PRINCIPAL

(PI address)

(US address)

- DISTRIBUTION:
- Office of Pres, Phil Commonwealth... 1
 - CinC, SWPA..... 1
 - CG USAFFE..... 1
 - Dis O. Phil Commonwealth..... 1
 - Principal..... 2

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AG 383.6 (9 May 44)B

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA, APO 500, 9 May 1944.

TO: Controller, Allied Intelligence Bureau (Attention: Chief,
Philippine Regional Section).

Inclosed for your information is copy of letter, this headquarters,
file and date as above, subject: "Processing of Philippine Evacuees",
addressed to Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far
East, APO 501.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

Harold Fair
HAROLD FAIR,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:
As identified above.

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AG 383.6 (9 May 44)B

A.P.O. 500,
9 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Processing of Philippine Evacuees.

TO : Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East,
APO 501.

1. Reference is made to letter this Headquarters, 10 April 1944,
subject as above.

2. Paragraph 5 thereof specifies that General Headquarters will be
responsible for certain steps in the processing of evacuees. Such of these
responsibilities as are described in sub-paragraphs a., b., and c. of said
paragraph 5 are hereby delegated to headquarters USAFFE.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

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

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
CHECK SHEET

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File No.:

Subject:

From: G-2

To: PRS

Date: (7) May 1944

Request attached message be sent to Fertig.

For A. C. of S., G-2:

S.M.M.
S.M.M.

1 Incl - as above.

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Fertig

WAR DEPARTMENT

REFERENCE REPORTED REPRISAL EXECUTIONS IN THE DAVAO POW CAMP ~~1946~~
DESIRES ~~AS THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF~~ THAT RELIABLE INFORMATION BE
OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING THE DETAILS THEREOF
INCLUDING THE DATE CMA PLACE AND METHOD OF EXECUTION CMA THE NAMES OF
PRISONERS INVOLVED AND THE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE THEREFORE OR TAKING
ANY PART THEREIN

W. 376 to Fertig

GN. Willson

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SIGNAL CORPS MESSAGE

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
A.P.O. 500

(Sig. Corps No.)
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6 MAY 1944

(DATE)

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(OFFICE SYMBOL)

TO : FERTIG

REFERENCE YOUR NUMBERS EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT CMA NINE ONE SIX CMA AND NINE
TWO TWO OF ELEVEN CMA FIFTEEN CMA SIXTEEN APRIL ~~DESIRED YOU PUSH SEARCH FOR~~
WAR DEPARTMENT DESIRES FURTHER
~~REPORT~~ DETAILS OF EXECUTION OF TWO FIVE PRISONERS OF WAR ON OR ABOUT TWO
SEVEN MARCH ONE NINE FOUR FOUR AT DAVAO PENAL COLONY PD ITEMS OF INFORMATION
NEEDED ON ALL EXECUTIONS ARE CLN NAMES OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR OR
ORDERING AND SLANT OR OF JAPANESE COMMANDERS INVOLVED CMA NAMES OF VICTIMS
CMA DATE CMA PLACE CMA METHOD OF EXECUTION CMA OTHER PERTINENT FACTUAL DATA

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This is in reply to No. _____
(Insert Sig. Corps Message No. to which this reply refers.)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

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File No.:

Subject:

From: G-2, P.I. Section

To: PRS

Date: 3 May 1944

1. Request following message be sent to Fertig:

"Further info re your 922 desired if available:

- a. Name of individual responsible for ordering execution of POW's after recent escape.
- b. Dates of execution.
- c. Names of victims, place and any other pertinent data."

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

rrm

Shirley
S.M.M.

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376 to Fertig

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From: AG-E
USAFFE

To: PRS
Thru: AG-GHQ

7 May 1944

For any further information upon which to base a reply. Records this headquarters indicate S/Sgt Leonard L. Merchant, 6255032, was returned to the United States per Secret Letter order, this headquarters, dated 14 April 1944 and Fred Taylor listed in letter from War Department is Cpl Fred Taylor, 6581597, and still in the Philippine Islands.

G.L.E.

From: PRS

To: AG-E

8 May 1944

1. Of the personnel listed in the basic communication the following are now on duty with the 10th Military District:

Browning, Edward, Pvt, serial number unknown
Bunowski, Anthony, Sgt, 6828122
DePren, Lincoln, Sgt, 6980094
Douglas, Vincent, Sgt, 65794268
Heward, Forest, Pfc, 19002953
Hammers, Clayton, Jr., Corp, 6914375

2. Information contained in your foregoing C/M of 7 May is correct according to the records of this Section, which has no identifying information in re Pvt Long, QMC, and T/Sgt John M. Wood, Medical Corps.

2 Incls:
n/c

C.W.



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

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File No.:

Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 6 May 1944

1. Advise that contact with FERTIG's control station (WAT) and Navy control station (Z4V), all in the Agusan area, has been broken since 1100-4 April. This presumably results from a surprise enemy attack as neither we nor Navy were given warning of radio silence.

2. This has prevented us from clearing through alert warning of initial flight (air supply project) and final instructions on field preparation and radio frequency guard. Advise against flight unless confirmation is received that situation is in order following radio silence.

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Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 6 May 1944

1. Reference is made to my C/N dated 4 May 1944.
2. Attention is invited to the following news item in its possible relationship.



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3. CUSHING's message number 6 - 13 April read:

"WE HAVE TWO JAPANESE OPERATIONS MAPS PRESUMABLY OF 1942 TO 1944 SHOWING AIR BASES, NAVAL BASES, WIRELESS STATIONS, EMERGENCY LANDING FIELDS, TRIANGULATION POINTS, HEIGHTS AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED SYMBOLS IN THE LEGEND. THESE MAPS COVER PALAO, PHILIPPINES, MOST OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA, HAINAN AND SOUTHERN CHINA. FOUR UNIDENTIFIED TROOPS LANDED LILOAN NIGHT OF APRIL 11 UNLOADING WITH LANDING LIGHTS. FROM PRISONERS WE STILL HAVE PAPERS AND FIELD ORDERS

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Japs Lose High Seas Fleet C.-in-C.

LONDON, May 5 (A.A.P.). —Tokio radio has announced that Admiral Mineichi Koga, Commander-in-Chief of Japanese High Seas Fleet, was killed in action last March.

Admiral Koga was directing naval operations from a plane when he was killed.

Admiral Toyoda, Commander of the Yokosuka naval base, has succeeded Admiral Koga, and is already in command of the fleet.

The Tokio correspondent of the German News Agency said: "The year of Admiral Koga's command was a year of difficult tasks for Japan because it was a year of delaying actions, to shorten Japanese lines in the Pacific, in the face of the Allied offensive."

Admiral Koga succeeded Admiral Yamamoto who was killed in an air action in April, 1943.

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From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 6 May 1944

WHICH WE ARE SENDING TOGETHER WITH MAPS TO COL. ANDREWS' HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN NEGROS AND SHOULD ARRIVE THERE IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS."

CUSHING's message number 19 - 27 April:

"THROUGH THE HELP OF FISHERMEN WE HAVE RECOVERED A LARGE QUANTITY DOCUMENTS AND TOO WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE LANDING FLARES FROM THE CRASHED SEAPLANE OFF SAN FERNANDO. ALL NOW ENROUTE TO ANDREWS HEADQUARTERS."

4. It may be that the documents in reference now with ANDREWS may be of such great importance that you will want a special pick up effected. I believe, however, we should avoid blowing up their importance any more than is absolutely necessary to assure security, to minimize the danger of the enemy acquiring knowledge that we have actually recovered them. The value of the documents may well largely depend upon our ability to keep such information from the enemy.

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Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 6 May 1944

1. Further in re the CONFESOR-PERALTA situation now before you in connection with a message Governor CONFESOR desires to get through to President QUEZON in re military protection, herewith are the following messages:

- Number 177 - Governor CONFESOR to President QUEZON
- Number 178 - Colonel PERALTA to President QUEZON
and General MacARTHUR
- Number 179 - Colonel PERALTA to President QUEZON

2. It should be noted that PERALTA does not take issue with CONFESOR's report in re the functioning of his local government. It should be presumed therefore that the Civil Government is capable of reassuming some of the functions, i.e., currency printing and allocation, taken over by the military authorities when the Civil Government was under extreme pressure.

3. I am forwarding these messages direct because of their relationship to the other matters from the same source now before you for consideration. I recommend that they be passed on to President QUEZON without comment.

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TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA
NR 177 04 MAY

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CONFESOR TO PRESIDENT QUEZON, MESSAGE DATED 28 APRIL:
DESPITE CONSTANT ENEMY THREATS AND CONTINUOUS GRAVE MOLESTATION
AT DIFFERENT POINTS CIVIL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION ILOILO
SATISFACTORY. CAPIZ CIVIL GOVT REHABILITATION WORK GOING FAST
DESPITE HANDICAPS. ALL INFLUENTIAL LEADERS THERE SURRENDERED OR
FLED OUR SIDE. I ACCEDED TO REQUEST OF NUMBER OF MAYORS TO
APPOINT COL GRASPARIL OF ARMY AS SUPERVISING DEPUTY GOVERNOR,
BUT COL PERALTA REFUSED TO ALLOW GRASPARIL TO HANDLE CIVIL AFFAIRS.
HE APPROVED HOWEVER, REVERSION TO INACTIVE STATUS OF ONE ARMY
OFFICER TO HOLD POSITION AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF AKLAN. I HAD TO
SEND MY ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY THERE TO HELP IN REHABILI-
TATION. ANTIQUE IS ALSO SATISFACTORY. FOOD PROBLEM FOR ARMY
IS ACUTE IN ANTIQUE. ILOILO CIVIL OFFICIALS COOPERATING TO
TRANSPORT PALAY THERE. IN ILOILO FEEDING THE ARMY IS NOT AS
SERIOUS. VARIOUS MEASURES PREVIOUSLY TAKEN HELP MUCH, BUT
ACTIVE ENEMY CAMPAIGN TO COMMANDEER PALAY AND DESTROY IT TOO, IF
SUCCESSFUL, WOULD AGGRAVATE PROBLEM. BARRIO TENIENTES, TEACHERS
AND MAYORS ARE BEASTS OF BURDEN IN FOOD PROCUREMENT FOR ARMY AND
IN FOOD PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN. IN ANSWER TO UNIVERSAL CLAMOR TO PAY
BARRIO TENIENTES ~~1231~~ APPROVED SALARY OF 15 PESOS A MONTH FOR
TENIENTES EMPLOYED AS FOOD PRODUCTION AGENTS. RELATION BETWEEN
ARMY MEN AND CIVILIANS SATISFACTORY EXCEPT IN VARIOUS ISOLATED

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PLACES, WHERE FRICTION DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF PETTY ABUSES WHICH ARE INEVITABLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. ARMY HIGH COMMAND AND MY OFFICE ALWAYS EXERT EFFORT TO PROTECT CIVILIAN INTERESTS. CORRELATION BETWEEN ARMY AND CIVIL OFFICIALS ALSO SATISFACTORY, EXCEPT IN VARIOUS ISOLATED PLACES WHERE FRICTION DEVELOPED ARISING FROM MISUNDERSTANDING AND PETTY JEALOUSY, INEVITABLE ALSO UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. COL PERALTA AND MYSELF HAD PLENTY OF HEADACHES OVER THESE, BUT WE ALWAYS MANAGED TO SOLVE THEM BY KEEPING OUR HEADS COOL MOST OF THE TIME. ENEMY HAS BECOME MORE ACTIVE AND CRUEL AFTER GRANTING LAUREL INDEPENDENCE. PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE ALWAYS ON THE RUN FOR THEIR LIVES. MANY BARRIO TENIENTES, TEACHERS, MAYORS AND RONDAS HAVE BEEN KILLED ALREADY, NOT TO MENTION THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS. YET MORALE OF PEOPLE STILL HIGH. CIVILIAN SITUATION; THEY ARE BETWEEN TWO FIRES; THE ENEMY AND OURSELVES. SOMETIMES THEY ALL RUN TO THE HILLS WHEN OUR FORCES ATTACK ENEMY TOWN GARRISONS AND THEY FLOCK TO THE TOWN WHEN THE ENEMY PENETRATES INTO BARRIOS AND MOUNTAINS. WHEN THEY GIVE THE ENEMY FOOD, OUR ARMY GOES AFTER THEM, AND WHEN THEY GIVE FOOD TO THE SOLDIERS AND THE ENEMY KNOWS OF IT, THE JAPS CUT THEIR NECKS. CIVILIANS FROM NEGROS EVACUATE TO PANAY, WHERE FOOD IS NOT SO SCARCE AND COSTLY. WE TRY TO HELP THEM. I SENT TEN THOUSAND PESOS TO MANILA TO BE DELIVERED TO HERBERT HOSKYN'S FOR RELIEF TO AMERICAN PRISONERS, WHOSE SITUATION IS DEPLORABLE. WE ARE WORKING UNDER TERRIBLE ODDS, YET WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT A RESPECTABLE RESISTANCE DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, DEMONSTRATING STRENGTH AND SOUND CHARACTER OF OUR PEOPLE. MY PROCEDURE IN ~~FILING~~ VACANCIES AS INCUMBENTS ABANDONED POSTS, ARE CAPTURED OR SURRENDERED IS TO APPOINT JUDGES, FISCALS, PROVINCIAL TREASURERS, AUDITORS AND DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICERS ON TEMPORARY

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BASIS, REPORTING SAID APPOINTMENTS TO YOU, WHEN YOU COME, THAT IS SHORTLY, THEY ALL VACATE THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS AT YOUR PLEASURE. IN THIS CONNECTION, I REITERATE MY REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF VINSON AND BELISARIO APPOINTMENTS. PROVINCIAL, FISCAL AND AUDITORS OFFICE WERE FILLED ALREADY WHEN YOUR MESSAGE CAME. VINSON AND BELISARIO ARE IN ARMY NOW. ALL THAT I ASK OF YOU IS TO GIVE ME YOUR FULL SUPPORT DURING THIS EMERGENCY. I AM DOING MY LEVEL BEST. I ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL I HAVE DONE AND WOULD DO. YOU HANG ME AS HIGH AS YOU WOULD WANT IF YOU WOULD FIND ME ABUSING AND MISUSING MY AUTHORITY TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST. MY EARNEST ENDEAVOR IS TO LEAVE A CLEAN NAME FOR MY CHILDREN.

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05 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA

NR 178 03-04 MAY (TO PRESIDENT QUEZON AND GENERAL MACARTHUR)

REFERENCE OUR 177

ANY STATEMENT IMPLYING THAT CIVIL AUTHORITIES FEED MY OUTFIT IS FALSE. OCCASIONALLY THEY HELP, BUT MOSTLY WE FEED OURSELVES. I DISAPPROVED APPOINTMENT OF GRASPARIL AS SUPERVISING DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF CAPIZ BECAUSE I DO NOT WANT MY OFFICERS MEDDLING WITH CIVIL AFFAIRS. THEIR JOB IS TO FIGHT.

REFERENCE ALLEGED PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED PROVINCIAL, FISCAL AND AUDITOR OF ILOILO, I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH APPOINTMENT. AM SUPRISED AT STATEMENT OF CONFESOR. ALSO WISH EMPHASIZE FACT THAT CONFESOR DOES NOT HAVE FACILITIES TO ENABLE HIM MAKE GENERAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THIS ISLAND. SUCH GENERAL STATEMENTS MUST BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN ONLY MATTERS WITHIN HIS IMMEDIATE VACINITY. HE DOES NOT HAVE MY SIGNAL FACILITIES AND HENCE HIS MESSAGES MUST BE ALSO INTERPRETED TO MEAN AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEHIND IF IT REFERS TO CAPIZ.

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05 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA (TO PRESIDENT QUEZON)

NR 179 04 MAY

FORESEE THAT WITHIN FEW MONTHS, STRIFE BETWEEN THESE TWO POLITICAL FACTIONS IN THIS DISTRICT IS GOING TO PLACE ME IN EMBARRASSING POSITION. IF I CONTINUE TO BE NEUTRAL, I WILL FACE THEIR COMBINED ANGER. YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN MORE ABOUT POLITICS THAN I WILL EVER LEARN. FACING 3,000 JAPS GIVES ME LESS WORRY THAN TWO GROUPS OF POLITICIANS. THE ONLY WAY I CAN SOLVE THIS MATTER BY MYSELF IS TO KNOCK THEIR HEADS TOGETHER BUT THAT WOULD INCUR YOUR DISPLEASURE. I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT LOYALTY TO CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY DEMANDED MY TELLING THE FACTS AS I SEE THEM REGARDLESS WHOM IT HURTS. I HAVE ALWAYS DONE SO. HAVE NEVER BEEN A YES MAN. REQUEST THAT YOU HELP ME OUT. PLEASE SEND OVER SOMEBODY WHO CAN OUTSMART THESE FELLOWS AND ENABLE ME TO CONCENTRATE ON MY WORK.

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FROM : PERALTA (TO PRESIDENT QUEZON)

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8 May 1944.

FROM: CHIEF OF STAFF

TO:

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Deputy Chief of Staff
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Chief PRS

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Major General, U.S.A.
Chief of Staff

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To: Chief of Staff

Date: 4 May 1944

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1. Attached message should be read in connection with my Action Sheet number 1786, 1 May 1944, in re CONFESOR's request for armed protection, copy attached. CONFESOR's comments in reference appear to be all a part of the same message addressed to President QUEZON.

2. For explanation of attached message:

PERALTA's message 81, 27 March, 1944 read:

"BUENAFE DESIRES FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT QUEZON: 'PROVINCIAL AUDITOR FERNANDEZ AND PROVINCIAL FISCAL QUISUMBING MEMBERS ILOILO CURRENCY COMMITTEE SURRENDERED. TO FILL VACANCY RECOMMEND DEPUTY FISCAL DEMETRIO G. VINSON AS ACTING PROVINCIAL FISCAL AND ANICETO BELISARIO FORMER GOVERNMENT AUDITOR AS ACTING PROVINCIAL AUDITOR AS MEMBERS CURRENCY COMMITTEE. ARMY BADLY NEEDS RESERVE FOR ANY UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.' "

The C in C forwarded the above message to President QUEZON who replied:

"ANICETO BELISARIO IS APPOINTED ACTING PROVINCIAL AUDITOR AND DEMETRIO GEORGE VINSON IS APPOINTED ACTING PROVINCIAL FISCAL. BOTH ARE TO BE MEMBERS OF ILOILO CURRENCY COMMITTEE."

PERALTA's direct intervention into the PANAY currency situation followed his message number 883 dated 1 October 1943 to President QUEZON, as follows:

"(PERALTA TO PRES QUEZON) MSG DATED AUG 17 FROM ILOILO CURRENCY COMMITTEE TO YOU 'UPON RECOMMENDATION FISCAL QUISUMBING AND AUDITOR FERNANDEZ, ORIGINALLY APPOINTED BY YOUR EXCELLENCY DECEMBER 29, 1941, UNDERSIGNED SUBMITS NAME JUAN BUENAFE, ASSISTANT MANAGER ILOILO PHIL NATIONAL BANK, FOR APPOINTMENT ACTING MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN CURRENCY COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCY DUE INABILITY CERON (CERON) CERVANTES, REGULAR MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN CAPTURED BY ENEMY. SAID BUENAFE RECOMMENDED TO YOU BY GOV CONFESOR. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO FILL VACANCY BY AUDITOR FERNANDEZ BY AUTHORITY ROXAS INSTRUCTIONS. MEMBERS CURRENCY COMMITTEE ACTUALLY

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From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 4 May 1944

WORKING FILLING NEEDS ARMY CIVIL GOVT. THEY PRAY GOD SHOWER ON YOU BLESSINGS.' FACTS STATED BASIC MSG ARE CORRECT. REGRET INFORM YOU CONFESOR STILL IN HIDING, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, DUE ENEMY ACTIVITY. AM DEALING WITH DEPUTY GOVERNORS AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS DIRECT SOME OF WHOM DESERVE HIGHEST PRAISE. OTHERS SEEM TO HAVE THEIR EYES ON FUTURE POLITICS. LETTERS TO ME OF CURRENCY COMMITTEE BETRAY RELUCTANCE TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO CONFESOR AS THEY SAY THEY ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO YOU. PRESS IS DISMANTLED WHOLE MONTH SEPTEMBER, DEPUTY GOVERNOR IN CHARGE REFUSES OPERATE IT ON GROUND OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. TOLD ME TO OPERATE IT IF I WANTED. CURRENCY COMMITTEE SAYS THEY WILL WORK, HENCE AM REASSUMING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND OPERATION. REPORTS WILL BE SENT YOU ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS. AM CALLING FOR INITIAL REPORT NOW."

Following reference of the foregoing message to President QUEZON the C in C received the following reply: (WD radio 8996, 10 Oct 43)

"SEND TO ILOILO CURRENCY COMMITTEE. I APPOINT THE ASSISTANT MANAGER ILOILO BRANCH PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, JUAN BUENAFE, AS ACTING MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN CURRENCY COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCY DUE INABILITY CENON FERVANTES. COMMITTEE MUST FOLLOW STRICTLY INSTRUCTIONS HERETOFORE GIVEN BY ME TO CONFESOR AND INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY GENERAL MACARTHUR WITH MY APPROVAL TO PERALTA REGARDING FUNDS FOR THE ARMY. (WDGBI STRONG FOR PERALTA) REGRET TO LEARN THAT CONFESOR CANNOT BE FOUND. I HOPE THERE WILL BE FULL COOPERATION BETWEEN YOU. I EXPECT YOU TO SEE TO IT THAT INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY ME TO CONFESOR AND THOSE GIVEN BY GENERAL MACARTHUR FOR ARMY EXPENSES ARE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. THANKS.

"QUEZON TO MACARTHUR. FROM PERALTAS MESSAGE IN YOUR UNNUMBERED 6 OCTOBER, I SUSPECT THAT HE AND CONFESOR ARE NOT GETTING ON WELL AND I FEAR THAT PERALTA IS TRYING TO GET THE UPPER HAND IN THE PRINTING AND DISPOSITION OF THE CURRENCY. PLEASE WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY AND GIVE PERALTA THE PROPER ADVICE."

3. The foregoing action was based upon expediency in the inability of Governor CONFESOR to act at that time. That situation now no longer exists. CONFESOR has apparently returned to his gubernatorial duties and a full Currency Committee is functioning under QUEZON's appointment. President QUEZON drew a distinct line between the authority of the Currency Committee and the temporarily assumed authority of PERALTA in above message when he instructed:

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GIVEN BY ME TO CONFESOR AND INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY GENERAL MACARTHUR
WITH MY APPROVAL TO PERALTA REGARDING FUNDS FOR THE ARMY. x x x "

In conflict with those instructions PERALTA's action in turning over to CONFESOR one million pesos "because he said he needed it for agricultural production" over the objection of Juan BUENAFE, Chairman of the Emergency Currency Committee, has further complicated an already confused fiscal situation and the relationship between Civil and Military authorities.

4. I believe that this matter can best be untangled by having PERALTA dispatch CONFESOR's message which, with his comments, may be passed on to President QUEZON. Suppression of the message in reference places a responsibility in Civil administration on the Military authorities which, it is my understanding, is contrary to existing policy.

5. I accordingly recommend that PERALTA be instructed:

- (a) To forward messages of Governor CONFESOR to President QUEZON as received together with any comment which he, as Military Commander, may wish to make; and
- (b) To leave to the Governor and the Emergency Currency Committee sole responsibility for the printing and allocation of public funds as authorized and directed by President QUEZON, subject only to such military protection as may be necessary in the circumstances existing.

Incl:

Copy of msg 167
fr Peralta;
PRS Action Sheet 1786
re Peralta's 167
Copy of msg 176
fr Peralta.

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04 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA
NR 176 03 MAY

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CONFESOR MESSAGE TO QUEZON PROTESTS APPOINTMENT OF VINSON AS PROVINCIAL FISCAL AND BELISARIO AS PROVINCIAL AUDITOR OF ILOILO ON GROUND THAT HE WAS NOT CONSULTED, THEIR APPOINTMENTS EMBARRASSING. MESSAGE DOES NOT PROTEST THEIR BEING APPOINTED MEMBERS CURRENCY COMMITTEE.

MY COMMENT: FACTS OF CASE - BUENAFE DID NOT CONSULT CONFESOR. WHEN HIS REQUEST ARRIVED TO TRANSMIT HIS RECOMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT QUEZON, I DID NOT REFER IT TO CONFESOR AS HE WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH PRINTING MONEY. THEIR APPOINTMENTS HOWEVER, AS PROVINCIAL AUDITOR AND FISCAL PLACES THEM IN A POSITION TO DIG UP EMBARRASSING FACTS IN ADMINISTRATION CONFESOR. PROBABLY YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS STRONG POLITICAL FACTION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF FORMER ZULUETA CROWD AND LOYAL FRIENDS OF ROXAS WHICH HAS SUFFERED INJURIES AT HANDS OF CONFESOR AND WANTS TO GET EVEN. PRESIDENT QUEZON KNOWS ALL ABOUT POLITICAL FEUDS THIS ISLAND. I THINK REAL REASON OF CONFESOR IN OBJECTION IS THAT HE CANNOT CONTROL THESE MEN. AT PRESENT, I DO NOT KNOW THEIR POLITICAL COLOR BUT AT LEAST I KNOW BELISARIO IS HONEST AND STRAIGHT. VINSON ~~IS~~ SERVED CREDITABLY AS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. SUGGEST THAT THESE APPOINTMENTS BE LET ALONE. IT IS CHEAP WAY

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TO SLOW DOWN AND DISHONESTY. IF CONFESOR IS STRAIGHT, HE HAS
NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THESE MEN. HIS MESSAGE DOES NOT GIVE
REMOTEST INDICATION THAT HE DOUBTS THEIR HONESTY. OVER OBJEC-
TION OF BUENAFE, I JUST DELIVERED TO CONFESOR ONE MILLION
PESOS BECAUSE HE SAID HE NEEDED IT FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.
THAT WILL SHOW WHETHER I AM BIASED IN MY FAVORS TO EITHER
POLITICAL FACTION IN THIS ISLAND.

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In re CONFESOR request for armed protection.

This situation is the result of strained CONFESOR-PERALTA relations noticeable for some time. CONFESOR's position is a precarious one. The wide publicity given his letter in the United States was an open challenge to best enemy effort to capture or destroy him - it may well prove to have been a tragic error of judgment with CONFESOR's life as forfeit.

As Civil Governor representing the million people who inhabit PANAY, he is entitled to reasonable protection from the military forces - as an individual whose widely publicized pronouncements symbolize defiance of enemy efforts toward pacification he is even further entitled to such protection.

The instance cited by PERALTA lends no strength to his contention. That a platoon could not be sent over the ILOILO-ANTIQUE border to afford the Governor emergency protection, because of a conflict in areas thereby involved, would seem to disclose a lack of flexibility in dispositions hardly justified by the situation in PANAY where Provincial lines and governments have given way to centralization for reasons of expediency.

As the matter now stands Governor CONFESOR has appealed to President QUESON to request the C in C to direct protective action. The message of CONFESOR has been withheld by PERALTA who may or may not have given the full gist of it in attached dispatch.

I believe that ultimately PERALTA should be directed to afford CONFESOR, as Governor, such protection as the exigencies of the situation in PANAY will permit.

Meanwhile, I believe that PERALTA should be directed to forward the message CONFESOR is endeavoring to get through to President QUESON. That the matter be thereafter given further study in the light of its content.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Direct PERALTA to forward CONFESOR's message to President QUESON.

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1 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA
NR 167 30 APRIL

MESSAGE OF CONFESOR TO QUEZON REQUESTS THAT YOU DIRECT ME TO FURNISH HIM A RIFLE COMPANY FOR HIS PROTECTION. SAYS THAT ON APRIL 15, HE ASKED A UNIT FOR PROTECTION AND WAS DENIED IT. MY COMMENT IS THAT HE HAS FIFTY ARMED MEN AS HIS PERSONAL BODYGUARD; I HAVE ONLY TWENTY. INSTANCE HE MENTIONED WAS THE TIME ABOUT TWO HUNDRED JAPS WERE WITHIN ONE DAY'S WALKING DISTANCE OF HIM. HE SENT MESSAGE TO AN ILOILO PLATOON TO GO OVER TO ANTIQUE SIDE. PLATOON LEADER NATURALLY REFUSED, AS THAT WAS NOT HIS AREA. I HAVE REPEATEDLY REQUESTED HIM TO STAY EITHER WITH ME, MY EXECUTIVE OR ANY REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, BUT INSTEAD HE WENT BACK TO SOUTHERN ILOILO - ANTIQUE BOUNDARY BECAUSE HIS FAMILY WAS THERE.

I CANNOT SPARE TWO HUNDRED RIFLES TO PROTECT ANY MAN IN THIS DISTRICT, INCLUDING MYSELF. I TAKE MY CHANCES AND SO MUST EVERYBODY ELSE UNTIL THE TIME COMES WHEN WE CAN SPARE RIFLES FROM THE FRONT LINES.

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Subject:

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 5 May 1944

1. I suggest the necessity for a word of caution to the Filipino people against a premature uprising with a resultant needless mass slaughter of the defenseless. There are unmistakable signs that this will occur unless checked by instructions which should be promulgated now to permit timely dissemination into areas not yet well organized.

2. The May issue of the "Free Philippines" is now coming off the press. In it the C in C has included a loyalty message addressed to the "Patriots of the Philippines." I believe that the instructions herein suggested should go into the June issue.

3. I recommend something along the lines following:

"PATRIOTS OF THE PHILIPPINES:

As the campaign to relieve the Philippines develops and our forces roll steadily and irresistibly forward I take this occasion to caution you against any premature general action against the invader which, however meritorious the intent, can only bring further and unnecessary suffering upon the people with resultant disservice to the cause.

My tactical plans and dispositions are aimed at overwhelming and destroying the enemy and I shall give you timely instructions as to how best to coordinate your own effort with that phase of the operations ahead. Meanwhile, I counsel patient and quiet girding of your strength against the time that I shall return and require the active support of every patriot to the end that the enemy shall find himself confronted not only by invincible power from without but by an united freedom loving populace, aroused to vengeance, from within.

During the period intervening I but call upon you for close support of my Commanders known to you in the several Philippine areas in which, for your protection, I have caused to be activated formal District or Area Commands - and I enjoin upon you strict adherence to the will, counsel, and guidance of such Commanders pending the dawn of my counter-attack when I shall personally guide and instruct you."

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Chief of Staff

5 May 1944

1. Hereunder is draft citation covering MATA's services. We have little of record concerning this matter so I have taken the date 14 May 1943 (when VILLAMOR was appointed Acting Commander 7th Military District) to 10 March 1944 (two days prior to our radio to ABCEDE announcing the Award):

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE STAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

Major Ernesto S. MATA is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding accomplishment in the presence of the enemy during the period 14 May 1943 to 10 March 1944 in which he organized and commanded the Northern Defense Sector of the 7th Military District, Philippines. In the conduct of these operations Major MATA demonstrated exemplary courage and devotion to duty thereby inspiring both the members of his military forces and the civilian population of Northern NEGROS to continued resistance to the enemy and materially advancing the cause of the Filipino people.



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A.P.O. 501
18 May 1944

AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE STAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

By direction of the President of the Philippine Commonwealth, the Distinguished Service Star of the Philippines is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, to the following named officers:

Commander FRANK D. LATTA, United States Navy, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding accomplishment in the presence of the enemy during the period 23 October 1943 to 20 March 1944, when, as commanding officer of the USS NARWAL, he successfully completed four secret missions within enemy held Philippine waters. In the course of these missions supplies and reinforcements vital to the continued resistance of our forces operating within enemy lines were successfully delivered in the face of grave danger, and the joint cause of the American and Filipino people was thereby materially strengthened and advanced. In the conduct of these operations, Commander Latta demonstrated exemplary courage and devotion to duty.

Lieutenant ROBERT R. MANAGHAN, United States Navy, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding accomplishment in the presence of the enemy during the period 23 October 1943 to 20 January 1944, when, as executive officer of the USS NARWAL, he successfully completed two secret missions within enemy held Philippine waters. In the course of these missions supplies and reinforcements vital to the continued resistance of our forces operating within enemy lines were successfully delivered in the face of grave danger, and the joint cause of the American and Filipino people was thereby materially strengthened and advanced. In the conduct of these operations, Lieutenant Managhan demonstrated exemplary courage and devotion to duty.

Major ERNESTO S. MATA, Philippine Army, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding accomplishment in the presence of the enemy during the period 14 May 1943 to 10 March 1944, in which he organized and commanded the Northern Defense Sector of the 7th Military District, Philippines. In the conduct of these operations, Major Mata demonstrated exemplary courage and devotion to duty, thereby inspiring both the members of his military forces and the civilian population of Northern Negros to continued resistance to the enemy and materially advancing the cause of the Filipino people.

Lieutenant Commander JACK C. TITUS, United States Navy, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding accomplishment in the presence of the enemy during the period from 3 December 1943 to 20 March 1944, when, as prospective commanding officer, and from 20 January 1944 as executive officer, of USS NARWAL, he successfully completed two secret missions within enemy held Philippine waters. In the course of these missions supplies and reinforcements vital to the continued resistance of our forces operating within enemy lines

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were successfully delivered in the face of grave danger, and the joint cause of the American and Filipino people was thereby materially strengthened and advanced. In the conduct of these operations, Lieutenant Commander Titus demonstrated exemplary courage and devotion to duty.

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By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,
Lieutenant General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

L. S. Ostrander
L. S. OSTRANDER,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
Adjutant General.



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Note No. 1

File No. FEGB 371.2 Subject: Rumors.

From: G-2

To: G-2, GHQ

4 May, 1944.

Attached, for your information, is report, 2 May, 1944, subject:
"Rumors Concerning Submarine Shipments".

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
Counter Intelligence Corps

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APO 501
2 May 1944

Subject: Rumors Concerning Submarine Shipments

Summary of Information:

Wide circulation has been given a rumor that frequent submarine communication is maintained between Darwin and Allied forces in the southern Philippines and that men and materiel are being transported northward by this means.

This story originated with men of Base Section 1 who were detailed to load submarines without receiving thorough security instruction. It has spread to points on the mainland and New Guinea and is generally believed.

To forestall future rumors of this nature, it was requested that the men detailed to this work be selected for their unquestioned loyalty and integrity and that they be instructed by either their commanding officer or a representative of AIB as to the need for maintaining complete security concerning information thus acquired.

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File No.:

Subject:

From: G-2, PI Section

To: PRS

Date: 4 May 1944

Request following message be dispatched to Abcede:

"Re your 115, request full name of Col. UTA or HOTA, likewise unit which he commands."

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

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File No.:

Subject:

Date: 2 May 1944

From: G-2

To: PRS

Request following message be dispatched to Peralta:

"Reurad 165. If possible obtain full name of Maj. Gen. KONO, likewise Lt. Col or Maj. ISIMURA. What unit does Gen. KONO command?"

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4 May 1944

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G-2

1. Maj. Gen. KONO is now in command of the enemy forces in the VISAYAS with headquarters in CEBU. (PERALTA'S NR 569, 588, 601 - CUSHING'S NR 13)
2. In his message NR 771 FERTIG refers to TAISHO KONO as commanding the WATARI units 10,630, 10,635, 10,643, 10650, 15,319 all infantry.
3. If further information or confirmation is desired believe we should endeavor to obtain it from the Commander, Cebu Area Command within which area Gen. KONO has his headquarters.

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PRS

5 May 1944

1. The above data was considered prior to request for dispatch of message.
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 - a. Kono has been reported as Maj. General K. Kono, Lt. General Tumazko Kono, Taisho Kono (Taisho is the Nip title of full General), and as Maj. General Pakeshi Kono. All reports on these Konos refer to a Kono in the Visayas.
 - b. The WATARI unit is the code name for the 14th Army, whose location has been in the PI for the past two years, with headquarters in Manila.

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From: G-2

To: PRS (cont'd).

Date: 5 May 1944

c. The units of the WATARI, whose code numbers are given, are sketchily identified as follows:

- 10630, Probable Headquarters, 31st Independent Mixed Brigade.
- 10635, Probable component unit of the 31st IMB; possibly the 173rd Independent Infantry Battalion.
- 10643, Probable component unit of the 32nd Independent Mixed Brigade. (Possible 177th Ind. Inf. Bn.)
- 10650) May be anything.
- 15319)

2. From the above it is obvious that we have a long way to go in finding out who and where the enemy is. A complete identification of Kono, and the specific unit which he commands, may give the clue to the solution of the code numbered units.

3. Request that the message be dispatched as indicated, as Peralta appears better acquainted with his movements and has sent us the most references.

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Subject: In re decoration of MATA

From: PRS

To: Chief of Staff

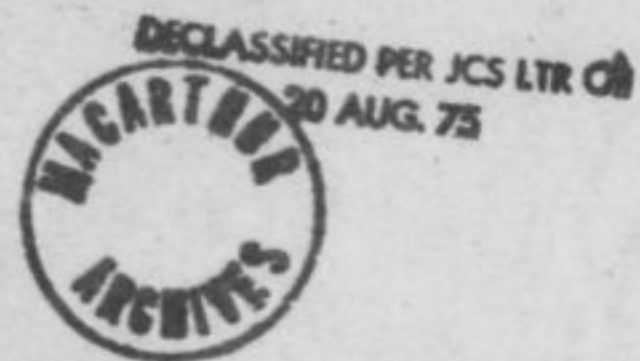
Date: 3 May 1944

The information on MATA contained in my C/N of 9 March, attached, was responsive to the verbal desires of the Deputy Chief of Staff. Complying with his ensuing instructions, our attached radio number 56 was dispatched to ABCEDE on 12 March.

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C/N fr PRS to C/S (14c)
Msg nr 56 to ABCEDE
C/N fr C/S to PRS - (50d)

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Chief of Staff

2 May 1944

1. Advise that short wave broadcasts from the new high powered Australian station commenced last night. It will go on nightly between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 (5:00 and 6:00 Philippine time). All of our radio contacts were alerted to the new program and requested to advise of local reaction.
2. The initial program included a re-broadcast of the C in C's Canberra speech and all will carry his daily communique.
3. Arrangements have been set up under which at any time the C in C desires to address the Filipino people a recording of his statement can be taken in his office, with a minimum of inconvenience, for later broadcast. The value of this provision will increase as we get additional receivers distributed throughout Philippine communities (500 now on order) and the people with receivers become accustomed to tune in on that station at the regular time indicated. The program, recognized as originating from this Headquarters, will provide the medium for instructions to the Filipino people when instructions are needed.

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