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USAFPE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
CHQ. EAST CENTRAL LUZON GUERRILLA AREA
In The Field

18 June '44

SUBJECT: Appendix 2, General Order No. 1, 20 April 44
TO : All District Commanders

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Edwin P. Ramsey

EDWIN P. RAMSEY
Major, U. S. Army
Commanding

USARF LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
 East Central Luzon Guerilla Area
 Headquarters, Manila MD

9 June '44

GENERAL ORDERS
 No.....3

1. The Headquarters, Manila Military District, East Central Luzon Guerilla Area, regrets to announce the untimely death of Brevet Major AGUSTIN AQUINO JR., (GFCP), Battalion Commander, 4th Battalion, General Service Troops, Manila Military District, East Central Luzon Guerilla Area.

2. Brevet Major AGUSTIN AQUINO JR., was wounded by two gun-shot hits, one in the left hip and another on the right breast, in an encounter with a company of Philippine Constabulary, GST, accompanied by six (6) Japanese Soldiers which raided his headquarters on the afternoon of May 9, 1944. As a result of his wounds, Brevet Major AGUSTIN AQUINO JR., (GFCP), died in action and his body was carried by the raiding contingent.

3. By this untimely death of Brevet Major AGUSTIN AQUINO JR., (GFCP), this Organization has lost a valuable soldier of our country, a great patriot and a staunch supporter of our cause.

By order of the DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Antonio S. Ventura
 ANTONIO S. VENTURA
 Brevet Major (GFCP)
 The Adjutant General

Distribution:

✓ C. O., ECLGA

C. O., GST, MMD

Nearest Relative of deceased

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USAFGE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
HQ. EAST CENTRAL LUZON GUERRILLA AREA
In The Field

18 June '44

SUBJECT: Letter dated 13 June '44, MMD
Regards information of Arms
TO : Commanding Officer, Manila MD

1. Information received and noted. Letter of *AST MMD,* Commanding
Officer received and noted. Continue effort to contact Captain Torres.

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EDWIN P. RAMSEY
Major, U. S. Army
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, MANILA MD
East Central Luzon Guerilla Area
In the Field

13 June '44

SUBJECT: Information Re-Arms, Additional
TO : C. O., ~~ECMA~~

1. Information received from G-2, Brevet Lt. Col. Vergilio Enriquez, EMA, shows that the Bulacan District has received from Captain Anderson, some ammunition and equipment, shown by the new cover-all worn by said officer together with 1942- Cal. .45 bullets they are using.

2. The same officer states that he is on his way to Infanta, Tayabas to obtain some additional ammunition and equipment, also from Captain Anderson.

3. Same source states that the arms which will be given them are still in Zamboanga, waiting for its shipment to Luzon before distribution.

4. Said arms and equipment may have some connection with our awaited shipment.

Julio Salazar
JULIO SALAZAR
Brevet Col. (GFCP)
District Commander

HEADQUARTERS BATAAN MILITARY DISTRICT
CENTRAL LUZON SUBMERRILLA AREA
In the field

29 March 44

Subject : Letter
To : C. O. E C I G A

Dear Major Ramsey;

Yours of the 15th and 21st of March received on the above date and contents noted. Needless to mention my surprise. The first part of your order will be in affect by the time you receive this message. The CO of Pampanga M D and I have been working together closely on the Buk question the last month and I can assure that, between the two of us, and with Briones returning to this area shortly, the situation in these two Provinces will be well in hand.

In regards to the second part of your order; there is no question about the location of the place where we can receive the things you mentioned-----the Municipality of Moron. That is our Third Regimental Area being organized by Bill Gateley and the situation is well in hand. It is fortunate that Bill is here now, having come in to make his report so we are able to coordinate this matter right now. Please contact the Chief of Police in Moron when the time comes to land supplies and he will put your men in contact with Bill (if not me) immediately. The name of the Chief of Police is DeJesus.

In regards to your visit here. Yes, Hermosa is perfect. There is a barrio very near the town called Almacin. It is right on the river and large boats can land there. If you should arrive at that barrio-----ask the man in charge of the pances there to take you to Mr Sioson's fishpond. There you will find Bob Chapin who will put you in contact with the First Sargent of G Company of the First Regiment who will bring you to me in several hours. This is the safest route. The Mayor, PC and police will be at your service. I hope you will really pay us a visit soon.

Things are going well here at present. We survived the expiration of Amnesty by the skin of our teeth but poor Eddie Hart met his doom. The Nips got him and shot him in cold blood-----alth his old father in law. More details later. The Second Regt in Orani was torn to hell but is being salvaged now. The First, which is our old outfit is still going strong and getting to the point where I am really proud of it. Your courier, Esteban will take a G-2 report when he leaves this town on the 31st.

What about rosters and strength reports? We are standing by.

My son is 16 days old today. My wife sends her best.

A great deal of the trouble after the expiration of amnesty was caused by Anderson's half assed operators contacting me from every side. Cant something be done about this point. Also, Sambales is in turmoil again because of incompetence. I long for coordination like we had 6 months ago.

Please come and see us -----best wishes

Respectfully

J.P. Roche
JOHN P. ROCHE

Capt. Inf. USAFFE

Commanding.

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USAFPE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
EAST CENTRAL LUZON GUERRILLA I & A
HEADQUARTERS BATAAN MILITARY DISTRICT
In the field

3 January 45

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LETTER

TO : Lt Col P. A. Briones, CO, GST

Dear Colonel Briones,

Your letter of 31 December 44 received and contents noted. I am shocked about the true condition of your outfit. Your letter will be forwarded to Major Ramsey at the earliest possible time.

I must write frankly ---- the people of our Engr Bn are reluctant to help you properly because you are officially assigned to PMD for reinforcement duty. Our people feel that PMD is not taking care of its responsibility to furnish you proper food and medical supply. Perhaps this is the wrong attitude for the people of Dampas to have and I will try to change ~~the~~ opinion at once.

In the meantime, we are doing our best to help your outfit, specially with medical supply.

Inclosed find copies of my communications on this matter. Best regards and keep up your spirit.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. BOONE
Bvt Colonel, G F C P
Commending

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Off concerned-1; CO, Engr Bn, BMD-1; CO, ECLGA-1.

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*Forward
for Review*

1st Indorsement

HC: ECLGA, In the Field, 16 July '45

TO: Capt Raymundo Mondigoria, Adjutant 2d Bataan Bn, 1st Regiment
Balanga, Bataan

1. Furnish this Office with T/O and Roster of your unit.
2. Get recommendation from C.O. of U.S. Army Unit you are attached to.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

Louie Neri

LOUIE J. NERI
Major, AGS, PA
Asst Adj Gen

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USAFFE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
CMA, EAST CENTRAL LUZON GUERRILLA AREA
In The Field

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Major, U. S. Army
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY
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AG 322 - R

20 April 1945.

Subject: Control of Guerrilla Units.

To : See Distribution.

1. Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 4, Letter Headquarters USAFFE, FEPA 370.64, subject "Recognition of Guerrilla Units", 1 April 1945, Adviser's Hq ECLGA, its services being no longer required, is relieved from duty with Sixth Army effective 21 April 1945.

2. Personnel of the Unit, as indicated on attached roster, will proceed from present station to Camp Calasiao, Pangasinan, reporting upon arrival to the Commanding Officer for disposition. Travel directed is necessary in the military service. Government motor transportation authorized.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL KRUEGER:

W. A. Mitracki
W. A. MITRACKI,
Major, U.S.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Roster of Personnel.

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Ltr HQ Sixth L. AG 322 - E, 20 April 1945

Roster of Personnel

LT COL SOTERO SAN JUAN
MAJ MELBIO M SANTOS
CAPT TOMAS ABLAZA
CAPT CESAR SANTOS

USAFPE LUGON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
EAST CENTRAL LUGON GUERRILLA FA
HEADQUARTERS BATAAN MILITARY DISTRICT
In the field

28 Dec 44

LETTER

TO : C. O. ECLGA
Major Edwin P Ramsey

Dear Major Ramsey,

As usual, I am starting my letter before Canlas arrives because of the importance of one of the inclosures. You will find General Order NO 3 and an order signed by Col Callyer, Executive Officer to the C.O. of Luson Guerrilla Forces, USFIP—while GO No 3 is signed by Merrill, the CO of that outfit. These are the originals as you will see and attached will be a copy of my letter to them. I am complying with their orders, diplomatically, as you ordered, and have submitted a G-2 report, a combined strength report and troop disposition report, and a G-3 report. I will not submit reports to them until further orders from you and will use the excuse that they are not complete since we are now making a new type roster of our complete outfit—which is true. Our new rosters are part of a combination of service record and roster and we hope to have them complete by the time our next reports go to your Hqrs. I will comply with their orders re Initial Objectives and War Plan unless I hear otherwise from you. We finished our War Plan yesterday in the presence of, and with some advice of Col Layd, and we are getting it down on paper today. I have already issued our Warning Order here in EMD. Col Wright, Bob Chapin, Frank Bernaki, and possibly Capt Chase have gone to Zamboales to work out of Merrill's Hqrs. Wright took our required reports into them. Merrill is set up at AGLW in Zamboales which was the old hide out of DANIEL COLE, former Secretary of Olango Naval Reservation. In May, perhaps, remember the place. Callyer, Crane, Tuggle, Kadle, and Gardner have been working out of Natividad, Santa Rita, Panganga, but I think the majority of them are over with Merrill now. We are standing for orders from you re the new USFIP orders. Please relieve the suspense as soon as possible.

Upon the arrival of our new C of S, I immediately reorganized my staff. Guerrero remained as AG, G-1, Capt Crippen Reyes, a young Din lawyer with some experience with FO Intelligence work before and during the war has taken over G-2. Innocencio has been promoted to a Major and has G-3 section (also acting Engineer), and Zamora has taken over. Gen. C Reyes has also been promoted to Major. My former G-3 is now assistant in that section and the former G-4 is now our Division QM. Trinidad was transferred to Inspector General and revolted like the renegade he is. It looked bad for a few days but I have been preparing for this for many months by slowing/sabotaging his control, especially over Combat units, and I believe the storm is over. We will see. I heard that you still have an Engineer for us which is encouraging because Innocencio has been ~~swamped~~ swamped and working like a dog. I am very much elated over my new staff and the outlook for the future is really bright. EMD never has leaked very good on paper, but, honestly, I think it is pretty fair and in the future it will leak better on paper and will also improve actually. Hege has been a God-send. He has done wonders here in his short time. He is certainly well informed as an office man and he has patience and the will to work hard in trying to get what he knows across to his subordinates. His general attitude is a little bad—I can see that he has never worked with this class of people and I am trying to steer him clear of petty jealousies and internal troubles. I am glad that he is a native of this province, which may be a great help. At any rate, I am grateful he has arrived.

Tuggle swung another agreement with Buk which seems to be holding. No doubt you received a copy of the agreement, since Tuggle worked out of EMD for a while. I like it because it is all in our favor, as it should be, and does not obligate me in any respect. I have ordered strict compliance with the agreement till they double cross again. I have not seen Sanchez since the day after Briones arrived because he has been sick but he, Briones and I will get together very soon to coordinate our plans, etc.

I took the liberty of sending a personal representative, Chief Operator from our Signal Hill, to Victory Hill to beg a radio unit. Hope you do not object, but I am sure you will understand how disappointed we have been to have SWPA units passing right thru our CP to guys like Merrill and we sit here with junk which Velasquez can do nothing with. I sent them our latest G-2 report because I saw a letter signed by the Unit CO on Victory Hill which complained of the shortage of info on Bataan. My representative has not arrived yet, and neither has Velasquez from your Hqrs. I have a pipe dream at present of getting a new set from you and one from Victory Hill. We can use them both without much trouble. Our communication to our Bay Side Brigade is a problem. Victory Hill assigned an Intelligence Agent to Bataan. He is a Balanga boy trained at Victory Hill and he went back in to guide my rep to that unit. He will work with our Bay Side operators when he returns.

Our Signal Section is still a problem. Velasquez is too young for his assigned responsibilities and his personality is a bit unfortunate. He has never been able to get cooperation from our original Signal Company because of lack of tact and he has a hard time to control the personnel assigned to Signal Hill. Major Romaine has aided a bit in the misunderstanding but he has seen the light and his attitude has greatly changed recently. Velasquez has always been more interested in his orderly and the security for Signal Hill than he has our pressing Signal problems. But I hope to revise things a little while he is away and I am sure a new radio unit will fix things up. Our equipment such as gasoline charger, hand generator, repair equipment, testing equipment, batteries--even a bicycle generator, is all up to par now and all we need now is a nice SCR 288 or something a little stronger. At that time, I am sure our Signal Section will function efficiently.

My Medical Officer on the Special Staff is still Captain Ocampo, of the Manila Board of Health. What he lacks in medical knowledge is made up for by some executive ability and I think he will fit the bill. We are working on our Aid Stations at present and it looks like we will have enough local medical talent to man 4 Stations--one at Pits, one in the Hermosa fish ponds at Lati, one near Balanga and one in Maran. The problem is medicine. We can only rely on our new supplies to solve that problem, so we will set up our Aid Stations, increase our traveling medical units (I intend to have 4 instead of one), make detailed preparations to handle the problems of our civilian evacuation centers and wait for the arrival of our new medicine. In your opinion, what is the possibility of receiving new medicine? Our civilian evacuation centers are going to be a great problem. These people did not learn a thing during the first evacuation. I made a recent inspection of two centers and they were a mess. Sanitation is a word they have never heard, in every case the water is contaminated and malaria is rampant already. Some dysentery has appeared. Our inspectors have been instructed and are working to improve these centers now, but we must have some medicine soon. When it arrives, we will be prepared to do the best good with it.

Sabotage and demolition platoons in the towns are about complete and are receiving detailed instructions now. Simple sabotage as loosing vital parts of trucks, tractors etc is underway now. These units are all Special units under the direct control of our District Engineer, who will be responsible to coordinate things at Zero Hour. That is why we hope for our engineer (new one) to arrive in time to learn the set up before the show begins. We have S and D units in Din, Hermosa, Samal, Abucay, Balanga, Maran, Bago, and two in the Mariyellies, Linao sector. I have confidence that these units will accomplish things especially in Din which is developing into quite a key Jap spot.

I am still worried about the personal letter from you which Innocencio lost when he walked into a Jap ambush last time, but I believe Sanchez gave us copies of everything else important to us. It seems, according to rumors, that there was some money in the confidential letter to me. I am sure this incident was not a phony set up to relieve me of some Jap money, but please advise me as to other contents of the personal letter.

Our Signal Panels and Pick Up Message panels are properly manned and alert 24 hours a day. Fire pits for nite signals are prepared and we operated them for a while at nite but it seems that Innocencio was given verbal instructions in your Hqs to hold the fire signals until we received a warning. So that is the set-up at this time. Plans are complete for instantly maneuvering our troops into proper positions to defend the areas selected for parachute reception of supplies and there is no doubt that we can receive the supplies and get them to a safe distribution center without loss to the enemy. (The fire signal pits for nite are six in number surrounding the Manga reception area and four pits on the Tala reception area.) All we want now is some old ammo for our five or six hundred 30 cal weapons including MG and BAR--we want plenty of this, some 45 cal for our 3 TC and pistols, a few new carbines and automatic weapons and some medicine. Here's hoping.

I still am waiting for your opinion on Canlas. I think he is wasting time and worrying too much about his family and personal problems. My plan at present is to send Major Penge, our Finance officer along with Joe the next time so we will have two way contact. Penge has been running the gauntlet for 2 years without mishap and is 100 % reliable. Hege tells me that you still have an Advance Message Center in Manila and I hope to have Penge contact that point. Then we will arrange to have Penge here when Canlas is there. Or we may relieve Canlas all together and let Penge take over the job, if you approve. Please advise me! Our contact is really leasy and since our G-2 section is improving, we must have a better way to get the dope out of here. If we get a new radio unit I may just send Penge to contact the Manila HQ so we will have two way contact and let Joe Canlas carry on.

We were greatly worried to hear of your appendectomy and a later touch of dysentery but rumors tells us you are on your feet again. Take care of yourself because some of those SWPA boys tell me the beer is still very cold on Market Street. I got back on the saddle about 2 days after Bill Gately wrote the last letter to you and am getting an OK at present. The boys were looking for shovels this last time but I still feel too mean to creak from sickness.

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DATE 09-11-2013
BY 60322 UCBAW/BJS/STP

Attached herewith find a letter from the First MacArthur Division-----see Colonel Joseph Reddy who is operating in the Hagoney area.. His Liaison officer arrived on 27 Dec and presents us with the following propositions;

1. They will bring a company at a time from Hagoney to our Orani area to undergo a two weeks period of training. They intend to bring 8 companies which covers 16 weeks. BMD is responsible to ~~supply~~ supply them. The underlying object in this is to avoid Hak and Jap interference in their training program.
2. They wish to bring all their wanted personnel to Batasan for safe-keeping (11men).
3. They wish to bring their weapons to Batasan for safe-keeping when they receive arms.
4. BMD is responsible, not only to supply their units operating within this area, but to help them as much as possible to supply their other units including Hagoney Hqs.
5. They wish to transmit their G-2 reports thru our set-up.
6. Their Liaison officer will be assigned to our CP at all times.

I agreed on handling their G-2 reports, to take care of their 11 wanted men, and to accept their Liaison officer but all other terms are pending an answer from you. Our rumors re this outfit are that they may be an offshoot of Hak in the Hagoney area and may be attempting to undermine us. Please advise us when possible.

Hego has a few radical ideas which I am trying to iron out. He is very close to your G of S, Abe, and both feel that they are the brains behind the throne, so to speak. He openly tells such things at times here. I have corrected him. Abe may have been too free with your files at times. I don't want to appear suspicious and to stick my nose into your business but just thought I would mention it. I still have confidence in H and feel sure he will see my way and adapt himself to my policies. He is really efficient and well informed and his drastic actions balance nicely with my tendency towards laxness because of the Fil-American relationship. I have full confidence in my staff at this writing.

I received a letter from Victory Hill dated 21 Dec 44 requesting a guide to bring us radio and intelligence party. As I have previously mentioned in this letter, I sent our Chief Operator to Victory Hill on 24 Dec 44 with request for such a party. It looks like they have finally heard about us. Now if Velasquez comes in with a set from you, what with the stuff we have on hand, our communication in BMD should be a dream. Signal Hill is working frantically to be all set when the SWPA staff arrives and also yours. With a little luck, we should be working McAbed in a week or less.

We completed our War Plans yesterday. A copy will be inclosed with our reports this time. Hope to hear from you soon re your approval or corrections. Warning Orders have been issued here in BMD but, naturally, we will hold the War Plan for your approval.

Since the letter arrived from SWPA, we are really putting the pressure on our G-2 section. It doesn't require the high type of personnel to get the dope now, since everything is in our favor and I am confident we will really produce the G-2.

Canlas has not yet arrived. I am worried that he may have been picked up with resters and reports on last trip because Hego tells me he did not see Canlas when he left your CP but Canlas had left here 8 days before Hego left your CP. I will send Zamora and Pengue to check up and submit reports if Canlas is not here by early morning of 2 Jan 44.

It is pointless to wish you a Happy New Year since it is so obvious

Respectfully

JOHN P BOONE
BREVET COLONEL E F C P
COMMANDING

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- Inlosures;
1. ~~-----~~ G-2 report
 2. G-3 report
 3. Consolidated reports
 4. G-4 reports
 5. Financial report
 6. Misc Communications

USAFS LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
 EAST CENTRAL LUZON GUERRILLA AREA
 HEADQUARTERS BATAAN MILITARY DISTRICT
 In the field

30 Nov. 44

Subject: Letter of Report
 To: C.O. E C L G A

Lt. Inocencio arrived in this Headquarters late Nov. 28 with all instructions from your HQ. This District has already begun preparing all reports asked of this HQ. The Officer to accompany Lt. Inocencio did not arrive and as per information the reason being that your advance C.P. was raided and he could not be found.

Colonel Boone has released Command of the BMD until further orders by the reason of illness. Although at this writing he is some better but is still very weak. I hope to fill his place to the best of my ability which I doubt but I am here to try.

Last Nov. 12, '44 two Filipinos arrived in this District with an Army sending and relieving set, their destination being Zambales to contact Colonel Merrill. One of them was a Sgt. Coagdan, a member of A.I.B. of the S W P A. The other was ~~Greater to~~ Sia with written orders as the Area Commander of Zambales. They departed from this area enroute for Zambales some four days later and have received one letter stating that they were in constant contact with N C B but never stated explicitly that they had contacted Colonel Merrill. Sgt. Coagdan stated that he was in a position to take care of our important messages especially the Intelligence Reports. Please inform us here if we should do such or shall we continue to forward those reports to that HQ?

About 10 days past two Naval Ensigns were in this District enroute to Zambales to contact the Fleet. They were Ensigns Naylon and Roccaforte. Naylon was shot down in or near Mt. Arayat on the first raid of Central Luzon. Roccaforte was shot down on Oct. 29 somewhere in Pampanga. They route to this District by mistake and had to return to Pampanga to the place of Col. Calyer and go over the Zambales Mts. from there. Talk about Americans who have no respect for Filipinos or manners and courtesy for Americans in the Philippines they were the ones. You can imagine my surprise when I received a request from Col. Calyer for a report as to why the two Ensigns were not treated with more courtesey. Oh well!

The Huks went to Col. Calyer and Major Taggle for a conference and all the information sent to me was that a 10 day truce had been called. Major Taggle ordered that this HQ. issue orders to the lower echelons complying with the truce. The truce was to end on the 30th day of Nov. My orders to the lower echelons were not to make any hostile actions towards but to never let the unit's safety become endangered. I did that just to be on the safe side until I had been informed as to what course I should take in dealing with Colonels Merrill and Calyer. Am I right or what position should I have taken?

Colonel Sanchez came to this District last Nov. 26th and wanted a unit to aid him in collecting supplies for that District and also asking for ammunition. We gave 670 rds to be divided between Colonels Sanchez and Briones. We have already given so much ammunition to them that if we continue any longer we will be weaker than the Huks. Would it be better for two units to hide and one stay on top or to have all three units sink? We haven't been having any trouble with the Huks since the last report to that HQ but I need some advice on how much further I should go in helping the aforementioned Colonels taking a chance all of the time of making this District weaker than the Huks that we have to contend with on our boundry line.

Colonel Briones is sending his reports with the reports of this District which you will find attached. Colonel Briones was enroute from N.S. here and could not comply with the Directive dated 19 Oct. 44 concerning landing of supplies both by chute and by Sub., however it can be handled by the B M D for both Pampanga and the C.S.T. If ever we are going to relieve supplies it should be now because we as well as anyone else surely need them.

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The Strength Report for the past month will be made by me the same as before although I have been relieved of the responsibility since the 25 of the current month. From now until further orders Capt. Bernice Fletcher will be the I.C. The number of guns and ammunition is increasing slowly and the morale of the Mt. Units is becoming higher everyday. Something of which I am very proud.

G-2 reports this time is much better than they have been in the past but are still not up to the standard that I think they should be and as good as that HQ desires judging from the communication received here. I think that I can make a promise that the next report will be much better. At the time Lt. Innocencio, who has incidentally been promoted to Captain, arrived in this HQ. the G-2 had just left for Manila to help acquire supplies needed in G-2 and G-3 work, so the orders (new) about G-2 cannot be fully complied with this time.

One incident that happened in the area of Moron of this District was a Jap civilian being captured and then escaping. The result being a barrico of the town of Moron being burned and several people captured. The whole population of the town of Moron is evacuated to the mountains. The trouble was purely inefficiency on the part of the officer who was responsible for capturing the Jap civilian. According to reports from that area there were about 400 Jap soldiers from Manila came to the town.

I have just received word that another fight has happened in the town of Orani between Japs and 'G's' but may have more information before this letter is finished as I am having to write it in serials in order not to forget anything if I can help it.

Major Zamora went to the City some weeks ago and was taken ill with malaria and has only returned to this HQ Nov. 28. When he reported to this District he was assigned to work with the G-3. Due to that fact our G-3 hasn't as good a report as would be wished for. There will be a G-3 report of some kind attached hereto.

The same goes for the G-4. Attached hereto is a G-4 report which personally I think stinks but is the best I can do this time. Next time I hope we can furnish a much better one.

An up-to-date Financial report. Accept this as an acknowledgement of receiving the ₱150,000 pesos. Also I received the ₱25,000, with receipts attached for both issues. Thanks very much. Bring on some more.

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due to our Laisie officer being in poor health I have delayed doing more writing in order to have things more or less up-to-date without having to write a Nobel Prize Novel.

On Dec. 3rd I sent reinforcements numbering seventy(70) to the Pampanga to help Col. Sanchez. Also Col. Sanchez has more than 2 companies of Lt.Col. Briones men.

Dec. 4th I forwarded communication from Lt.Col. Briones who is at the present time in Moron to Col. Sanchez. The communication was calling the two companies from the Pampanga M.D. Col. Briones is trying to collect ammunition in the Moron and Bagac areas. I imagine that he is not having such an easy time with all those Japs there in the same area.

The incident in the Bo. Malawen, Orani happened something like this: The G unit there were almost surrounded before they knew the Japs were near and the Japs started firing at the G's. The G's returned the fire and began escaping from the encirclement one by one. Only one Jap has been confirmed dead and one wounded with no casualties among our unit. About 100 civilians consisting of both men and women and (7) unarmed guerrillas were captured and taken to Balanga as result. Later the Unit leader sabotaged two (2) fifty(50) gallon drums of gasoline.

There will be only a few rosters this time as most of the ones that we have have not been brought up-to-date and changes made when personnel was transferred and promoted in organization. Many of the ones that are being sent are incomplete as to personnel because of deserters, deaths and the evacuation of the people to other Provinces. Nearly all rosters even of those sent later will be lacking in personnel.

There will be no G-1 report this time but will have a complete one for the Laisie Officer to bring the next trip. In this District there isn't much to make on a G-1 report after the first has been made.

Capt. Inocencio informed us when he arrived that you had had an operation. I sincerely hope you come thru without any complications and return to normal health in the shortest time possible. I am glad to inform you to that Col. Boone is much better at this writing. It will not be very long before he returns to the job.

With best wishes to you and our regards to all of our co-workers in the fight for the cause I remain,

Sincerely,

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