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HQ 116" INF REG, 106" DIV, "A" CORPS, WM, TMD, Field, 11 Sept 44.-

To : C O, "A" Corps, (Thru C O, 106" Div). Field. *is still in Davao with their Jap friends. And General Prillip Santos is said to be there also. He is reported as sick all the time.*

Probe 1. The Division Commander, 106th Division, has known for many months prior to 7th June 44 that Captain (?) Pascual Diel of the Malita sector was and is a pro Jap of the first water. It is sheer bluff, if not pure hypocrisy, to pretend that Diel is anything else than a member of the Japanese forces in Davao and receiving his orders from either the Jap commander in that place or from Major Batongmalague, the Provincial Inspector of Davao. (some say he is the District, or Department Commander of all Mindanao and Sulu). But he is the big Jap puppet of Constabulary.

2. Only partly confirmed reports show that Diel of Malita sector and Lieut Celestino Sabalo of Malita Poblacion have been ordered to Davao by the Japs. Diel left a brother, who evidently has some men, as Capt Villamor claims this brother is after him. How many of their men, if any, Diel and Sabalo took with them was not included in the part information. Since June 6, when Lt W. H. Johnson's station was attacked and burned, it has been hard to verify rumors or get confirmed facts on that coast. I do not like to report unconfirmed information.

3. I enclose true copies of Special Orders 7, 106" Div, dated 8 April, 1944, and invite attention to the aplomb, not to say, sangfroid, with which the Division Commander assigns this poisonous Diel to the 116th Infantry, at least by reference and title in an order. Then notice the assistance Diel must give Abadia in locating a confidential new radio station, procuring supplies, and protection and concealment of Johnson's new radio station which Col Fertig described to me, referring to the old one, as worth a million dollars. (Johnson was here with me, half sick and wholly discouraged at the time, but upon being called "a million dollar baby" he promptly got much better and pulled out for Davao coast). And then Diel must conduct Abadia to Johnson's then current million dollar station. It is my humble opinion that Lt-Col McGee is a psychopathic case and should not be allowed at large in war time among troops, and I told Col Fertig essentially just that some time ago, when the latter tried to call me down for some misrepresentation of facts by Col McGee in the other McGee faux pas re Lt Clapis.

4. I heard that Veloso had contacted Jap Sugima of Malita and that they had some agreement about not attacking each other in respective territory. But their territories were already more or less divided militarily anyway and so no division of territory could have been validly made by Judge Veloso as I

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was not a party to any such wild-eyed idea, and only learned of it later.

5. As far as now known here Diel and Sabalo are still in Davao with their Jap friends. And General Paulino Santos is said to be there also. He is reported as sick all the time. Probably from chewing the sour cud of one who has bet on the wrong horse.

6. Should any of these gentlemen fall, by chance, into our hands, we believe that a liberal Constabulary education will indicate to us the course of procedure in dealing with them.

7. I enclose true copies of Special Orders 7, 105<sup>th</sup> Div, Encl: April, 1944, and invite attention to the appendix, not as stated. It is with which the Division Commander assigns a policeman Diel to the 116th Infantry, at least by reference and title in an order. The substance Diel was given in Johnson's confidential New Radio Station, procuring supplies, and protection and equipment of Johnson's new radio station which Col Fertig described to me, referring to the old one, as worth a million dollars. R. B. SLADE was with me, half sick and wholly discouraged. 1st Lt, Inf, but was being called "a million dollar baby" (Actg Asst Adj Gen and pulled out for Davao coast). And when Diel must conduct business to Johnson's then current million dollar station. It is my humble opinion that Lt-Col McGee is a psychopathic case and should not be allowed a large in war time among troops. And I told Col Fertig essentially just that some time ago, when the latter tried to call me down for some misrepresentation of facts by Col McGee in the other McGee's report to Lt Fertig.

8. I heard that Valera had contacted Jay Varma of ... and that they had some agreement about not attacking each other in respective territory. But their territories were already more or less divided militarily anyway and so no division of territory could have been readily made by Judge Valera.

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT  
"A" CORPS, #M, 106" DIVISION  
HEADQUARTERS, 116th INFANTRY

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In the Field  
28 May 1944

Captain Nicolas Villamor, AUS  
C O, 3rd Bn, 116th Infantry  
Field

My dear Captain, Villamor:-

Captain Aquino got back about May 13 and I am sorry to say he brought no firearms, no ammunition and no medicine. He had been to Lebak to see about all the queer things that we are up against under the McGee regime, including interference with our procurements in Kiamba. He did succeed in getting the information that recommendations for appointment and promotion had never passed through McGee. We knew this before. We never had any such person to deal with when we started of for a long time afterwards.

McGee has not yet straightened out the Abadia anomaly or explained that of Diel. Headquarters (Bowler's) radio has been mostly off the air for about 3 weeks, so this morning I told Capt Aquino to order our operations to stop trying to get that station and to concentrate on Lt W. H. Johnson's. He may know what is the matter.

You may use your own judgement about sending those men out for those guns. I don't believe they will find anything worth finding after all this time, but maybe the hike will do them good. Hiking is great exercise for the young. That is how I got my start.

So your men got the "upper end" of the man who killed Tomanan, did they? I had the misfortune of Tomanan's acquaintance and my private opinion, if I were asked to express it right quick, is that Tomanan was a son-of-a-bitch net and that the man who killed him deserved a medal. But if you got a bad egg anyhow, you are to be congratulated.

Capt Aquino and Lt Cruz have gone over your papers and I believe he has answered your inquiries. And your student has gone. I have been feeling sick again, but this time I cannot tell what is or was the cause. I thought it was malaria again, but some of the symptoms seemed more like high blood pressure. The main thing is that I am getting old, I suppose and should "go 'way back and sit down".

I believe Capt. Aquino has 50 rounds of good 45 pistol ammunition which he is sending you. This came some time ago

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by messenger without explanation. We thought that maybe a Tommy gun was coming to use with the ammunition, but none showed up, so the 50 can now be spared for you. And the beautiful part of it all is: Lt Col McGee has 120 new 1943 carbines at his not yet created headquarters, all boxed, awaiting the creation of this Division Headquarters force. And those carbines have been there for months doing nothing while we are facing the enemy.

The broadcast news is good, almost without exception. Hitler is a tough nut, but he is being cracked just the same. I think Germany will be finished before Japan and when that happens all those forces over there will be released to crush Japan and the name Dai Nippon will have to be spelled "Die Nippon"; also "And How".

Colonel Bing and a birthday on the 20th and he presided with great dignity at his table, sitting on like a big man in his little high chair. He was really very cute.

I was sorry to learn that Judge Veloso lost his little child.

I remain, with regards from Captain Aquino, Mrs. Page, Col Bing and yours truly.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf AUS  
Commanding

I have read the original and this and find they are the same

/s/ W. G. Bell

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
HQ 2ND BN 116th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
106TH DIVISION "A" CORPS M  
C P B

10 May '44

Subject: CORRECTION OF COMMUNICATION  
To : Hq. 106th Division, CPC

1. A corrected copy is enclosed in place of our 1st indorsement of May 7, 1944, due to clerical oversight.

2. Reference to par. 3- it should be; -Commanding (CE) INF AUS-M.V.F. as shown in the true copy of the letter hereto attached.

/s/ F. Magsakay  
F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf., USFIP  
CO., 2nd Bn 116th Inf

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*R. B. Slade*  
R. B. SLADE  
2d Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

*by*  
*Sgt. E. F. Jansen*

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
HEADQUARTERS  
116TH INF REG, 106TH DIV  
FIELD

*grievances*

10 March, 1944

General Wendell W. Fertig, AUS,  
Through Division Commander, 106th Division  
Field

1. Enclosing true extract copy of your radio dated February 20, 1944, regarding the arms you then promised to send me through Lt.-Col. Bowler.

2. One of my couriers, Lt. Abas Guiabar, has returned after an absence of more than two months. He reports that the Division Commander, 106th Division, was the one who received the arms and ammunition. I got 1000 rounds of ammunition, pistol, Cal. 45. But I did not receive any pistols to go with it. It does not seem that the Division Commander is inclined to send me anything. Apparently he expects you to make good on your radio promise instead. Be that as it may, I have many times tried to make it clear to CPC how desperately we are in need of all the firearms we can get. We have almost daily patrols of Japs or pro-Japs and have to snipe them when we can get near enough to do so. In addition, we have lately received enough strafing and bombing to satisfy--even those not present to take any of it on the chin. In addition, the Japs in these parts have a more insidious method of approach. They try here corruption through propaganda and infiltration. I fail to see, therefore, in what way we can be regarded as being in the "most favored position" as has recently been alleged by a ranking Officer. The same authority stated that the 116th Infantry was not the "Forgotten Regiment". We have never claimed that we were. We can however, prove that from the last part of May, 1943 to October 26 we were "incommunicado" with our CPG and we claimed, consequently to have held the longest record, so far known, as the "Lost Regiment". Inasmuch as I intend to bring this item to the attention of very high authority some day, I now lay some emphasis upon it here.

3. I almost forgot to say that Major Erasto Batongmalaque, Jap provincial Commander of Davao and allegedly Acting District Commander of Mindanao and Sulu, has strongly intimated that he intends to "turn on the heat" in the event he receives no surrender from me or no offer of pacific negotiations. Since I have made none and have no intention of so doing, he should have taken action already. However, Inspector Sabalo of Malita has already stated that he will place a detachment of possibly 30 men right there in Lt. Fred Johnson's Sector. This may run Fred out of that coast and will almost certainly tie quite a knot in the radio activities of the "Million Dollar Baby" even provided the detachment is not accompanied by "Juez de Cochillo" tactics, as in



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Baliton. Another item in our "most favored sector" situation is that, without our present weak and poorly armed organization, but particularly without the personal influence, in these parts, of my own self and of my Executive Officer Capt. Aquino, the Moros of Sapu Sector and those of Baliton (including some in Kling across the Bay) would undoubtedly have risen long ago and celebrated such massacring and looting and raping as was pulled off in the Kiamba-Milbuk Sector in 1942. And those left alive would now be adjuncts of Davao and Lagao.

4. I do not believe it is good military practice or comity to belittle another's war effort until the belittler is in a better position to know whereof he speaks or writes, especially when the effort of the man making the effort has proved it to be pragmatic in spite of isolation.

5. Permit me to state that your first promise to help me with arms and ammunition was made in a message to me through my Executive Officer when the latter was at your Headquarters in May, 1943. I have received a little ammunition and a personal carbine, the latter probably as a result of said promise. The second promise was made in the radiogram enclosed. I am still waiting.

6. There seems to be an impression abroad that Lieut. Money brought me some arms. He did nothing of the kind.

7. I have been sick for the best part of the last 1-1/2 months. This letter has had to be completed a day later than its date. Writing tends to cause a rise of temperature and pulse acceleration. I am sending Capt. Aquino to Lebak to contact Lt.-Col. McGee and try to have an understanding with him. I cannot afford this in my condition, but there are too many things here which the Colonel does not seem to understand and I cannot write about all of them now.

(SGD) H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

HCP/erz-  
Encl:  
As stated.

A TRUE COPY:

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ F. D. McGee  
F. D. MCGEE  
CO, 106<sup>th</sup> Div

R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

*1st Ind attached*  
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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
HEADQUARTERS  
116TH INF REG, 106TH DIV  
FIELD

I fully recognize Magsabay as a part of 10 March, 1944. Any requests, recommendations, etc. which are proper always receive Lieut. Colonel F. D. McGee, AUS recognize his right or privilege to Field in the fruits of any requisition I may have made, especially when he has not asked me to requisition such supplies for him or My dear Colonel McGee:--quisitions through me. Neither do I recognize the right of any authority whatsoever to tamper with freight packages. I have been quite sick most of the time since the first part of February. The Doctor (Maderal) has been working me over rather well, but I am still feeling too rotten to try to answer all the things you brought up in your last correspondence. So am sending my Executive Officer, Captain Roman R. Aquino, to contact you in person. I hope you and he can reach a perfect understanding on all points.

Regarding all the circumstances concerning payrolls and the suspicion that we have exceeded our authority in inductions, enlistments, etc., particularly re M M F, I anticipated that such arguments might arise and many months ago wrote Colonel Fertig a very frank letter about it. But, to make it short. If there is any talk of holding up any such papers (and we know they were submitted correctly according to orders furnished us), please lose no time about arranging a trip for me to General MacArthur's Headquarters for a conference over the matter. Travellers on this trip will have to be myself, Capt. Aquino (finance), Mrs. Page and my infant son. The latter two because there is nobody here with whom to leave them. Reason for the trip: when this emergency is over plus six months, I shall ask for my pay and I shall expect no hemming, hawing or other nonsense about getting it. So let us have an understanding with the Big Chief before the so-called auditors get in any monkey business.

I am enclosing some requisitions which kindly have filled if possible.

Re your changes in our procurement system, I did not notice anything in your communications about the provisions of G.O. 41, 1943. So, enclose a copy with the query: How are we going to get around this? If you wish to take over any part of my job, you are at liberty to do so, but I would merely like to be informed as to how I shall relinquish it and how you will take hold.

Now about Capt Magsabay. I have here Captain Gil B. Pabillo who can be made available for command of that battalion. Captain Pabillo has been at this Headquarters for some months studying up on paper work and trying to pick up experience. I do not know how good he is yet, but I believe he is at least loyal to me. But you may ask Capt Aquino about him. On the other hand, if you have a man of your own whom you would prefer to have in his place, you are

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the boss. Go ahead and recommend him. After all, whoever he is, he will be there under your nose and you will have to put up with and at least, in part, train him.

I fully recognize Magsakay as a part of this regiment. Any requests, recommendations, etc, which are proper always receive prompt attention. I do not recognize his right or privilege to share in the fruits of any requisition I may have made, especially when he has not asked me to requisition such supplies for him or has not sent his own requisitions through me. Neither do I recognize the right of any authority whomsoever to tamper with freight or other packages assigned to me direct by our mutually superior authority at General Headquarters unless such packages or freight have something thereon in writing so authorizing such tampering. Nothing could be fairer.

Re the report that you desired Magsakay for a Staff job in your division, it came in here as a strong rumor. I put this with a sort of admiration missive of yours to him which I had actually seen, and I believed in at the least the strong possibility of it. And why not?

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ H. C. Page  
H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

1st Ind

HQ 2ND BN 116th Inf Regiment, FIELD, 7 May '44  
To: The Adjutant General, 106" Div. In the field

1. Returned. The first two persons, namely (a) Goeing and (b) Balut respectively, are not in confinement in our guard-house, and have never been in confinement before; therefore, no information what-so-ever concerning these two persons are available on hand. The last two persons, (c) Galing and (d) Sanguapan have been arrested on December 25, 1942, at the time when this unit has no contact as yet with the CPG.

2. Both prisoners, Galing and Sangkupan respectively, have been confined in jail on charges of looting, murder, and spying. On December 29, 1942, they were shot to death by guard Corporal B. Enerio when they attempted to escape.

3. This case has been reported confidentially to the Commanding, (CE) INF AUS- MVF., on April 7, 1943.

/s/ F. Magsakay  
F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf., USPIP  
C O., 2nd Bn 116th Inf

FGM/m;

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*R. B. Slade*

R. B. SLADE  
2d Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

*Sgt. C. J. Jernigan*

Hqts. 116th Inf Regt. 9 March 1944

Dear Col. McGee-

I have heard of your presence in the Hqts. of the 2nd Bn. of this Regt. last November while I was enroute with orders to the Hqts of the Regt. Am sorry to have missed the opportunity of meeting my former companion-commander at Kalasungay; but I am glad to learn that you are designated our Division Commander for which I am sending my hearty congratulations.

Although I have joined the USAFIP on April 15, 1943, and have been continuously actively working with the organization since, I have not yet received my s.o. of recall except from my immediate commanding officers, the first being that of the CO of Upi Sector dated April 15, 1943. The last recommendation submitted by the Regtl. Commander, I understand, is now in your hands for proper action.

When we separated in Kalasungay, my Bn after training at Dancagan forest went to the front at Digos and remained there over a month. My captaincy did not go beyond its brevet character.

I hope the opportunity will soon come when I can personally see you again. News now point to the rapidly arriving concluding knocks of the U.S. forces to the enemy.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Felis M. Esguerra

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2d Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

*Wm. E. Ferguson*

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3 January 1944

Lieut.-Colonel F. D. McGee, AUS  
C O, 106<sup>th</sup> Division, 10th Military District  
F i e l d

My dear Colonel:-

Your letter of 26 December reached me a few days ago.

You seem to be discouraged, in this communication. Try taking it on the chin for 9 months with no relief and then you may feel more cheerful.

The idea of making the 116th an independent unit was eminently full of horse sense. You expressed to me formerly some good theories, but they were not pragmatic as to location of this unit. It is now a matter of extreme regret that I advised you not to take the risk of coming to my headquarters instead of sticking around Mrs. Magsakay's. Two old time Americans could have had a grand mutual understanding.

Your letter to Capt. Diel meets with my approval. I wished to inscribe such a missive, but did not see how I could get around the prohibitions of the Articles of War. I have sent it through Fred.

Thanks from the Mrs and Capt Aquino and myself re the progress of the War.

I remain

Very sincerely and respectfully,

/s/ H. C. Page  
H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

HCP/Njp

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Actg Asslt Adj Gen

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23 December 1943

Lieut.-Colonel F. D. McGee, AUS  
C. O. 106" Division, 10th Military District  
Field

My dear Colonel McGee: I am pleased that the 116th Infantry has been separated from the 106th Division for the reason that the scheme was impracticable, it was not pragmatic, could not work under our communicational set-up. Also, the idea of "moving the furniture" to impossible places was even less practicable.

As for our not being willing or desirous of coordinating our efforts with those of all Mindanao, that is absurd.

I am surprised that you say there is greater need for my ammunition in the 116th than in this Regiment. How can you go on record with that statement when you have never seen me or the conditions under which two battalions of the 116th Regiment are trying to get results? The only part of this Regiment with which you are acquainted is the 2d Battalion under Magsakay. And, by now, you probably know what I think of him.

I expect at any moment to have a fight with the Glan Japs and Pro-Japs. They are well armed even to machine guns and probably stokes mortars (they did have the latter) and made vigorous use of them. Lt Fred Johnson with "C" Co, 1st Bn, is located in the Caburan-Batulaki Sector. He has only 2 rifles and 2 or 3 old shotguns, with something like 100 rounds of Cal. 30 for the rifles and next to nothing for the shotguns. Villamor is the best armed of any of us, but his sphere of activity is limited as he is more or less bottled up by Capt Pascual Diel on one or maybe two sides and by Guillermo Constantino on the Buayan side, plus some outlaws in between. He has around 80 arms, but the majority are side arms and more or less ineffective or trade. He has around 30 more or less good rifles and writes me that he is running low on ammunition. Bad egg as he undoubtedly is, he is functioning and apparently fighting and is, I believe, loyal to me. I am now writing about the part of this regiment which you haven't met yet. Of course Magsakay has more rifles than either of our battalions over here.

I am sorry for the 118th if it is as poorly equipped as you say it is, but I fail to see why my ammunition should go to rectify that defect. It probably has a Commanding Officer.

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I do not agree to diverting any arms, ammunition, money, clothing, medicine or other equipment at any headquarters, consigned or promised to me. I need every item allowed or allotted to me and have made repeated efforts to requisition it in writing or by radio. And I want every item sent to my Headquarters. I must be the sole judge of those to whom I shall distribute it. If this is an inconvenience to Magsakay, that hurts my feelings not at all. He can send an officer with armed escort to get what he wants or can come himself on his vest buttons. Some months ago, when I was hard pressed, I asked him for the temporary loan of 10 men with 10 rifles and corresponding ammunition. I never got them and, to the best of my recollection, I never got a reply. Now, he will be the last man in my regiment to be accommodated out of whatever may be coming to me. So far as I know there are only 1000 rounds of Cal. 30 and 500 Cal. 45 coming. I need several times these and I need it right now. I do not know how many arms there are for me, if any.

The Glan Japs and Pro-Japs have lately taken to sending combat patrols into my procurement sectors and have got to be smoked out, and a lot of letter and radio writing is not going to do this.

I got from W. H. Johnson through Fred Johnson the information that W. H. Johnson is to receive from Headquarters a new radio set and I am to receive the old set he now has. But before knowing this we had been for some time trying to get a set either made by Lieut. Garcia or the spare parts to add to some here to make one for ourselves. This includes a generator. I will not know the status or result of all this until Fred returns. I hope this is all clear to you now.

I hope Fred has elucidated any other points which I may have missed and I shall be very glad if you will convey my compliments to Lieut.-Col. Bowler together with any remarks of mine which you think will interest him.

I remain,

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,

/s/ H. C. Page  
H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

HCP/crz-

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1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen



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20 December 43

Lieut.-Colonel F. D. McGee, AUS  
C. O. 106th Division  
Field

My dear Colonel McGee:-

I enclose true copy of a self-explanatory radiogram which has just arrived this morning from Lieut. W. H. Johnson. This disposes of the 116th Regiment in exactly the manner I suggested in my letter to you and is agreeable to me.

Please order Captain Magsakay, if you are still in Lebak, to furnish Lieut. Desaville with 5 men as an escort to GHQ to get the supplies mentioned by Colonel Bowler.

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,

/s/ H. C. Page  
H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

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Encl: As stated.

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116TH INF REG, 106TH DIV  
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18 December 1943

Lieut.-Colonel F. D. McGee, AUS  
C O 106th Division  
In the Field

My dear Colonel McGee:-

Your letter dated 1 December 1943, was handed me yesterday. I took up most of my spare time yesterday answering two from Lieut.-Colonel Hedges and now will try to answer yours.

It is evident from a re-perusal of your letter that nobody appears to have informed you of conditions in the Alah river country where you suggest that my Headquarters Battalion should be located. Ex-General Paulino Santos claims the Koronadal and Alah Valleys as his own pet jurisdiction. This General is an Ex-Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army and in addition to his activities in the territory named is said now to be the Commissioner for all Mindanao under the puppet independence regime set up by the Japs. Santos is strongly Pro-Jap, strongly Anti-American and anti-everything else white. Santos might offer strenuous objections to my moving in on any part of his pet territory and since he is backed up by the Japanese Empire, he would almost certainly make his objections stick. Besides, I am given to understand that Major Salipada Pendatun and his men are now in Marbel which is practically a part of the country you suggest that I occupy. I hear (by grapevine) that Santos contacted Salipada and that they arrived at an understanding. This has not yet been verified, but it is a fact that Salipada has not attacked Lagac, which is down near the Bay. This Headquarters is at present located in the best place for it, especially considering its personnel. It is heavily composed of men who are militarily banded together for the protection of their families and little farms, and to order them away to an impractical place would wreck morale and be an invitation for wholesale defection and fraternization with the Pro-Japs of Gen. Santos in the Koronadal sector. No, such an organization is not ideally mobile as one could wish, but is probably more patriotic because personal interests are involved. A man will fight considerably harder for his babies and home than for abstract principles. The inconveniences of location were not discussed by Capt C. M. Smith when he told me to go ahead and organize the 116th Regiment. Neither did I have any wide choice of materials. I had to take what I could get. Then we became ~~The~~ The Lost Regiment from late May till late

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October. I believe that record beats the one previously established by that fellow he commanded the Lost Battalion in the first world war. It may have sharpened my wits a little, but it played the devil with my angelic and sunny disposition. The tactical advantage of holding this Peninsula is that we hold our bread basket, for this, together with Kiamba, is where we get something to eat. This part of the country is, on the whole, fertile and productive. I would not advise the abandonment of Kiamba because it usually has a large surplus of rice and we can buy it. I do not like the place, because its people are too inclined to be philosophers, but it is essential to our stomachs at present and to abandon it would put that much more food into Jap stomachs. In my opinion, anything like ready communication is not going to be established here in this big Mindanao until the Japs are kicked out and the Pro-Japs are either killed off or converted to our side of the argument. And we are not going to kick out the Japs until we get plenty of firearms and ammunition. General MacArthur has a man's sized job on his hands and needs lots of war material to carry it through. In my opinion, that gentleman is preoccupied with just about everything on earth except the 106th Division and the 116th Regiment in Mindanao. So, he probably can't furnish us much for some time to come. Consequently, I would suggest, as the easiest and most practical solution to your present problem, that the 116th Infantry continue to function as a separate and independent unit for the present and until something approaching normal conditions shall return. Regarding submarine contacts, I have already submitted to General Fertig a sketch of a good place here called Sapu. I enclose copy of it for you, as well as the accompanying correspondence. Sapu is some 12 to 15 kilometers from Glan and on the same side of the bay. It is to the north and on the trail to Buayan. It is closer to the scene of General MacArthur's military activities than are either Lebak or Pagadian.

So, Captain Magsakay "is too loyal to Army procedure" to open my freight without your orders. It is refreshing in the extreme to discover the one thing to which Magsakay is so obviously loyal. I fail to see wherein he is loyal to such poor trash as a Regimental Commander. Why has he not properly kept me informed of his activities if any? Why can he not get along with his officers? Everyone who comes here from Magsakay's sector wants to stay here and get out from under him. Why has he not kept his Regimental Commander informed of the fact that he could contact Headquarters and the means thereof? Why did he delay so long in submitting strength and other reports to this Headquarters if he is so loyal to military procedure? Why does he not train an officer so that he will know better than to mix up his inductions of MMF with Christians? I had to bring one officer here and so teach him. Who authorized Magsakay to create a battalion with companies running up to "F"? That was positively weird. I regard this officer as neither loyal nor efficient and I have just requested General Fertig for the second time to get rid of him--at least out of my regiment. And this is the man you authorized to tamper

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with his Regimental Commander's freight. Now, please be so kind as to order him to ship all of it back here to me, including all ammunition. Now, I'll tell you one more thing. I personally requisitioned practically every medical item sent me, some six months ago. If Magsakay had kept in touch with me, I would have included his requisition in mine. But he did not have that much initiative. Now, since he has assumed his attitude as described above towards me, I had not the slightest idea of sharing anything with him. The same story as to the ammunition. I have taken infinite pains to contact General Fertig and ask for ammunition. Now Magsakay, if he makes requisitions at all, does not send them through me. But he is in a much better position to contact Headquarters than I am. If he does not keep himself supplied with ammunition that is his own fault, but constitutes no license for him to sponge on me and help himself (even with your unfortunate permission) to any part of my freight. So, please be so kind as to send me all ammunition, including all hand grenades, which are there for me. I assure you, Colonel McGee that this incident has upset me more than the inroads of the Japs, and I had thought that they were bad enough. Did you ever observe the ludicrous manner in which Magsakay, a captain, issues orders, or has his Adjutant issue them "By Command of Captain Magsakay?" Did you ever observe how he allows a junior officer to elevate correspondence to superior authority instead of signing it himself? Do you consider crass ignorance a concomitant of efficiency.

We have locally 3 camps including my headquarters camp. One in Calabanit has been temporarily abandoned and its force consolidated with that at Camp Captain Smith which is the home of "A" Company. The Calabanit one is the regular home of "B" Company. There are too many Japs and Pro-Japs (105) in Glan now for me to divide my men up into detachments. Camp Captain Smith is well camouflaged and hidden, and I believe not easily found or attacked. My own, Camp Papabil, so named by the late Captain V. S. Bilbao who discovered the site, is hidden, and I believe not easily found or attacked. My own, Camp Papabil, so named by the late Captain V. S. Bilbao who discovered the site, is hidden in the mountains. All of them are commodious and sanitary. There are some 12 temporary buildings or shacks at Papabil. We have in operation 3 farms, principally for raising corn. I have a private chicken project at the Camp for personal consumption. We have authorized 4 markets near Glan, 1 at Baliton and 1 at Margus. There is also one at Sapu and another, I believe, at Lun, but I am not the official who authorized those at Sapu and Lun. And, since most of the time Headquarters could not, or did not, send me funds, I went ahead and issued plenty of fiduciary currency, then radioed for and got General Fertig's authorization, then our own laundry soap and also salt. We have not, so far, suffered for food. But we have suffered immensely from malaria and trancazo. Had a number of deaths, especially among the families of personnel.

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I forgot something. Somebody took out 2 cartoons of cigarettes from my freight shipment. If they were removed for your own use, I am glad to share them with you. If for that other man, it is without my consent or authorization in any way and is all wrong.

I enclose a copy of our Census of Firearms. The original has gone forward to Headquarters. You will note that we have about 25 fairly effective rifles. This includes two of Lieut. Fred Johnson of Sugal. We have about enough ammunition for one fairly good fight, so you see I am not in a position to leave here or start cutting any Jap communications, much as that idea appeals to me. I might add that the little carbine sent me by Col. Hedges could be added to this list of guns. Also re shotguns, we have possibly 50 rounds for the whole lot of them.

Yes, there are plenty of ideas we might match wits on if we had a conference, but since I cannot indulge in that luxury, I have sent a bright youngster to contact you. Lieut. Fred Johnson is known to Capt. Smith and Smith seems to think considerable of him.

I remain, with kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,

H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

HCP/crz-  
Encls: As stated.

A TRUE COPY:

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ F. D. McGee  
F. D. MCGEE  
Lt-Col, AUS  
CO, 106" Div

R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
HEADQUARTERS  
116TH INFANTRY REGIMENT  
FIELD

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12 December 1943

Lieut.-Colonel Frank D. McGee, AUS  
Lebak, Cotabato

My dear Colonel McGee:-

Lieut. Fred Johnson arrived here late yesterday with the information that Lieut. William H. Johnson had received a lot of radiographic information for me which had been forwarded by him (Fred) through a messenger. This man never showed up. Probably heard that Pro-Japs under Lieut. G. Jayme had had a little action on the morning of the 9th this side of Baliton and then the said messenger seems to have evaporated. Fred said that William had informed him of the information which was that you are (or were about a week ago) with P40,000.00 and a lot of supplies for me, waiting in Lebak; that you were desirous of contacting me; that if I could not go to Lebak, I should send a liaison officer to meet you; that you had a new radio set for William Johnson; that I am to get the old set which William now has; that William is to be transferred with his new set across Davao Gulf to a place somewhere near San Agustin Point; that there is somewhere another radio from Col. Bowler asking if I have received a carbine and what size shoes do I wear. Also William wants radio technician Lieut. Garcia to come and study his present radio before it is sent here.

(a) I am sending Lieut. Fred Johnson with Lieut. Rodrigo Balongay to represent me and to get the money and supplies. I cannot come myself and I cannot send Capt R. R. Aquino either. I absolutely have to hold him here with me now. Since my last telegrams and correspondence with General Fertig the enemy forces in Glan have been increased. As nearly as I can now find out they stand as follows: Capt Inoye with 22 Japs, Lieut. G. Jayme with 20 Pro-Japs, Capt Javelosa with Lieut. Larrabaster and 60 Pro-Japs. These Pro-Japs recent that title and like to be called Volunteer Guards. Obviously with 102 enemy perched on my front doorstep I cannot leave here neither can I spare my Executive Officer. Please give any information for me to Lieut. Fred Johnson and Lieut. R. Balongay. Also that money, those supplies and that radio set.

(b) I have already ordered Lieut. Garcia to come here and try to fix up the wrecks of a few radios into a transmitting set for this headquarters. I cannot get along with the lackadaisical manners of William Johnson and Captain Nagsakay. I must have a set of my own. So, please see that Garcia gets a move on himself and comes here, bringing the items we ordered,

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and he can now add thereto any transformers and vibrators available for an 8 tube, R C A radio. These last are important as this old machine got "grounded" a couple of weeks ago while the Cairo Conference was coming in and now we cannot get anything on it. The parts were sent over to the Davao coast to a friend, requesting repair, but the result is doubtful. The runners have not yet returned. The old machine was patched out of two and had been giving good service for two or three weeks and its news was useful in offsetting this insidious Japanese propaganda now being disseminated among the local people.

(c) I am not running the 10th Military District and really have no business to butt in, but Lieut. William H. Johnson is an American and I dislike seeing him deliberately sent to his death. You probably know as well as I that the territory over on that side of the Gulf is occupied by no Americans, but that Spaniards did occupy it, that most of the Spanish plantations have been deserted and their owners have gone to Davao and the plantations were left to Jap caretakers; that even if any Spaniards are left, it is almost certain that they are Jap sympathizers and that William Johnson would probably never get a hundred yards into the interior before being captured and killed for his precious radio set. Incidentally, there is the loss of that radio set to be considered. Also what is Johnson going to eat when he gets over there and who is to take it to him and from where? Also how about gas for his radio set? There is little enough over on this side, but it is a miracle if there is any at all near San Acustin Point. I admit that I consider Lieut. William Johnson too much of a babe in the woods for that assignment and that a more experienced man should have it but nothing would be gained by killing him and losing the radio set into the bargain. I hope you will so inform headquarters before it is too late.

(d) As I do not know the present whereabouts of Colonel Bowler, please be so kind as to radio or personally tell him for me that I have never received any carbine from him. Please ask him by whom it was sent and to what place. Also that I usually wear 6-1/2EE military shoes, but can wear 6-1/2D.

(e) If you decide to come here, I assure you that I shall be more than pleased to see you, but at the same time, believe that this is no occasion for you to take that risk. Sarangani Bay is lousy with Japanese launches now and there is a rumor that they contemplate making some sort of naval base in either Glan or Dadiangas. They already have a landing field in Buayan near Buayan River and it appears to have been enlarged. This is an added reason why I should have a radio set so I can report on ship movements, if any. I have already reported on the landing field to General Fertig.

24 November 1943

Memorandum for  
Capt. F. Magsakay,  
C O 2" Bn, 116" Inf  
Kiamba.

1. I hear from Staff Sergt. P. Francisco and Lieut. Balungay that, when they were in Darurao they heard of a "flash" that had come stating that I am promoted to the grade of Lieutenant-Colonel, but they did not quote any part of this alleged message or say when and from whom it had come. If there is or was any such message, it must be still in your hands or have been lost by some careless person on the way. If also, it did come and has been lost, please secure for me a copy of it, as I need it as a part of my record.

2. I was not expecting any such message, but I decidedly was expecting a number of messages in answer to messages of my own sent to Headquarters. I am presuming that you sent them, as they were sent through you. Some of these messages of mine pertained to the promotion of other people and others were of varying degrees of importance on other subjects. I would like copies of all these replies if you have sent them and they have been lost on the way. I have not received a single radiogram through these last officers who have come here arriving the afternoon of November 22 and am thereby led to suspect that somebody has been fooling with my radiograms.

(SGD.) H. C. PAGE  
Major A U S  
C O 116" Inf.

TRUE COPY:

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ F. Magsakay  
F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf. USFIP

R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen



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(f) I learn that Lieut. G. Jayme was wounded in the left shoulder in the Baliton affair on the 9th instant and that he has gone or will go to davao for an operation. He was hit by one buckshot. It is a pity that the sniper was not close enough and that he did not aim so well. But I anticipate that there will be repercussions to this. Which is another reason why I do not see the necessity for you to take any chances on coming here.

I remain, with regards,

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,

/s/ E. C. Page  
H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

R. E. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
HEADQUARTERS  
116TH INFANTRY REGIMENT  
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23 Nov 43

MEMORANDUM-  
Capt F. Magsakay,  
Bn Comdr, 2nd Bn, Field

1. Your communication quoting one from Gen Fertig dated back in last May and stating that the enlistments at Kiamba could not be accepted has come to hand. It is noted that the General holds that the inductions are not justified because of a lack of arms.

2. Then, what is your authority for sending Lieut. Abas Guiabar to the Kling-Kiamba sector to induct men? I understand that he has inducted some 200 or more MMF. Where is he going to get money to pay these men and food for them? And if General Fertig does not want unarmed men, how do you know that these MMF inducted will be accepted?

3. Recall this Lieutenant and hold up his list of inductees until I can get more from Gen Fertig on what the policy is. The first thing you know, your pay will be held up for thousand of pesos for unauthorized salaries already paid out.

4. The trouble with the MMF is that a leader of no judgment can and does take out on patrols or put on other duties almost any number of men, and his reports of the necessity for so doing are sufficiently plausible to get by. He is seldom or never satisfied with the limited number allowed leaders or junior leaders. And the type of mentality of such leaders is difficult to gauge at long range, but almost all of them belong to a class of people who are not losing any chances to dig into the national pocket. Also the exact necessity for the sizes of patrols cannot be determined any more easily at similar ranges and without telegraphic, telephonic or mail facilities.

5. Recall this Lieutenant at once before he gets you and himself into hot water.

6. Now, of just what men, arms and equipment does your Kiamba detachment at present consist. Never mind your previous reports on this. I want the present condition.

(SGD.) H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

HCP/njp

TRUE COPY:

15/ F. Magsakay  
F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf-USFIP

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R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION  
116TH INFANTRY REGIMENT  
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In the Field  
5 November 43

MEMORANDUM for-  
C.O. 116th Inf Regiment  
In the Field

1. The undersigned is in receipt of the Regimental Commander's communication of October 8th last.
2. Such letters originating from Lts. Col McGee or Bowl were not purposely detained here at Lebak. If ever it was delayed, it was because due to bad weather that passed during the past weeks which made our runner impossible to cross the sea to Kiamba.
3. A definite courier system between Kiamba and Lebak had been established long ago. This Headquarters had made it a point to establish a twice each month runner between Kiamba and Lebak.
4. Lieuts. Balongay and Managad are being sent to Regimental Headquarters for questioning and instructions and for training respectively. Lieut. Enorio is likewise being sent to Kiamba to relieve Lieut. Managad.
5. Thru Lieut. Balongay, R. spare parts of radio transmitter and receiver are being sent to Regimental Hq. as requested. Other spare parts could not be obtained in the locality. However, as soon as Lt. Desaville returns from GHQ. with spare parts, with him (as we requisitioned some) additional things will be sent there. Attached herewith are lists of the spare parts and instructions re installation of transmitter prepared by Lt. Garcia.
6. In the event, however that that Hq. needs the services of Lt. Garcia, he may be transferred there, provided that Carlos Concha of this district, who is a Radio Technician be commissioned, and assigned with this Battalion.

TRUE COPY: /s/ F. MAGSAKAY (SGD.) F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf-USFIP Capt. Inf- AUS  
C.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 116th Inf. Regt.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS  
116TH INFANTRY REGIMENT  
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8 October 1943

Capt. F. Magsakay, Inf-AUS  
C. O., 2nd Bn, 116th Inf  
Lebak

My dear Captain Magsakay:-

I received a considerable amount of mail from you by last runner, which is quite an improvement, but there was nothing in it to explain how the letters from Lieut. Col. McGee or Lieut. Col. Bowler got into it, nor how long the letters had been detained in Lebak. Those letters were important to Gen. Fertig, to the writers and to me and if I can find out who was responsible for the delay in their delivery to me, I can assure you that that officer (if it is an officer) will be looking for another job.

But this is to take up two matters with you, especially as I may be receiving other communications from the interior. First, you will immediately establish a definite courier, or runner system between Lebak and Kiamba. I thought this had already been done. I have already established a twice-each-month runner between Glan and Kiamba. Let one runner leave Lebak about the first of each month and another about the fifteenth. They will bring your mail, radiograms, etc., to my runner in Kiamba and take mine from the C.O. at Kiamba back to you. If you have a launch with which to do this, so much the better. Messengers will return promptly from Kiamba to Lebak.

Second. I find that Lieut. Balongay has been making quite a fool of himself. He has even ordered a special election. Has ordered the Mayor to resign. Opens and censors my mail. Appoints Christians as members of the MMF and generally tries to accrue unto himself the prerogatives of General MacArthur, General Fertig and myself.

Lieut. Managad has been here for several days and I am sending him back with orders to take over temporary command from Lieut. Balongay. But he is a cousin of Balongay and I do not want to leave him at Kiamba in any capacity. Incidentally, Lieut. Jose Maladia, MMF, is ordered in here together with Lt. Balongay. His tail feathers are also growing too long and need trimming.

You will, therefore, upon receipt of this, send Lieut. Enorio, preferably, or other good officer, to Kiamba to relieve Lieut.

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Managad. Lieut. Managad, upon being so relieved, will be sent to this headquarters for training in the duties and customs of officers. You, yourself, after recommending him for a commission stated that he does not possess the necessary qualifications. But he was then already commissioned and so was Enorio. Now, I must train him. I will issue the orders after you have complied with these instructions, as I must transfer officers from one battalion to another; and he will be so transferred. You will under no circumstances send another Ilocano Officer to Kiamba.

Now, regarding any officer in this command, including you or any other of your officers, opening and censoring mail from this headquarters to any place or person regardless of whom. (This applies to official mail, not to civilian mail which a runner may happen to pick up and bring along with him). You are hereby informed, in case you do not already know it, that such an act constitutes one of the most serious military offenses in time of war; is triable by general court martial, which is almost certain to construe such an act as fifth columnist and sentence the perpetrator to be shot.

Now, read this letter over very carefully and comply with it strictly and promptly.

We have taken up the matter of Capt. Guballa, et al with Headquarters and requested their recall to active duty and assignment to your battalion.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

(SOD.) H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding

PS-I am enclosing a list of additional things which we will need for our transmitter and stuff already on hand. Please see if you can get any of it and send it to Kiamba for transmittal to me. Our present radio service is not satisfactory.

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TRUE COPY:

/s/ F. Magsakay  
F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf-USFIP

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R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
HEADQUARTERS  
116TH INFANTRY REGIMENT  
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Near Glan, Cotabato  
29 September 1943

Lieut. Colonel Frank D. McGee, Cavalry, U.S.A.  
Midsayap, Cotabato

My dear Colonel:-

I am exceedingly pleased to receive your letter of August 14 and that of Lieut. Colonel Bowler dated July 29. I do not know why it took so much time for me to get them, but they evidently came through Captain Magsakay at Lebak. From that place, runners come to Kiamba and from there again my runner brings mail, etc., across the Sarangani Bay to points on this coast and through the interior to my headquarters. On this occasion, my runner was taken sick with malaria and was delayed. I know of no other way of getting a reply back to you except via Lebak and am sure it will be pretty late reaching you. But I much appreciate your effort to contact me. There is an record a gentleman who, during the last war, commanded a lost Battalion. I wish I knew that bird. He had nothing on me. I command a whole lost regiment. But it is already crudely organized and functioning. It would be functioning like a sewing machine if I only had some means of communication with units not under my immediate observation. Also, (and I suppose you are in this boat too) we need much in the way of arms, ammunition, clothing, medicine and equipment. On the other hand, we are self-sufficient and even issue our own fiduciary currency. Our various local camps are good and considered fairly sanitary. We have organized three regimental farms to produce corn and palay, and some of these are about ready to harvest now. Our currency is guaranteed by General Fertig, so there is nothing imaginary about it, and it is locally well accepted and circulated. To help this along, there are now going strong five markets, of course, all hidden.

I have not yet been definitely informed by GHQ as to where my interior delimitations are, but my order of appointment states that I command from Lebak, Cotabato, to Malita, Davao. When my Executive Officer, Captain R. R. Aquino, was at GHQ last May, General Fertig informed him that UPI and Midsayap were both likewise under this command. I do not object to Upi, but Midsayap, under present conditions, is not practicable for me to control. I am pleased to know you are going to organize the troops there.

The Commander of my Third Battalion, is supposed to be stationed in Malita, but he succeeded in making himself so obnoxious to the Japs and some local "gents" that they become rather unanimous in their desire to exterminate him.

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He is kept, therefore, pretty busy doing nothing but keeping himself out of their hands. So, none of my force is at present operating around Digos. I have been informed that a Captain Villanueva, USAFFE, is commanding 2000 guerrilla men in the District of Digos up to Kidapawan and Pikit. I have not yet had the means to check this. These men are said to be "well armed", which expression causes me to doubt the report to some extent.

No, I do not think it would be possible for an American to pass from here to Midsayap and it might also be impossible to get to Upi from that place.

Yes, I have heard about the arrival in Lutayan, between Marbel and Buluan, of some of Salipada Pendatun's men under Datu Ugtog. Did not know Ugtog is a Lieutenant or that Pendatun is a Major, but maybe they will survive the shock of my lack of information. That place is a part of my jurisdiction, but I have not sufficient arms, etc., to go and take it from General Santos at present, so "paciencia". However, if those Moros worry Santos, I have no objection to their remaining there for the present. But the idea of each Regimental Commander knowing his territory limits is a good one. I wonder how the General is making out with the other units of his MMF. For my own part, I should have much preferred to creat straight Moro companies and to have stationed them in separate localities, so as not to cause conflict with Christians. So far some of mine are a huge pain located below my Mason and Dixon line and on the northern exposure. But I did as I was ordered, and there they are.

If I am not mistaken, the last time I heard about you, were a retired Major on a plantation in Devac Gulf, looking at Jap warships through a pair of "large vistas" and insisting that they were really warships. People were then reported as advising you to switch off to Haig and Haig or some other brand, but I believed you had the correct dope and said so. Maybe some of those wise advisers think so too by this time. Now you and Jimmy Grinstead have your promotions. My sincere congratulations. For myself, I am like a bum radio the Mrs. used to have---still spitting up static. However, I did a trick this year which will make a record for Jimmie to break or any of the rest of you young fellows. I became a father on May 20 of a handsome little boy and just to prove that I meant what I was doing I celebrated my 66th birthday on September 17. And that boy is a handsome kid in any man's language. But he has to be in order to outweigh my whiskers, about which there is absolutely nothing beautiful.

Yes, I can easily understand what you describe as "a desperate struggle for personal power" among rival leaders, but, for myself I am like Kipling's suttees. Just "do my duty and burn". But I do hope to be out from under when the order goes forth to disarm some of these MMF babies. I put in a number of

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years doing that. The pastime is short of a lot of the essential elements of good health and you would be surprised at that amount of superior fun to be had from almost any other occupation in life.

I hope you, Col. Bowler and Jimmie Grinstead can find time and means of coming over this way and making a visit some time, but I would not advice trying it now. Glan is and has been occupied by Japs since May 2. Buayan has about 40 guarding a small new landing field. Ligao is held mostly by pro-Japs under General Santos and Malita is held by an indefinite number of Japanese Philippine Constabulary.

I remain

Cordially yours,

/s/ H. C. Page  
H. C. PAGE  
Major, Inf-AUS  
Commanding, 116th Inf

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen



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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER  
SECOND BATTALION 116TH INFANTRY REGT.  
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In the Field  
20 August 43

MEMORANDUM FOR -  
The Regimental Commander, USFIP  
116th Inf. Regiment, 10" MD

1. In connection with the letter of the Regimental Commander, dated July 27, 1943 and received by the undersigned on 19 August 43, the following information are hereby submitted:

(a) General Headquarters is still existing and functioning somewhere. The Japanese landed last June 26, 1943, occupying Tukuran, Labanagan, Pagadian, Misamis, Oroquieta and Dipulog.

(b) I understand all your communications are still here as our courier could not go to Headquarters until the way is clear. We sent a flash 3 days ago asking Headquarters for instructions where our runner could possibly pass, but no answer is received yet till the time of this writing.

(c) Lebak do not receive nor send news to Davao Coast Station.

(d) Lebak has sent your radios to Headquarters.

(d) If the Regimental Commander, means Lt. Garcia as the Technician who promised Capt. Aquino to install a Transmitting set in your headquarters, he told me that he did not promise but only told Capt. Aquino, that if he (Capt. Aquino) will give him radio spare parts, he will make a radio transmitting set out of it which could be used by Regimental headquarters.

(e) I have no idea nor anybody else here when if ever General Headquarters will send you any assistance.

(f) The launch "CORINA" was met by Lt. Desaville somewhere in Rosa mid-night of July 18, 1943 bound for Pagadian. Rosa is about one fourth of the way to Pagadian. They must have arrived there safely.

(g) I cannot find out what punishment was meted by General Headquarters to Lt. Fernandez and Lt. Ragsdale for their delay in returning.

JVT/m;

TRUE COPY:

/s/ F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf-USFIP

(SGD) JOSE V. TUICO  
1st Lt. Med. Corps  
MO., 2" Bn 116th Inf Regt.

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

in connection with the letterhead memorandum dated July 27, 1943 and received by me on July 28, the following information: R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

(a) General Headquarters is remaining somewhere. The Japanese Headquarters for Luzon, occupying Tukuran, Labangan, Pagadian, Oroquieta and Dipolog.

(b) I understand all your communications here as our courier could not go to Headquarters the way is clear. He sent a flash 3 days ago to Headquarters for instructions where our runner could possibly pass, but no answer is received yet till this morning.

(c) I could not find out where you send news to Headquarters.

(d) I could not send your radio to Headquarters.

(e) If the Regimental Commander, means Lt. ... as the Technician who provided Capt. Aquino to transmit a transmitting set in your headquarters, he told me that he did not promise but only told Capt. Aquino, that if he (Capt. Aquino) will give him radio spare parts, he will make a radio transmitting set out of it which will be used by Regimental headquarters.

(f) I have no idea nor anybody else here that if ever General Headquarters will send you any messages.

(g) The launch "CORINA" was not by Lt. ... somewhere in East side-night of July 15, 1943 toward the Pagadian. She is about one fourth of the way to Pagadian. They must have arrived there safely.

(h) I cannot find out what punishment was given by General Headquarters to Lt. ... and Lt. ... for their delay in returning.

(SGD) JOHN E. ...  
1st Lt, ...  
NO., 2nd ...

JVE/aj

TRUE COPY:

/s/ F. MARRASAY  
Capt. Inf-8871P

HQ 116 REGT

HCP/crz

1st Indorsement

HQ 116 REGT, 10 MD, USFIP, In the Field, 27 Jul 1943  
To : 1st Lt. Jose V. Tuico, USFIP, Lebak, Cotabato

1. I am glad to note that you got your commission without having to serve here. Lebak is probably a better place to serve than Glan.

2. Now I shall ask you to do something for us. We have been trying for some two months to get information out of General Headquarters by letters sent direct and through Lebak; also by radio. The radio here is said to be out of order. I have also heard that it is functioning with a borrowed receiver. We have a young officer over there for his second time trying to find out which is true. The first time he never even got there and nobody was stopping him. Captain Magsakay has mistaken me for a mind reader and keeps me posted on nothing.

3. Is General Headquarters still in existence and is it functioning? If so, where and why can I not receive replies to my communications? Does Lebak receive now radios from our Davao Coast Station and can Lebak reply thereto? Has Lebak sent my radios forward to General Headquarters? Has Lebak sent various letters of ours to General Headquarters? When Captain Aquino was in Lebak he was promised a radio set by the technician to be installed at this headquarters. Do you or Captain Magsakay know where it is or why we cannot get it? Can you find out for me when, if ever, General Headquarters contemplates sending us any assistance? Did the little launch M. L. Corina ever reach Pagadian in safety? What action did Headquarters ever take on Lieut Fernandez and Lieut Ragsdale for causing its delay in returning? They should be punished, but if dead now, they are obviously beyond our ken. The only hope I have of their safe arrival is one based on the proverb about a special Providence which takes care of fools and another which avers that the Devil cares well for his own. I have never heard from the launch since it left Pangyan about June 13, but its delay was contrary to my frantic instructions to have it leave.

4. Now, please answer me yourself. Do not turn this over to Capt. Magsakay for answer. Then attach a copy of your answer to this whole communication and do your best to see that General Fertig gets it promptly.

(SGD.) H. C. PAGE  
Major, A U S  
C O, 116th Inf Regt.

A TRUE COPY:

(SGD.) JOSE V. TUICO  
1st Lt. Medical Corps  
MO., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 116th Inf Regiment

/m;

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY: TRUE COPY. /s/ F. Magsakay  
F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf-USFIP  
R. B. SLADE  
1st Lt, Inf  
Actg Ass't Adj Gen

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
HEADQUARTERS  
FIRST PROV. BN., 116TH INF. REGT.  
BARURAO, SALAMAN, COTABATO

April 7, 1943

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: SIX BAYANG MOROS  
To : Commanding (CE) Inf. AUS MVF

1. That some time on December 25, 1942 our outpost at Tibpuan Beach Salaman, Cotabato, brought to the CP station at Barurao six Maranaws namely; Datu Dimalna Umpat, Kagui Tominaman Diwan, Macabenbeg Guling, Pilandoc Mamor, Miser Usingan and Rengca Sangcupan. Investigation was conducted and found out that they were members of the Maranaw Pirates who had passed this district sometimes during the month of September, 1942 as can be seen from their affidavits hereto attached. They had admitted to have stolen the money deposited by Commissioner Guingona at Siwagat, Tamparan, Lanao; killed and robbed two China men at Malita, Davao; killed and robbed Chinese Mestizo at Kiamba and according to Kagui Tominawan Diwan their important mission was the real fact that they were spying the places visited as per order of the Japanese authorities of Lanao and to prove this Japanese pass was found in the possession of said Kagui Tominaman Diwan.

2. From them we have confiscated ₱5553.81 Japanese and Philippine money of different denominations and several articles of clothing as can be said from the attached Clothing Schedule. The money were used by the Army for their salaries and subsistence and the clothing were issued to our soldiers without cost as our soldiers ran out of clothing.

(Sgd) F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf., USAFIP  
CO., 1st Prov. Bn 116th Inf.

Enclosures:

1. Clothing Schedule
2. Affidavits of Maranaws-Macabenbeg Guling, Datu Dimalna Umpat, Pilandoc Mamor, Kagui Tominaman Diwan, and Rengca Sangcupan.
3. Reports of the Concentration Officer.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY: /s/ F. Magsakay  
F. MAGSAKAY  
Capt. Inf., USAFIP  
C O., 2nd Bn 116th Inf

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:  
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*W. E. Jernigan*

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