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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS, TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
119th Infantry Regiment

In the Field
30 Oct. 1943

Lt.-Col. F. D. McGee
Commanding Officer
106th Division, 10th M.D.

Dear Colonel McGee:

I have just received your communication of the 28th instant, notifying me of the creation of the 106th Division, 10th Military District, and of your designation as its commanding officer, as well as advising me report to you promptly. Congratulations for your promotion.

The organization of the 119th Infantry has been completed, but I wish to inform you that I am not yet in a position to report to you. When the liaison officer between the General Headquarters, 10th Military District, and the 119th Infantry returns from CPG he will, no doubt, bring pertinent papers regarding any change of status of this organization.

Just now we are busy preparing for an impending Japanese attack in our area.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Gumbay Piang
GUMBAY PIANG
Captain, PArmy
Commanding

COPY FURNISHED:
Lt. Col. McGEE
CO, 10th Military District
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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS, 119TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

2 November 1943

Mr. Froilan M. Matas
Midsayap, Cotabato

Dear Major Matas:

*Commanding General
F. D. McGee*

I wonder if you have heard that the 106th Division has been created for the Province of Cotabato? The Regiments include the 116th, 118th and 119th. I expected this move after my conference with the Commanding General. Therefore, for the welfare of the men in your force, I still advise that you attach yourself to either the 118th or the 119th before these Regiments would be allowed;

Very sincerely,

(Sgd) GUMBAY PIANG
Captain, PARMY
Commanding

A true copy:

/s/ F. D. McGee
Lt. Col. AUS

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS, 119TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

In the Field
15 Dec. 1943

Subject: Reply to Correspondence
Dated 7, December, 1943

To: Lt. Col. F. D. McGee
CO, 106th Division, MF-USFIP
In the Field

1. I do not question any statements made by my Commanding Officer, 10th Military District. However, re Upi region, Colonel Fertig and I touched the subject of regimental areas and even gave him a typewritten note, which would give the 116th Infantry the coastal areas to Tapan Pt: south of the mouth of the Cotabato River. It was only till I landed at Matuber and saw the advantage of having a "port" for the 119th that I became interested in that place, which is only a day's direct hike from my Regimental Headquarters. I sent a communication to the Commanding Officer, 10th Military District, asking that our area be extended to include the coastline south of the mouth of the Cotabato River to Tabuan River. I am not fighting for area, I am after military efficiency.

2. When I was at CPG, Colonel Fertig and I touched the difference existing between Captains Magsakay and Guballa. I told him of a previous understanding between Captain Guballa and me, long before I was physically able to come to the field again to resume fighting, to fuse his outfit with mine when I would finally be able to actively engage in guerrilla. However, in spite of this understanding, I suggested to Colonel Fertig that I would exert efforts to patch up the misunderstanding between the two. When I was passing the Upi region I was particularly careful not to pass by Captain Guballa's CP, but I sent him a note telling him of my statement to Colonel Fertig re better understanding between the two PC captains. Then a few days after my arrival, Captain Guballa and officers of his and Duran's outfits came to me to present their units for incorporation into the 119th. Upi was not properly affiliated with the 116th; Duran's unit was not connected with any at all. The Upi unit dispatched sometime before a mission to CPG informing Colonel Fertig of the final break between the Lebak and the Upi units. Here is my attitude towards all our guerrilla forces. to have them organized--affiliate with any regiment--and then work harmoniously with each other and synchronize our movement.

3. More of the Upi affair. You will see that none of the men there now, with the possible exception of Captain Guballa,

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is officially commissioned with the USFIP. A few of the men are enlisted, but none of Duran's. Magsakay somehow or other dilly-dallied with these outfits, for which you cannot blame the trouble on the Upi boys.

4. Captain Guballa is here temporarily commanding the 119th's second battalion. His status is to be decided by the Commanding Officer, 10th Military District, and he knows it. Since he rendered satisfactory services at Upi, I have to save him from going astray merely on account of someone's personal grudge against him. We are engaged in guerrilla, we are here in the forest not for peacetime maneuvers. A false move, and something disagreeable happens. It is my business as a soldier to save from damnation fellow soldiers, such as Guballa, Magsakay, Songalia (who I understand now was sacrifice and is in a concentration camp), et al.

5. Just when did I or my agents promote dissension or mutiny in the field? All my men in the 119th are volunteers, selected from thousands of applicants with honest intention to fight the Japanese. The trouble with us is, when as superior officers we feel peeved we accuse the other fellow as "pro-enemy". This has been a tragedy in our militia forces. On the other hand, I informed Colonel Fertig of certain guerrilla leaders activities against the creation of the 119th. Documents support that report.

6. Please understand that I don't easily tolerate being alluded to as an enemy agent, and please understand that I am not in politics and am in the forest to fight for my country and the United States and to save the skin of other men in the field. This injection of politics and political destinies for those who fight and do not fight has been the root-cause of so many ailments. I have my own people to support whatever political inclination I might decide regardless of what I do or do not do now. The question of politics must be avoided, and no promise of political favors must be made to our fighting men. Understand that the Philippines is a voting country, and Uncle Sam will leave immediately to grant us independence, in which case you will be out of the political picture here. It is true that those who commit crimes now against the nation will have to do lots of explaining. But, certainly, being in the army now doesn't assure one's position after this war. Injecting politics tarnishes the fine motive of so many of our guerrilla leaders and it destroys the prestige of the whole organization of the USFIP. And the statement coming from the highest ranking army officer in Cotabato Province is a bad sign. To be frank, I WOULD RATHER GET OUT OF THE USFIP NOW than to serve under anyone on whom I have no confidence as a leader.

7. I expect to see you on your way back to Midsayap.

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In fact I am inviting you to stay with me indefinitely to watch the daily movement of the Japanese. Here I receive reports daily from our men in different parts of the province. Don't be offended with my frankness, here with so many fine loyal men around us in this safe place, we can have good drink, good radio news, good fellowship, and so on. Please come over. I assure you that you have friends around.

/s/ Gumbay Piang
GUMBAY PIANG
Captain, Army
Commanding

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS, 119TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

In the Field
3 Jan., 1944

Lt.-Col. F. D. McGee
Commanding Officer
106th Division, USFIP

Dear Colonel McGee:

I received your notes of the 21st, 22nd, and 29th of December. I assure you that they have cleared certain misunderstanding arising of out your previous communication. I want to assure you also that I have the deepest affection for all of you Americans in Mindanao. Sometime ago, when I heard that you were sick under the care of Luminog, I sent you quinine and a lengthy letter. I was informed that the letter was not delivered to you.

You are again mistaken about "my" agents. I have no agents. Lt. Balingit is a man of Matas who was on his way to CPG. The men from Upi who came here came on their own volition to present their organizations to the 119th after their break with the Lebak outfit. Colonel Fertig has been duly informed of all transactions of this Regiment.

I wish I could see you personally, and would have been there myself had it not been for the fact that the Jap campaign against us is not yet over. I have laid out a definite program of activities, which, for certain reasons, I cannot discuss in this letter. When we meet each other personally we could discuss our activities. Please pass over this area and stay with us for a while on your way back to Midsayap.

Yes, we have been attacked by the Japanese. Their operation started on the 22nd Ultimo, but for certain reason they did not come to our military camps where we prepared our defenses. All our camps are intact. However, they discovered the camp of some of our families, which was evacuated and undefended. They burnt houses at Piris, Talayan, and our families' camp.

In retaliation, we sent an attacking squad to fire on the enemy garrison at Dulawan the night following the burning of houses by the enemy. Enemy casualty was two dead and ten wounded enemy troops. No USFIP casualty, although they killed one Tiruray EM at Piris whom they saw and machined gun for about an hour.

The Japanese from Dulawan was accompanied by guides furnished by Datu Mamanapano Ampatuan, a brother-in-law

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of mine. Datu Mamanapano was also building a house for a Japanese garrison, as well as sending men posing as Japanese to terrorize the Tirurays in the hills and loot vacated houses. Yesterday, when Mamanapano refused to surrender the guides of the Japanese whom he was keeping in his cotta, and because of his pernicious activities, Company "M" sent a detachment to demand the surrender of the culprits. Our men fired, killed the guard of the Cota, but saved the civilians from harm and the house of Mamanapano from destruction. It is imperative that the people realize that they cannot freely live after helping the enemy hunt for the guerrillas.

The Japanese from Dalican were accompanied by about a hundred Datu Sinsuat armed men, headed by Udin Sinsuat and Usman Baraguir. This party did the burning and looting.

You have not been misinformed regarding the attitude of so many of our people, Moros and Christians alike. They are not only lying with the enemy, but they do everything to please the Japanese--from reporting guerrilla members and movements to accompanying them in patrols. Like the floating islands of Liguasan Marsh, they move where the current and the wind blow them, so, naturally, they will also turn pro-America when they see Uncle Sam's boys here. THEY WANT TO WIN BOTH WAYS.

I am certainly fighting against the civilians who are cooperating with the enemy. That is one reason why my hair is turning gray. I should have attacked Dalican long ago and wipe out that nest of traitors, but that is not my policy. I am for keepin aloft from our people and letting post-war courts take care of them.

Conscription is going on. The BC, or Constabulary, is helping the Japs against the USFIP. The BC will be the nucleus of the army of the yellow Republic of the Philippines which will fight side by side with the Japanese against our landing troops. Some say that many will desert their organization when these boys see the Americans. There are times when I come to think that the case of the Philippines is a tragedy! But we have to be patient and merciful.

Very sincerely,

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Gumbay Piang
GUMBAY PIANG
Captain, Army

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

USFIP-119TH INFANTRY

In the Field
4 Jan., 1944

Subject: ORGANIZATION PAPERS

To: Lt.-Col. J. D. McGee
In the Field

1. I note that you are asking for our Regiment's organization papers. They are at CPG, brought there by the Liaison Officer of the 10th MD GHQ to the 119th Inf.

/s/ Gumbay Piang
GUMBAY PIANG
Captain, Army
Commanding

PS: I am inviting you to stay with us for a while and discuss nature of activities. We are now starting our work following our program of projects.

Messenger: Lt Mamaco Kolicot

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Actg Ass't Adj Gen

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
(Continued) TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT

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"A" CORPS 106TH DIVISION
regiment HEADQUARTERS, 119TH INFANTRY REGIMENT. I have
been keeping the remaining troops in shape to facilitate
movements of couriers from CPB to the regiments in the field.
Next time you see I will give you all 16 March 1944, guides
or escorts that you may need. I was 6:00 AM that when the
Division messenger passed last time, I was not contacted to
MESSAGE NO. 3. As you will see I am the one that sent
different couriers to contact you and deliver
To - CO, 106th Division

1. Am dispatching Sgt. Panzo, G. and two other companions. They are armed with three (3) rifles and one (1) hand grenade.
2. Major Nunage BC and Capt. Javelosa, BC are now at Nabundas, negotiating the surrender of soldiers from the 119th Infantry. They have partly succeeded by making 3 of our EM surrender through the BC.
3. There are thirty (30) BC at Kayakaya commanded by Sgt. Borja; fifty (50) BC at Nabundas commanded by 1st Sgt. Saniel; 7 Japs at Maganoy; 10 Japs at Salbu; 10 Japs and 15 BC at Katipuan.
4. Japs as a rule do not patrol either during the day or night although they usually go to market at Salbu or Kitapok by four or six men. The BC patrols rarely during day and never at night.
5. So far none of our soldiers or officers has been forced by the BC to surrender to the enemy except those that they are able to convince to surrender voluntarily and then made to join the BC.. The propaganda of the BC is to make our soldiers surrender to them, join them in the BC Force and when the aid comes to jump in and join us in our common fight against the enemy.
6. The BC has not yet tried to arrest or shoot our men but nevertheless we are very careful when passing their occupied areas during the course of our patrols.
7. Informations has it that the civilians in the town of Cotabato are told to prepare to evacuate when the Americans arrive. The Japanese are also heard by our fieldmen as saying that if the guerrillas won't disturb them they will not also bother them.
8. I want to take with you matters in regard to this regiment, its weak personnel, the cause of its easy wearing before enemy actions and other matters appertaining to this

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regiment in the interest of the military service. I have been keeping the remaining troops in shape to facilitate movements of couriers from CPG to the regiments in the field. Next time you come I will give you all the cargadors, guides or escorts that you may need. I was so sorry that when the Division Commander passed last time, I was not contacted to attend to his needs. As you will see I am the one that sent all the three different couriers to contact you and deliver to you pertinent papers.

9. I am starting on the reorganization of this regiment. I have scratched my head several times because there are cases or matters at times that I cannot agree with my CO; hence my desire to confer with you in the set-up of this regiment under you.

/s/ Samson Afdal
SAMAON AFDAL
1st Lt., 103rd Inf.
Executive Officer, 119th Inf.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

1. We are... of our soldiers or officers...
forced by... to the...
they are... to surrender. R. B. SLADE
wants to join... The proposal... 1st Lt, Inf
our soldiers... to them, join... Actg Ass't Adj Gen
when the aid... to join...
against the....

6. The... has not yet tried to arrest or...
but nevertheless we are very careful when passing...
suspicious areas during the course of our patrols.

7. Information has it that the civilians in the...
District are told to prepare to evacuate when the...
arrive. The Japanese will also be heard by our...
that if the guerrillas won't disturb them they will not...
bother them.

8. I want to take with you matters in regard to this
regiment, its weak personnel, the cause of its...
before enemy actions and other... opportunities...

USFIP - 119TH INF HQ
25 March, 1944

Major H. C. Page
CO, 116th Inf. MF-USFIP

Assalam-o-Alaikum:

How is the Old Man, the sage of Sugud-a-Buayan? I hope the yellow rats don't bother you as much as we are pestered by them. In this shoot-and-run and catch-me-if-you-can game, we have been having fun since December.

Here is a letter I have sent to McGee, who is somewhere in the 118th area where he holds his Hq. It is about Captain Magsakay, whom I understand is also your enigma, your problem child. Magsakay being my neighbor, I had to write our common CO sent us by CPG. I apologize to you for sending the communication without first conferring with you, but I realize the difficulties in the way of communication between our headquarters. But I know the Old Man sees my point.

I am asking you to let 1st Lt. Simeon Millan command the battalion of Magsakay. Lt. Millan is, I assure you, about the cleanest and squarest officer you have. He is courageous, honest, loyal, and very industrious. I have known Millan for a long time and have seen how he works. By all means see to it that he gets promoted.

Regards to all friends in your kingdom of Sarangani Gulf and coral strands.

Walaikum-o-Assalam,

/s/ Datu Gumbay Piang
DATU GUMBAY PIANG
Captain, Army,
Commanding

PS- May I know what has happened to Mr. Jose Hombrebueno of Glan?

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

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
"A" CORPS, 106TH DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS, 119TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

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In the Field (M)
25 March, 1944

Subject: Capt. F. MAGSAKAY

To: Commanding Officer
106th Division, USFIP

1. The time has come when I should speak of an outfit that does not belong to my command. I refer to the Lebak outfit of Captain Magsakay. It is rather improper for me to do so, but the welfare of the service necessitates it.
2. Perhaps you do not realize that near-chaos reign in Lebak, with Magsakay as persona non grata to almost everybody there--soldiers and civilians alike, both Christian and Moro. I have been trying to keep that outfit intact by restraining the men there from running away. It is a fact that somewhere around 90% of Magsakay's men, officers included, have been pleading to me to let them in with the 119th Inf with their arms, but, conscious of army regulations and of my duty as a soldier, and out of respect for my friend Major Page of the 116th, I have been exerting efforts to prevent them from doing so.
3. My men who come from Lebak invariably tell me of the antagonistic attitude of Magsakay toward them. I also hear from soldiers and civilians that Magsakay, with whom I have had no contact all these days and years, speaks ill of me. For what? Magsakay is afraid of me, of every honest man, and of his own shadow because of his guilty conscience. Magsakay was to be interned in the concentration camp before the surrender two years ago for a) looting and for b) maltreating regular army men whose officer was directly responsible to the Division Headquarters for absolutely no other reason than to show the public that he was the big man in Lebak. Then, in his capacity as commanding officer of his present USFIP post, he butchered several Moros to get their money and goods worth several thousand pesos. Magsakay is afraid that we shall discover the place where he is hiding his stolen things and is also afraid I might act and secure justice for the Moros he and his accomplices killed.
4. I now ask, or advise, that you and Major Page do something in the way of getting Magsakay out. In the interest of the USFIP, by all means remove Magsakay, a criminal, from command. For good relationship between the Lebak unit and other organizations such as this and others in Lanao, take

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Magsakay away to where we might not get him for killing people just to rob them. For good relationship between the Lebak unit and other organizations such as this and others in Lanao, take Magsakay away to where we might not get him for killing people just to rob them. For the sake of military efficiency--well, let Major Page say the rest. I have been patient because I realize our need for restraining our nerves, but the meekest man has limits to his patience.

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/s/ Gumbay Piang
GUMBAY PIANG
Captain, Army
Commanding

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

USFIP - 119TH INF HQ
Advance CP (M)

25 March 1944

1 true copy:
29 Apr 44

GUIB: (SGD) P. C. MORALES

1. I am sending back Sulla. I am sorry that McGEE has not yet gone out of Udtog's 118th area, so no reply to my request for a little amount of money to pay men and for food. I understand that he is gathering 200 cargadores to transport to Udtog's place all the arms and ammunition now in Lebak.

2. Why do we get so many rounds of 45 ammunition when we do not have a single tommy gun here? Either McGee is really crazy or he merely wants to appease me by giving me something without relieving my need for aid because when the Japs shoot my boys they can't return fire. McGee gave me less than a case, 1400 rounds. Of 45-cal the 3000 rounds give us 3600 from him for 30 pistols we presently have.

3. So far I received only ₱1920.00 for the whole regiment. I am sending you for Teng ₱60 one month allowance. I am not subtracting the money I gave him when he left. There is another ₱35 for you. I borrowed this money from officers. I was able to get only ₱95.00.

4. Read carefully the communications regarding Matas. Show the copies I am sending you to General Fertig and Colonel Bowler. If McGee forces Matas to the 118th Matas will go out of this province with all his arms. McGee also will deprive Matas of command. According to Col. McGee, the Matas case is closed as far as the 119th is concerned. When I talked to him when he was here he told me that I was fighting a lost war. But I am still. McGee told me that if Matas outfit will not join Salipada and Udtog he will declare them outlaws. He said that the Matas outfit has arms, so Salipada and Udtog must have them. He said that the only arms we could have are those of Sinsuat's if and when we attack them and annihilate them.

5. Tell General Bowler and Colonel Fertig that I am a very patient man, but if the present attitude of McGee towards my outfit continues, I will forget that I am a soldier. That is why I am letting them know the developments as I want them to know what is going on. Must they sacrifice harmony and efficiency because of one man's blind will to please a bunch of politically-minded friends? By joining the Usfip I am handicapped in helping friends in Lebak; I am losing control over my own people because an idiotic commander gives me only those controlled by the enemy. Is this what McGee meant when he threatened my political future? You remember that threat in his letter. In the meantime I'll try to dance to the tune of McGee's music.

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CAPT. PIANG

A true copy:
29 Apr 44

(SGD) P. C. MORALES
2d Lt, Inf, USFIP
The Adjutant General

A true copy:

18 July 44

/s/ 1st Lt, Inf, USFIP
The Adjutant General
106" Div.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

4. Had everything was...
office I am sending you to...
Mader forces Mader to the 11th...
with all his arms. Mader also...
according to Col. McGee, the Mader...
is concerned. When I talked to...
I was fighting a lost war. But I...
Mader outfit will not join Salgado...
outlaws. He said that the Mader...
Mader must have them. He said that...
are those of Simpson's if and when...
them.

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USFIP - 119TH INF HQ
Advance CP (M)

25 March 1944

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*Col. Fertig did that
I told Matas he could join Pangs in Pangs area
This was refused
I told Matas he could join Pangs in Pangs area
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I told Matas he could join Pangs in Pangs area*

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CAPT. PIANG

A true copy:
29 Apr 44

/s/ ()
2d Lt, Inf, USFIP
The Adjutant General
ABC MTF

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*A + A Reg
A Co, 119 Inf.
USFIP*

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

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
"A" CORPS, 106TH DIVISION

119TH INFANTRY
In the Field
30 April, 1944

NAGUIB:

I have just been on a conference with Colonel McGee and showed him file copies of my notes to you, to show him that I am not hiding things from him.

I sincerely apologized to Colonel McGee for my rush impulse on account of my interest and enthusiasm in the organization we both created. In the first place I was wrong to say something against a superior; in the second place I have learned, after hearing his side, that Colonel McGee is very enthusiastic in his labor and has the best thought and plans for our interest.

Please tell Colonel Bowler and General Fertig, when you meet them, that I am learning to love and respect our Old Man here. Just as I would give my life for General MacArthur and General Fertig, I would do so for the real American in Colonel McGee.

I am asking him to remove me out of the 119th, the source of my misunderstanding with him.

/s/ Capt. Piang
CAPT. PIANG

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

Re .45 Cal. Ammunition
Communication dated 29 April 44

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1st Indorsement

USFIP - 106th Division, 119th Inf, 8 May 44
TO: C O, 106th Division

1. Request the delivery of 2600 rounds of Cal .45 ammunition to be used immediately for .45-cal pistols and for reserve in our area.

2. One thousand rounds will be returned by Lt. Vicente Ortucste without delay.

/s/ Gumbay Piang
Captain, Army
Commanding

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

Re Remark of Capt Piang in Losing Control of People
Communication dated 30 April 44

1st Ind

USFIP, 106th Division, 119th, 8 May, 1944
TO: C O, 106th Division

1. The statement in question was made when I had to cancel so many men I inducted due to misunderstanding of instructions from CPG. A datu, among his people, must have to uphold his commitments. However, this is now a closed affair, and the Division Commander cannot help me in this case since written instructions he received contradict instructions of liaison officer, et al.

2. I certainly feel so happy to know that my Commander has so kindly offered his aid in adjusting my relationship with my people. For this gesture alone, I re-pledge my loyalty to him and to the government he represents.

/s/ Gumbay Piang
GUMBAY PIANG
Captain, Army
Commanding

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
"A" CORPS, 106 DIVISION

In the Field
May 17, 1944

TO: The Division Commander,
Sir:

With regards to the memorandum I received from Lt. A. Mercado, regarding our stay in Tran, so far that I am not yet alright I ask a pass from our Regt. Commander that I will report as soon as I fully recover from my sickness, I advise my men to go to Matebur where our sector is, but they are waiting for my 1st Sgt. who is coming from Upi to take charge of them in Matebur.

I am hoping that the first Sgt. will be here this week, and they will go right away.

Yours respectfully

/s/ Vicente Ortuste
(Actg.) 3rd Lieut. CO#D" Co 119th of Regt.

1. Cali, Samal
2. Cali, Sumael
3. Cali, Saib
4. Altea Dadong
5. Rias, Talib
6. Arqueta, Simeon
7. Vilo, Tomas
8. Darandas, Nearo
9. Piloto, Kamad
10. Simpa, Malayon
11. Dimalon, Kamad
12. Abdul
13. Panding, Batua
14. Ortuste, Jaldon

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Brief: Non-Compliance with orders.

1st Indorsement

HQ 119TH INF Field, 22 May, 44

To: Division Commander, 106th Division

1. Lt. Vicente Ortouste, head of the group of men who were to proceed to their station at Tapan, has been sick while on his way and was at Tran when I was at CPC the other week. The Division Commander knows very well that I transmitted his order to Ortouste, as I repeated same order when he was in the Division Headquarters.
2. The Division Commander had no objection to Ortouste's stay at Tran while he is sick, but not his men. I presume that the men were busy adjusting their families prior to their departure. It was because of removing their families from our combat zone that the men of Ortouste had to pass by Tran en route to their new station. I also wish to inform the Division Commander that it is un-Moro for a warrior to leave a sick leader. That is why the men have been hanging around their sick officer.
3. Ortouste's men were accepted into the USFIP by me as Regimental Commander and authorized organizing officer. Creating an organization carries with it the authority to accept desirable and qualified volunteers and to recommend appointments for commissions. The induction papers and other records were submitted to CPC, but were returned because of enemy pressure at the time then our Liaison Officer Naguib Jaunday was there with these documents. When I presented the can of documents to the Division Commander at Kibungoy, where I first met him personally, I was told to hold them for a while for lack of a definite Division Headquarters. They will be resubmitted with the revised organization papers.
4. Sometime after Ortouste left this Headquarters, I told him to verify the presence of Ama ni Pikit and party, who are badly wanted by us for their operations against this outfit. I mentioned this to the Division Commander and told him that the order will be revoked. Perhaps some day Ama ni pikit will either come back to our area or watch for submarines beyond the three-mile offshore territorial limit where we might be free to catch him. Ama ni Pikit, I insist, is dangerous to the USFIP as long as he is an enemy agent.
5. When I was at CPC I investigated Ortouste's party "living off the country killing cattle and selling the beef in the market." These men killed six heads of cattle, for which they signed a receipt. The cost of the cattle, at P25.00 each, is P150.00, according to the man who is holding the receipt. I instructed Ortouste to leave the Barurac area and stop eating off the country there, and to pay for the animals they procured. He

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told me that their April ration allowance will be used by them in paying for the beef account. They are MMF troops with cash ration allowance of 35 centavos per man. An MMF soldier, as I understand it, is given this allowance and he does the rest in subsisting himself. For lack of advance ration allowance, I sometimes believe that the boys merely used their heads--procure beef on credit and sold what they could not eat for the other things they need, such as rice, salt, etc. Even at that, they still must have had their belts tightened. The USFIP ration table allows ten men per ganta of rice or corn per meal. At P2.50 per ganta of rice, Tran price, a man eats 25 centavos worth of rice per meal or 50 centavos for two meals a day without fish, salt, vegetable, etc. The price of P2.50 per ganta of rice along the coast is very insignificant compared to the minimum price of P7.50 per ganta in this area.

6. I hope the exit of the men of Ortouste was immediately effected. I also hope that Datu Idrus went with them as he is a part of Lt. Ortouste's company with station at Tapian Point.

/s/ Gumbay Piang
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