

HEADQUARTERS FORT ONTARIO, NEW YORK
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2. Sergeant Harry J. Staples, 6907109, Detachment Medical Department, this station, will proceed to Pine Camp, Great Pond, New York, reporting upon arrival to the Commanding Officer, 3rd Bn., 28th Infantry, as replacement for Sergeant Harry L. Bunge, R-1247079, Medical Department, who will return to this station without delay.

Sergeant Staples will remain with the 3rd Bn., 28th Infantry, until their return to this station on or about March 15, 1940.

3. Pursuant to instructions contained in letter, Headquarters Second Corps Area, 220.3 (Surg.O.), dated February 26, 1940. Sergeant Harry L. Bunge, R-1247079, Detachment Medical Department, this Department, Plattsburg Barracks, New York, Plattsburg Barracks, New York.

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Fort Mills, P.I.
7 May, 1942

SUBJECT: Surrender.

To : Major General William F. Sharp, Jr., Commanding
Visayan-Mindanao Force.

To put a stop to future useless sacrifice of human life on the fortified island, yesterday I tendered to Lieutenant General Homma, the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Force in the Philippines, the surrender of the four harbor forts of Manila Bay.

General Homma declined to accept my surrender unless it included the forces under command. It became apparent that the garrisons of these forts would be eventually destroyed by the aerial and artillery bombardment and by Infantry supported by tanks, which have overwhelmed Corregidor.

After leaving General Homma with no agreement between us I decided to accept in the name of humanity his proposal and tendered at midnight, night 6-7 May, 1942, to the senior Japanese Officer on Corregidor, the formal surrender of all American and Philippine Army troops in the Philippines. You will therefore be guided accordingly, and will repeat will surrender all troops under your Command both in the Visayan Islands and Mindanao to the proper Japanese Officer. This decision on my part, you will realize, was forced upon me by means entirely beyond my control.

Colonel Jesse T. Traywick, Jr., G.S.C., my Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, who will deliver this to you is fully empowered to act for me. You are hereby ordered by me as the senior American Army Officer in the Philippines Islands to scrupulously carry out the provisions of this letter, as well as such additional instructions as Colonel Traywick may give you in my name.

You will repeat the complete text of this letter and such other instructions as Colonel Traywick may give you by radio to General MacArthur. Let me emphasize that there must be on your part no thought of disregarding these instructions. Failure to fully and honestly carry them out can have only the most disastrous results.

I CERTIFY that this is
a true copy.

May-11/42

(SGD.) W. F. SHARP
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

(SGD.) J. M. WAINRIGHT
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army

FABRICA MAY 20, 1942

COL HILSMAN
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FOR YOURSELF AND COL HUMBER COLON THE QUESTION OF THOSE TO BE PLACED IN THAT CONCENTRATION CAMP WILL BE DECIDED BY THE JAPANESE STOP THE CONTROL OF YOU OFFICERS AND MEN IS OF COURSE A MATTER OF COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY RESTING SOLELY WITH YOU STOP CIVILIAN CONTROL IS A MATTER OUT OF YOUR JURISDICTION STOP LT COL HUMBER HAS ARRIVED YOUR HEADQUARTERS BUT I HAVE RECEIVED NO REPORT OF YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH HE CARRIED FROM ME STOP UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE I DESIRE IMMEDIATE REPLY REGARDING ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN BY YOU TO COMPLY WITH MY ORDERS STOP FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND TO QUIET FEAR AMONG CIVILIANS ADVISE THAT JAPANESE HAVE BEEN MOST LENIENT OF THIS ISLAND AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REMAIN AT THEIR POSTS STOP TREATMENT OF MILITARY FORCES HAS BEEN STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENEVA CONVENTION AS INDICATED IN OUR RULES OF LAND WARFARE

SHARP

A TRUE COPY:
6-20-42(SGD.) BENJAMIN C. GASTON
B-Captain, QMG-Rob

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS NEGROS SECTOR
Fabrica, Negros Occidental

May 23, 1942

MEMORANDUM NO: ALL FILIPINO OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN.

1. Direct written orders have been received by me from Major General Sharp, and authorized by Lieutenant General MacArthur, to surrender the forces of the Negros Sector.

2. Those orders have been obeyed by this Headquarters and, as a member of this command, you also must obey them.

3. FAILURE to surrender classifies you as;

a. a DESERTER by the Philippine and United States Armies.

PENALTY DEATH

b. an OUTLAW by the Imperial Japanese Army,

PENALTY DEATH

4. By the terms of surrendering agreement the Imperial Japanese Army has been furnish;

a. your name and home address,

b. your present location and

c. the arms and ammunition you have.

5. By surrendering you will draw full pay until you are mustered out of the service and you will be entitle to all bonus and insurance privileges of the USAFFE. You will also be recognized as an HONORABLE prisoner of war by the Government, the USAFFE, the Japanese Imperial Army and treated as such.

6. Half of our officers and men of the Negros Forces have already reported at surrender points and are being well treated

7. Report in Person immediately with your arms and ammunition to VALLERMOSO or the P.A. cadre at FABRICA or the P.A. cadre at MAMBUCAL.

8. By complying with this memorandum you will **SAVE YOUR HONOR YOUR LIFE AND ASSURE** the safety of your family and friend

(SGD*) Benjamin C. Gaston
Brevet Capt. CMSI-Res.(P.A.)
C.O. Motor Transport Co.

(SGD) ROGER HILSMAN
Colonel, Inf. USA.
Commanding

True Copy:

Leopoldo A. Gregorio
Leopoldo A. Gregorio - Sgt. 001666
(E-Discharge)

Binalagan, Negros Occidental

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CONCENTRATION CAMP
Fabric, Negres Occ.

August 15, 1942

C E R T I F I C A T E

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This is to CERTIFY that Sergeant OSCAR RUIZ LEONARDO Motor Transport Co.
Negres Sector, surrendered to the Japanese Forces at Fabric, Negres Occ.
on May 24, 1942, following order of surrender of Col. Roger Hilsman Inf.
U. S. A. Commanding Officer Negres Sector.

Pio Ledesma
PIO LEDESMA
2nd Lieut. QMC-Res.(P.A.)
Motor Transport Co.

E. R. Cortilla
E. R. CORTILLA
Lieut. Col. Inf. (P.S.)
Commanding

Attached is the order of Col Rogers Hilsman, to surrender.

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