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Personnel Division G-1

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O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD

AGPO-C 10 FEB 49
(date)

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SUBJECT Action being taken on Prisoner-of-War lists.

Date 19 December 1948

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	GHQ	JAG	CWS	IG	B/PR	

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	___ Direct reply	___ Inviting attention to	___ reply
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I. That the several lists referred to in attached memorandum from The Adjutant General to G-1 (Tab A), and those received from similar sources, be utilized in making determinations of status under Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, and be given such weight as appears to be warranted in the light of all the information and circumstances available in each individual case.

II. That as and when findings of death are made through use of such lists as directed in paragraph I above, letters to next of kin will be dispatched.

III. That names of personnel on such lists who are not War Department personnel will be transmitted to the Department of the United States Government having primary interest.

IV. That in action taken under this directive no reference will be made which discloses the sources of information. Letters answering inquiries of next of kin as to sources of information, details of proof of death, and the like, will comply with policies as established by G-2, WDGS.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

DEC 20 1948

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[Signature]
G. B. WALKER, Jr.
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Assistant Executive

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: (See page 2.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Official determination of death of military or WD civilian personnel outside U.S. has been made the sole responsibility of Casualty Branch, AGO (WDGAP/704, 18 Sept 43, subject: Reports of Death and action thereon). TAG transmits lists of military personnel held P/Ws by Japanese in the PI, mainly received by TAG from CG, SWPA, which were delivered to him by persons who had escaped from Japanese prison camps in PI. TAG recommends staff directive covering manner in which information on above lists will be utilized by Casualty Branch, AGO. In memorandum to TAG dated 10 November 1943, G-2 directed that no reference to the source of this material be made in notifying next of kin. AG Casualty (Col. Potest) recommends approval of a directive in substantially the above form. G-2 (Col. Catesby Jones) and WDDB (Gen. Benedict) concur in this action.

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O. PAULSEN

Captain, AGO

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19 December 1943

Action being taken on Prisoner-of-War lists.

19 December 1943

RECOMMENDATION FOR RECORD: Official determination of death of military or ND
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 Casualty Branch, AGC (WDAP/704, 13 Nepe 43, subject: Reports of death and
 action thereof). TAG transmits lists of military personnel held P/Ws by
 Japanese in the FI, initially received from CG 4224, which were delivered
 to him by persons who had seen them in Japanese hands. The source of this
 information on above lists will be utilized by command. **XX Necessary action**
 recommended by O. PAULSEN, Captain AGC, memorandum to TAG dated
 10 November 1943, 2-C directed that the source of this information on above
 lists will be utilized by command. **XX Necessary action**
XX S/W directs made in notifying next of kin of the above form. 2-C
 recommends approval of a directive in which the above form. 2-C
 (Col. Catony Jones) and WDB (Col. Catony Jones) and WDB (Col. Catony Jones) occur in this action.

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 by O. PAULSEN, Captain AGC
 10 FEB 49
 (date)
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- I. That the several lists referred to in attached memorandum from The Adjutant General to G-1 (Tab A), and those received from similar sources, be utilized in making determinations of status under Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, and be given such weight as appears to be warranted in the light of all the information and circumstances available in each individual case.
- II. That as and when findings of death are made through use of such lists as directed in paragraph I above, letters to next of kin will be dispatched.
- III. That names of personnel on such lists who are not War Department personnel will be transmitted to the Department of the United States Government having primary interest.
- IV. That in action taken under this directive no reference will be made which discloses the sources of information. Letters answering inquiries of next of kin as to sources of information, details of proof of death, and the like, will comply with policies as established by G-2, WDGS.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

SIAGO
 DEC 20 1943
 Received

C. F. WALKER, JR.
 Lt. Colonel, USA
 Assistant Adjutant General

(19 Dec 43)

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: (See page 2.)

19 December 1943

Action being taken on Prisoner-of-War lists.

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Revised UNCLASSIFIED
Order of Army

BY
O. RAULSEN
10 FEB 44
AGD-C (date)

XX necessary action

XX & W division

I. That the several lists referred to in attached memorandum from the Assistant General to G-1 (Tab A), and those received from similar sources, be utilized in making determinations of status under Public Law 480, Title I, Congress, as amended, and be given such weight as appears to be warranted in the light of all the information and circumstances available in each individual case.

II. That as and when findings of death are made through use of such lists as directed in paragraph I above, letters to next of kin will be dispatched.

III. That names of personnel on such lists who are now War Department personnel will be transmitted to the Department of the United States Government having primary interest.

IV. That in action taken under this directive no reference will be made which discloses the sources of information. Letters and other inquiries of next of kin as to sources of information, details of information, and the time, will comply with policies as established by G-1, W-2.

Approved

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by

G. PAULSEN

captain, AGO

10 FEB 49

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(date)

I. That the several lists referred to in the attached memorandum from the Adjutant General to me (Enc 1), and those referred to in similar memoranda, be utilized in making determination of status under Public Law 400, 37th Congress, as amended, and to other laws which are to be enacted in the light of all the information and circumstances available to each individual case.

II. That as and when disclosure of death records through use of such lists as directed in paragraph I above, letters to next of kin will be prepared.

III. That copies of approval on such lists who are not War Department personnel will be transmitted to the Department of the United States Insurance having primary interest.

IV. That in order to carry out this directive no information will be made which disclose the source of information. Letters and notices of next of kin as to records of information, details of service, and the law, will comply with policies of centralization.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff,



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Referred UNCLASSIFIED
 Order, Gen. Army
 by O. THAMSEN
 10 FEB 49
 AGO-G (date)

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Action being taken on Prisoner-of-War lists.

19 December 1943

XX TAG

XX S/W directs

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by O. PAULSEN
Captain AGD
10 FEB 49
AGPO-C (date)

XX Necessary action

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I. That the several lists referred to in attached memorandum from The Adjutant General to G-1 (Tab A), and those received from similar sources, be utilized in making determinations of status under Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, and be given such weight as appears to be warranted in the light of all the information and circumstances available in each individual case.

II. That as and when findings of death are made through use of such lists as directed in paragraph I above, letters to next of kin will be dispatched.

III. That names of personnel on such lists who are not War Department personnel will be transmitted to the Department of the United States Government having primary interest.

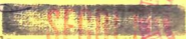
IV. That in action taken under this directive no reference will be made which discloses the sources of information. Letters answering inquiries of next of kin as to sources of information, details of proof of death, and the like, will comply with policies as established by G-2, WDGS.

SIAGO
DEC 20 1943

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

G. B. WALKER, JR.
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Assistant Executive

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: (See page 2.)

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(19 Dec 43)

Action being taken on previous report.

12 December 1943

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Order Sec ARMY

BY
C. PAULSEN
Captain, AGP
10 FEB 49
AGPO-C
(date)

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I. That the several lists referred to in attached memorandum from The Adjutant General to G-1 (AG 4), and those received from similar sources, be utilized in making determinations of status under Public Law 380, VVLA, Congress, as amended, and to place such weights as appear to be warranted in the light of all the information and circumstances available in each individual case.

II. That as and when findings of each are made through use of such lists as directed in paragraph I above, letters to next of kin will be distributed.

III. That names of personnel on such lists who are not War Department personnel will be transmitted to the Department of the United States Government having primary interest.

IV. That in action taken under this directive no reference will be made which discloses the sources of information. Letters concerning inquiries of next of kin as to sources of information will be of proof of death, and the lists will comply with policies of AGP-2, AGP-3.

C. B. WALKER, JR.
Lt. Col., U. S. A.
Assistant Executive



For the Assistant
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by Paulsen
O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD

10 FEB 49
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List "A" - From original reports...

List "B" - From original reports...

A further list was received from the Chief of Staff, AGO, on 10 December 1943. This list was forwarded to the Casualty Branch for review. It was determined that the list should be placed on the list of deceased personnel in the Casualty Branch.

List "C" was received from the Casualty Branch, AGO, on 10 December 1943. It was determined that this list was received in the office of G-2 while deceased. It was placed on the list of deceased personnel.

Lists "B" and "C" were forwarded to the Casualty Branch, AGO, on 10 December 1943. These lists were returned to the Casualty Branch, AGO, on 10 December 1943, authorizing that the material contained therein could be used for official purposes only and that the secret source be carefully guarded.

To date the following action has been taken by the Casualty Branch, AGO:

(a) The original material received has been placed on the list of deceased personnel in list "A".

(b) Presently, the original material received has been placed on the list of deceased personnel in list "B".



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Official determination of death of military or naval personnel outside U.S. has been made the sole responsibility of Casualty Branch, AGO (WDC/AG/TOA, 1B 8-42 48, subject: Reports of Death and Action Reports). TAG transmits lists of military personnel held by Japanese in the PI, mainly received by TAG from CG, SARA, which were delivered to him by persons who had escaped from Japanese prison camps in PI. TAG recommends staff directive covering manner in which information on above lists will be utilized by Casualty Branch, AGO. In memorandum to TAG dated 10 November 1955, C-8 directed that no reference to the source of this material be made in notifying next of kin. As Casualty (Col. Foster) recommends approval of a directive in substantially the above form. C-8 (Col. Gately Jones) and WDCB (Gen. Henshaw) concur in this action.

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by O. PAULSEN
Approved and
10 FEB 49
AGPO-0 (date)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

22 November 1943

IN REPLY
REFER TO

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

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order See ARMY

SUBJECT: Action being taken on Prisoner of War Lists.

by O. Paulsen
O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD
10 FEB 43

AGPO-C (date)

1. The Casualty Branch, A.G.O. has received the three (3) attached lists of Military Personnel in the Philippine Islands from the following sources:

- List "A" - From Lt. Colonel S. M. Mellnik, U. S. Army
(Escaped from Japanese Prison Camp in the
Philippine Islands).
- List "B" - From Brigadier General L. S. Ostrander
Adjutant General, Southwest Pacific Area.
- List "C" - From Brigadier General L. S. Ostrander
Adjutant General, Southwest Pacific Area.

A further list was obtained from Lt. Commander McCoy and was transmitted from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 to the Chief of the Casualty Branch for study. Extracts of names contained on the list of Commander McCoy are now on file in the Casualty Branch.

List "A" was forwarded direct to the Casualty Branch, A.G.O. by Colonel Mellnik. It is understood that this list was prepared in the office of G-2 while Colonel Mellnik was on duty in that office.

Lists "B" and "C" were forwarded by Brigadier General L. S. Ostrander direct to me after which they were routed to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. These lists were returned to the Casualty Branch, A.G.O. through me authorizing that the material contained therein could be used for informational purposes only and that the secret source be carefully guarded.

2. To date the following action has been taken on these lists by the Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

(a) The Provost Marshal General has been furnished a list of the civilians contained in list "B".

(b) Presently, the lists are being held in this Branch with a view to considering the material contained therein for what it is considered worth when these cases are again reviewed as required by Public Law 490, as amended. In this connection Public Law 490 specifically directs that cases

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of missing personnel be reviewed at the expiration of twelve months, or at any time when sufficient information is available to make a finding of death or otherwise remove an individual from a missing status. If the information contained in these lists is evaluated at this time, it is believed there might develop a number of cases in which there would be sufficient justification under the law to render a finding of death. The Status Review and Determination Section, Casualty Branch, presently plans to consider this material when it reviews all outstanding Philippine Cases at the expiration of approximately a two year period from the date of surrender of Corrigedor. The reason for delaying a review until approximately that date is because of the slowness with which reports are being received from the Japanese Government and past experience has shown that by approximately 1 May 1944 all information pertaining to military personnel in the Philippine Islands at the time of surrender will have been transmitted by the Japanese.

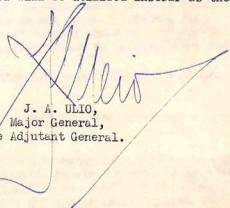
3. My office has not taken any action relative to notification to the Navy on the Naval and Marine Corps personnel contained on these lists.

4. It has recently come to my attention that the Postmaster, San Francisco, California released approximately five hundred Capture Cards on missing personnel in the Philippine Islands, direct to Emergency Addressee's without first referring them to the War Department. It is felt that until such time as a listing of those names can be obtained that it might prove embarrassing to the War Department to make findings of death on any Military Personnel now carried in a missing status in the Philippine Islands unless positive evidence is received.

5. In order that the Casualty Branch of my office may be in a position to use the material above discussed it is believed that additional instructions are needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a General Staff Directive be issued covering the manner in which the information above discussed will be utilized insofar as the Casualty Branch, A.G.O. is concerned.


J. A. ULLO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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by J. PAULSER
Captain, AGD

AGPO-0 10 FEB 49
(date)

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

SUBJECT: Action being taken on Prisoner of War Lists.

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2. To date the following action has been taken on these lists by the Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

(a) The Provost Marshal General has been furnished a list of the civilians contained in list "B".

(b) Presently, the lists are being held in this Branch with a view to considering the material contained therein for what it is considered worth when these cases are again reviewed as required by Public Law 490, as amended. In this connection Public Law 490 specifically directs that cases

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5. In order that the Casualty Branch of my office may be in a position to use the material above discussed it is believed that additional instructions are needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a General Staff Directive be issued covering the manner in which the information above discussed will be utilized insofar as the Casualty Branch, A.C.O. is concerned.

J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

WAR DEPT GEN STAFF
3-1 DIVISION



MAJ GEN STAFF



Received the following papers (Secret) from Colonel G. F. Herbert, Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

1. List (tabbed "A") of 24 pages signed by Lt. Col. S. M. Mellnik.
2. List (tabbed "B") from General Ostrander with 5 inclosures thereto.
3. List (tabbed "C") from General Ostrander with 4 inclosures thereto.

Name & Rank

Date

Please return to Chief, Casualty Branch, AGO - Room 3058
Munitions Bldg.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Adjutant General

THRU: Director

James A. Ulio
Major General
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

MEMO

Handwritten notes on pink paper:
- *Recommended*
- *General Ostrander*
- *General Ulio*
- *10/23/49*
- *386.3*
- *(20 Nov 49)*

1. General Benedict, Adjutant General, Southwest Pacific Area, advised that Lt. Colonel Mellnik containing lists were transmitted to General Ulio by General Ostrander concerning lists of about 2700 military personnel and 2000 civilians. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 in transmitting the first list from General Ostrander to the Chief, Casualty Branch, through The Adjutant General, directed that the source of the information be not divulged and that its secret classification be carefully preserved and authorized the Casualty Branch to use the matter for informational purposes only but not as official reports. No directive was given by G-2 on Colonel Mellnik's list or the second list from General Ostrander. It will be noted that the statement received from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 contained only a directive concerning the security of this information but did authorize its use for informational purposes only. In this connection General Benedict feels very strongly that the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 should be apprised of these lists and that he and not G-2 is concerned with the manner in which the information contained therein is used. Therefore, General Benedict thinks that The Adjutant General should transmit these lists to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 for his information, requesting instructions or a directive thereon as to the manner in which the information should be used.

2. To date the following action insofar as is known by this Branch has been taken on these lists:

- a. The Provost Marshal General has been furnished a list of the civilians contained on the first list received from General Ostrander.
- b. Unless G-2 furnished lists of Navy and Marine Corps Personnel to the Navy Department, the Navy Department has been furnished none of the material pertaining to its personnel.

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O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD
10 FEB 49
AGPO-C (date)



20 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Adjutant General

THRU: ~~Director, Military Personnel Division~~*C. Paulsen*
1st Lt.
23 Nov 43

1. General Benedict, President of the War Department Dependency Board, charged with formulation of policies under Public Law 490 was in my office this date and discussed at some length the status of the lists of Philippine Cases that have been received from various sources in the Southwest Pacific Area. The above referred to lists consist of one from Lt. Colonel Mellnik containing about two hundred names and two lists that were transmitted to General Ulio by General Ostrander containing a total of about 2700 military personnel and 2000 civilians. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 in transmitting the first list from General Ostrander to the Chief, Casualty Branch, through The Adjutant General, directed that the source of the information be not divulged and that its secret classification be carefully preserved and authorized the Casualty Branch to use the matter for informational purposes only but not as official reports. No directive was given by G-2 on Colonel Mellnik's list or the second list from General Ostrander. It will be noted that the statement received from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 contained only a directive concerning the security of this information but did authorize its use for informational purposes only. In this connection General Benedict feels very strongly that the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 should be apprised of these lists and that he and not G-2 is concerned with the manner in which the information contained therein is used. Therefore, General Benedict thinks that The Adjutant General should transmit these lists to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 for his information, requesting instructions or a directive thereon as to the manner in which the information should be used.

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c. Presently, the lists are being held in this Branch with a view to considering the material contained therein for what it is considered worth when these cases are again reviewed as required by Public Law 490, as amended. In this connection Public Law 490 specifically directs that cases of missing personnel be reviewed at the expiration of twelve months, or at any time when sufficient information is available to make a finding of death or otherwise remove an individual from a missing status. If the information contained in these lists is evaluated at this time, it is believed there might develop a number of cases in which there would be sufficient justification under the law to render a finding of death. The Status Review and Determination Section, Casualty Branch, presently plans to consider this material when it reviews all outstanding Philippine Cases at the expiration of approximately a two year period from the date of surrender of Corrigedor. The reason for delaying a review until approximately that date is because of the slowness with which reports are being received from the Japanese Government and past experience has shown that by approximately 1 May 1944 all information pertaining to military personnel in the Philippine Islands at the time of surrender will have been transmitted by the Japanese.

3. Since writing the foregoing it has been ascertained that the Postmaster, San Francisco, California has released 500 Capture Cards direct to Emergency Addressee's on missing personnel in the Philippine Islands. Until such time as a listing of these names can be obtained it would be very dangerous to make findings of death on any Philippine Army cases unless positive evidence of death is obtained. Steps are now being taken to obtain the names of the individuals signing these Capture Cards.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the lists referred to in above discussion be transmitted to G-1 for his information, requesting any instructions or directive he may desire to issue in connection with the use of these lists by the Casualty Branch.

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 George F. Herbert,
 Colonel, A. G. D.,
 Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Adjutant General

THRU: Director, Military Personnel Division.

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1. General Benedict, President of the War Department Dependency Board, charged with formulation of policies under Public Law 490 was in my office this date and discussed at some length the status of the lists of Philippine Cases that have been received from various sources in the Southwest Pacific Area. The above referred to lists consist of one from Lt. Colonel Mellnik containing about two hundred names and two lists that were transmitted to General Ulio by General Ostrander containing a total of about 2700 military personnel and 2000 civilians. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 in transmitting the first list from General Ostrander to the Chief, Casualty Branch, through The Adjutant General, directed that the source of the information be not divulged and that its secret classification be carefully preserved and authorized the Casualty Branch to use the matter for informational purposes only but not as official reports. No directive was given by G-2 on Colonel Mellnik's list or the second list from General Ostrander. It will be noted that the statement received from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 contained only a directive concerning the security of this information but did authorize its use for informational purposes only. In this connection General Benedict feels very strongly that the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 should be apprised of these lists and that he and not G-2 is concerned with the manner in which the information contained therein is used. Therefore, General Benedict thinks that The Adjutant General should transmit these lists to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 for his information, requesting instructions or a directive thereon as to the manner in which the information should be used.

2. To date the following action insofar as is known by this Branch has been taken on these lists:

a. The Provost Marshal General has been furnished a list of the civilians contained on the first list received from General Ostrander.

b. Unless G-2 furnished lists of Navy and Marine Corps Personnel to the Navy Department, the Navy Department has been furnished none of the material pertaining to its personnel.

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by G. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD

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George F. Herbert,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

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TO: Officer in Charge, Status Review and Determination Section (Lt. Col. Poteet). Casualty Branch.

1. The attached lists are transferred to you to be used for informational purposes only.
2. In compliance with the directive of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, they will not be used as official reports. In making determinations and findings under Public Law 490 the information will be considered and given such weight as you consider it deserves.
3. Casualty reports based on this material will not be processed.
4. Its secret classification will be carefully preserved. In cases where the material is used, no reference to the material will be made in notifications to emergency addressees or other persons who might be informed.

K. G. Hoge

K. G. Hoge,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Acting Chief, Casualty Branch, AGO.

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SUBJECT: Lists from Australia

Date: 10 November 1943

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	GHQ	JAG	CWS	IG	B/PR	X Chief, Casualty Branch	

FOR	S/W DIRECTS	Comment or Concurrence	X Necessary action
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1. Authority is given to use the material as information and not as official reports.
2. In cases where a determination of death is made, no reference to the material is to be made in notifying next of kin.
3. The secret classification of the material will be preserved.

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GEO. V. STRONG,
Major General,
A. C. of S., G-2.

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O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGO

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The following information is being furnished to you for your information and for the information of the personnel of your office. It is requested that you advise the source of this information if you have any information regarding the same.

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Lists from Australia

10 November 1943

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X Chief, Casualty Branch

FOR

X Necessary Action

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by O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD

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3. The secret classification of the material will be preserved.

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Major General,
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10 November 1943

Lists from Australia

TO
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Lists from Australia

FROM

AGFC, Casualty Branch

Chief, Casualty Branch

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FOR

1. Pursuant to your oral directive the enclosed material is being taken as **X Necessary Action** with the least practicable delay.

2. The lists were referred to the War Department for its information. The remarks of that source are being used in making findings under Public Law 500 but no official reports is contained in.

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G. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD

3. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the material be classified as **AGFO-C** and that authority be given to use the material for informational purposes and not as official reports.

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(date)

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3. The secret classification of the material will be preserved.

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Major General,
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TO	The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 <small>(Service, division, or organization)</small>		<small>(Location)</small>
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DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED COMMUNICATION	9 November 1943.		<small>(Date)</small>
	<small>(Originator)</small>	<small>(Address)</small>	<small>(File No.)</small>
FROM	Lists from Australia. <small>(Subject)</small>		<small>(File No.)</small>
	Act'g. Chief, Casualty Branch <small>(Service, division, or organization)</small>	Rm. 3058, Mun. Bldg. <small>(Location)</small>	79647 <small>(Telephone)</small>

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1. Pursuant to your oral directive the inclosed lists are returned with the least practicable delay.

2. The lists were referred to the War Department Dependency Board for its information. The remarks of that Board that the information be used in making findings under Public Law 490 but not be considered as official reports is concurred in.

3. In view of the foregoing, instructions are requested as follows:

a. Whether or not authority is given to use the material for informational purposes and not as official reports.

b. Provided authority is given to use the information, as stated in a above, then instructions are requested covering specifically the measures desired to be observed in safeguarding the source of this information in the processing of cases involved.

K. G. Hoge

K. G. HOGE,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Act'g. Chief, Casualty Branch.

5 Inclosures.

- Incl #1 - Lists from Australia (5 Incls)
- Incl #2 - Letter, GHQSWPA, 21 Oct 43
- Incl #3 - Lt. Col. Potset's Memo., 4 Nov 43
- Incl #4 - Col. Herbert's Memo.; 5 Nov 43
- Incl #5 - General Benedict's Memo., 8 Nov 43

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by *[Signature]*
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Captain, AGD

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

A.P.O. 500,
21 October 1943.

AG 383.6 (21 Oct 43)B

SUBJECT: American Personnel, Philippine Islands.

TO : The Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C.

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1. Reference is made to War Department radio No. 9348 of 19 October 1943 and letter FEK 383, 6 October 1943 to Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. from Headquarters, United States Army Forces in the Far East, subject as above.

2. It is believed that your request for microfilms of the original documents can best be answered by forwarding the documents themselves, and they are inclosed herewith. This will save time and eliminate the possibility of lack of clarity in reproduction. The statement in inclosure "1" to letter 6 October 1943 that pages 19 and 20 were omitted was due to improper numbering of that inclosure. All names were included.

3. Inclosure "1" herewith, described in letter 6 October 1943 as "List of Death Casualties Camp O'Donnell, Tarlac PI" is a carbon copy of an official list removed from the hospital records at Camp O'Donnell by an American prisoner of war charged with keeping these records. The list was delivered to one of our agents and is believed to be authentic. Up to page 20, it contains the names of 1143 prisoners who died in Camp O'Donnell up to early June 1942. For this period, it is reported to be complete. Pages 21 to 28 show a chronological list of deaths that occurred between that date and 17 October 1942.

4. Inclosure "2", "Incomplete List (additional to inclosure "1")", is said to have been copied hurriedly from the official records of Camp O'Donnell by an American prisoner of war who had access to them. Because of haste in preparation, it may contain a number of errors. The names for June 1942 do not check with those shown in pages 21 to 28 of inclosure "1". The reason for this is not entirely clear. Inclosure "1" may refer to deaths only in hospital and inclosure "2" to deaths other than those that occurred in hospital or to personnel from Camp O'Donnell who died subsequent to transfer to Cabanatuan, which transfer took place about June 1942.

5. Inclosure "3" designated in letter 6 October 1943, "Incomplete List of Officers and Men Imprisoned at Corregidor, etc.", required subdivision by pages.

a. Page 1 is a list of U.S. servicemen left on Corregidor and still there in March 1943. It was copied hurriedly from prison records on file at Camp Cabanatuan.

b. Page 2 gives an incomplete list of 146 prisoners of war who were at Camp 1, Cabanatuan in March 1943. The list is said to have been copied from camp records.

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c. Page 3, also said to have been copied from camp records, is an incomplete list showing 103 U.S. servicemen, with Philippine addresses, who were at Camp 1, Cabanatuan, March 1943.

d. Page 4 is a list of certain civilian prisoners of war who were reported employed, as of March 1943, on outside work details such as roads, bridges and in port areas. The list is said to have been copied from Cabanatuan records.

6. Inclosure "4", "Informal Report - Status of Officers and Men, Camp at Cabanatuan" is an informal report regarding the status of certain officers and enlisted men. It is reported to have been compiled in March and April 1943 from memory by prisoners of war at Cabanatuan.

7. All of the above documents were obtained by agents from U.S. personnel within Camps O'Donnell and Cabanatuan, were later delivered to Lieut. Commander Parsons and brought by him to Australia. Evidence as to the authenticity of these documents and the conditions under which they were obtained consists of verbal statements of these agents to Lieut. Commander Parsons. It is believed by Lieut. Commander Parsons that reliance can be placed on these statements.

8. Inclosure "5", "Intelligence Report, Civilian Internees, Davao City", consists of a number of lists obtained by Captain C. M. Smith and subsequently brought to Australia. They are believed to be accurate.

a. Page 1 lists certain military prisoners in Davao Penal Farms in April 1943. It was supplied from memory by a priest who had access to the 'Farm'.

b. Page 2 is a list of priests interned in Davao. Source and date same as "a." above.

c. Pages 3-5 list American missionaries interned subsequent to 7 January 1943 (see para. 8.g. below). Source - civilians in Internment Camp through agent. Date - April 1943.

d. Pages 5 and 6 show a list of wives and children of men in Matina Internment Camp, Davao in April 1943. These women and children left Davao prior to its capture and are believed safe in the Agusan Valley. Source same as "c." above.

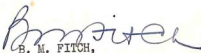
e. Page 6. A record of 24 persons transferred from Davao to Manila in September 1942. Source - Davao internees.

f. Page 7 gives a list of miscellaneous U.S. Army personnel reported by a priest in conversation with Captain Smith to be either dead or imprisoned in Davao.

(Ltr GHQ, SWPA, AG 38316, subject: American Personnel, Philippine Islands, 21 October 1943).

g. Page 8 and subsequent pages is a carbon copy of list compiled by Henry William Pohl, internee, and delivered to Japanese authorities for transmission to Red Cross. It constitutes a complete list of civilian internees in Matina Internment Camp, Davao as of 7 January 1943. It was smuggled out of the camp by an agent of Captain Smith.

For the Commander-in-Chief:



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

5 Incls:

- Incl.1-List of Death Casualties Camp O'Donnell, Tarlac PI (28 pages).
- Incl.2-Incomplete List (additional to inclosure "1"). (13 pages).
- Incl.3-Incomplete List of Officers and Men Imprisoned at Corregidor, etc. (4 sheets).
- Incl.4-Informal Report - Status of Officers and Men, Camp at Cabanatuan (24 pages).
- Incl.5-Intelligence Report, Civilian Internees, Davao City (43 pages).

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
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4 November 1943 ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
Order Sec ~~ARMY~~

by O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGP

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

Subject: Use of Philippine Reports in Determining Status of
Japanese Prisoners of War.

AGPO-G
10 FEB 49
(date)

1. Examination of the material recently forwarded from Australia discloses the following points:

A. Check of substantially the whole list reveals some inaccuracies in the reported status of individuals.

B. The lists were secured under conditions which prevented complete reliance on their accuracy or assurance that the Japanese are not aware of the disclosures. Similar reports are not available from all Japanese prisoner camps so that action upon this information would prejudice the rights of some individuals because of our accidental access to information.

C. Public Law 490 and the delegation of authority of the Secretary of War to the Chief, Casualty Branch places considerable discretion in the hands of the Chief, Casualty Branch with respect to the evaluation to be placed upon the reports received concerning missing personnel. Attention is invited to Section 4, Section 5 and Section 9 of the above cited law.

D. The Japanese are sensitive about having their errors exposed. They consistently return mail forwarded through the International Red Cross to persons not officially listed by them as prisoners of war. They are extremely vindictive following the most simple questioning of their statements or reports. It is conceivable that action upon the lists may cause the death of all persons known by the Japanese to have had an opportunity to secure the information now on hand.

2. As of this date more than two-thirds of the AUS prisoners of war in the hands of the Japanese have been officially accounted for. Roughly 2500 AUS individuals are still carried as missing in the Philippine Islands. The present list accounts for approximately 1500 of these. It is believed that by the time twenty-four months have elapsed the residual

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of missing personnel unaccounted for either through Japanese official reports or the list presently at hand will be extremely small. The time allotted for the preparation of this memorandum has not permitted the collection of data and the plotting of a curve showing the individual reported each month by the Japanese Government. Rough estimates indicate that such a curve plotted against the total number of persons officially reported missing in the Philippine Islands would be practically closed at the end of twenty-four months.

3. It is recommended in view of the above cited conditions and considerations that the present list and others that may be received be considered as information rather than official reports. That a second review of persons missing in the Philippine Islands be made at the expiration of twenty-four months or at such time as the plot of official Japanese reports and the information now on hand indicates that we have an accounting in one form or another for all of the AUS personnel initially reported missing. A number of considerations make the choice of twenty-four months desirable for Philippine cases.

4. The following question is raised by the procedure suggested above. No reports have been received from the Japanese Government on Philippine Scout personnel amounting to about 12000 individuals and Philippine Army personnel totaling about 87000 of whom about 17000 are known. Are we to continue all of these individuals in missing status with the attending accrual of financial benefits if we take action which will probably result in death findings in the cases of a substantial number of AUS prisoners upon whom we have received information at the expiration of twenty-four months? If the action suggested above is taken in case of AUS prisoners it seems that some consideration may be due toward the suspension of payments in the two classes mentioned on whom we have received no reports. Some remedial legislation may be indicative. It does not appear that we have a greater obligation to the Philippine Scouts or the Philippine Army than to our own people. It may be wise to bear the expense incident to the carrying of a few AUS individuals who have not been officially reported in order to avoid the political issues in both the United States and the Philippines which would follow cutting off the Philippine benefits. Perhaps by a happy solution would be to cut off benefits to all classes of missing personnel when we are reasonably sure that all AUS Philippine cases are accounted for, in other words after twenty-four months.



DANIEL P. POTERET,
Lieutenant Colonel, A.G.D.,
Officer in Charge,
Status Review and Determination Section.

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO5 November 1943
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by *[Signature]*

MEMORANDUM FOR: General J. L. Benedict.

O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGDAGPO-C
10 FEB 49

The attached memorandum from Colonel Poteet gives a (date) clear and concise resume of the feeling of the Status Review and Determination Section of the Casualty Branch on the treatment that should be accorded the lists recently received from Australia relative to certain AUS personnel in the Philippine Islands.

During the preparation of his memorandum Colonel Poteet was constantly in touch with me and as a result of our discussions, I am in wholehearted agreement with the reasoning and recommendations contained therein.

It is my considered opinion that the lists referred to in paragraph 1 above be used for informational purposes only and that they be not used as official reports.

Will you please give me your reaction to the approach that we have taken to this matter.

G-2 has requested that these papers be returned to him with the least practicable delay.

George F. Herbert
George F. Herbert,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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8 November 1943.
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MEMORANDUM TO The Chief, Casualty Branch, A. G. O.

by O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD
10 FEB 49
AGPO-C

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1. The War Department Dependency Board has considered the file herewith. While not in agreement with some of the views expressed in the memorandum of the Status Review and Determination Section, the Board is in full agreement with your opinion that the lists herewith should be used for informational purposes only and that they should not be utilized as official reports.

2. Public Law 490 contemplates the missing military personnel and the civilian employees of the departments are to be reclassified as prisoners of war or as dead, on the basis of official reports. That term does not contemplate information, even though received through official channels, other than of a factual nature and concerning which there is no doubt. The legislative history discloses that official reports in such cases mean reports from a captor government through channels set up by international agreement of the person being a prisoner of war or interned, or having died while in the custody of the reporting government. The Board feels that adherence to these principles is essential if we are to avoid eventual chaos in the administration of the law.

5.

3. The law recognizes that there will be need and justification for terminating a missing status in many cases in the absence of an official report. It recognizes that information and reports that are not official will be received and should be considered. It makes adequate provision for their use and consideration, in connection with all other evidence, in reaching a discretionary, presumptive "finding of death" by the head of the department. It is desirable that missing cases, particularly of long standing, be terminated as soon as it may equitably be done, but this means by a "finding of death" based upon consideration of all evidence obtainable and a showing of improbability of the continuance of life. Furthermore, administration of the law along these lines has been the subject of interdepartmental agreement which should be adhered to.

4. The Board does not believe that matters of policy such as the review of all cases after twenty-four months or of making regula-



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tions or seeking legislation affecting the Philippine Scouts or Philippine Army should be interjected in the consideration of the matter herewith. In due time such matters will be duly considered and such proposals as seem warranted will be made.

5. The action deemed desirable by the Board as to the inclosed lists, and similar ones that may be received, is as follows:

a. Extract pertinent information to other departments with a statement that while the reports appear to be reasonably reliable they are not transmitted as factual or as "official reports" in the meaning of Public Law 490.

b. For the War Department personnel transcribe the information in each case to the individual records and then determine, from its consideration along with all other available information, the appropriate action in the case. In view of the constant increase in the communication between absent persons and their relatives, it might be well before any action is taken in cases listed, to supplement the information by an inquiry to the next of kin as to any information they may be able to give that has not been transmitted through the War Department.

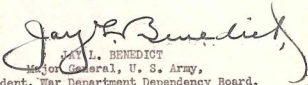
c. In those cases in which all the facts warrant, make another official review of the case which will result in either a "finding of death" or a further continuance of the missing status.

6. It will be noted that the Board does not favor the deferment of action until twenty-four months have elapsed, that is, until May 1944.

7. It is assumed that under its general instructions to "continue efforts to secure more information concerning the status of missing persons after expiration of twelve months" the Casualty Branch is making appropriate arrangements to secure as much information as practicable from escaped or exchanged prisoners, returning internees, or other persons. Some press reports indicate a possibility that persons returning now on the Gripsholm may have considerable information pertinent to the inclosed lists and to other cases.

8. The Board will be pleased to confer and assist at any time in further consideration of these cases.

For the War Department Dependency Board:


JAY L. BENEDICT
Major General, U. S. Army,
President, War Department Dependency Board.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE PACIFIC
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MAJOR GENERAL JAMES A. ULIO,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,
WASHINGTON, (25) D.C.

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