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UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS 121st INFANTRY
NORTHERN LUSON

5 November 1942

MEMORANDUM

To: UNIT COMMANDERS, 121st Infantry

1. The attached memorandum dated September 28, 1942, from the 14th Inf., P. A., (Cagayan Valley and Benguet) embodying the radio message of Gen. MacArthur is hereby sent to you for compliance:

"STOP ALL QUERILLA FIGHTS CIVILIANS ARE BEING
MALTREATED BY THE JAPANESE STOP INSTEAD STUDY
PRESENT LOCATIONS OF JAPANESE COAST-ARTILLERY
AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT STOP"

2. It is evident from the message and from what is being done by the 14th Infantry, that our units should be in the lay-low for the reasons advanced in the message.

3. It should be kept in mind that the lay-low does not include the cessation of the preservation of peace and order among the civilian population and the suppression of espionage. The preservation of peace and order as well as the suppression of espionage should continue and be given their due attention.

4. In purely military ~~aff~~ matters the following should be observed:

- (a) That soldiers should be strictly prohibited from loitering around and in the town or population centers and if for the ~~maintainance~~ maintainance of peace and order, or for the performance of police duties soldiers have to live together, they should be grouped in units that are not conceivable to outside people.
- (b) That no arms or ammunitions are lost and that everyone is held strictly responsible for the property of the U. S. Army.
- (c) That the confiscation of arms and ammunitions be continued from civilians who have them.
- (d) That the behaviour of soldiers in their dealings with civilians and members of adjacent sectors are friendly and above reproach.
- (e) That communication between unit be made as brisk as possible.
- (f) That soldiers should keep the morale of the people high. This is the positive way of erasing espionage.



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5. The lay-low will give us time to do the more planning so as to be able to present a solid Filipino front when the time for a decisive blow comes.

6. As to the order of Lt. Col. Moses dated Sept. 19, 1942, to snipe the enemy, same will be done on the National Highways where the civilians are very far, so that due protection can be given them.

7. Sniping parties can be sent up north so that the pressure in the south may be released by the enemy.

For The COMMANDING OFFICER:

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