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USAFFE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
ECLGA, MANILA MILITARY DISTRICT
HQ., 61st INFANTRY
In The Field

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25 April '45

SUBJECT: Sale of U.S. Army Goods & report on
TO @ The Commanding Officer, ECLGA.

1. This morning, at about ten o'clock, a U. S. Army truck bearing No. 2206368 on its motor cover, stopped at the Poblacion of Polo, and two American soldiers sold to the public, particularly to the store owners nearby, American Goods. The truck was fully loaded, but not all of the goods were disposed of, because upon seeing that officers of this unit were inquiring the two aforesaid soldiers left.

2. The goods consisted of canned foods, cookies, assorted packs, etc.

(SGD) Benjamin H. Aquino
(Typed) BENJAMIN H. AQUINO
Lt. Colonel, Inf. (GFCP)
Commanding

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GHQ, EAST CENTRAL LUZON GUERRILLA AREA, In the Field,
25 April 1945.
TO : C.I.D., USA.

1. For appropriate action.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

AP
ANTONIO P. CHANCO
Major, CE, USAFFE
Adjutant General

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USAFFE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
ECLGA, MANILA MILITARY DISTRICT
HQ., 61ST INFANTRY REGIMENT
In the Field

15 April '45

SUBJECT: Report
TO : The Commanding Officer, ECLGA

1. Referring to the memorandum of that HQ. dated 12 April '45, re selected officers and men for duty with the Engineer Battalion, it is respectfully reported that after a careful canvass for the purpose, this HQ. finds no men available therefor.

Benjamin H. Aquino
BENJAMIN H. AQUINO
Lt. Colonel, Inf. (GFCP)
Commanding

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OFFICE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
East Central Luzon Guerilla Area
61st Inf. Regt. Hq. MMD
In The Field

9 March '45

Subject: Report
To : The District Commander MMD ECLCA

1. One Alejo Santos, commanding officer of the Bulacan Military Area has been appointed and duly constituted Governor of Bulacan, Province of Bulacan. Verification made unofficially at Malacañan disclose that the qualified governor of Bulacan has recommended the appointment of Col. Mohamed, commanding officer of the Rei-Zar Reg. Manila Division, Bulacan Military Area, as mayor of Polo, to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, which recommendation according to reliable persons cannot be altered.

2. The consideration of the situation of the 61st Infantry in Polo proves that we are the first to organize the Guerilla Unit in this sectors; we are greater in number and we took active part in the liberation of Polo and the mopping up operations which followed it at the cost of several lives of our men. The Rei-Zar regiments is an off shoot of the original 61st regiment as a consequence of the founding by Col. Barrion and Col. Venancio of the S.W.P.A. unit which later on affiliated to the Bulacan Military Area.

3. Without impeaching the qualities of the proposed appointee of a municipal mayor, measured in terms of service to the people in Polo, or in that sector and the guerilla organization in general, a man of the 61st Infantry should be appointed to the position.

4. As it is Lt. Leopoldo Santiago, a pronounced and acknowledged guerilla leader of Polo, is the incumbent mayor of the said municipality, by virtue of the appointment issued by that headquarters dated 7 February '45, and approved, by Brig. Gen. Craig, USA commanding officer of the American Forces which liberated Polo. It is unfair to remove Mayor Santiago whose accomplishments of peace and order cannot be questioned and substitute for him a man not from the place.

(Sgd.) BENJAMIN AQUINO
Lt. Col, Inf. (GFCP)
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, MMD, In The Field, 9 March 1945
TO: Commanding Officer, ECLCA

For your information

(Sgd) JORGE A. SAUGHRE
Col., Inf., GFCP
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, MND, In the Field, 9 March 1945
TO: Commanding Officer, ECLSA

For your information.

Jorge A. Sanchez
JORGE A. SANCHEZ
Col., Inf., GFCF
Commanding

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