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GUERRILLA AFFAIRS OFFICER
CAVITE, BATANGAS AND WESTERN LAGUNA

15 March 1945

Colonel Mariano Castaneda
Commanding Officer
Cavite Fil-American Guerrillas

My dear Colonel :

Before my relief from assignment in this area, I would like to extend to you, your officers and men my great appreciation for the outstanding manner of your performance of duty displayed during the recent battles south of Manila and for the complete cooperation given the United States Army forces in this area.

The combat missions assumed by you and your organization greatly contributed to the rapid advance from the beaches of Batangas to Manila. The efforts of yourself, your officers and men enabled the American forces to drive rapidly into the City of Manila, thus resulting in the early liberation of Manila and consequently saving the lives of many loyal peoples who would otherwise have been murdered by the enemy.

It shall always be a source of great pride that I have had the opportunity to serve with the loyal forces of Cavite who fought gallantly for their country. The records of the guerrilla fighters in this area are now known throughout the world. Like the peoples of other liberty-loving countries, you have answered the call of your country to arise and fight side by side with the Allied Forces in driving the hated invaders from your beloved shores.

Today, your men are still fighting with the United States Army, attacking and destroying the enemy every where that he is found. The unquenchable fire of determination to reestablish a Nation has inspired these men to efforts far beyond the expectation of irregular troops. The displayed combat ability is comparable to many professional armies. This desire to destroy the enemy with capable leadership of yourself and your officers has developed a fighting force which the enemy fears to encounter and has destroyed his former aggressive combat tactics.

It is my fervent hope that we may meet again to work together for the common causes of our countries.

Respectfully yours,

s/ Jay D. Vanderpool
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