

C O P Y

APRIL 20, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PARSONS
NR : 83 APRIL 19

WHEN READY SEND NEXT SUB THIS AREA PLEASE LET ME INDICATE LANDING SITE AND SUPPLIES MOST NEEDED. HAVE FOUND SEVERAL SUITABLE AND SAFE SITE. NO PERSONNEL NEED BE SENT. THERE IS SURPLUS MANPOWER INCLUDING RADIO OPRS AND TECHS.

HAVE JUST INSTALLED WATCHER STATION AT PANAON RPT PANAON ISLAND SURIGAO STRAITS. WHILE THERE VISITED SURIGAO, SAMAR, LEYTE. CONDITIONS VERY GOOD ENEMY ACTIVITY ALMOST NIL. SEVERAL GROUPS GUERRILLAS NOW UNIFIED BUT BELIEVED WITH YOUR AUTHORITY COULD UNIFY NINTH MD UNDER COL. RUPERTO K. KANGLION WHO NOW LEADS GUERRILLAS IN SOUTH LEYTE. FEEL SURE LEADERS ALL GROUPS WOULD ACCEPT. DO YOU APPROVE. AM NOW AT ANAKAN LEAVING TWENTY SECOND FOR LANAOS AND BUKIDNON WILL BE OUT OF RADIO TOUCH TEN DAYS.



confine the enemy in certain places and allow them not to come out, and at same time keeping Gen. McArthur informed of the enemy situation from time to time.

The Guerrilla Forces in Samar are on the way to unification. In Leyte only Lt. Blas Miranda refused to join us probably because he had received assurances of an American by the name of Capt. Waters that the American officers in Mindanao are backing up his stand. I hope they will understand the real situation in Leyte Samar and learn the truth.

Please inform Gen. McArthur that the people of both Leyte and Samar are always praying to the Divine Providence for the early victory of the allies, and his early return to the Philippines. My greeting to him.

Hoping you are enjoying the best of health, and wishing you success and early return to the Philippines with the aids.

Very faithfully yours,

RUPERTO K. KANGLEON
Col. inf.

30 May, '43
Dear Commander Parsons: -
The original of this one
sent to you through Capt. Lang.
I wonder if you have received
it already -


Col. Kangleon



UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS, 92ND DIVISION

In the Field
30 April 1943



Lt-Commander C. Parsons, US Navy
Somewhere in the Sea

Dear Sir: -

I have just received a letter from Capt. Lang informing me of your coming back to Maasin. I am writing you this letter just in case I will not be able to see you over there.

On April 20th last, I assumed command of the 9th MA. On same day, I wired Gen McArthur of my action and I also informed him of the enemy situation and our situation through TUP.

On April 21st, I went out to secure a real picture of the enemy in Dulag and Burauen not losing in mind the desire of Gen. McArthur as conveyed to us by you. I found that the enemy was robbing the people of their foods especially in the district of Tanauan, and he kept on patrolling the districts of Dulag and Burauen evidently watching the ricefields that will soon be harvested. I found that they were abusing our women and killing our civilians without motive. So, on April 22nd, I have decided to engage our troops with the enemy patrols. One group under Lt. A. Balderian was posted in a position to harrass the enemy in the vicinity of Burauen in case he comes out from his position. The troop I brought with me under Lt. Jose R. Nazareno was posted in the vicinity of Dulag to engage the enemy from Dulag. Evidently the enemy had learned of our presence because a reinforcement came on the morning of that day from either Tanauan or Tacloban. At 9:20 AM, a good size of enemy patrol was sighted at KP 55 moving in the direction toward Julita and when the enemy was about to clear KP 56 we attacked him withdrawing thereafter to a better position. Result: - Enemy casualty: 1 Officer (The C.O. of Dulag) 26 men killed and many wounded soldiers were brought to Tacloban for treatment the exact number of which we could not ascertain. Our casualty: - One man Killed and one seriously injured. Since then and until the present writing, the enemy did not dare come of Dulag. However, he kept on firing his 75 mm to all directions from his defensive position just about 200 m from the poblacion. The enemy in Burauen did not come out. Information had it that as soon as the enemy receives reinforcement from Cebu he will come out for an open fight. Planes are active and were bombing us and the towns of Abuyog and La Paz on April 23rd and 24th.

The people in the districts of Burauen, Dulag, Jare, Alangalang, Carigara, Pastrana, Dagami and Capoccan are now harvesting their palay as fast as they can, and storing them in the rear so that same will not fall in the hand of the enemy.

I have already started the organization of the 92nd Division. One Inf. Regt is being organized in Samar, and two infantry regiments in Leyte. We will train and prepare this division for the final event - The Day. We will not use whatever aids Gen. McArthur will send us unless the enemy forces us to use them. Our main objective is to

8. Japanese occupy six municipalities in Leyte and two in Samar. With enough ammunition, the Japanese should be bottled up in Provincial Capitals only. Requisition for arms and ammunitions from Australia should be made.

9. No telephone or telegraph system.

10. Liaison officers of the 110th Division sent over, inexperienced and through ignorance, submitted a partial report of conditions in the district.

11. Chester Peters and Mrs. Peters caused most of the troubles in Inopacan. Their case is now under investigation and involves murder, robbery, usurpation of civil government and unauthorized printing of money.

FINDINGS

A 11 Samar and Leyte have submitted to Col. Kang-
leon, except a group of guerrillas under Lieut. Blas Miranda.
Lieut. Miranda controls loosely four municipalities. Many kil-
lings have occurred in these places. Money from the General
Headquarters are not honored in these places.

RECOMMENDATION

Telephone or telegraph system should be installed
in the district and connected to a powerful radio transmitter.
This transmitter, if not secured locally, should be requisition-
ed from Australia. It will be charged with the duty of trans-
mitting to the nearest Allied Air Corps Base, enemy positions
of troops, transports, submarines, etc.

(Sgd) L. P. MORGAN
L. P. MORGAN
Colonel, GSC, USFIP
Chief of Staff

Copy furnished:
DC, 9th Military District
LPM:vmb

A TRUE COPY:
5 - 26 - 43

Col. Inf.



UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
PHILIPPINES



Copy for

Commander Parsons. (Corrected Copy)

IN THE FIELD
23 May '43

SUBJECT: Inspection Report of the 9th Military District.
TO : The Commanding General, USFIP.

1. Killings were rampant during the early stage of the Guerrilla Organization. Banditry and murders abound. The Guerrilla Organization checked many of these abuses.

2. Money and property about \$20,000 worth were taken by bandits and USAFFE soldiers in several municipalities. Those taken by bandits are now under investigation and those taken by Capt. Gordon Lang and other officers should be accounted for (A.W. 80 & 81).

3. Small denomination changes are in circulation in several municipalities. Generally, they are backed up by big denomination notes. These notes should be frequently audited to prevent anomalies.

4. Commandeering of properties and foodstuffs very rampant in the early stage of the organization. Some properties commandeered have no military value. Unless these commandeering is legalized the officers, soldiers and civilians who commandeered these supplies will be held criminally liable.

5. Defects in the reorganization of the civil government have been noted in Maasin, Baybay and other municipalities. In those towns new set of civil employees were appointed. This is contrary to regulations issued by the General Headquarters dated, 18 April '43.

6. All guerrilla groups in Samar and Leyte, except a group headed by Lieut. Blas Miranda, self-styled General "Briguez", have been unified under Col. Ruperto K. Kangleon. Lieut. Miranda's group is insignificant and loosely controls four municipalities. Without recognition, the officers in the "Briguez" State will be held criminally responsible for all foodstuffs and supplies taken from the people. Since Uncle Sam will not pay for them let these officers pay. Officers and men of the USFIP, who desire to join Col. Kangleon from the "Briguez State" should be allowed to do so. Several officers from this "State" should be watched.

7. Pulahanes under Japanese support are on the warpath in Samar. Ammunitions should be sent to Samar to check their activities.

Information -

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Cataisan near Tacloban, Leyte. Other landing fields in both Samar and Leyte are in bad condition.

(f) The ports used by the enemy are Tacloban and Ormoc, but there is practically no shipping.

(g) The enemy considers the guerrilla boys as bandits, and he kills guerrilla boy when he has a chance to get him.

(h) The enemy often drops pamphlets asking the guerrilla boys to surrender promising them of immediate release after the surrender; he informs the people that Americans will not be able to come back and recapture the Philippines; he demands cooperation of the people otherwise they will be killed and their homes burned; he promised independence of the Philippines after peace and order is reestablished; and this country will be made greater Philippines under the Japanese leadership in the Far East. In every capital of the province the enemy also publishes newspapers with the cooperation of certain Filipinos for propaganda purposes. The Orient for the Orientals is a common propaganda.

V - Miscellaneous: -

(a) Airports not used by the enemy: In Leyte - Ormoc landing field. In Samar - Borongan, Catarman and Calbayog landing fields. Their condition is bad.

(b) The following are areas suitable for landing friendly troops: Leyte - Abuyog, Baybay, Carigara, Maasin, Malitbog, Sogod and Libagon. Samar - Basey, Borongan, Allen and Calbayog.

RUPERTO K. KANLEON
Col. Inf.





To solve this, I suggest that provincial governments of both Leyte and Samar be reestablished as soon as possible or authorize the Commanding General of the 92nd Division to print such amount of emergency notes for the expenses of the organization.

III - CIVILIAN POPULATION:

(a) The morale of the civilians is high, and they are cooperating the guerrillas by donating money and food supplies.

(b) With exception perhaps of few, the civilians hate the enemy and wish for his early destruction. They are well informed of the plan of the enemy - assimilation. Daily they see murder of innocent people, abuse of women, and plunder.

(c) Both Leyte and Samar are self-supporting when it comes to food supplies. Even at present Bohol and Cebu are getting foods from Leyte.

(d) With exception of certain towns in Leyte who opens school for grade I and II, all schools in both Leyte and Samar have been closed, and there is no intention of opening them in the near future.

(e) The service and adoration of God continues in localities not occupied by the enemy, and even in towns occupied by the enemy people still go to churches if church is not used as stable for enemy horses.

(f) The state of civil government in towns not occupied by the enemy is normal. In towns occupied by the enemy the civil governments are being held in the mountains. In towns occupied by the enemy where government officials have surrendered and cooperated with the enemy, government officials have been appointed by the guerrilla leaders and required to function as such in accordance with our laws.

(g) The needs and problems of the civilians are money and clothings, and the reestablishment of the provincial government.

IV - ENEMY:

(a) Strength -

In Leyte: Approximately 700.

In Samar: Approximately 200.

(b) Locations: Leyte - Tacloban, Ormoc, Palo, Tanauan, Sta. Fe, Dulag and Burauen.
Samar: Catbalogan and Calbayog.

(c) Not verified. ?

(d) Equipments and arms are all Japanese. Enemy is provided with rifles, mortars, MGs, Automatic rifles and Gun - 75 mm. Their MGs cal. 50 and Gun 75 mm are American makes.

The enemy is eating what they can rob from the people, and some time he gets supplies of rice from without.

The only airport the enemy uses is that of



(d) The state of training on discipline, military courtesy, marksmanship, hygiene and sanitation, taking care weapons, combat principles - fire and movements, and marching is excellent as proven in many engagements by the troops with the enemy.

(e) There is practically no equipment and clothing. soldiers are not provided with uniforms. Some are using cloths from empty sacks.

(f) For food supplies, they get it from the people through donations. In some sectors, the soldiers get food supplies by purchase of money contributed by the people. For ammunition, there is arsenal to reload empty shells in each sector - Materials very limited.

(g) Guerrilla units look upon their leaders with respect, and obey orders to the foot of the letter.

(h) Guerrilla units cooperate and protect the civilians, and work for the improvements of their welfare.

(i) Only things that are essential to the Guerrilla operations are being commandeered.

(j) The morale of all the Guerrilla units is high. Every soldier believes we will win this war sooner or later, and expects the early return of Gen. Douglas MacArthur to the Philippines.

(k) Needs and problems - The Guerrilla units which compose the 92nd Inf. Regt. are in bad need of arms and ammunition, particularly the latter. These units have been fighting the enemy as early as of July, 1942, and since then there has been no replacement of equipments and weapons, and replenishing of ammunition. At present each man has only ten rounds of genuine ammunition.

(1)

Problems - 2nd Lt. Blas Miranda, otherwise known or called himself General Breguez, who organized a small Guerrilla group in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte refused to join the 92nd Division because of the backing of one American by the name of Captain Waters of Col. McClish staff of Mindanao. Captain Waters has been working for the disintegration of Leyte Guerrilla Forces. At present the million inhabitants of Leyte through their municipal councils are asking Lt. Miranda to join our organization. If diplomacy fails, the 92nd Division will force Lt. Miranda to join us. It is requested that Col. McClish or Gen. Fertig be ordered to require Lt. Miranda to forget his established kingdom.

(2) Both Leyte and Samar have not as yet reestablished the Provincial Governments on account of the fact that almost all constituted government officials have surrendered to the enemy and are cooperating with him. To solve this problem, I wish to submit the following suggestions: (1) That Gen. MacArthur will appoint a Prov. Governor, and two members of the board, an auditor, prov. treasurer, pro. fiscal, and judge of court of First Instance. (2) For General MacArthur to recognize immediately or as soon as possible the organization of the 92nd Division, and to authorize the Commanding General of that Division to appoint those officials. (3) For General MacArthur to allow delegates of the municipal governments to select those officials.

(3) Both Leyte and Samar have not printed Emergency Notes as authorized by the President of the Philippines because of lack proper government officials.



II - Guerrilla Units:

(a) The 92nd Division with Hqrs at Balinsayao, Abuyog, Leyte.

(1) The 94th Inf. Regt. w/ Hqrs at Sogod, Leyte.

a. 1st Bn w/ Hqrs at Sogod

1. A Co. at Sogod
2. B Co. at Liloan
3. C Co. at Malitbog w/ detachment at Maasin

b. 2nd Bn w/ Hqrs at Baybay

1. E Co. at Bato
2. F Co. at Baybay
3. G Co. at Abuyog

Note: For lack of arms, only two Bns are being organized in this regiment.

(2) The 95th Inf. Regt. w/ Hqrs at Jaro, Leyte

a. 1st Bn w/ Hqrs at Dagami

- A Co. at Dagami
- B Co. at Pastrana
- C Co. at La Paz

b. 2nd Bn w/ Hqrs at Jaro

- E Co. at Jaro
- F Co. at Alangalang
- G Co. at Carigara

c. 3rd Bn w/ Hqrs at Valencia

- I Co. w/ Hqrs at Valencia
- K Co. at Albuera
- L Co. at Palompon

(3) The 96th Inf. Regt. w/ Hqrs at Camp Wright, Samar.

a. 1st Bn w/ Hqrs at Camp Wright

- A & B Cos. at Camp Wright w/ detachment at Calbiga.
- C Co. at Borongan

b. 2nd Bn w/ Hqrs at Basey

- E Co. at Basey
- F Co. at Basey w/ detachments at Sta. Rita and Balangiga.
- G Co. at Basey

c. 3rd Bn w/ Hqrs at Oquendo

- I Co. at Oquendo
- K Co. at Catarman
- L Co. at Gendara

Note: ~~Due to lack of arms, no 15 company has been organized.~~ ~~and the rest are shotguns and home-made shotguns.~~

*Copy for
Commander Parsons*

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS, 92nd DIVISION
IN THE FIELD

23 MAY, 1945

Subject: Information

To: K 50 - Octopus



1. In compliance with the instructions of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the following informations are hereby submitted:

PART I

I - Guerrilla Leaders:

(a) Col. Ruperto K. Kangleon, service 26 years; graduate Philippine Academy; General Service School; District Commander 5th Military District, 1938; Dist. Commander, 9th Military District, 1938-1941; Commanding Officer, 81st Infantry Regiment before the outbreak of the war.

(b) He assembled all Guerrilla Unit leaders, unified all Guerrilla Forces of both Samar and Leyte, and placed them under his command. Remark: Until the present writing, 2nd Lt. Blas Miranda, a Guerrilla leader at Ormoc, Leyte has not as yet joined Col. Kangleon's organization.

(c) He contacted Guerrilla leaders of the neighboring islands other than Leyte and Samar for cooperation and coordination of Guerrilla movements and supplies.

(d) He sympathized with released prisoners of war and assisted them by giving them food and medicine supplies, safeguarded them but taking the necessary precaution lest they might be enemy spies.

(e) He gave the civilians assurances of the final victory of the allied nations, the freedom of the Philippines from the hand of the enemy; he reestablished the Commonwealth Government; organized the civilians into different Guerrilla Agencies for intelligence works, and Bolo Bns; assisted them in the maintenance of Peace and order, and required them to support the army by general contribution.

(f) He organized and trained his Guerrilla Forces to fight the enemy in Guerrilla Warfare; enforced on them strict discipline; established school for civilian officers leading guerrilla units; commissioned them officers of the PA Reserve Force subject to the confirmation by the President of the Philippines; Essential phases of training: Discipline and Military Courtesy, marksmanship, hygiene and sanitation, taking care of arms, combat principles - fire and movements, and marching.

(g) He reestablished the Commonwealth Government; supported and protected that government; assisted in the maintenance of peace and order; encouraged local industries; forced them to require the people to plant food - rice & corn and other foodstuffs.

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS, 92ND DIVISION
IN THE FIELD

24 MAY, 1945

Gen. W. W. Fertig, USA,
Commanding General, 10th MD,
In the Field.

Dear Sir: -

On April 9th last, I sent you a letter through Capt. Gordon A. Lang, USN, our contact man. Unfortunately Capt. Lang, on account of difficulties in transportation, failed to reach up your Hqs to deliver my letter to you. Attached hereto is a copy of that letter.

Col. L. P. Morgan, Inf., with his troops arrived Leyte on April 17th last. He has gone around Leyte to see condition here, and he is at present with me. I am happy indeed to meet him and his troops, and I thank you ever so much for his mission.

Complying with the instruction of General MacArthur through Commander Parsons, USN. I have organized the 92nd Division. One Inf. Regt. in Samar, and two Inf. Regts. in Leyte. The units which compose the division are the very units of the guerrilla forces of both Leyte and Samar. I have also assumed command of this division.

I will not inform you in this letter of the situation of Leyte and Samar because your representative, Col. Morgan, is well informed of it. I wish, however, to inform you that we are in bad need of ammunition. Leyte Guerrilla Forces have been fighting the enemy as early as July, 1942, and since then there has been no ammunition received from without to replenish those expended. For this reason, I request you to send us aids in the form of ammunition--four boxes or 6000 rounds will do. I will return them to you when we receive our shipment. In case this request meets your approval, a radio message to that effect will be highly appreciated. A sailboat will be sent over there to pick them up.

Wishing you success in your administration of the 10th MD, and may the DIVINE PROVIDENCE assist you in our struggle for freedom.

Very faithfully yours,

RUPERTO K. KANGLEON
Col. Inf.

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS, 92ND DIVISION
IN THE FIELD

30 May 1943

Gen. W. W. Fertig, USA,
Commanding General, 10th MD,
In the Field.



Dear Sir:-

On May 24th last, I sent you a letter through Col. L. P. Morgan, your Chief of Staff, a copy of which is hereto attached. Col. Morgan, before leaving Leyte, left me a copy of his inspection report of the 9th MD, and that of GO # 4, GHQ, 10th MD, copies of which are herewith enclosed.

I am sending Lt. (jg) J. D. Richardson, US Navy, to your GHQ to take up with you the following:

- (a) Immediate recognition of the 9th Military District by Gen. McArthur or his authorized representative.
- (b) To request you for aids in the form of ammunitions, arms and medicines - particularly ammunition.
- (c) To request you for money to pay our officers and men.
- (d) To request authority for the District Commander, 9th MD, to appoint civil government officials for Leyte and Samar because the provincial government officials of these provinces are with the enemy.

Gen. McArthur through Lt. Commander C. Parsons, USN^R, has instructed me to unify all guerrilla units of Leyte and Samar, and place them under one command. Consequently, with the exception of Lt. Blas Miranda who leads an insignificant group, all guerrilla units of these two provinces were unified and placed under one command. Thereafter, the 92nd Division was created and organized with the 94th and 95th Inf. Regts. in Leyte, and the 96th Inf. Regt. in Samar.

Once the 9th MD is recognized by Gen. McArthur, and the Commanding Officer thereof authorized to appoint civil government officials in place of those who are now cooperating with the enemy, I can assure you that a sound democratic government will be restored in the 9th MD. Monetary and domestic problems will be solved; peace and order maintained; school classes for grades I, II and III will be open; public sanitary services, and lines of communication reestablished; roads and bridges repaired; and persons who committed serious crimes and detained awaiting trials by competent court will be tried and justice rendered.

Wishing you the best of success, and hoping for your aids and cooperation - May the DIVINE PROVIDENCE assist you in our struggle for freedom.

Very faithfully yours,

RUPERTO K. KANGLEON
Col. Inf.

COPY for
Lt-Commander C. Parsons, US Navy

US Navy

Col. Inf.

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11 JUNE 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA
NR : 342 JUNE 10

HAVE WIRED FERTIG FOLLOWING: MERRIT OF SAMAR WAS COOPERATING WITH THIS COMMAND BEFORE WE EVEN HEARD OF KANGLEON. LETTERS FROM LEYTE SHOW THAT KANGLEON CANNOT EVEN UNITE HIS OWN ISLAND. IF HE CANNOT DO SO WE DO NOT WONDER WHY MERRIT REFUSES JOIN HIM. MERRIT IS FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH PRESENT SETUP AND MACARTHUR ORDERS. CONSIDERABLE PART LEYTE GUERILLAS REFUSED JOIN KANGLEON BECAUSE HE WENT INTO HIDING AND JUST CAME OUT WHEN GUERILLAS WERE ORGANIZED. KANGLEON MAY BE LOGICAL CANDIDATE BECAUSE OF SENIORITY BUT IF I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT GUERILLAS, THERE WILL BE NO UNITY IN NINTH DISTRICT UNLESS SENIOR OFFICER CAN PROVE HE HAS JUST AS MUCH GUTS AS THOSE WHO DID THE DIRTY WORK. TELL KANGLEON THAT WE ARE NOT INTERFERING WITH HIS EFFORTS TO UNITE NINTH DISTRICT. INCIDENTALLY SOME LEYTE OFFICERS ARE HERE ASKING US FOR AMMUNITION AND RADIO. WE ARE TRAINING SOME OF THEM IN STAFF FUNCTIONING SIGNAL AND INTELLIGENCE WORK. COMMANDER PARSONS IS REPORTED GIVING IMPRESSION THAT HE IS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MACARTHUR. KANGLEON IS REPORTED SPREADING THAT SUBMARINE IS COMING TO LEYTE. MAY BE GOOD FOR MORALE BUT THAT WILL HURT EVERYONE. IF WE HAVE ANY INFLUENCE WITH MERRIT IT WILL BE TO ADVISE COOPERATION AS FOR UNITY, THAT DEPENDS BETWEEN MERRIT AND KANGLEON EXCLUSIVELY.

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~~SECRET~~

14 JUNE 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : FERTIG

NR : 147 June 13

OUR LIASON PATROL REPORTS UNIFICATION OF LEYTE UNDER KANGLIOS
PROGRESSING EXCEPT FOUR MUNICIPALITIES UNDER LT. MIRANDA, WHO IS RECAL-
CITRANT. THAT OF SAMAR PROGRESSING.

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C O P Y

1 JULY 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : W Y Z B

NR : 166 June 28

KANGLEON OC LEYTE STATES SAMAR UNIFIED. ALL OF LEYTE EXCEPT
MIRANDA. BELIEVE ADVISABLE TO RECOGNIZE KANGLEON FOR WITH RECOGNITION
CIVILIANS WILL FORCE MIRANDA TO CAPITULATE.



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~~S E C R E T~~

27 JULY 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : WZE

NR : 600 JULY 26

PERSONAL LETTER OF LT MIRANDA COMMANDING WESTERN LEYTE GUERILLA FORCES
DATED MAY TWO FOUR QUOTE OVERTURES HAVE BEEN MADE BY A CERTAIN SURRENDERED
COLONEL TO ASSUME COMMAND OF NINTH MILITARY DISTRICT. MY FORCES ARE RE-
SOLVED NOT TO TAKE ORDERS FROM A PRISONER OF WAR NO MATTER HOW HIGH RANKING
HE MAY BE. UNQUOTE. HE IS REFERRING KANGLEON. IN GENERAL OTHER PARTS OF
HIS LETTER SIMILAR TO SOLIMAN LETTER DATED FIVE.

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27 JULY 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : W Z E
NR : 598 JULY 26

LETTER OF ONE NINE JUNE FROM INTELLIGENCE OFFICER OF KANGLEON THANKS US FOR ONE THOUSAND PESOS SENT HIM, REPORTED PRESENCE OF SGT. PATRICIO JORGE WHO STATED HE IS FROM ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BUREAU AND TO WHOM THEY GAVE ALL PAPERS COVERING THEIR ACTIVITIES, STATES AS FOLLOWS QUOTE OF COURSE LT. COL. FERTIG HAS THE DIRECT CHARGE OF THE INTELLIGENCE NETWORK FOR NINTH AND TENTH MILITARY DISTRICTS BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE NO INTEREST AT ALL IN EVEN TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW WE ARE ABOUT LEYTE AND THOUGH HE HAS ALL THE FUNDS THAT HE COULD PRINT HE HAS NOT EXTENDED TO US ANY MONETARY AID. IT STANDS TO REASON THAT IN THE COURSE OF FULFILLING MY DUTIES I SHALL DO ANYTHING THAT MAY HELP IMPROVE THE SERVICE THAT MY SECTION WILL GIVE IN THE FIELD. HOWEVER, I HAVE CONTACT WITH FERTIGS OFFICE BUT HE CONTINUES TO THINK THAT OUR WORK HERE IS NOT EVEN WORTH THE PAPER ON WHICH THEY ARE WRITTEN UNQUOTE. PLEASE NOTIFY FERTIG OF THESE SENTIMENTS.

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CIVILIANS" THEY HAVE " NO FINANCE SYSTEM, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS RUN MUNICIPAL GOVT,
ALL CRIMES COMMITTED WHICH BEFORE WERE TRIABLE BY COURTS FIRST INSTANCE ARE
TRIED BY GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL, CRIMES HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO MINIMUM" SOLIMAN
IS REGULAR OFFICER AND FORT BENNING GRAD. KNOWHIM VERY WELL BOTH PERSONALLY
AND MILITARILY. BELIEVE THAT ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, HE CAN HOLD HIS OWN WITH
ANY OFFICER OF PHIL ARMY EXCEPT A FEW. HE STATES THAT HE WON SILVER STAR IN
MINDANAO. REGARDING THEIR RELATIONS WITH TENTH DISTRICT, HAVE DISTINCT
IMPRESSION FROM HIS LETTER THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY GREAT RESPECT OR AFFECTION
FOR TENTH DISTRICT FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER. AS TO VERACITY OF HIS STATEMENTS AB
OUT HIS ORGANIZATION, I WOULD SAY THAT FROM MY PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF HIM AND
HIS KNOWLEDGE THAT I KNOW HIM RATHER WELL, THAT THEY SHOULD BE TAKEN AS
GENERALLY RELIABLE AND ANY ERRORS ARE ERRORS OF JUDGMENT AND NOT OF DELIBERATE
FALSEHOOD. WILL FORWARD YOU HIS LETTER AND PERSONAL LETTER OF LT. MIRANDA.



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28 JULY 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : WZE

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MAJOR MARCOS SOLIMAN FORMERLY EXECUTIVE OF EIGHTY FIRST INF STATIONED IN MINDANAO BEFORE SURRENDER, AND IS NOW CHIEF OF STAFF OF WESTERN LEYTE GUERRILLA FORCES UNDER LIEUT MIRANDA IN LETTER DATED JULY FIVE STATES: "THE SITUATION HERE AT PRESENT TIME IS AS FOLLOWS: COL KANGLEON WHO USED TO BE MY CO IN EIGHT FIRST INF UP TO JANUARY ELEVEN BUT WHO SURRENDERED TO THE JAPS AROUND LAST WEEK OF MAY NINETEEN FORTY TWO AND SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPED FROM CONCENTRATION CAMP LAST DECEMBER, RETURNED TO LEYTE TO ASSUME COMMAND OF SOUTHERN AND EASTERN LEYTE. THE NORTH LEYTE FORCES ARE UNDER SOME NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE CONSTABULARY BUT TO DATE HAVE NOT JOINED KANGLEON NOR OUR ORGANIZATION ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE SIGNIFIED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN US PROVIDED THAT I AM DESIGNATED THE COMMANDING OFFICER. THE SOUTH IS ALSO AGREEABLE TO THIS AS EVIDENCED BY LETTERS FROM COL. KANGLEON WHICH ARE IN MY POSSESSION. IN EASTERN LEYTE THE JAPS ARE STILL OCCUPYING THREE OR FOUR TOWNS. THE UNITS THERE ARE SO LOOSELY ORGANIZED THAT THEY CANNOT DRIVE AND CONFINE THEM INTO ONE TOWN ONLY. HERE IN THE WEST, THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED A LONG TIME AGO." SOLIMAN STATES THAT HE MET MIRANDA AFTER HE ESCAPED FROM DAVAO AND REGAINED HIS HEALTH AND PRESENTED HIMSELF TO SERVE IN ANY CAPACITY. MIRANDA WAS FORMERLY COMMANDING OFFICER OF SECOND LEYTE CONSTABULARY COMPANY. ON THEIR ORGANIZATION HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SOLIMAN STATES: ORGANIZED INITIALLY BY LT. MIRANDA FROM AMONG SMALL AND SEPARATE GUERRILLA BANDS WHICH WERE SUBDUED BY HIS DETACHMENT ONE AFTER THE OTHER, EXPANDED TO ITS PRESENT STRENGTH OF FOUR ONE SEVEN OFFICERS AND ABOUT TWELVE THOUSAND MEN REORGANIZED TO FUNCTION SIMILAR TO A DIVISION WITH MODIFICATIONS AS TO SERVICE ELEMENTS; HAVE A PLANT FOR MANUFACTURE AMMO GRENADES LAND MINES; HAVE BASE HOSPITAL AND REGTL AND BN AID STATIONS; GOVT IS DEFACTO; NORMAL PROTECTION GIVEN TO

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G.H.Q. SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA, CHECK SHEET

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From	To	Date	Remarks
C.P.	Col. Whitney	29 July 43	<p>1. Herewith sundry memoranda from Col. Ruperto K. Kangleon relative to situation in Leyte, which will give an idea as to his efforts at unification of guerilla units in the 9th M.D.</p> <p>2. In this connection, I wish to record that in my talks with Kangleon, I have not made any promises of any kind. I did encourage him to attempt to unify the various groups, and indicated that recognition would definitely not be given the area until unification by someone had been effected.</p> <p>3. In the 9th Military District, I found that Kangleon was possibly the only leader with the slightest chance to unify the guerrillas. None of the leaders of the various groups could do so. Miranda's failure to submit should not be seriously considered, if it is desired to recognize this, a new district.</p> <p><i>C.P.</i></p>
4. Incls.			
Incl. No. 1-Memo to Parsons fr Kangleon 30 Apr/43.			
Incl. No. 2-Inspection Rpt of 9th M.D. 23 May/43.			
Incl. No. 3-Rpt of Kangleon to K-50 - Octopus 23 May/43.			
Incl. No. 4-Ltr to Fertig fr Kangleon 30 May/43.			

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From	To	Date	Remarks
P.R.S.	Chief of Staff Coor: G-2	6 Aug 43	<p>1. Herewith is file of memorandum in re guerilla situation in 9th M.D. (SAMAR - LEYTE). Also attached are copies of our msgs. received on the subject matter. The file is of interest but appears to add little which would suggest the advisability of altering previous decision against recognizing any commander of that district at this time.</p> <p>2. In connection with this particular area, it is noteworthy that as of 15 July there were only <u>100</u> enemy troops in SAMAR and <u>250</u> in LEYTE with <u>150</u> Constabulary in the latter Province (G-2 summary of enemy information). This represents a quiescent state of enemy activity which would appear to best serve our present purposes - - a condition which we would seem well advised not to disturb. The formalization of the guerilla organization under a duly appointed District Commander would undoubtedly result in greatly increased occupying forces with corresponding added pressure against both guerilla forces and other inhabitants as well. I raise this point as we are in receipt of frequent recommendations for the appointment of KANGLEON as Commander of the district. Commander PARSONS reiterated such recommendation upon his arrival and delivery of attached file. The appointment, however, would in my opinion be of very questionable value, in the circumstances existing, even had KANGLEON succeeded in unifying all guerilla forces and brought all contending leaders under his banner.</p> <p>3. I do recommend, however, that in our next supply shipment to FERTIG we include at least a token shipment of medical supplies and the six thousand rounds of ammunition requested (KANGLEON letter to FERTIG 24 May 1943, attached file) for delivery to KANGLEON. Also that suitable message be sent KANGLEON from the C-in-C in acknowledgement his message contained in next to last paragraph of KANGLEON's letter to Commander PARSONS dated 30 April 1943 (attached file).</p> <p>5 Incls: 4 Incls. no change 1 Incl. msgs on subject (added)</p> <p>DECLASSIFIED PER JCS LTR ON 20 AUG. 75</p> <p><i>C. W.</i></p> <p>SECRET</p> <p>SECRET</p> <p>80M-4/4-POLE</p> <p>- 2 -</p>





8 August 1943.

TO : Chief of Staff

Leadership of 9th Military District.

The appointment of Kangleon as CO of this district has been recommended by Parsons and Fertig since Parsons' inspection trip in April. Kangleon's position is stated in his letters attached hereto. He is the ranking officer in the district having been a Lt. Colonel in 1940. He was CO of the 9th Military District from 1938 to 1941. He claims that Samar and Leyte are unified under his command, except for a group under Lt Miranda in Western Leyte.

On the other hand, messages from Peralta indicate a condition far from unification. On 28 July, he reported a letter from Major Marcos Soliman, reputedly a Fort Benning graduate who received the Silver Star for operations in Mindanao. Soliman is serving as Chief of Staff under Lt Miranda in Western Leyte. He reports that Miranda has 417 officers and 12,000 men but this information must probably be discounted considerably. Soliman says that a Northern Leyte group would be willing to join Miranda's group if Soliman were made CO and says that Kangleon has also agreed to join this group - a statement that does not fit in with Kangleon's report to Fertig. Peralta speaks well of Soliman. Peralta also reports a letter from Miranda saying that he will not serve under Kangleon who he says surrendered to the Japs.

In a message 31 July, Peralta said Samar was divided into four guerrilla groups under Merritt; Arteche, former Governor of Samar; Abia, a Captain in the Philippine Army in 1940; and Sulci, reported by Peralta as having been a past Governor of Samar. The degree of cooperation between these groups is not revealed, nor is their relation with Kangleon. However, Parsons says Arteche and Abia are cooperating with Kangleon.

Peralta appears very much opposed to Kangleon, largely on the ground that he surrendered to the Japs and that the guerrillas will not follow him for that reason. He seems to favor Merritt but has not made specific recommendation for his appointment as CO of the 9th District.

From the above, there seems to be a considerable difference of opinion as to the degree of guerrilla unification in the 9th District, but greater unity would undoubtedly be achieved if Kangleon were recognized as CO by G.H.Q. The recommendation of Fertig and Parsons merits very careful consideration.

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TO:	For:
Commander in Chief _____	Approval _____
Chief of Staff _____	Concurrence _____
Deputy Chief of Staff _____	Information _____
G-1 _____	Initials _____
G-2 _____	Issue Orders _____
G-3 _____	Nec. Action _____
G-4 _____	Signature _____
Adjutant General _____	Return to G-2 _____
A.A. Officer _____	File _____
C/Engineer Officer _____	Comment _____
C/Signal Officer _____	Circulate _____
Public Relations _____	_____
Aides de camp _____	_____
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Translator Sec. _____	_____
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Cin C Direct that
the matter can be held
in abeyance but
let an encouraging
message come to be
sent, substantially
as follows: (Parsons)

"The Cin C is gratified
with your efforts in the
organization of the
92d Div. and the
maintenance of law
and order in your
area. The Allies are
making substantial
progress in all
theaters of War and
ultimate success
is assured. Copy of
our instructions on
guerrilla -"

Peralta 399:

History 9th MD intelligence coverage: (Samar and Leyte).

Information reported by Lt. Young as of about September 1942.

Next reports from Peralta who had contact with Col. Merritt on Samar and Lt. Moranda on Leyte. Reports received about two months apart.

February 13, 1943: Fertig made CO 10th MD with authority to extend intelligence net to 9th District. Nevertheless, intel from 9th MD continued to come from Peralta, except following:

March 19: msg received from Fertig that Parsons had visited Leyte and Samar, reported little activity and that Lt. Col. Kangleon was leader fairly large unit on Leyte, a possible CO 9th MD. No other message from Fertig re Leyte until June 7 when differences between Peralta and Fertig appeared.



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