

PERSONNEL FILES

INDIVIDUAL

ABCEDE,

SALVADOR

Abcede Personal

C.W.

Thru: C-1a-3
C/S

23 March 1945

1. Recommend award of the Distinguished Service Cross to:

Lieut. Col. Salvador **ABCEDE**
Lieut. Col. James **CUSHING**

for their work in organizing and directing the guerilla movement in NEGROS and CEBU respectively.

2. Recommend further that if these awards are made, presentation of the medals be made by the Commanding General, Eighth Army in your behalf at an appropriate occasion during coming operations in the field.

3. In PANAY such action proved a good thing for both the Army and the guerilla forces. It served to dignify the guerilla movement and establish the relationship between Army and guerillas on a high plane of understanding and mutual respect.

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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE D. & C.

TO LIEUT. COL. SALVADOR ABASO, P.A.

Abasado
Personal

Lieut. Col. Salvador Abasado, P.A., is cited for extraordinary heroism in the presence of the enemy during the period from 8 July 1943 to 23 March 1945.

This officer, as Commander, Sixth Military District, has organized and directed the guerrilla action on Negroes and developed detailed and precise information on enemy dispositions and movement which has proved of great value to military operations.

In the performance of his duties Lieut. Col. Abasado has displayed high qualities of leadership and exemplary courage and devotion to duty, thereby inspiring the officers and men under his command to perform service of inestimable value under most difficult and hazardous conditions.



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STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE D.S.C.

TO LIEUT. COL. SALVADOR ALONSO, P.A.

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
Hq Seventh Military District
In the Field

9 July 44

COMMANDER F. L. WORCESTER, USNR
GHQ, SWPA



Dear Commander WORCESTER:

Allow me to express to you our deepest gratitude for what you have done for this District. We are most thankful that you have acquainted the proper authorities with the actual situation in Negros and that you have succeeded in making them realize our various needs. Am most thankful also for the pointers which you have brought up. In most cases I have already modified my views on those points to coincide with what you have brought up.

Reference cooperation among Districts, we have no cause to feel guilty in any failure to appreciate the importance of cooperation with various Districts. Even Peralta realizes the importance of proper cooperation and coordination, and I have found out that his apparent independence before had been due to lack of communications. Communication has been the greatest handicap in the proper cooperation between Districts. Reference Intelligence, have complained most emphatically to Peralta about the first Intelligence Report because it seemed to be most carefully censored and expurgated. However, they gave us lately a more comprehensive report here when they found out that some units in Negros have also been in Panay, and we were able to compare notes on various enemy commanders. My contact with Bohol and Cebu and Mindanao has improved greatly, and we are grateful for Colonel Fertig's splendid cooperation in allowing our units to purchase in the Sindangan Area as you suggested before. One way or another, we have succeeded in getting Japanese Passes for our boats, and these passes have been very helpful in more than one occasion.

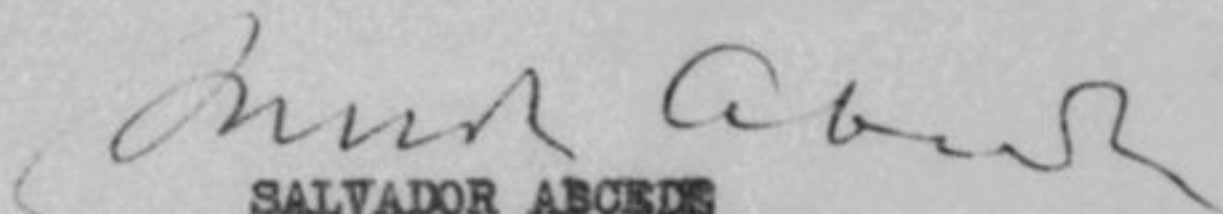
Food Situation: Your views on our food situation is correct. In fact, I am more concerned with our food situation than with the enemy situation. Actually most of our units now are going on the porridge ration. It is quite unusual to note that in the areas that previously suffered food shortage are now in a better position with respect to food supplies, while the areas reputed to be granaries of sections of Negros are now in acute need of food supplies. It seems that human nature prefers to learn in the hard way. The Dipolog and Sindangan Area, including Katipunan are being exploited thru the kindness of Col. Fertig.

Watchers Station: Seventh Military District will not fail your high hopes in accomplishing this mission for you. We probably were not able to flash anything before for lack of naval movements and due to handicaps imposed by lack of equipment. But when there will be naval movements within our scope it will certainly be flashed and flashed on time. We have always made it a point here in Negros that when we give a report, it is a fact because we realize that radio traffic limits the ability of GHQ to put in further queries. Some of our flashes have been actually instrumental in the biggest Japanese fleet that was ever seen in the Philippines before which led to the big fight between Luzon and the Marianas early in June.

While successes in our fronts have been very notable, we find that the Japanese in the Pacific theater are being driven back to the Philippines to such an extent that at this writing there are about 20,000 Japanese in Negros, including all arms and services with their equipment and planes. They concentrate their installations in the area Fabrica-Guimaras-Pulupandan. We are most hopeful that in spite of the heavy concentration of enemy troops here we are carrying on.

With best wishes to you and your family, and hoping for an early meeting with you in the drive back to the Philippines,

Sincerely yours,



SALVADOR ABCEDE
Lieutenant Colonel, Inf.
CO7MD



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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
Hq Seventh Military District
In the Field

9 July 44

COMMANDER CHICK PARSONS, USNR
GHQ, APO 500

Dear Commander PARSONS:

Let me repeat our appreciation to the immense service that you have been giving us here in the Philippines in the matter of attending to our needs and forwarding supplies to us. The latest shipment that we have received is quite ample. In fact, we had great difficulty in unloading the shipment as required. We were handicapped by darkness and low tide such that unloading from the boats to the shore was quite a long way and in most cases some of our boats hit sandbars as many as fifteen times in one trip. The shipment of gasoline rather put an unknown quantity in our calculation that we were at a loss as to what measures to provide for its reception. Meanwhile, while we were unloading and making the contact, an enemy column was actually headed in our direction from the mountains to the east. Fortunately, this unit swerved towards the southeast and our apprehensions were lifted when the all clear was given four days after we made the contact.

At this time, most of the arms and ammunition have been shifted to the various District Distributing Points and all the rest safely stowed away in secret dispersed hiding places. Actually, two units have already received their allotment of supplies. Most of the stuff for CUSHING has already been turned over to the officers whom he sent here. The handling of the stuff for Cebu, being a trust upon the 7th Military District, has been our most constant worry. The two weather parties are now properly attended to. One has been functioning one week after they landed, and the other is now on the way to the northern end of the island. The shipment made on deck is quite satisfactory. Although superficially they appear rusty, we found that the mechanisms were in perfect condition after cleaning them. The shipment of Signal Equipment to us will certainly improve our Coast Watcher Service. Lately, just on the day we installed one of the sets for our southern Coast Watcher Station, same set was able to flash four convoys in 72 hours which would have been very timely had it not been for failure to establish immediate contact with FTAW. We certainly believe that if we could render GHQ efficient Coast Watcher flashes, it would be better than causing 500 Japanese casualties a month. The film projector and film strips are now being prepared for touring the District as a morale builder and for general information.



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Our Medical Units are ample and sufficient although we found out that two years of war-weariness and lack of nutrition can hardly be tackled by medicines in preventing malaria. It seems as if malaria is fully a matter of good health. The clothing you sent is heaven-sent in view of the great need of clothes, not only for our soldiers, but also for our civilians. The cotton sheeting came at an opportune time when almost all the sails of our boats in the District Sailboat Pool were in bad need of replacements. We have to sacrifice some for sail material as these boats have been essential in the procurement of our supplies. Incidentally, if we could have some outboard motors with sufficient fuel it will greatly expedite the handling of supplies that may be shipped in the future.



The supply of bond paper is also very opportune in that we are badly in need of small change to help ease up the problem of inflation that invariably accompanies lack of supplies and too many buyers. Have fully realized the value of your information on the subversive equipment in that a premature use of this sabotage equipment may foil other similar attempts in the future which may be connected with some bigger moves.

Thank you very much for the box that you sent for ED and for me. They have been very helpful in easing my conscience seeing my men around me without clothes and other essential items. The shipment did not include rifle grenades with launchers. Noted also is that we received some caliber .50 ammunition but no caliber .50 weapons and that the supply of ammunition for the Tommy guns is very limited. We were a little bit disappointed in that the shipment did not include some light infantry mortars and automatic rifles and light machine guns. We need these equipment very badly because under the present circumstances the Japs start hitting our units in the field from 500 yards, while our units have to wait until they come within 200 to 300 yards before they can hit back. The light infantry mortars will be used together with the light automatic weapons in repelling enemy raids on our various bivouacs and installations. Following the general policy, we avoid hitting the enemy as much as we can in order to enable us to concentrate more on intelligence work. But in most cases, contrary to our better judgement, we have to hit back at the Japs especially when they start foraging out in the lowlands to grab our supplies. It is for this reason that most of our fights occur in the lowlands and not in the jungles. Besides, hitting the enemy before they come up to our rear security areas has been found to be most sensible under our present circumstances. Will certainly appreciate it very much if we could receive more automatic rifles or light infantry mortars in the next opportunity.

Am very glad to hear of the well-being of the evacuees there now who were formerly in Negros. I was most apprehensive about them while being here because another six months of the coming rainy season here will certainly break most of them. At present there are only two Americans left here in Negros. I have not yet found out whether they desire to be evacuated in the next opportunity.

The present Allied successes in the Central and Southwest Pacific have been most welcome to us. But to us, these events portend another side of the picture. Actually, at this writing, there are about 20,000 Japanese in Negros with at least 100 planes. These units include all arms and services, including heavy equipment. Their installations seem to be concentrated in the area GUIMARAS-PULUPANDAN-FABRICA and in the area DUMAGUETE-BAIS. In most cases they have made it a point to hit our radio stations, especially when they are contemplating heavy naval movements like those on June 14 and 15 when we saw a big Japanese fleet consisting of carriers, battleships, cruisers of all types, destroyers, submarines, transports and other auxiliaries. Unfortunately, our Watcher Stations have been raided the day before that we were delayed in flashing this movement. We received a flash on the 14th. But we had to wait for verification which came on the 16th. A total of 84 vessels, 55 of which were war vessels, was sighted. However, we are most hopeful that we will carry on.

With deepest gratitude and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Abner



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FEYAP 201-Abcede, Salvador (Off) 1st W/Ind.
HQ. US ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, A.P.O. 501, 19 March, 1944.

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, A.P.O. 500.
(Att: Col C. Whitney, AIB)

Forwarded herewith, extracts of paragraph 7, Special Orders No. 77, this headquarters, 17 March 1944, for your information and distribution to Major Salvador Abcede, 01520, Philippine Army, if and when such action is deemed feasible.

For the Commanding General:

J. N. Shigley
J. N. SHIGLEY,
Major, A. G. D.,
Ass't Adjutant General.

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As identified above. (quad)



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1. General Order No. 10, 1955, 16 March, 1955.
2. General Order No. 11, 1955, 16 March, 1955.
(Ref: Col. E. M. ...)

Forwarded for your information and distribution to Major General ... and Major General ... in the Philippines Army, 16 March 1955.

For the Commanding General:

J. B. ...
Major General

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As directed above.



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A.P.O. 501
17 March 1944

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7. By authority of the President of the Philippine Commonwealth, announcement is made of the temp promotion of CAPT SALVADOR ABCEDE O-1520, Philippine Army, to the gr of MAJ with rank fr date of this order.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,
Lieutenant General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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L. S. OSTRANDER,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
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From: DCS GHQ

To: DCS USAFFE thru G-2

15 March 1944

For necessary action in regard to promotion of Capt. Abcede and then to Chief PRS for necessary action and the appointment of Major Abcede as Commander, Seventh Military District.

R.J.M.

From: G-2

To: DCS USAFFE

16 March 1944

Forwarded.

C.A.W.

From: AG-X, USAFFE

Thru: AG, GHQ
To: PRS

19 March 1944

For action indicated in C/N (3). Copy of promotion order attached.

From: PRS

To: AG, USAFFE
Thru: AG, GHQ

20 March 1944

1. Was it not the intention of the Deputy Chief of Staff that Capt. ABCEDE be promoted to the grade of Lieut. Colonel, Philippine Army in accordance with the recommendation of G-2 in which PRS joined? See C/N 1 and 2.

2. The DCS may have qualified the matter verbally but this does not appear in the foregoing record. Clarification is accordingly desired before this matter is communicated to the officer concerned.

G.F.

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PRS

Chief of Staff

12 March 1944

1. Following his appointment as Acting District Commander, ABCEDE's dispositions that came before this headquarters for review were far from strong. There is still much to be desired in his administration of the Command but he has shown definite improvement, probably dating from the time of the withdrawal of VILLANOR from the area where his presence may conceivably have deterred ABCEDE from the assumption of full responsibility commensurate with the office of District Commander.

2. Dispositions taken to effect prompt and secure reception of the last supply shipment were superb and there is no doubt that his leadership is now accepted by and large by the majority of the forces and people of NEGROS. He is backed up in developing information on enemy naval movement through adjacent waters and establishing direct contact with the Naval Control station to permit the utilization of information on such naval movement for combat purposes -- but I believe that this can be worked out through recent augmentation of his radio equipment and facilities and painstaking instructions.

3. I believe that any promotion of Filipino officers must be cautiously approached in view of the great number on active duty, many of whom are rendering excellent service, and the difficulty of evaluating promotion recommendations from this distance.

4. I consider that GADGE must be ruled out of the running due to his failure to comply with the C in C's instructions calling for him to proceed to the headquarters, 7th M.D. to there work out in conference the complete unification of the area.

5. While there might be advantages in leaving the 7th M.D. situation in ~~giving up~~ giving up for a while longer, I see no particular disadvantage following the course recommended by G-2, whose interest in this matter is appreciated.

6. I accordingly join in G-2's recommendation that ABCEDE be promoted to the grade of Lieut. Col. in the Philippine Army and appointed Commander of the 7th Military District. Notification of other District and Area Commanders of such action once taken would have the effect of advising Col. GADGE, now in BUHOL, of the termination of his official connection with the military affairs of the district, and his officers and men, still in NEGROS, of the C in C's decision in the premises.

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C.W.



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Recognition for Salvador Abcede

G-2

G/S (THRU: PRS for Comment)

9 March 1944.

1. Abcede is still carried as a captain, PA. Peralta promoted him Lt. Col. before Negros was a recognized ND. GEC appointed him Acting CO 7th ND, 8 August 1943. Believe sufficient information is available to justify promoting Abcede to Lt. Col. and appointing him CO 7th ND.

2. Capt. Salvador Abcede, O-1520, PA, is 30 years old, the same age as Peralta. He graduated from the University of the PI in 1936 with a reserve commission, and received a regular army commission in 1941. He was listed 254 of the PA captains in October 1941, Peralta being 261. Abcede was not awarded DSC when Praeger, Peralta and Fertig were so decorated in August 1943. He was decorated with Silver Star of the PI, November 1943 by President Quezon.

3. Major Villamor stated July 1943 that Abcede was the youngest and most junior officer of the regular army Negros guerrilla leaders. He and his officers were responsible for the restoration of order in Negros Occ. after the surrender. In his report November 1943 Major Villamor said:

Personally known to me. Young, aggressive and at times given to snappy judgment. However, he is not afraid to admit mistakes. Was at one time an instructor in the Philippine Military Academy. Is well liked by the people of Negros.

Villamor also stated that though Abcede was considered young by other leaders and district COs he had their support, except Galar. Villamor said Montelibano believed Abcede the most logical successor to Villamor as CO 7th ND and that he knew and understood the Negros problems.

4. Dr. Cruz speaks very highly of Abcede and his work and commented on Abcede's popularity among the troops visited by him. He states:

Abcede is intelligent and very capable. I don't think Abcede needs outside officers. He is well liked and respected by the people in his district.

5. Evances are in complete agreement as to Abcede's popularity among the people and his demonstrated ability to handle the problems confronting a guerrilla district CO. They stated he had displayed tact and judgment. He had visited most of the areas of Negros on inspection trips during the past year. They stated with Dr. Cruz that confirmation of his appointment as Lt. Col. and making him CO of the 7th ND would be a fine gesture of confidence that would be appreciated by Abcede and his men and was long overdue.

6. Recommend Captain Salvador Abcede, O-1520, PA, be promoted to Lt. Col. and appointed CO, 7th ND.

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6 March 1945

Dear Colonel,

I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the bottle of very fine whiskey. Hope I will be able to drink a toast with you in kind in the not too distant future when the invader has been driven from your island.

Have enjoyed working with you and other guerrilla leaders. Now that Eighth Army has taken over my erstwhile duties I wish to compliment you on the very fine work you and your men have been doing in Negros.

Sincerely yours,

Lieutenant Colonel Salvador Abcede
Negros, Philippine Islands.



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1st W/Ind.

HQ. US ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, A.P.O. 501, 5 October 1944.

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, A.P.O. 500.
(Att: Col. G. Whitney, O of AS of S, G-3).

Forwarded herewith, extract copies of paragraphs 2 and 3, Special Orders No. 273, this headquarters, 2 October 1944, for your information and distribution to officers concerned, if and when such action is deemed feasible.

For the Commanding General:

J. W. BRADY
Maj A. G. D.
Asst Adj Gen

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SO 273, HQ USAFFE, 2 Oct 44. (7)

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2 October 1944

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2. By authority of the President of the Philippine Commonwealth, announcement is made of the temp promotion of LT COL RUPERTO K. KANGLEON 1059 Inf, Philippine Army, to the gr of COL with rank fr date of this order.

3. By authority of the President of the Philippine Commonwealth, announcement is made of the temp promotion of MAJ SALVADOR ABCEDA O-1520, Philippine Army, to the gr of LT COL with rank fr date of this order.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,
Lieutenant General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

J. W. Donnell
J. W. DONNELL,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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RADIO FOR TRANSMISSION BY PRS

EGL/gb
October 5, 1944

TO: COL WHITNEY AIB

FM: AS RADIO & CABLE SECTION

Request the attached message re promotion Lt Col Kangleon
be dispatched and original copy returned showing time of dispatch
and PRS number

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See original see Kangleon 201.



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5 OCTOBER 1944

FFE 601

SYNOPSIS

ROUTINE

CG USAFFE SMD MACARTHUR

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PAR TWO SO TWO SEVEN THREE THIS HQ TWO OCTOBER FORTYFOUR ANNOUNCES TEMP
 FROM LT COL RUPERTO KING KANGLON ONE NOUGHT FIVE NINE INF PHILIPPINE
 ARMY TO COL RANK FR DATE OF ORDER PD PAR THREE SAME SO ANNOUNCES TEMP FROM
 MAJ SALVADOR ARCEDE NOUGHT ONE FIVE TWO NOUGHT PHILIPPINE ARMY TO LT
 COL RANK FR DATE OF ORDER PD NOTIFY OFFICERS

OFFICIAL:

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L. S. CHANDLER,
 Brig. Gen., U.S. Army,
 Adjutant General.



1. Request that account be given to President of the Philippines Army of the following staff and committees

Staff

Chief of Staff, Major General E. S. Bunker, USA, Ret.

Staff Committees

Major General S. B. Hays, USA, Ret.

2. General Bunker is the senior officer in rank of service of the Philippines Army in active duty. His position is not only crucial in the eyes of the public in general but also in the eyes of the military community. It is vital that the public be kept informed of his activities and that the military community be kept informed of his activities through the channels of communication and intelligence gathering.

3. Major General Bunker has held the position of Chief of Staff, Philippines Army since the inception of service of the Philippines Army. In this capacity he has been the chief of staff of the Philippines Army. It is his duty to see that the military community is kept informed of his activities and that the public be kept informed of his activities through the channels of communication and intelligence gathering. It is vital that the public be kept informed of his activities and that the military community be kept informed of his activities through the channels of communication and intelligence gathering.

4. Request is made that budget be given effect to these recommendations.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

USA

For original see Kangleon's 201



20 September 1944

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: • Functions of **OFFICERS** on Service in the Philippines.
TO: • Deputy Chief of Staff, **USMC**

It is desired that the following named officers, now on active service in the Philippines, be provided to the posts indicated in the attached copy:

1. Lt. Colonel

Major **John H. ...**, **USMC**, **Phil. Is.**

2. Lt. Colonel

Major **Richard ...**, **USMC**, **Phil.**



L. J. ...
Major General, **USMC**, **Phil. Is.**
Chief of Staff

20 September 1944

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Promotion of Officers on Service in the Philippines.
TO : Deputy Chief of Staff, USAF

It is desired that the following named officers, now on active service in the Philippines, be promoted to the grade indicated in the following lists:

1st Lt. Robert L. ...

1st Lt. Robert L. ... 1937, Inf. P.A.

2nd Lt. ...

2nd Lt. ... 1938, P.A.



D. F. STENZEL
Major General, U.S. Army,
Chief of Staff