

[MINDINAO, SULU]

GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES-  
10TH MILITARY DISTRICT,

NOVEMBER- DECEMBER

1944

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL  
HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ROUTING SLIP

20 December

1944

FROM: Chief of Staff

TO:

C/S \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy C/S \_\_\_\_\_  
G-1 \_\_\_\_\_  
G-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
G-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
G-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjutant General \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal \_\_\_\_\_  
SPA \_\_\_\_\_  
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FOR:

Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
Concurrence \_\_\_\_\_  
Information \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials \_\_\_\_\_  
Issuance Orders \_\_\_\_\_  
Rec. Action \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Remark &  
Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
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To Colonel Whitney.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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FROM: CHIEF OF STAFF

TO:

FOR:

Deputy Chief of Staff  
Ass't Chief of Staff G-1  
Ass't Chief of Staff G-2  
Ass't Chief of Staff G-3  
Ass't Chief of Staff G-4  
Adjutant General

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2. ~~Deputy~~ Chief of Staff USAFFE ✓

1. Col. Whitney CW



Lieut. General, U.S.A.  
Chief of Staff

ADVANCE REGION  
HEADQUARTERS USMARPAC  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ROUTING SLIP

19 Oct

1944

FROM: A6

TO:		FOR:	
C/S	<u>②</u>	Approval	<u>②</u>
Deputy C/S	<u>①</u>	Concurrence	
C-1		Information	
C-2		Initials	
C-3		Issuance orders	
C-4		Rec. Action	<u>①</u>
Adjutant General		Note & Return	
Fiscal		*Remark &	
SPA		Recommendation	
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Guerrilla 10 M.D.

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Reorganization of Guerrilla Forces.

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19 December 1944

1. Colonel Fertig has apparently misinterpreted my informal memorandum outlining policies with reference to the reorganization of guerrilla forces, with reference to return of American personnel to the United States, as applying to guerrilla forces prior to their reorganization.

2. Recommend reply to Fertig as follows:

"Return to United States for reassignment or furlough as mentioned memorandum from Stivers can occur only when forces available for reorganization. Same applies to other matters mentioned therein."

3. Believe this message might well have been referred to USAFFE at once rather than having OHQ staff action.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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Subject:

From: G-3 ✓

To: Chief of Staff

Date: 17 December 1944

1. Attention is invited to attached message NR 907 from Fertig, asking authority to send some of his officer personnel to the States, under a policy outlined by a memorandum of General Stivers, dated 9 November, copy of which is attached.
2. It does not appear that it was the intent of General Stivers that our officers, in areas not yet liberated, should be encouraged to leave their posts at a time when their presence is needed more now than ever. Furthermore there is every likelihood that any such separations at this time would prove of a permanent nature.
3. Recommend that Fertig be informed that the policy indicated is for application only after his area has been brought within the zone of our operations and officers desiring it can be released from further duty at their present stations without detriment to the military situation.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA  
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-1



Advance Echelon,  
APO 500,  
9 November 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. W. W. Fertig, AUS,  
Commanding Officer,  
10th Military District.

1. Following are some notes on plans for guerilla forces:

a. Reorganization of Guerilla Forces.

(1). Guerilla forces under recognized commanders are now definite units of the Philippine Army, by proclamation of President Osmeña. All rank conferred by recognized commanders is confirmed in the Philippine Army.

(2). Units will continue as organized at present while combat requirement exists.

(3). When these units are no longer immediately required for combat and when they are in or adjacent to liberated areas occupied by United States troops, they will be assembled, reorganized as standard Philippine Army units, reequipped and trained with new equipment. Tables of Organizations similar to old Philippine Army tables, but with modern weapons and equipment are being prepared.

(4). After reorganization, units will be used in such operations as mopping up enemy groups, liberating smaller islands, providing garrisons for bases, etc.

b. Pay.

(1). For the time being, that of the Philippine Army under President Quezon's March, 1942 executive order. (Pay for officers, approximately United States scale; for enlisted men, Philippine Scout scale.)

(2). On reorganization, same as United States Army pay, less longevity, foreign service, etc., increases.

(3). Matters of full settlement of back pay will have to be deferred until boards can be set up to determine exact basis.

c. Rank (for American personnel). Permanent confirmation in Army of United States of all appointments by recognized commanders will have to depend on circumstances of individual cases. For instance, an American enlisted man, serving as captain with guerilla forces, may be doing a superior job yet, if appointed Captain, Army of United States and returned to the United States, might find himself in a situation where he could not possibly swing the job. If he desires to remain with the Philippine Army unit, his rank can be confirmed in the Philippine Army. In other cases, such a man may be fully qualified for confirmation of Army of United States appointment. A liberal policy will be adopted and much weight given to recommendations of district commanders.

d. Return to United States (American Personnel). The policy heretofore adopted, which will be continued, is that all American personnel who so desire will be returned to the United States for assignment. For those who desire to continue to serve in this theater, a leave of one month at home in the United States is authorized, with travel time both ways in addition. This can, of course, only be effective at the time units are reorganized; otherwise too many key men would be withdrawn from guerilla forces at a critical time.

e. Philippine Scouts will be reenlisted in the Army of the United States and will receive United States pay. Until sufficient numbers exist to permit reforming some Philippine Scout units, they will probably be used as instructors



with Philippine Army units. Those who have been guerilla officers may be continued on a Philippine Army commissioned status.

2. A Philippine Army section has been established in G-1, General Headquarters charged with the preparation of plans and policies for the reorganization of the Philippine Army. Present guerilla units will constitute the backbone of the new Philippine Army units.

3. The Philippine Constabulary will also be reorganized, largely with civil police functions. Military operations formerly handled by the Philippine Constabulary, such as operations against Moro outlaws, will for the time being at least be charged to the Philippine Army.

4. I hope the foregoing will give you some idea of the present plans and policies.

s/ CHAS. P. STIVERS,  
t/ CHAS. P. STIVERS,  
Maj. Gen., U.S.A.,  
A C/S, G-1, G.H.Q.

