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CABLES FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Up to the present date approximately 60 cables have been received in this country this year. Although there were no dates on any of these cables it would be safe to say from the context that they were sent after the first of this year. Most of these messages reported the receipt of next-of-kin packages and letters which were dispatched from this country on the Gripsholm last Fall. A few of them also mentioned that cables had been received. This would indicate that at least there is some improvement in the movement of mail and cables for the Far East, which formerly took far longer than six months. The most reassuring information in these cables is the fact that the next-of-kin parcels and mail have actually been received by the internees. This is indeed good news.

LOCATION OF MILITARY CAMPS

We have had innumerable inquiries in the past six months for the identification of military camps in the Philippines which have previously been known only by numbers. We are glad to be able to say that according to a statement of the Prisoner of War Division of the American Red Cross in Washington the following have been identified. Camp #1 is at Cabanatuan about 50 miles North of Manila. Camps # 3, 4, and 11 are situated in Manila proper. Camp #2 is at Davao on the Island of Mindanao and there is one military camp at Puerta Princesa on the Island of Palawan whose identifying number is still unknown. Letters from these military camps have been so rare that we actually know of only one which was received last December. This stated that the prisoners were faring "fairly well considering the circumstances". Unfortunately no mail has been received in this country from the civilian internment camps since the Gripsholm brought a very incomplete number last December.

MAIL

In order to facilitate the movement of mail especially through the different censorship, the Red Cross has arranged for a form postcard which can be mailed under the usual restrictions with postage free for Philippine delivery. This gives a choice of three types of mail which can be sent. First: In the original form of a letter, postage free which is familiar to all. Second: The special air-mail Form #111 which were described in detail in our last News Letter. Third: The simplified postcard Red Cross Form. This latter can be obtained at local Red Cross Chapters upon application. We still feel, however, that the Form for quickest delivery that can be used is the Provost Marshal General's Form #111.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

Sometime ago it was announced in our News Letter #13 that "key people" had been appointed all over the United States. It has now been suggested that these "key people" largely form Committees in their localities against the day when tangible assistance can be given to our people interned in the Philippines. A great many of these Committees have already been organized. This was done because it was felt that the progress of our Armed Forces in the South Pacific justified that we, at least, be prepared to render assistance whenever future developments permit. The ways and means to accomplish this are now being carefully explored and we hope to give more definite information when plans have matured.

After talking with many Government Bureaus we are also trying to arrange with the proper authorities in Australia a system of communications with the Philippine Islands as soon as it is feasible after the re-occupation. Announcements concerning this will also be made later.

CABLE NEWS

Standard Vacuum Oil Co. of N. Y. has recently received a cable from Mr. Lucien Rocke in Santo Tomas stating: "All our interned staff are reasonably well".

Mr. William T. Graham received a cable from his daughter, Mrs. Elton P. J. Fee, stating: "Letters, packages received. Altogether, all well".

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions received a cable from Stephen Smith in reply to one of theirs. It stated that Dr. Rogers died in April, 1944. Mrs. Rogers was feeble and that the rest were reasonably well.

Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company has received the following cable: "Yours Schiffelin letters received. Both in fair health. Regards all. George Parkinson".

Mr. A. L. Renaud received the following cable from the Tom Knights: "Packages received, letters, all fair."

Miss Anna Flood received the following message from her brother, Raymond Flood: "Received letters. Are together and Okay. Advise Bertha's family and Whitney's. Love".

Mr. Joseph W. Straub has received the following cable from his son, Robert Straub: "Health fine-letters and package received. Mothers death great shock-regards all".

Mrs. Carl W. Gabrielson had a cable from her husband, Carl Gabrielson who is interned at Los Banos which stated that he is in perfect health. That he had received one letter and a parcel.

Two other cables have been received from Los Banos. One addressed to Mrs. G. H. White from her son George, and the other to Mrs. T. M. Jordan from her husband.

Virginia Patterson received the following cable from her father, William H. Patterson, which said: "Congratulations on your graduation. Suggest Post Graduate work, well, love, Daddy".

We regret to announce that information has been received concerning the death of Mrs. Gladys Waterstradt, Mr. Samuel H. Deebel, and of Mr. Richard Fitzsimmons, all of Santo Tomas Internment Camp.

PHILIPPINE WAR RELIEF (OF THE UNITED STATES) INC.

This organization has been formed recently having been incorporated in the District of Columbia on April 28, 1944. The purposes of the corporation are stated as follows;

"To do everything possible to help in furnishing aid and assistance for relief of human suffering in the Philippines occasioned by the war or by occupation by the Japanese or other enemy of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the United States or the United Nations in the Territory of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, and for the relief and rehabilitation of war refugees from the Philippines wherever they may be, such aid and assistance to be furnished through such humanitarian organizations and instrumentalities as the Corporation may elect to aid and assist, or through agents of the corporation abroad and in rendering any and all service in connection therewith.

"The people who will need help and to whom this organization is committed to see that help is prepared are: (a) the vast majority of the Philippine population approximately 17,000,000. (b) 7,000 internees consisting of Nationals of the United Nations. (c) Prisoners of War.

"It is understood of course that before the day of liberation comes plans will be formed by Governmental Agencies for the bulk of the needed relief by public funds.

"There are expected to be many ways in which this organization will be in a position to help, other than collaborating with those Governmental Agencies upon whom the main responsibility is imposed. Until those plans are formulated, it is not possible to see clearly what avenues of assistance will be left to us. One possibility of course, is the preparation of clothing by volunteer workers from material salvaged from used clothing, remnants or new material. Steps have already been taken to survey the possibilities of Filipino communities in the United States and Hawaii undertaking some of this work".

FINANCES

We trust that it is understood by all the recipients of our News Letters that we are not in a position to make a drive for special funds for our day to day routine work, and therefore we are dependent on the unsolicited generosity of the friends of those who have vital reason to be interested. Even though the overhead expenses of our Committee are kept to the minimum we do need funds to carry on that minimum, especially if we are to function promptly and efficiently when the time comes that we can be of real use and help to our relatives and friends in the Philippines. Our accounts are regularly audited by our Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Foye, of Haskins & Sells, whose services are donated, and a copy of the monthly statements are available to anyone upon request.

LAST MINUTE BULLETIN

About 8,000 regulation postcards from military prisoners in the Far East have just reached this country and are now in the hands of the censors. Delivery may be shortly expected.

The following telegram was sent to Mrs. Manuel L. Quezon: "RELIEF FOR AMERICANS IN PHILIPPINES EXTENDS TO YOU THEIR SINCEREST AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON. IT IS ESPECIALLY TRAGIC THAT HE COULD NOT HAVE LIVED TO SEE ONCE MORE HIS NATIVE LAND".

INFORMATION

The identification of the next-of-kin on the following list is vitally important. If you have the slightest indication as to the next-of-kin or friends your cooperation is urgently requested. If you have any clue as to their affiliations or possible connection in any way will you kindly send us the information you have, as we will follow even the faintest clue? The names are those of Americans OFFICIALLY listed as interned in the Philippines. As many as can be printed within the postal limitations for a single issue of the News Letter are listed alphabetically.

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