

# Activities Of The District Of Southern Luzon

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District Commander

The District of Southern Luzon with headquarters at Manila comprises at present the following twenty (20) provinces: Albay, Bataan, Batangas, Bulacan, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Cavite, Laguna, Marinduque, Masbate, Rizal, Sorsogon, Tarlac, Tayabas and Zambales.

It covers an area of about 33,000 square miles with about 4,600,000 population.

Former it had 46 Companies and detachments with 116 officers and 1,589 enlisted men as authorized strength.

Under section 7 of act No. 4032, better known as the appropriation act for 1933, the Philippine Constabulary was required to make forced savings. In order to effect this forced economy, this district had to have its share in the reduction of the enlisted strength of the entire organization. It was allotted a quota of 339 vacancies so that at present there remains only a strength of 1,250 enlisted men, or one enlisted man to police every 3,680 population of the district.

The following stations, companies and detachment of the district were abolished to further effect the required economy and the officers and men composing

them were assigned to the nearest companies in the same provinces affected:

Third Company, Virac, Albay; 29th Compa-



DISTRICT COMMANDER AND STAFF,  
DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN LUZON

*Seated: Col. Eustaquio Bactat, District Commander.*

*Sitting, left to right: Lieut. Col. C. Cerquella, Asst. D. C. and Inspector; Major J. V. Agdamag, Assistant to the D. C. and Inspector; Capt. F. I. Torres, District Adjutant.*

ny, Laguna; 57th Company, Sual, Pangasinan; 72nd Company, Casiguan, Tayabas; Detachment of Brook's Point, Palawan.

Officers composing the District Staff are as follows:

Colonel Eustaquio Bactat, District Commander; Lieut. Colonel Cristobal Cerquella, Assistant District Commander; Major Jose V. Agdamag, Assistant to District Commander and Inspector, District Southern Luzon; Captain Felicisimo I. Torres, District Adjutant.

Enlisted men composing the district personnel are as follows:

Sergeant Major Rafael Santos, General Service; Staff Sergeant Apolinario Cargo, General Service; Sergeant Raymundo Cruz, 9th Company, Paligo, Batangas; Sergeant Henry Dickson, 71st Company, Gumaca, Tayabas; Lance Corporal Gabriel Mariano, 50th Company, Pasig, Rizal.

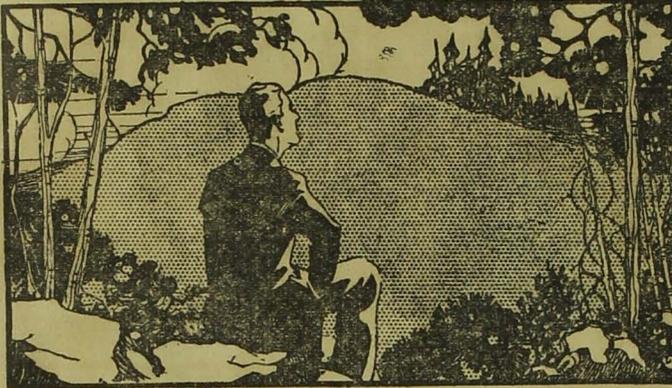
Reviewing the happenings in the district of Southern Luzon one year back from August 8, 1933,

the date the Constabulary will have attained the age of 32 years and the next Anniversary Number of the *Khaki and Red* will be published, the most outstanding event is the growing unrest of the tenants in Central Luzon principally affecting the provinces of Bulacan, Nueva Ecija and Pangasinana.

This unrest has been found to be largely due to the Red activities, preachings of unscrupulous agitators whose principal aim is to exploit the ignorant, the natural desire of the tenants to better themselves and partly because of their ignorance.

The unrest has grown to such magnitude that during the later part of the second quarter of this year, 1933, about 1,000 tenants declared a strike. They would not work unless their de-

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