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U.S. Pres. Outlines War Moves

LT.-COL. ABCEDE COMMENDED BY MAJOR-GEN. RAPP BRUSH

49th Div. Commanding General Praises
Colonel And His Men For "Splendid
Service Rendered."

Deaths Are Milestones On The Path
To Liberation And Peace

Lieut.-Col. Salvador Abcede, commander of the Negros Island Forces, Seventh Military District, P.A. today (June 1) was commended by Maj.-Gen. Rapp Brush, commanding general of the veteran 49th Infantry Division.

General Brush commended the colonel and his troops for "the splendid service rendered" the 49th Division since it landed March 29 on Negros.

The general's praise was based on the combat performance of the Filipino soldiers both before and after the return of the liberating American armed forces.

Since the initial 40th landing, 7MD officers and enlisted men have successfully executed numerous combat missions assigned them by General Brush.

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Processing of 7MD Personnel Begins

Processing started in 7MD 26 May 45. The first unit processed was the 74th Infantry Regiment stationed at Bacolod City.

Lack of adequate transportation facilities did not prevent officers and soldiers on AWOL to report to their post and stations for processing. Even those who left the island came just on time.

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Gov. Montelibano Back from Manila

Acting Governor Alfredo Montelibano arrived in Bacolod at 8 p.m. 4 June 45, after an absence of more than four weeks. The governor was optimistic over the results of his conferences with high Commonwealth officials in Manila.

The problems he took up during his stay in Manila concerned currency, status of our soldiers, sugar, government employment, and rehabilitation and reconstruction.

"I have conferred with Gen. ...
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50,000 Japs Fall In Luzon Campaign

MANILA, 31 May 45. Troops of the First Corps of the U. S. 6th Army have killed almost 50,000 Japs in North Luzon at a cost of less than 10,000 American soldiers, killed, wounded and missing, according to Maj. Gen. Imitis Swift, Corps Commander, and added that 214 enemy tanks were destroyed against negligible loss of American armor.

The Corps, now poised for a drive into the fertile Cagayan Valley in Northern Luzon, reached their present positions after overcoming Jap resistance which Swift said was "so fierce words could not describe it." The Japs were cleaned out of caves as deep as eight feet in mountains nearly a mile high in Villa Verde, adjacent to Cagayan Valley.

Primary Task To Win War In Japan
Completely, Quickly

Pays High Tribute To Leadership Of
President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, 3 June 45—President Truman, in a special message to Congress today said, "The primary task facing this nation is to win the war in Japan, to win it completely, and to win it as quickly as possible."

He outlined in detail the problems, difficulties and dangers which confront the U. S. in finishing the war against Japan, and the manner in which America plans to meet and overcome them. The President said the U. S. military policy for the defeat of Japan calls for:

1. Pinning down Japanese forces where they now are and keeping them divided so they can be destroyed piece by piece.
2. Concentrating overwhelming power on each segment which we attack.

3. Using ships, aircraft, armor, artillery and other materials in massive concentrations to gain victory with as small loss of life as possible.

4. Applying relentless and increasing pressure to the enemy by sea, air and on land so that he cannot rest, reorganize or

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Okinawa Fighting Nears Conclusion

Guam, 3 June 45. Major Gen. John R. Hodge, 24th Corps Commander of the 10th Army on Okinawa, declared that only mud appears to be holding up conclusion of the battle on Okinawa. He expressed doubt if the enemy, now crushed around Shuri town, could muster a depleted strength for an effective last ditch stand, for he saw

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CHURCHES

Schedule Of Services
CATHOLIC—Cathedral

Daily Masses: 1st, 6:30 am; 2nd 7 am; 3rd, 7:30 am.

Sundays and Holidays:

1st, 6 am; 2nd, 7 am; 3rd, 8 am. 4th, 9 am.

Sunday Benediction: 4:45 pm.

BACOLOD EVANGELICAL

Sundays: 9 to 10 am;

Sunday School Classes: 7 to 8 am.

AGLIPAYAN

Daily Mass: 6 am.

Sundays and Holidays: 1st 6 am;

2nd 8 am

Col. Abcede Commended...

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Colonel Abcede's men, who have known the mountainous Negros inland since childhood, have served as leading scouts and guides, piloting 40th infantrymen to Jap hideouts in the hilly, unchartered jungles.

The long, thin lines of communications between the unloading and re supply beaches, targets of fanatical Jap demolition teams, have been secured by the colonel's Filipino forces.

These vital missions included around-the-clock vigilance over night infiltrations.

On the division's flanks, 7MD battalions blocked enemy movements and kept him under confining surveillance while the 40th pounded the center.

However, 7MD contributions have not been limited to the outer reaches of the Negros battlefield. One of Colonel Abcede's regiments is currently on the main frontline beside the Yank, carrying a share of the assault against the tenacious Japs in their jungle-covered mountain caves and spider foxholes.

The Philippine Army troops have accounted for more than 200 dead.

In this sector, the Filipino forces, whose three years of Jap fighting consisted mainly of unsupported infantry thrusts, are launching coordinated attacks.

American artillery and air power team with the local footsloggers in their battle up steep mountains against well fortified positions.

While the seasoned soldiers of guerilla warfare are thus engaged, others are preparing to enlarge their ranks. Schools on soldiering, weapons, administration and combat tactics that sped General MacArthur's jungle fighters from New Guinea through the Philippines, are being conducted for the colonel's troops.

Prior to the return of the

U. S. President...

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regroup his battered forces or dwindling supplies to meet our next attack.

The President paid tribute to Franklin D. Roosevelt, who "was responsible for victory than any other single human being. Under his guidance this great nation grew to be the most powerful military force in history. Under his leadership Allied strategy was developed which broke down Hitler's fortress and crumbled Germany itself into ruin and unconditional surrender and has brought us within striking distance of Tokyo."

Okinawa Fighting...

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confident that all Japanese front line troops had been killed in the long and costly stand on the defense line across the island.

The small Jap forces remaining are less experienced and short of leadership as well, since many frontline officers have been slain. Artillery fire continues to fall off gradually, and with at least 350 Jap field pieces knocked out by air bombs and naval gunfire.

U. S. 10th Army leathernecks, after crushing the powerful enemy Shuri defenses, pursued the Japs garrison remnants so closely that enemy forces were unable to establish new defense positions southward.

Americans, the local forces waged unrelenting harrassing attacks on Japanese troops. In addition, they secured vital intelligence information of enemy strength and activity which proved of value in the preparation of the American plan of attack.

Throughout all this period, Filipino troops fought with meager combat equipment. Canteens for long marches were rare. They battled with few helmets for head protection, without adequate uniforms to shield them against the elements and countless other items of essential military equipment.

These things are now gradually being supplied and enlistments are being taken from former guerilla ranks to form the Philippine Army.

What the local boys lacked in the implements of modern warfare, they made up with unflinching spirit emanating from their traditional resistance to oppression and their loyalty to American and the Philippine Commonwealth.

Their deeds are milestone on the path to liberation and peace.

The Negros Legion

Plans for THE NEGROS LEGION, an exclusive organization of officers and men of the Seventh Military District and those loyal civilians who helped form the united armed resistance against the Japanese, are now underway.

The primary aims of this society are, first: to unite in political, social and economic organization all the officers and enlisted men who fought the Japs in Negros and Siquijor; second, to voice collectively the sentiments of all members of the organization; third, to protect the individual interest of each member from any political, social and economic persecution in the future.

Processing of 7MD...

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Another team will be arriving in Negros to hasten the processing of all officers and enlisted personnel of the 7MD, according to the District Commander, who also made clear his hopes that all those officers and men not present at their stations should come on time to have their claims made of record.

Montelibano Back...

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MacArthur, Pres. Osmeña and the Secretary of National Defense, Tomas Cabili in behalf of our boys," he said. "I have observed that they have a very high regard for the Negro force. It is the common opinion in Manila that 7MD has the best record in the Islands. I am confident that Negros, both the army and civil government, will receive equal to the best, if not the best solution of her problem."

Regarding the currency problem, the governor is sure that it will be redeemed at par value after the requisites have been complied with. Script money used by the 7MD will be paid off by the U. S. Army, and those spent by the civil government will be attended to by the Commonwealth Government, the provincial executive said.

Last Sunday, 3 June 4, he dined with Pres. Osmeña and Senator Hermaldo at Malacañang. Rehabilitation questions were taken up and solutions agreed upon were favorable for Negros.

The present set-up of the provincial government in Negros is temporary, the governor disclosed. Those who stayed in the mountains will have priority in government posts if they are civil service eligibles.