

## A "Quiet And Peaceful" Year In The District Of Mindanao And Sulu

The thirty second year of service of the Constabulary in the Moro provinces in Mindanao and Sulu began with the activities of a new Alancat sect in Cotabato near the happy hunting grounds of the late Datu Mampurok. Unlike Mampurok however, the leaders, Moros Maguilila @ Ombad @ Amani Salibo, Kabal @ Kasug, Linandog, Oman, Sancho, Macacana and Marecy Mana were soon arrested and their cases remanded to the Court of First Instance of Cotabato.

Moro Manangulo of Taraka for some unknown reason raised the red flag over his cotta at Taraka on September 20, 1932, and turned outlaw. Lieut. Fred Belling, Station Commander at Tamparan, sent Datu Dianka @ Sultan Sa Budiadingan and other prominent headmen to make an attempt to induce Manangulo to lower his flag, abandon the cotta and surrender. This he refused to do. Lieut. Belling, commanding officer of the 90th Company at Tamparan, with twenty-four enlisted men and the Justice of the Peace, went to the cotta for a peaceful interview with the outlaws. The detachment was fired upon at it approached the cotta and an engagement followed in which Manangulo and one soldier were killed and four soldiers were wounded. His cotta was destroyed.

On September 25, 1932, at Lugus, Siasi, Moros Misuary and Majid, sons of Panglima Ruga-



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san and fourteen others assaulted the market and killed Moros Mohamad Asadu, Arasain and Madi-za. The murderers later surrendered to Captain Leon Angeles.

The criminal element on the island of Jolo during the year was unusually active. Many robberies, some by armed bands, were committed and some were connected with murders. On the morning of October 9, 1932, a detachment of 22 enlisted men of the 111th Company stationed at Seit Lake, under the command of Lieut. Vicente G. Alagar while on patrol were treacherously ambushed at Bud Kan Asali, Panamao, by Imam Ibbah, Sakkam and more than 70 followers armed with spears and blade weapons. Lieut. Alagar and 13 enlisted men were speared, slashed, stabbed and brutally massacred. Nine men of the detachment were able to escape in the jungle and cogonal grasses, leaving their arms, 15 rifles, 6 shotguns, 1674 rounds of ammunition and other equipment in the hands of the outlaws.

This dastardly act of the moros necessitated the assembling of nearly the whole Sulu force of ten companies to recapture the lost arms which in time was done. Capt. Leon Angeles, provincial



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commander of Sulu, with available troops at hand attacked the outlaws the same day, October 9, 1932, and continued the engagement the 10th, 13th and 20th of October and up to November 4. In this engagement three more constables were killed and eleven were wounded. Thirty-five outlaws were killed, including Imam Ibban, and many more were wounded. On November 13 Sakkam's band fired upon an auto truck on the Luuk, Camp Andres Road, and killed chaffeur Timbresa @ Consing.

On April 3, Moros Juma, son of Sakkam, the ring leader of the outlaws who massacred Lieut. Alagar and thirteen men on October 9, together with Imam Tantali, Asanuddin and Anuddin surrendered with two rifles to Capt. Leon Angeles.

The records show that of the more than 70 outlaw followers of Imam Ibbah's band that attacked and massacred Lieut. Alagar and 13 enlisted men on October 9, thirty-five have been killed, seventeen are now in jail and eleven are still at large. The seven outlaws unaccounted for were probably killed or have left the Sulu Archipelago.

On June 27 at Bakud Tangkao, Patian Island, Sulu, a band of outlaws led by Moro Butu Daud treacherously massacred Moros Amil, Apas, Had-jail, Abdurasid, Tapsi, Ampilani Akmad and Sada-d who were repairing the fish trap of Moro Ba-



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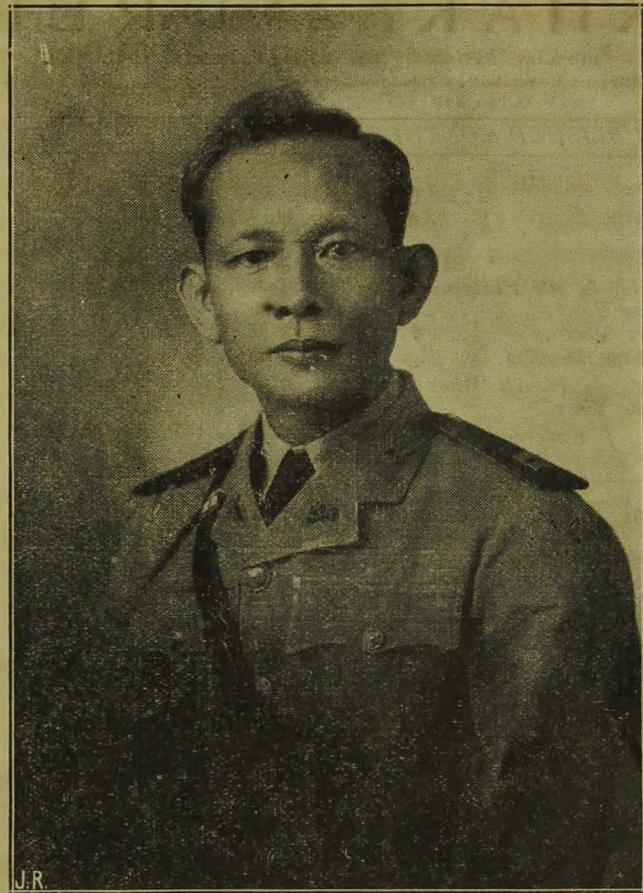


ladji. A small boy among those working on the fish trap made his escape by swimming out to sea. This same band appeared in the village of Tangkao and killed Moro Saril. The supposed motive for the massacre was attributed to Butu Daud's ill-feeling toward Moro Baladji whose fish trap was near his. On July 1, 1933 a patrol under Lieuts. Ramon Angeles, Juan Crame and Macario Asistio investigated the trouble and attempted to arrest the criminals who resisted. An engagement followed in which Butu Daud and 12 followers were killed.

Between July 5th and 10th, 1933, twelve hundred laborers in the vicinity of Davao, Davao went on a strike. The strike began with the Henson Orth Stevenson Co., when the employees of this company demanded the dismissal of the Capataz, Manuel Medina, followed by sympathy strikers. To cope with the situation it became necessary for Capt. Elias Dioquino to assemble the majority of the five companies stationed in the province of Davao to protect life and property.

The foregoing, combined with other happenings not mentioned for the lack of time in the District of Mindanao and Sulu contributed greatly to the "Peace and quiet on our Southern Front".

Following are the enlisted men who gave up their lives in the maintenance of peace and order in the District of Mindanao and Sulu during the year:



**CAPT. RAMON ZAGALA**  
*Dental Surgeon, Mindanao and Sulu*

NAME	Co.	Date	BY WHOM
Escalona, Demetrio, Pvt. ....	90th	9-20-32	Killed in an encounter with Moro outlaws in Tamparan, Lanao.
Roca, Teofilo, Pvt. ....	113th	10-13-32	Killed in an encounter with Moro outlaws under Sakkam in Tayungan, Sulu
Patente, Patricio, Pvt. ....	112th	10-9-32	"
Eugenio, Elias, Pvt. ....	111th	10-9-32	Killed in action by Moro outlaws under Imam Ibbah in Tayungan, Sulu.
Garcia, Pedro, Pvt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Oraye, Primo, Pvt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Aguirre, Marcelino, Pvt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Doctolero, Julio, Pvt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Dasmariñas, Felipe, Sgt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Lagarde, Jose, Pvt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Hijastro, Aurelio, Pvt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Cardinas, Domingo, L-Cpl. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Habalo, Felix, Sgt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Lawagan, Jose, Pvt. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Yecyecan, Estanislao, Cpl. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Lopez, Cerena, Cpl. ....	111th	10-9-32	"
Estorninos, Sotero, L-Cpl. ....	G2GSB	10-9-32	"
Camania, Sofronio, Pvt. ....	106th	2-18-33	Killed in an encounter with Moro outlaws under Sakkam in Tayungan, Sulu.
Mambering, Moro, Pvt. ....	90th	2-18-33	Gunshot wound received in action with Moro outlaws in Tambawan, Lanao.
Mata, Nicolas, Pvt. ....	115th	2-26-33	Killed by Moro amuck Mamon in South Ubian, Tawi-Tawi.
Falguera, Severo, Pvt. ....	112th	4-30-33	Killed by Moro Amuck Anta in Romandier, Sulu.
Bruno, Timoteo, Cpl. ....	106th	5-3-33	Killed in an encounter with Moro outlaws under Sakkam in Tayungan, Sulu.