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SIR:

For your information and in particular for the families concerned, I have the honor to report to you that during the month of June 1942, six American soldiers (war prisoners) arrived in my office at the barrio of Iteo, municipality of Cagalog, Camarines Norte. They escaped from the Japanese soldiers because they could not endure the cruelties and maltreatments inflicted to them while working on Camarines Norte-Rizal road. They were brought to me by the guerrilla men of this place for protection and care. The names of these Americans were:

1. Frank R. Noon, Captain,
2. Glenn Ryan, Army Clerk,
3. Wayne Hovley, Private,
4. Harry Nickle, *
5. Gerald Smith, * and

I assumed the duty and responsibility to care for these Americans during the duration of war and selected a secluded place in the barrio of Iteo, Cagalog, P. Orts where they could live secretly.

A house in the hamlet of a faithful friend named Fr. Portugal was selected by me as the most appropriate place where the former named Americans could be hidden and accommodated. The said Fr. Portugal had been requested by me to care for the Americans and act as my messenger in bringing communications between me and the said Americans, while the state of affairs was then going on secretly, Japanese soldiers secretly occupied Cagalog during the middle part of June 1942 and the undersigned had been ordered to go to town to become the post of mayorship. In view of this order, I held a conference with Captain Noon who, after serious deliberation on this subject advised me to accept the post of mayorship for the common good of my family and the said Americans.

I began to act as mayor of the Japanese puppet government of July 1st, 1942 and the Americans were then under my secret care. I must mention hereon that before assuming my post one of the Americans, Louis Bailey was taken by two civilians who happened to pass through a camp. They informed me that they would be going to Manila, as they had been transferred to some town in Pampanga province. I have been told to whether these said Americans arrived at their destination. From then I did not hear anymore from them; so only five Americans remained under my care. Since June 1942 up to September of the next year, I used to visit personally the five Americans. They were happy and healthy except Capt. Noon who had been sick with dysentery. Despite our efforts to cure him, he died Sept. 27, 1943, before his death he told us to only

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him in a secluded place so that his parents may take his remains to
America. I had him buried in the cemetery of San Gregorio, for main
in Iloilo, Capiz, and it can be indicated by us to the family of the deceased if they care to do so. Captain Money is
from San Francisco, California. He is a good singer and about 60 years
old. If your office can bring this matter to the family concerned, I
will feel grateful of having compiled this little service of gratitude for the
one who died unselfishly and patriotically for the good of our country.

After the death of Capt. Money, only four Americans were then
under our care. I made continued efforts to supply them food and
wages. They continued to live in the place indicated above as of
December 27, 1945. On this date a very sad incident occurred. Some one had
reported that I was traitor to the Japanese government and was caring
and protecting four Americans in Iloilo. So without any knowledge two (2)
patrols of Japanese soldiers on Dec. 27, 1945 raided secretly the bur-
ris of Iloilo where the four Americans namely: Wayne Mcvey, Carmen Smith,
Jose Real and Harry Macabik had been actually arrested.

In connection with the American apprehension, Gregorio Portugali,
Bro. Llurt, Fray Esteban of Iloilo, Bro. R. Eugenio Regidor of neighboring
barrio of Makail and the undersigned was arrested on the same day.
I had been arrested in that day from my post as mayor and the people
were told by the Japanese officer that the undersigned ought to be killed
for what he did. The Americans and the persons named above were im-
mediately sent to the Japanese headquarters in Bucad to where a short in-
vestigation had been conducted. As a result of this investigation Gregori-
O Regidor and the undersigned were arrested and both were sent to
Bucad as prisoners. The Americans and the undersigned had been investigated
in Bucad and after several days confinement in Bucad we were returned to San
Mauricio, Bucad, C. Baro. The four Americans, Eugenio Regidor and the
undersigned were all tied up tightly one for a period of four days as were
not given food to eat nor water to drink and on the fifth day we were sent
to Camp epaunha, Manilanga. I remember very well that the four Americans
Eugenio Regidor and the undersigned arrived in epaunha on January 8th,
1946 at six o'clock P.M. That was the last day that I had seen the four
Americans. They were not carried to the jail where we were carried to. I
can not tell me to whether these four Americans had been carried to other
places or what might have been their fate. It is not superfluous to men-
tion here that I suffered a great deal during our confinement and we were
always locked in the dungeon.

After several months confinement in Camp epaunha, we were
investigated and afterward we were made to wash our hands to our
elbows and we were required to sign oath of allegiance. We were warned to
forget America and in case of a repetition of any crimes against the Japa-
nese government we will be killed at once including our family. We were defini-
tively released and returned home again to Capiz on March 7th., 1946.
Thus, Eugenio Regidor and the undersigned were saved from a
sure death.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

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