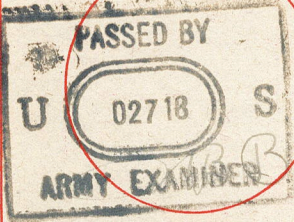


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Komosta ka!

That's Filipino dialect for "How are you?" The language is very similar to Spanish. The Philippines form a link between the Americas of the Western World ~~or~~ the Far East. Their people are a mixture of Asiatics (Chinese, Japanese, Mohammedan Moros etc) and white races (Spanish Catholics and Americans). The Filipino is not very tall and likes to call himself "the little American". The US is the only country which did not exploit its Far Eastern possessions. It brought in western civilization on an equality basis. As a result the natives are loyal and Jap propaganda never had a chance. After the defeat of Japan these islands will probably grow as prominent to Asia as the British Isles are to Europe.

Uncle Rudi writes me long letters on the European situation. I do not agree with his ~~views~~ nor his sentiments. I don't want to start an argument so I am not going to mention the subject in return.

The Filipinos are doing our laundry for us. It is best not to overpay them. They get 30 centavos a suit of fatigues, and we usually supply the soap. They are just as good as a Chinese laundry-man

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