

Dec. 22, 1941 - Monday.

Attended Cabinet Meeting at 8 am.
at Mariguina as Chief of Staff.

Attended office afterwards.

Anxiously waiting for news from the front. The enemy is pushing on. Our forces are outnumbered and outweaponed. The bombing and strafing by planes is damaging our troops.

8 pm. The President called me by phone and asked me to go to Mariguina. I rushed to Mariguina. He told me that he was going to appoint me Secretary of National Defense in addition to being Chief of Staff. He asked me if I was

willing to leave my family. I answered that I was a soldier and as such I was ready to go wherever sent. He asked me to keep it confidentially.

Dec. 23, 1941 Tuesday

At 8 a.m. I attended the meeting of the Cabinet at Mariguina. At 9:30 am. went to the office. At 10 a.m. The President told me that he had consulted his plan with Gen. MacArthur and that I was being appointed today. Shortly after Sec. Vargas called me to congratulate me. At 4 p.m. I attended