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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved!

Rev. Father Selga, S.J.
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Manila.

*Typhoon
damage
June 1942*

Reverend and Dear Father:

For Your Reverence's information I quote the text of the telegrams, our Rev. Father Superior R. van Es, at Surigao, Surigao received from some of the Fathers after the typhoon of April 14 had passed by, leaving a total destruction in its wake.

Telegram from Butuan:

Baguio destroyed entirely roof church and convent Talacogon. No house remained standing.

Telegram from Tandag:

Typhoon destroyed parish Hinatuan stop Church ~~XXXXXX~~ nave unroofed, main altar and altar Virgin down with backwall. Convent completely unroofed, partly down. Ninety percent houses down. Crops totally destroyed, same in barrios. Port Lamon completely destroyed. Bislig, Lingig undamaged. Radio stations Hinatuan Lianga Port Lamon destroyed.

Telegram from Tandag:

Lianga church partly unroofed convent undamaged stop Lianga town except four houses entirely destroyed. Towns Oteiza Marihatag okay.

So far for the telegrams which Father Superior received. In his letter to me, he added, that the mountains between Lianga and Hinatuan have lost all trees, not a single one remained standing; they look very naked!

Hoping that this information will be of some use for your Reverence's records, I beg to remain

devotedly Yours in the Sacred Heart

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