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Lt. Col. Alexander Eric Kawilarang, recently made Territorial Commandant for East Indonesia, has the following officers on his staff:

Chief of Staff

Lt. Col. Suharto

Javanese

Commandant of Battalion

Occupying Makassar

Maj. Warouw

Intelligence Officer

Suwarno

Javanese

- It is rumored in Djakarta that influential Javanese officers in the Tentera Republik Indonesia Serikat (TRIS) still do not fully trust Kawilarang and insisted that Lt. Col. Suharto be appointed his Chief of Staff.
- Lt. Col. Kawilerang was succeeded as Territorial Commandent for East Sumatra by Lt. Col. M. Simbolon, a Batak officer. Simbolon received his military training from the Japanese during the occupation and at that time bocame a battalion commander. Until the end of 1949 he was Territorial Commandant for South Sumatra. Early in 1950 he was attached to the General Staff of the Angkatan Perang Republik Indonesia Serikat (APRIS) in Djakarta as Acting Deputy Chief of Staff.
- Lt. Col. Rudy Pringadi, a Javanese, formerly Chief of Staff to the Military Governor of Surakarta et Solo, is now Chief of Staff to the Wilitary Governor of Djakarte. He was replaced in Solo by Maj. Parmudjo Perwira, also a Javanese.

