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LIST No. 101
31st INFANTRY, U.S. ARMY
(CIVILIAN DRIVERS) JANUARY 1942

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Thirty First U.S. Infantry

Civilian Drivers \$25.00 per mo.

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Payroll for personal Service
Thirty First U.S. Infantry

Civilian Drivers \$25.00

1. Federico Pantango
2. Genaro Domingo
3. Teo Eilo Nalia
4. Benito Geva
5. Jose de Leon
6. Severino Rangel
7. Jose Lejemia
8. Aurelio Hidalgo
9. Anacleto Besquerria
10. Eulogio Paras
11. Alejandro Diesta
12. Pastor Ramos
13. Joveniano Lara
14. Pascual Panaglina
15. Pacifico Lacerna
16. Eladio General
17. Francisco Dizon
18. Florentino Miguino
19. Teotimo G. Vila
20. Toribodela Cruz
21. M. Souza
22. Pablo Avayador
23. Estanislao Jimayo
24. G. Jorge Gabrillo
25. Jose Leoncio

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Thirty First U.S. Infantry
Jan 31, 1942

- 26. Godofredo Mariano
- 27. Crisanto Mayor
- 28. Juan Parililio
- 29. Mateo Falabong
- 30. Sacarias Marandan
- ~~31. Sgt. E. Gacolo~~
- 32. Dioscuro Morfe
- 33. Cipriano Bautista
- 34. R. Vallejos
- 35. Pasqual Ramos
- 36. Alfonso Peddijon
- 37. Jose V. Calvin
- 38. Anselmo Barcelona
- ~~39. Mateo Falabong~~
- ~~J. Q. Jimenez~~
- 40. John Fabano
- 41. Alfredo Reyes
- 42. Pedro Pasqual
- 43. Andres Beerabe
- 44. Leonardo Concepcion
- 45. Ricardo Abaquin
- 46. Pedro G. Pie
- 47. Victor Umbae
- 48. Venancio Busca
- 49. Marcelo Valera
- 50. Miguel Calendas
- 51. Pedro Bolivar
- 52. Exequiel Manuel
- 53. Luis Uarte

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- 54. J. Yonquas
- 55. Bonifacio Massey
- 56. Pedro Vidal
- 57. Julian Absuta
- 58. Lucio Arpon
- 59. Isaac Ruetas
- 60. Theodorico Zapanta
- 61. Fermin de la Pena ✓
- 62. Pedro Farga
- 63. Catalino Bondoc
- 64. Moises Celestino
- 65. Mauricio Pangalan
Kitchen Police \$12.50 per mo.
- 66. Ignacio Peruda
- 67. Lorenzo Casyas
- 68. Federico Infante
- 69. Francisca Sebanan
- 70. Marciano Josing

Vo. 6017

Thirty First U.S. Infantry
8 Dec to 31 Jan. 47

1. Federico Pantano
2. Genard Domingo
3. Leo Edo Nacia
4. Benito Geva
5. Jose de Leon
6. Severino Rangel
7. Jose Legenia
8. Aurelio Hidalgo
9. Anacleto Bisquera
10. Enlogio Paras
11. Alejandro Diesta
12. Pastor Ramos
13. Joveniano Lara
14. Pasqual Panaglina
15. Pacifico Sacerna
16. Eladio General
17. Francisco Dixon
18. Florentino Miguero
19. Teodoro G. Vila
20. Teribodela Cruz
21. M. Souza
22. Pablo Avoyabar

VO. 6019

Thirty First U.S. Infantry
8 Dec 41 - 31 Jan 42

23. Estanislao Tamayo
24. George Gabrillo
25. Jose Leoncio /
26. Godofredo Mariano
27. Crisanto Mayor
28. Juan Palilio
29. Mateo Talabong
30. Sacurias Marandian
31. ~~Sgt. E. Gacola~~ (Red-lined)
32. Discord Morfe
33. Cipriano Bautista
34. R. Vallejos
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36. Alfonso Pedregon
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38. Anselmo Barcelona
39. J. Q. Jimenez
40. John Tabano
41. Alfredo Reyes - P-800-8384
42. Pedro Pasqual
43. Andres Benobe
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45. Ricardo Abaquin

Thirty First U.S. Army

46. Pedro G. Bie
47. Victor Umbae
48. Venancio Busca
49. Marcelo Valera
50. Miguel Calendas
51. Pedro Bolibar
52. Ezequiel Manuel
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67. Lorenzo Casyad
68. Federico Infante
69. Francisco Lebanan
70. Mariano Sasing

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Hq., First Bn. TABR, TIS Fort Benning, Georgia, 9 January 1947

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3. No official rate of pay was ever published according to my knowledge. I attempted to ascertain this several times as the drivers went several months without pay. I finally obtained one partial pay of about ₱70.00 on or about 1 February 1942. This is all they received to my knowledge.

CLARENCE R. BESS
Major, Infantry

Formerly connected with 31st Inf.



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(3 Jun 46)

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Major, Inf., O-22060

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1st Wrapper Indorsement
Box 2133, Fort Benning, Georgia, 29 June 1947

To: Chief of Claims Service

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1st Wagon Detachment
Box 2132, Fort Benning, Georgia, 31905

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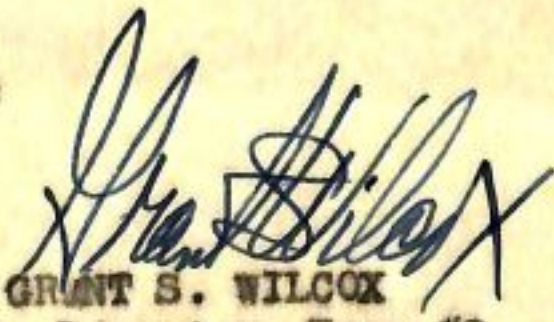
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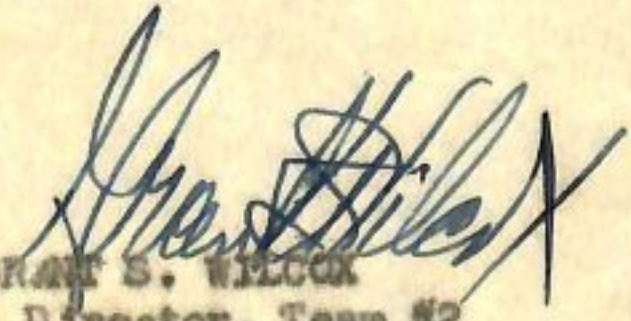
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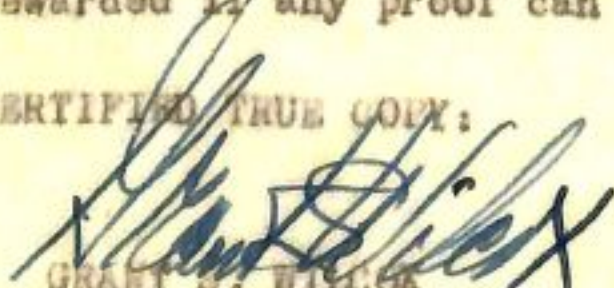
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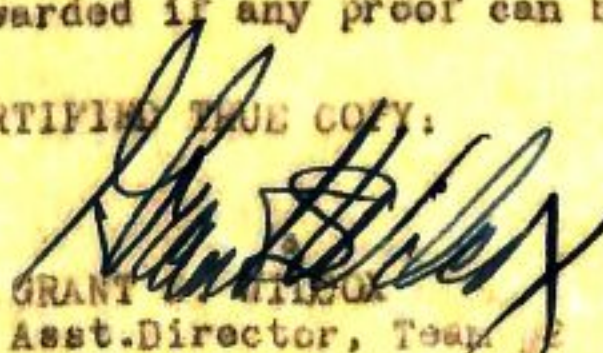
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