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Washington, D. C.
27 September 1947

Commanding General
Philippine-Ryukyus Command
APO 707 (Manila)

Attention: Mr. Grant S. Wilcox
Assistant Director, Team #2
Office of the Chief of Claims Service

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th of September 1947 in which you have outlined the problems confronting your office in deciding the merits of the cases of claims for compensation by the combat resistance forces and, now, by the men and women who assisted by rendering labor service. I am glad to offer my unofficial opinion in answer to your query.

It has been my practice to confirm in writing to your office the statements of service made by the former guerilla commanders when I had definite recollection of their activities. Despite the large number of claims which I have sent back to you, there is even a larger number of such claims on which I have taken no action. There are a few more that will come in to you after I have had a chance to discuss the merits of the cases with Lt Col Henry Mueller and Lt Col Douglas Quandt (former G-2 and Chief of Staff of the 11th Airborne Division). The majority of these requests will be ignored.

The number of men who have filed claims for compensation has not come as any surprise to me. This due, in large, to the fact that during the period immediately prior to the landing operations, all commanders and intelligence officers were concentrating upon obtaining the full support of the Filipino people during the combat phase. Undoubtedly many leaders made unwarranted and unofficial promises to the people in order to obtain their support and, further, to obtain individual followers. As the day of the landing drew near more and more citizens joined one resistance movement or another. Finally, when the 1st Cavalry and the 11th Airborne Divisions came into Manila, every person in the Manila area belonged to at least one guerrilla movement.

There was a practice by actual guerrilla fighters and by these who were politically minded to sign up as many thousands of persons as possible in order that they would themselves carry more prestige. The citizens were motivated by a desire to show their fealty to the Philippines and to the United States. The more that they had played with the

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/s/ George R. Philip, Jr.
/t/ GEORGE R. PHILIP, JR.
Capt., Cav.

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Japanese during the Occupation the more anxious they were to show that they were among the leaders of the resistance movements. I am firmly convinced that some of the major organizations in downtown Manila did not do a thing for the liberation of the Philippines except talk until the day that they came in contact with our troops.

After we had actually moved in and were doing street fighting in the city, I had "guerilla guenerals" come to me to offer their commands in our service. These commands were usually reported to number several thousands of "guerillas". My first question was to determine the number of rifles that they were able to pur into the line. This was usually eight or ten. I would take these men with rifles and stick them in one of the rifle companies. The "general" was then told that if he wanted to assist in the attack, that the best thing that he could do was to turn out 500 or a 1000 men to help feed the refugees, care for the wounded, and to do road construction to keep our lines of communication open. The above is undoubtedly known to your office already, however.

I never paid, offered to pay, or promise future payment to any laborer, or guerilla for that matter. I landed with two hundred thousand dollars in good money. This was left with Bernard Anderson except for ten thousand dollars which I carried along in case of an emergency need. When the landing was effected I still had nearly eight thousand dollars in my belt. The other had been spent for food only.

It was my philosophy then, and still is, that they were going to benefit just much from the liberation of the Philippines as I was. The immediate effect would help them more than it would me as we still had to go on up to Japan. Every time that the subject of money was brought up, which was quite often, I asked them whether they were interested in making money or were they interested in liberating their homeland from a tyrannical oppressor. At the various commanders' meetings, it was my practice to remind them that they were fighting for their own country just as much as they were for the United States and further that the Philippines was just one more damn string of islands on our step ladder to Japan. They were reminded often by myself that we could, and would, whip the Japs whether the Filipinos ever lifted a hand to help us. And again, I would not know what the attitude of the American people would be if they would not even lift their arms to help overthrow the enemy whom the professed to hate with such passion.

Reference the labor question South of Manila, it is very true that we were quite arbitrary in our recruiting of labor for taks that would assist us by relieving trained U.S. Soldiers for combat duty. The resistance leaders were most coorperative in rounding up men for this. Reference the large labor details that we employed down on the landing beach at Nasugbu, they were recruited from volunteers. These volunteer units came in to report for tactical missions. They usually

HEADQUARTERS
11TH INFANTRY PA
USAFIP NORTH LUZON
Finance Section

USAFIP Valeriano Hyacinth

26 May 1945

Subject: Payroll for Civilian Laborers, Preparation of

To : All Unit Commanders, 11th Infantry, USAFIP, NL

1. All unit commanders are directed to prepare payrolls for all civilian laborers under their employ, said payrolls to commence on January 9, 1945 and monthly thereafter, up to date. These payrolls should be strictly in accordance with the sample payroll form herewith attached.

(a) Payrolls are to be prepared in six copies, five of which will be submitted to this office in claiming payment and the last copy for the file of the unit commander concerned.

(b) Under caption "PROJECT", all payrolls will be shown as maintenance and/or repairs of roads and bridges or for the construction of airstrips.

(c) It will be noted that no column is provided for signatures as this is no longer necessary.

2. The schedule of wages authorized by the Commanding Officer is as follows:

Foreman	₱ 1.25 a day
Assistant Foreman . . .	1.00 " "
Laborer	.75 " "

For every twenty-five (25) laborers you are authorized to employ a foreman and a assistant foreman.

Any rates higher than the above-mentioned will not be entertained for payment.

3. It is the desire of the Commanding Officer that all laborers should be paid as soon as possible, so that the immediate preparation of civilian payrolls is most urgent.

4. Be guided accordingly.

BY ORDER OF LT COL BLACKBURN:

(SGD.) EUGENIO F. UY
2nd Lt, (FS) PA
Agent Finance Officer

A TRUE COPY:

s/ Secundino N. Zambrano
t/ SECUNDINO N. ZAMBRANO
1st Lieut., Infantry
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Capt INF

USAFIP, NL

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
USAFIP NORTH LUZON
CAMP SPENCER

20 May 1945

Subject: Labor Procurement

To : S-5 Sections

1. The G-5 and S-5 Sections will assume the duty of procuring labor for USAFIP,NL.

2. The direct responsibility for the procurement of labor lies with the Battalion S-5 Sections under the supervision of the Regimental S-5 Sections.

3. All requests for labor in the 121st Infantry and 15th Infantry areas will be directed to the G-5 Section, USAFIP, NL, Camp Spencer. Such request will then be relayed to the respective Regimental and Battalion S-5 Sections, which will be held responsible for obtaining the required number of laborers. However, in case of urgency where a Regimental or Battalion S-5 section is more accessible than the G-5 Section, GHQ, USAFIP, NL, the request may be coursed direct to the closet S-5 Section. The 11th, 14th and 66th Infantries will prescribe their own rules for the procurement of labor, copies of which will be furnished this Headquarters.

4. In procuring laborers, the Regimental and Battalion S-5 Sections will be aided by all local officials, both Provincial and Municipal, The Provincial Governor will be held responsible for the procurement of laborers within his province, and the Municipality.

5. Upon receipt of a requisition for laborers, the S-5 officer will immediately notify the quota of laboeres to the mayors concerned specifying the date and point of points of assembly. The mayors will be responsible that the number of laborers requisitioned will be at the point and date designated. The S-5 will then radio this Headquarters for transportation. The laborers should be ready to work for at least one week. Any delay or failure to obtain laborers will be explained and the only explanation acceptable is an impossibility beyond onw's power to prevent or remedy. In order that there will be a continous supply of laborers, there should be an overlapping of the period of work, that is , half of the laborers should work from Monday and the other half from Thursday so that they will not all be relieved on the same day.

6. All laborers will be paid and furnished rations.

7. All S-5 Sections will immediately confer with local officials on the measures to be adopted to facilitate the procurement of labor. Reports will be immediately submitted as to the availability of skilled and unskilled laborers stating the number and source of such laborers.

Subscribed: Dr
1st Lieut, FA

8. In view of limted transportation facilities, Regimental or Battalion S-5 sections procuring labor will mass the laborers obtained at a designated point or points and date so that vehicles may be sent over to transport such laborers. This is done to avoid motor vehicles being delayed, waiting for laborers as has often happened in the past.

By Order of Colonel VOLCKMANN:

/s/ Ferdinand E. Marcos
/t/ FERDINAND E. MARCOS
Major, Infantry, PA
Asst. G-5

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
19 August'47

for Aurelio L. Lucero
AURELIO L LUCERO
Major AGS
Asst Adj General
HAP

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BASIC: Ltr, GHQ, USAFIP, North Luzon, File: 114, Subject, Bureau of Public Works Personnel, dated 2 March 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, APO 442, 25 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, GHQ, USAFIP, North Luzon, Camp Spencer.

1. The temporary and emergency repairs of public facilities, such as roads and bridges, is authorized by letter, Headquarters, USAFFE, dated 26 January 1945, Subject: "Miscellaneous Expenses of Supplies, Repairs, including Labor for Construction, in the Philippine Island", copy inclosed.

2. The pay scale should be approximately that received by these or similar employees prior to 31 December 1941.

3. Funds may be obtained from the nearest U. S. Army disbursing officer and payment effected in accordance with technical instructions from the Finance officer, this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General FRUEGER:

/s/ John L. Werne
/t/ JOHN L. WERNE
2d Lt., A.G.D.
Asst Adj Gen

2 Incls:
1. Check Sheet, Hq Luzon Base Section, Subject: Public Works Personnel, dated 3 March 1945
2. Ltr, Hq USAFFE, File: A-EEDC/S 121.2, Subject: Miscellaneous Expenses of supplies, Repairs, including Labor for construction, in the Philippine Island, dated 26 January 1945.

A TRUE COPY:
n/22May45

/s/ Antonio A Sanz
/t/ ANTONIO A SANZ
Capt, Inf, PA,
Asst Adj Gen
USAFIP NL

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GENERAL HEADQUATERS
USAFIP NORTH LUZON
CAMP SPENCER

In reply refer to:
114

2 March 1945

SUBJECT: Bureau of Public Works Personnel

TO : Luzon Dist., LUB, SEC. USASUS

Attention: Col. Dean

1. We have undertaken the repair of bridges and roads within the area of North Luzon. The increase of liberated areas is so fast that maintenance of roads and bridges can not be coped with by our small engineer organization. We have, therefore, given authority to the local district engineers of the former Bureau of Public Works of the Philippine Commonwealth Government to put their former personnel and technical men of this maintenance work. We propose, therefore, that funds be made available to pay the civilian personnel to be employed by the former Bureau of Public Works for this job.

/s/ R. W. Volckmann
R. W. VOLCKMANN
Lt. Col., Infantry
Commanding

114 1st Ind

LUZON ENGINEER DISTRICT, APO 75, 17 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Sixth Army, APO 442

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

For the District Engineer:

/t/ H. O. Hamel
H. O. HAMEL
1st Lt, CE
Asst Adm O

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A TRUE COPY:
n/22May45 /s/ Antonio A. Sanz
/t/ ANTONIO A. SANZ
Capt, Inf, PA
Asst Adj Gen
USAFIP NL

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for/ Aurelio L. Lucero
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I was assigned, under the command of Major Alfredo D. Vargas, Area Quartermaster, Cebu Area Command, USFIP, to the project of preparing the Tuburan Airfield, Tuburan, Cebu, as per instructions received from Headquarters Cebu Area Command under the command of Lieut-Col. James Cushing.

I was entrusted in the work of the Landing Field and told to secure all laborers from the Cebu VG Force, to complete the job for the landing of the airplanes used by the Americans in their re-invasion of Cebu. At first I held the rating of Staff Sergeant but later I was promoted to the rank of 3rd Lieut. QMS.

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To secure laborers we had to notify the VG Company Commander, who in turn would notify the men in his company and report for work at the designated place. After each days work (a day was begun at 7:00 o'clock in the morning and continued for 24 hours until 7:00 o'clock the following morning), the VG Company Commander would get from the Platoon leaders the list of men who had worked for the day and the roll called for and present the list to me personally or to Major Alfredo D. Vargas for certification. I was authorized by Major Alfredo D. Vargas to certify their labor for him. We had instructed the VG Company Commanders of the different companies working in the Landing Field to maintain accurate records of the men who worked in there, so that eventually they might be paid some day.

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I have examined the "Payroll" lists dated Jan 14-45, Jan 15, Jan 17, Jan 18-day-nite-19 day, Jan 28, Feb 2-45, Feb 10-45 (copy signed), March 9 (not dated), March 10-11, 1945 Sat & Sun, March 11 (not dated), March 17-18, 1945, March 21, 1945, March 24, 1945, Mar 26-45, March 31-April 1, 1945, March 3-4:45 and I find them to be the original lists of laborers under Mr. Benjamin Lucenara, one of the VG Company Commanders and submitted to me for certification. I identify my signature thereon.

I have examined the list headed "D Galope-Guarding" and I find that it is certified to by Emilio Lopez, a civilian attached to the Office of the Area Quartermaster.

I have examined the list of 62 VG laborers VG 4th Bn, 86th Inf, dated Feb 24 to Feb 25 1945 and I find that it was certified to by Lieut. Francisco C. Aquino, who was in charge of the MP Detachment assigned at that time in the Landing Field.

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I have examined the list of VG laborers dated April 7 to 8/45 and I find that it was certified by Sgt. Candido Valdez assigned with the Engineering Supply Section, Area Quartermaster.

I have examined the list of VG laborers (83) dated Feb. 17, 1945 to Feb 18 1945 Noon., and I find that it was certified by Major Alfredo D. Vargas, Area Quartermaster, whose signature I identify.

There were occasions when either Major Alfredo D. Vargas or I were not present at the time of the relief of VG laborers and VG Commanders would present their list of laborers working in that day to competent persons from our office for certification. That is the reason that some of these lists were certified too by persons other than Major Alfredo D. Vargas and myself.

AQUILINO L. DEL RIO (0-25609)
3rd Lieut. QMS
Bn S-4, 3rd Bn, 43rd Inf PA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December 1945 at Compostela, Cebu.

HERSCHEL J. WRIGHT
1st Lieut. FA
Investigating Officer
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Major ALFREDO D. VARGAS, QMS, 0-25560, do hereby certify that the foregoing statements in the affidavit of Lt. Aquilino L. Del Rio are essentially true and correct in every respect.

ALFREDO D. VARGAS (0-25560)
Major QMS
Headquarters PA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December 1945 at Compostella, Cebu.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
CLAIMS SERVICE, USAFFE

ALT/rdj

APO 501
9 June 1945

FEJC(M)

SUBJECT: Volunteer guard organization of Cebu.

TO : 1st Lt. Emmett L. Whitsett, Jr., J.A.G.D., c/o Claims Office, Base S, APO 718.

1. Attention invited to attached copy of letter from Lieutenant Colonel James M. Cushing, C.E., commanding the 82nd Division, Philippine Army, subject: Confirmation and authority, Request for, 22 April 1945.

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3. Please forward such information to me at the earliest possible date. (via safe hand courier).

Sincerely,

J. A. MYATT,
Colonel, JAGD,
Chief of Claims.

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APO 718

APO 718
16 June 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of Claims, Claims Service, USAFFE, APO 501.

SUBJECT : Labor Claims of Volunteer Guard Organization of Cebu.

1. Lt. Col. Olegario Ll. Baura, Chief of Staff of the 82nd. Division, Philippine Army, has delivered to me his statement presenting the circumstances of the organization and use of the Volunteer Guards in Cebu. This statement dated 15 June 45 addressed to the Commanding General, USAFFE, is attached, together with two certified true copies.

2. Col. Baura informed me today that the records of the Volunteer Guard units, showing the names, number and dates of labor of its members, are now being collected and will be made available for my examination in three or four days.

3. As soon as these records have been inspected, information relating thereto will be forwarded.

EMMETT L. WHITSETT, JR.
1st. Lt., J A G D
Investigating Officer,
Claims Service, USAFFE.

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HEADQUARTERS, 82NDDIVISION
PHILIPPINE ARMY

15 June 45

SUBJECT: Circumstances Surrounding the Organization of the VG Force as Source of Labor for Cebu Area Command

TO : The Commanding General, USAFFE, APO 501.

1. Soon after the start of the guerrilla movement in CEBU and the centralization of command of all units on SEPT. 3,1942, the Japanese garrisoned all the towns on the coasts of Cebu. They used as many as 15,000 troops. Due to the encirclement of enemy troops around our units organized in the interior. It was necessary to procure labor for hauling supplies much needed by our forces.

a. By direction of Colonel CUSHING all unit commanders called to active duty former members of the National Volunteers Association, to work as labor personnel in the hauling of supplies. In answer to this call all able-bodied men of the different barrios in the mountains of Cebu and barrios in the lowlands which were not immediately affected by the Japanese garrisons volunteered their services to the army. This group of men was designated or called the Volunteer Guards.

b. Presently the Volunteer Guards are formed into regiments with battalions and companies patterned after the army under the command of VG officers. However, all GVs worked under the supervision of army commanders. Their work are based on the former labor battalions used in the defense preparation of Cebu Island prior to the Japanese invasion.

2. Under the supervision of Colonel Cushing or thru his authorized representative, member of the VG Force hauled procured supplies for the subsistence and maintenance of the army. Most of them furnished supplies which they personally procured, and donated. Others procured donations in kind from their neighbors and carried same to the units in the field. Later on VGs were utilized to transport overland and at times thru enemy-controlled areas SWPA supplies which came in by submarine and transhipped from Mindanao, Negros and Bohol by bancas.

3. The VG labor of Cebu has been used with the organization without compensation since SEPTEMBER 1942 until the Americans landed in Cebu on MARCH 26,1945.

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4. The members of the VG force were made to understand that compensation will later be given on the labor battalion basis. However, no payment have been made as yet for the work they have done during the past three years. Payment or compensation for the VGs is needed not only to reward them for their work before the landing of the Americans which was indispensable at the time, but also because there is great difficulty in soduring VG labor at this time due to the fact that labor in Cebu City is now being paid for.

5. All units of the VG Force have kept their own records and maintained same regularly. These records show names, dates of work, etc., and are available for examination at any time.

6. Payrolls have been kept recording the dates and names without specifying the rate of pay for all the work that the VGs have done for the Cebu Area Command, unasmuch as this command was not aware of any established rates of pay except those published for the use of the labor battalions used in construction projects before the Japanese invasion of Cebu.

7. With the foregoing details, I reiterate my request embodied in my letter of communication dated 22 April 1945, SUBJECT: Confirmation and Authority on the Procurement of VG Labor and to obligate current funds for the Payment of this labor.

For the Commanding Officer:

Sgd: Olegario Ll.Baura
OLEGARIO LL.BAURA
Lieut-Colonel,Infantry
Chief of Staff.

COPY FURNISHED:
CG, Eighth Army.

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CLAIMS SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS, USAFFE
HEADQUARTERS, BASE S, USASOS
APO 718

APO 718
15 June 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of Claims, Claims Service, USAFFE, APO 501.

SUBJECT : Labor Claims of Volunteer Guard Organization of Cebu.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated 9 June 1945 from the Chief of Claims relating to the above subject.

2. In accordance with instructions, an effort was immediately made to contact Lt. Col. James M. Cushing, but he was not available for an interview, having left for the United States several days prior to receipt of the above mentioned letter.

3. On the morning of 15 June 1945 a conference was held with Lt. Col. Olegario Baura, Chief of Staff of the 82nd. Division (PA) at his headquarters in reference to Col. Cushing's letter, Col. Baura outlined to me the history of the organization of the Volunteer Guard in Cebu under direction of Col. Cushing's command. The group was formed on 3 September 1942 to furnish services and supplies to the guerilla forces in the mountain of central Cebu. During the thirty-two months of its existence, some 122,000 men were at some time or other part of the Guard who supplied the guerillas.

4. Col. Baura stated that the Guard was formed along the lines and as a counterpart of the Labor Battalions of civilian workers used by USAFFE in its defense construction against the Japanese attack. These Labor Battalions were paid at a fixed scale and it was anticipated that the Volunteer Guard labor would be paid on a similar basis. Col. Baura declared that the members of the Guard were given to understand by guerilla headquarters that at a later date, likely after liberation of the Philippines, they would be compensated for their services.

5. According to Col. Baura records of the time worked by each man were kept, showing the dates of such labor, by each unit of the Guard for its membership throughout the organization's existence. Col. Baura said that these records have been preserved and will be made available for examination. When I asked to inspect some of the records, Col. Baura advised that they were still in the possession of the various Guard units. These records are to be collected by Division headqarters and will then be made available to Claims Service if desired. As soon as Col. Baura has secured some of these records he is to notify me so that I can inspect them.

6. Col. Baura explained that one reason the command of 82nd. Division believed it especially advisable to pay the Volunteer Guard for labor performed is the existence of current dissatisfaction among its members. This feeling is caused, according to Col. Baura

by the fact that since American forces have re-entered Cebu civilian labor has been employed and paid by the Army. A great many of the present Army laborers, be added, had not assisted the Guard during the Japanese occupation and the Guards now felt resentment of what they regard as unfair treatment of the two types of labor. Col. Baura was of the opinion that any payment, in recognition of their service, would in large measure satisfy the Guard personnel.

7. Col. Baura is preparing at my request a certificate setting forth in detail the history of the Volunteer Guard, its organization, kind of service performed, type of records maintained, reasons for compensation, and proposed manner of payment. When this statement is received it will be forwarded immediately.

8. This preliminary report is submitted in order to present as soon as possible an outline of matters discussed during the interview. Additional information will be relayed as it is obtained. Further investigation may be considered warranted after Col. Baura's certificate and some of the records have been made available.

EMMETT L. WHITSETT, JR.
1st. Lt., J A G D
Investigating Officer,
Claims Service, USAFFE

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HEADQUARTERS
82D DIVISION, PHILIPPINE ARMY

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22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Confirmation and Authority, Request for

TO : CG, 8th Army
APO 343

THRU : CG, Americal Division
APO 716

1. The Volunteer Guard organization of Cebu which was created under the supervision of this Command which for the past three years has been the only source of labor for the transportation of supplies into the interior for our troops fighting the Japanese, has done a very commendable work under various circumstances which deserve compensation. This organization is presently composed of a volunteer force of 122,000 loyal male civilians, of different lengths of individual service, who have continuously served the organization not only as the main source of labor but also in all kinds of work for the maintenance of different projects of this Command.

2. In consideration of their noble work, I am requesting confirmation of action taken on the procurement of this volunteer guard labor and authority to obligate current funds for the payment of this labor through the American Disbursing Officer.

/s/ James M. Cushing
/t/ JAMES M. CUSHING
Lieut-Colonel, CE
Commanding.

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CERTIFICATE

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I have examined the "Payroll" lists dated Jan 14-45, Jan 15, Jan 17, Jan 18-day-nite-19 day, Jan 28, Feb 2-45, Feb 10-45 (copy signed), March 9 (not dated), March 10-11, 1945 Sat & Sun, March 11 (not dated), March 17-18, 1945, March 21, 1945, March 24, 1945, Mar 26-45, March 31-April 1, 1945, March 3-4:45 and I find them to be the original lists of laborers under Mr. Benjamin Lucenara, one of the VG Company Commanders and submitted to me for certification. I identify my signature thereon.

I have examined the list headed "D Galope-Guarding" and I find that it is certified to by Emilio Lopez, a civilian attached to the Office of the Area Quartermaster.

I have examined the list of 62/VG laborers/dated Feb 24 to Feb 25 1945 and I find that it was certified to by Lieut. Francisco C. Aquino, who was in charge of the MP Detachment assigned at that time in the Landing Field.

VG 4th Bn, 86th Inf.

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Notary Public

I have examined the list of VG laborers dated April 7 to 8/45 and I find that it was certified by Sgt. Candido Valdez assigned with the Engineering Supply Section, Area Quartermaster.

I have examined the list of VG laborers (83) dated Feb. 17, 1945 to Feb 18 1945 Noon., and I find that it was certified by Major Alfredo D. Vargas, Area Quartermaster, whose signature I identify.

There were occasions when either Major Alfredo D. Vargas or I were not present at the time of the relief of VG laborers and VG Commanders would present their list of laborers working in that day to competent persons from our office for certification. That is the reason that some of these lists were certified too by persons other than Major Alfredo D. Vargas and myself.

S/Aquilino L. Del Rio

AQUILINO L. DEL RIO (0-25609)
3rd Lieut. QMS
Bn S-4, 3rd Bn, 43rd Inf PA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December 1945 at Compostela, Cebu.

S/Herschel J. Wright

HERSCHEL J. WRIGHT
1st Lieut. FA
Investigating Officer
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

CERTIFICATE

I, Major ALFREDO D. VARGAS, QMS, 0-25560, do hereby certify that the foregoing statements in the affidavit of Lt. Aquilino L. Del Rio are essentially true and correct in every respect.

Alfredo D. Vargas

ALFREDO D. VARGAS (0-25560)
Major QMS
Headquarters PA

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Certified a True Copy:

Herschel J. Wright
1st Lt. FA

USAFIP, NL
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HEADQUARTERS, PHILRYCOM
APO 707

25 March 1947

SUBJECT: Wage Claims Arising from Activities of USAFIP NL

FROM : Colonel Russell W Volckmann

TO : Director, Base "M" Branch
Claims Service, PHILRYCOM
Camp Spencer, APO 74-2

1. In response to verbal inquiries on 25 March 1947, the understanding of the undersigned concerning civilian employment engaged by USAFIP NL is made a matter of record.

2. Certain types of civilian employment was authorized prior to 9 January, 1945. Employment of semi-permanent character numbering approximately 15 per headquarters down to and including the Battalion Headquarters was authorized in addition to such personnel as civilian Doctors, Nurses, hospital attendants, technicians, utilities personnel and intelligence agents.

3. Services of bolomen, cargodores, laborers, and outpost guards were considered voluntary by the Hqs USAFIP, NL. prior to 9 January 1945.

4. Cash payments were made for services in some instences as early as March, 1945, but the bulk of the payments were made by pay-rolls submitted subsequent to that time.

5. Military government officials in North Luzon were appointed by the undersigned to carry on military and civilian functions for the benefit of the Army. The work was carried out by G-5. Officials were appointed in the same categories that PCAU was authorized to appoint. Military government officials were appointed in the same capacities and at same rates of pay as civilian government officials holding offices prior to the outbreak of the war. This group performed services for the Army under the expectation of receiving later payment.

6. Loans in both Philippine Currency and Jap warnotes were made by various personnel to USAFIP NL for use in furthering the war effort. A record of all such transactions was kept, and is available for necessary use.

/t/s/RUSSELL W VOLCKMANN
/t/t/RUSSELL W VOLCKMANN
Colonel Inf

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Donald E. Allen
DONALD E. ALLEN
Asst Director
Team 7
/vrsd

c/o Cyprus Mines Corporation
Skouriotissa, Nicosia
Cyprus Island
September 27, 1947

SUBJECT: Reply your letter of 21 July, 1947 re Civilian Labor prior to Jan 9th, 1945.

TO : Director, Claims Service, Camp Spencer Branch, A PO 74.

1.. In answer to questions listed in para. 1, your letter (copy enclosed) the following answers are furnished:

a. Yes
b. No.
c. Statements were made to military government officials that efforts would be made to get payments made to civilian labor after liberation.

d. Some of my fellow officers did procure civilian labor . I do not know if they promised payment, but some of them stated that attempts would be made to secure payment for labor performed. and those in charge were instructed to keep payrolls, or rather, time sheets, in hopes that they would eventually be paid.

e. I could not say.

2. To elucidate further re (b) above: I did not promise payments as I did not know if the U. S. Army or Government would agree to such payment, and I did not have or did not expect to have the money to pay them myself.

3. The principal use of civilian labor prior to 9Jan, 1945 was for the transport of supplies and the construction of airfields. I was instructed to build three airfields (at Sta. Maria, I. S., A ngaki, I. S., and Lagangilang, A bra) and this was done by civilian labor levied from the surrounding areas. I hardly think the work was entirely voluntary; some compulsion was necessary to get these missions accomplished.

4. Re. Para. 2, your letter, I do not remember receiving instructions from Higher Hq. that labor was to be perfomred on a voluntary basis. If such was the case I am afraid we would have obtained very little. I attempted to obtain payment for civilian labor when the Claims Office was first established in Camp Spencer, but stopped when I heard C ol. Volckmann tell fomer Governor Camacho of La Union that he expected all labor done prior to Jan. 9th, 1945, to be on a voluntary basis. That was the first knowledge I had that labor would not be paid and that I had been under a misapprehension. Prior to that I supposed it was only necessary to explain what had been done and show the necessity of the work and the payrolls would be paid! I think the orders for the construction of those airfields came from SWPA Hq.

c/o Cabras Mines Corporation
Stockholders' Nicosia
Cyprus Island
September 23, 1947

SUBJECT: Reply Your Letter of 23 July 1947 re Claimant Japot Petros to date.

TO : Director, Claims Service, Camp Phenicel Branch, A.P.O. 707.

1. In answer to questions listed in para. 1, Your letter (copy enclosed) the following answers are furnished:

a. Yes

b. No.

c. Affidavits were made to military Government officials first efforts would be made to get payments made to claimant Japot after liberation.

d. Some of my fellow officers did procure claimant Japot I know it they promised payment but some of them stated that affidavits would be made to secure payment for Japot performed. and those in charge were instructed to keep payrolls of laborer time spent.

e. I could not say.

f. To simplify the (d) above: I did not promise payment but I did not know it was a U.S. Army or Government monies since I did not know it was a U.S. Army or Government monies but I did not have or did not expect to pay anyone payment and I did not have the money to pay them.

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I do not remember receiving instructions from the Army Japot was to be performed on a voluntary basis. I am sorry that I cannot give more information.

A. He. Petr. S. Von Jeffer.

If you desire any further information please let me know and I will try to furnish it if possible.

George M. Barnett.
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Col., Inf., USA Res.

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Lt. Col. Donald D. Blackburn, Ft. Benning, Ga., 21 Sept 1947
To: Branch Office, Claims Service, Camp Spencer, Luna, La Union, Unit No. 2, APO 74

1. The following statments are made in compliance with basic letter:

a. I did employ civilians prior to 9 January 1945, but purely on a voluntary basis.

b. I did not promise that any payment would be made.

c. Promises were not made to civilians that work would be paid for, or were statments made to officials that attempts would be made to get payments for their labor at the end of the war.

d. I do not know of any officers that made any statments that they would pay or attempt to secure payment for services of laborers prior to 9 January 1945.

e. This I cannot begin to estimate.

2. I adhered to Col. Volckmann's orders to effect that all labor would be secured on a voluntary basis.

3. The above statments are made to the best of my knowledge and belief. For further information re same, I would suggest that you contact Major Juan Relosa, P. A. who was charged with the responsibility of taking care of all civilian employment of the 11th Infantry, P. A. Subsequent to January 1945, considerable labor was employed in the construction of airstrips, roads and etc.

/s/ Donald D. Blackburn
/t/ DONALD D BLACKBURN
Lt Col. Infantry

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Donald E. Allen
DONALD E. ALLEN
DIRECTOR, TEAM 6

BRANCH OFFICE, CLAIMS SERVICE
CAMP SPENCER, LUNA, LA UNION
UNIT NO. 2, APO 74

~~21 July~~, 1947

SUBJECT: Status of 1944 Services Rendered to USAFIP, NL

TO : **Col. George M. Barnett**
c/o Cyprus Mines Corp.
Skouriotissa, Nicosia, Cyprus

1. Request statement concerning your knowledge of the status of labor performed by civilians for USAFIP, NL Units, prior to 9 January 1945. Statement should include answers to the following questions:

a. Did you employ civilian laborers prior to 9 January 1945?

b. If so, did you promise any payment would be made?

c. Were promises made to civilians that work would be paid for, or were statements made to military government officials and barrio lieutenants that attempts would be made to get payments at the end of the war?

d. Do you know of any of your fellow Officers who procured any civilian labor? If so, did they promise payment, or did they state that an attempt would be made to secure payments at the conclusion of the war?

e. Approximately how many civilian employees were used per military individual in your unit?

2. Col. Volckmann has made several statements, on file in Guerrilla Affairs Division and in this Organization, in which he states definitely that labor performed prior to 9 January 1945 was on a purely voluntary basis. He further states that he gave instructions to subordinate Commanders to the effect that civilian services were to be procured on a voluntary basis prior to 9 January 1945.

3. Request any personal knowledge you may have concerning civilian employment.

VICTOR L SHUMAKER
Director, Camp Spencer Branch

On or about 5 March 1945, the 2nd Bn, 15th Inf, minus one company ("G" Co), arrived at the municipality of Dolores, Abra.

For a period of around three days, the whole battalion units bivouaced in that town until "E" Co under Lt Jacob Quirante was sent to Pattucannay, Tayum, and later "F" Co under Lt Julian Bayag was sent to Modeng, a barrio of La Paz, Abra. "H" Co under Capt Cornelio Barangan stayed in Dolores as the battalion security until it was sent to relieve "E" Co at Pattucannay, Tayum. Then, there occurred a reorganization. The former "F" Co became "E" Co and was under Capt Perfecto R Doña; the former "H" Co became "F" Co under Capt Cornelio B Barangan; and the former "E" Co became Co "H", under Lt Jacob Quirante. Approximately, on the 3rd week of March, 1945, the "E" Co was recalled to Dolores and one Platoon of "H" Co of which the undersigned was a Junior Officer was detached there. After 1 day of our stay in Modeng, La Paz, the "E" Co was assigned to Langiden. "F" Co, formerly "H" Co, remained in Tayum while the 3 platoons of "H" Co, formerly "E" Co, were left at Dolores as security, including the Hq Co. On the later days of March, the whole of the Bn Hq, including the Bn Hosp, and the whole of "H" Co, went to the town of Langiden. The concentration of the operation of the battalion then was on the Suyo-Pidigan area. "F" Co was left to operate in Bangued with some units of the 1st Bn. On the first week of April, after the fall of Bangued, the "F" Co was also called to Langiden. Sometime in the middle of April, 1945, the Bn Hq, including the Bn Hosp and Cos "E" and "F", moved out from Langiden to Narvacan, Ilocos Sur, via Villaviciosa and Pilar, Abra. "H" Co was left at Langiden. The Bn Hq was at Nagbukal, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur. Sometime on the first week of May, the "H" Co went to Pao where the Bn Hq of the 1st Bn was established. Then the Hq Co was established while the 4 platoons were assigned to different hills. The Bn Hq then of 2nd Bn moved to South Baliuag, Pilar. The "E" & "F" Cos were then operating in Cagutungan and the mountains around the vicinity. Then "H" Co moved to Manabo via Sto Tomas, while "E" Co moved to Luba, via different trails. These two companies were in pursuit of the retreating Japanese to the Mt. Province. The Hq Co of "H" Co was established in Manabo, while that of "E" Co was in Luba. "F" Co stayed with the Bn Hq.

On the middle of May, Cos "H" & "E" met at Angaki where the Bn Hq, including the Hospital Co was established. From there, the 2nd Bn left Abra via the Tirad Pass to Concepcion, Ilocos Sur where the "G"and "F" Cos were. From that town, the whole 2nd Bn moved to Banguen where the whole 2nd Bn moved to Candon, Ilocos Sur for a 2-day rest. From Candon, the whole battalion went to Suyo-Butac, Ilocos Sur, for further operations up to Mt Province. The last unit of the 2nd Bn left Abra on or about 14 May 1945.

During these operations, each unit kept on enjoying the services of bolomen. In my unit, for instance, I employed

an average of 20 men daily, except when the nature of the mission demanded for more. There was an instance, for example, when we were at Modeng where I was employing around 60 to 70 men a day hauling foodstuffs from the vicinity of Bangued to barrio San Antonio where the Vice Military Mayor was staying. Also, when our unit moves from one place to another, more bolomen were engaged to carry our ammunitions and supplies, including kitchen utensils. The number of bolomen employed depended on the discretion of the unit leader based on the kind of operations they were in. More bolomen were employed by the Special Weapons platoon which had heavy guns, and the Hq Co, to carry the company supplies and ammunitions; and still more by the Hn Hq for same purpose. It should be noted too that our kitchen was taken cared of by civilian personnel under the direct supervision of a mess sergeant.

/s/ Santiago Barangan
/t/ SANTIAGO BARANGAN

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Donald E. Allen

DONALD E. ALLEN
Director, Team #6

pbb/vrsd

CAMP SPENCER BRANCH
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM
UNIT #2 APO 74
LUNA, LA UNION

-/tr

Luna, La Union
1947

Dear

Your communication concerning services rendered has been received by this Office.

The payroll system of labor wage payments was a matter initiated and acted upon by Col. R. W. Volckmann and Base "M" Finance Office, and has never been used, requested, or acted upon by Claims Service. However, as the papers submitted can be used as a reference, they are being retained by this Office.

Claims Service processes claims for services on an individual basis, after individuals have filed their claims. As a matter of practical working procedure, and in order to facilitate the proper handling of a large number of wage claims, the various municipalities are requested to prepare a list of civilian employees, indicating only the days they worked respectively. This list is to be complete for each municipality and is to be broken down by Barrios.

At present, claims for services rendered prior to 9 January 1945 are not being processed pending settlement of questions pertaining to Authority. Claims for services rendered subsequent to 9 January 1945 are now being processed. Due to very limited personnel to handle the individual processing of these claims, it is impossible to set up a long term schedule in advance. Every effort is being made to be completely impartial with regard to the selection of towns in all the provinces of North Luzon. In order to complete the processing in the shortest possible time, those municipalities which have the complete records of services rendered will be processed first.

The Municipal Mayors will be notified prior to the arrival of the team in sufficient time to make all necessary preparations.

Sincerely yours,

VICTOR L SHUMAKER
Director, Camp Spencer Branch

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Sincerely yours,

DONALD E ALLEN
Director, Team No. 15

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
USAFIP NORTH LUZON
CAMP SPENCER

15 April 1945

Subject: Revocation of Order Prohibiting the Requisitioning of Foodstuffs by the Army

To : All Military Mayors Concerned

1. The order of this headquarters, dated 4 April 1945, authenticated by Captain D. J. Sumabat prohibiting the requisitioning of foodstuffs from the civilians by the USAFIP, NL, is hereby revoked. You will direct the people of your municipality to furnish the Army foodstuffs that it may, from time to time, requisition.

2. You will enjoin all citizens to furnish all labor willlingly when required and to render the Army their full cooperation in order that the complete liberation of the homeland may be achieved at the earliest possible time. It is common knowledge that the joint efforts of the Army and the people have enabled this country to pull through during the most critical period in its history, and it is essential that now, more than ever, assistance must be offered ungrudgingly by the loyal civilians whenever and wherever they are called upon by the Army.

3. It is well to remember that a soldier fights on his stomach, and it would be disastrous to allow our victories to be nullified for mere lack of civilian support. It goes without saying that without the valor and patriotism of our soldiers, our civilians would not now be enjoying the comforts of normal living and the benefits of civil liberty. Surely, no one would prefer to return to the erstwhile Japanese domination in place of the present state of affairs -- the current normalcy. A little more sacrifice and patience will go a long way in our onward march to complete and final victory.

BY ORDER OF COL. VOLCKMANN:

S. F. REYES
Colonel GSC
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A TRUE COPY:

Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya
11 January 1948

The Claims Service, PHILRYCOM
Unit #2, APO 74, Luna, La Union

Sir:

1 In compliance to your letter dated 2 Oct'47, re-employment of civilians by various Guerrilla Units prior to 15 Oct'45, the following informations are submitted generally with the 14th Infantry Regiment, USAFIP, NL, and in pa rticular with the "F" Company 2nd Bn same outfit which had operated in the Cagayan Valley till V-J Day. In lieu of the absence of records, these information though should not be taken as a definite one for it is only a general outline to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

2 That office be informed that said unit organized CLPs covering its entire area of operation during the emergency having all loyal civilians to the cause as members They served in the procurement and transportation of food supplies, observers, informers, guides, runners, message carriers, construction of camps, medical aid stations, air-strips, transportation of arms, ammunitions, medicines, etc , of Army materials. They were also assured of compensation, rates to be determined by the government after the war.

3 These unit had been stranded for several times and originates from the command of (late) Capt Pedro Manalo, then reorganized by Lt Hospicio Tabilangan and then later the undersigned.

4 Location of said unit was formerly in Malabago, Kiangan, Mountain Province, then later in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, but because of the situation, sa id unit was oftenly dispersed, thus regid changes of places even outside of the province if necessary. In these connection, constant changes of civilian employees were in demand.

5 During my incumbency, in the year 1944, Headquarters Service, Hospital, and Land Communication companies and with the 2nd Bn Headquarters were in the sector of "F" Company till they later move to Isabela in the later part of 1945 Then the Panupdupan Air-Strip was constructed with in the vicinity of said unit Through these circumstances, there goes to show that CLPs utilized in these sector grew in number very much.

6 The undersigned is not in a position to submit definite informations as to the dates entered, dates left, average strength of unit and average number of civilian laborers used daily in each municipality. However, taking to considerations, it is safe to assume that almost all civilian populations of all the barrios and sitios and several of the central town populations were employed by the units during the emergency period except in 1943, as that was the darkest year of the Japanese occupation in the province of Nueva Vizcaya.

ANACLETO B PISCOSO
Ex-1st Lieut Inf

15TH INFANTRY, 6 PA
MILITARY MAYOR AND MUN. COMMAND
LAMBINO

CERTIFICATE

Camp Keller Point
9 th Feb. 1945

I certify that all units of the 121st Infantry Regiment, USAFIP, NL were supplied with US Army clothing, including GI shoes, by 15 March 1945. Subsequent to that date, the USAFIP, NL Division quartermaster maintained a clothing warehouse from which to issue replacements required. From 10 March to 5 July 1945 I was Liaison Supply Officer for USAFIP, NL at Base M, filling all supply requisitions for the division and making all arrangements for transportation and delivery of same. Subsequent to 5 July 1945 and until 8 November 1945, I was G-4 for the USAFIP,NL division. For reasons stated above, after 15 March 1945, no civilians were employed to make or repair shoes, as there was no need for such services.

FRED H. REHAN
Captain, CAC

15TH INFANTRY, * PA
MILITARY MAYOR AND BOLO BN. COMMAND
LANGIDEN

ADVANCED COMMAND POST
15TH INFANTRY

Camp Hollow Point
9 th Feb. 1945

Message No. 105

Subject: Completion of Trail, Report of

To : C.O. 15th Infantry PA.-NL
3rd Military District

1. Sir:

1. I feel happy ,sir, to report on the completion of the Abra-Ilocos Trail and Patong, barrio of Magsingal, Ilocos Sur. The construction of that trail within the jurisdiction of Abra was directed by the Military Mayor of this Municipality and his staff. It is with satisfaction over a work well done that I inform the Major of the completion of this important trail which will insure a safe and straight route of communications and movement between Abra and Ilocos throughout the duration of this emergency.

2. On the occasion, sir, of the formal opening of this important trail, the undersigned submits for the serious consideration of the Major our intentions of naming the said trail after his name. The opinion of the Major is earnestly requested so that we could be guided accordingly.

3. These intentions, sir, have been prompted by the sincere desire of the people in these parts to perpetuate a name which has been enthroned in their hearts for the liberal policies he has enunciated and for the heroic part he is taking in this herculean struggle for the redemption of our hapless fatherland. In view of these desires and the feeling they have elicited, it is prayed and pleaded that uou give the matter your favorable considerations.

4. When this cataclysm shall have passed over, whe war drums no longer throb and battle flags are furled, and homeward bound you shall be to anxiously answer the call of loved ones who await you thousand of miles away after a forced absence spent in our hapless land fighting our battles for us that we might live like men. Major you will be leaving behind you a grateful people who will write your names in their history in letters of barnished gold, save a few negligible and isolated exceptions for whom we have nothing but the vilest contempt, most esteemed Major, you can count on the unswerving loyalty of the Filipino People, one of whom is

Yours very gratefully and loyally,

(SGD) Z.A. CRISPIN
Military Mayor & Bolo Bn. Commander

ADVANCED COMMAND POST
15TH INFANTRY

12 February 1945

Message No. 105

SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF TRAIL FROM ABRA AND PATONG

TO : Military Mayor & Bolo Battalion Commander
Camp Hollow Point, Langidan, Abra

1. I am very glad to know that you have completed the Abra-Ilocos Sur Trail connecging Banacao and Bangued, Abra and Patong of Magsingal, Ilocos Sur. The work you have just completed is very important as an avenue of communication to the army, and I believe that when the war is over, it will also be very valuable to the civilians of your area.

2. I am honored to think that you desire to name this trail constnucted under your leadership during these difficult times afterme. If you so desire to do this, I will be very honored and I know of no Army regulation which forbids it. In any case, I very sincerely hope that I will have the opportunity to pass thru your town and go over this trail in the very near future.

3. Best regards to you and the other members of your Bolo Battalion.

/t/ (SGD) R. H. ARNOLD
Major, USA., 15th Inf.,PA
Commanding

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

DONALD E. ALLEN
Director, Team #6

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Authority NND 883078

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HEADQUARTERS Co."G",2"Bn.
15th Inf.,P.A.

4th May 1945

Subject: Employment of B-Men "G"Company

To : CO, 2nd Bn., 15th Inf.,P.A.

1. For your information I am furnishing you the Table of Distribution of the 115 B-men under the employment of "G" Company:

NO.:	UNIT EMPLOYED :	NO. OF B-MEN
1.:	Kitchen - - - - - :	16
2.:	Sledgemen - - - - :	17
3.:	3rd Platoon - - - :	20
4.:	2nd Platoon - - - :	25
5.:	1st Platoon - - - :	22
6.:	Supply - - - - - :	5
7.:	Co. Headquarters- :	2
8.:	Unit attached to : Bn.Hq.(A.C.P.) - :	1
9.:	SWP at Hq.- - - - :	7
	T O T A L -	115

2. These B-men are largely employed as food and ammunition carriers.

3. These number seems too big for a Company, but in view of the kind of terrain we are operating and the distances of the sectors covered, this Hq. usually employs these B-men by turns in forms of reliefs so as to lighten them a little.

4. As per your order, I am pulling out 75 of these B-men to be sent to your A.C.P. Hence only 40 B-men will be left with this Company.

DOMINADOR S. LAPUS
1st Lt.,"G"Co,2"Bn.,15th Inf.,P.A.
Commanding

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Tele Copy: A

CAMP SPENCER BRANCH
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM
UNIT #2, APO 74
Luna, La Union

STATEMENT OF CAPT. FRED H BEHAN RE: TEAM OF DEMOLITION EXPERTS

The men whose names are listed below were trained and employed by me to accomplish my demolition mission, in connection with the Liberation Campaign. An attempt was made to get them inducted in the army, but at the time of this attempt, further enlistment in the guerrilla forces was terminated. These men fulfilled their individual assignments in an exemplary fashion, at great personal risk to their lives. They cooperated to the fullest extent with unquestionable loyalty rendering services of great value to their country. For a period of over three months in early 1945, I relayed orders from GHQ, USAFIP - NL to these men to continue in their civilian status as demolition men, under the 3rd Bn., 15th Infantry. During this time I made every effort to have the 15th Infantry supply these men with food, but my orders were ignored. I then told them that at a later date if possible, I would do what I could to get them remuneration for their valuable services.

1. Catalino Alawig
2. Simplicio Cabata
3. Marcelino Cabitac
4. Leopoldo Rindon
5. Fortunato Baptista
6. Alfredo Gasmen
7. Melchor Arce
8. Julio Canosa
9. Salustiano Cambaliza
10. Manuel Canosa
11. Lorenzo Camero
12. Florencio Canosa
13. David Cano
14. Pedro Quetog
15. Eduardo Castillo
16. Marcelo Molina
17. Federico Ringon
18. Antero Dumot
19. Arcadio D. de Sumala
20. Luis Canosa
21. Urbano D. Dayap
22. Modesto Viloria
23. Victor Vitales
24. Caledon Cano
25. Angel Gadia
26. Samuel Mendoza
27. Mariano Lazarte
28. Antonio Delizo
29. Eugenio Derro
30. Valintin Mendoza
31. Martin Soria
32. Aquilino Rante
33. Rafael Ruro
34. Francisco Duro
35. Filomeno Ancheta
36. Faustino Castro
37. Francisco Canosa
38. Alejo Cambaliza
39. Ciriaco Alcantra
40. Florencio Antolin
41. Felix Castro
42. Urbano Guerrero
43. Apolonio Cantoria
44. Constancio Baptista
45. Jose Baptista

FRED H BEHAN
Captain, CAC
Wage Claims Commissioner

Certified True Copy
Raymond Licudine
1st. Lt. Inf.

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Intel Agents
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HEADQUARTERS 3RD MILITARY DISTRICT
15TH INFANTRY, USAFIP, NL

14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Organization of Intelligence Service, Information Desired on
TO : Commanding Officer, USAFIP, NL
Attention: G-2

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 7 March 1945, subject as above.

2. The organization of the Intelligence Service of this Regiment at the present is in accordance with the new T.O. for the Infantry Regiment issued to this Organization. Intelligence in our present operating area is being obtained almost exclusively by Army personnel with two or three exceptions. This personnel gets all of the information desired behind and in front of the enemy lines within the area of Ilocos Sur and Abra.

3. In addition to the above, the newly organized Provincial P.C. of Ilocos Norte has been given the primary mission of securing intelligence in that area. Here again, there are practically no intelligence agents who have been hired as civilians. Those few who have given their services in obtaining intelligence in the past will be paid out of the ₱20,000 Intelligence Fund which this Command now has. This amount is more than adequate to meet existing obligations for past services.

/s/ R. H. Arnold
/t/ R. H. ARNOLD
Lieut.-Colonel, 15th Inf., PA
Commanding

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

R. B. Licudine
1st Lt. Inf
Claims Service

	22	Apolinario F. Posio	"	30	
"	22	Daniel Alagar	"	31	
"	29	Jaime T. Estabillo	"	32	
Nov.	11	Pedro F. Deoferio	"	33	
"	11	Zoilo P. Carvajal	"	33	
Dec.	16	Patricio M. Pataio	"	34	

/s/ Rufino F. Mejia
/t/ RUFINO F. MEJIA
Assistant Chief Commanding

A TRUE COPY: Oct. 16, 1947

/s/ Rufino F. Mejia
/t/ RUFINO F. MEJIA
Notary Public

STATEMENT

This is to state:

That on September 14, 1944 I joined the 11th Infantry USAFIP, NL and assigned to Headquarters, 11th Infantry, as acting Regimental S-2 as per S. O. number 9, Hq, 11th Infantry, USAFIP, NL dated 14 September 1944.

That as acting Regimental S-2, all intelligence activities of the 11th Infantry were under my direction.

That my Commanding Officer, then Major Donald D. Blackburn, told me to carry out to the letter all orders, directions, and suggestions (pertaining to intelligence work) received from G-2, HQS, USAFIP, NL.

That a message regarding the authorization, compensation, status, etc., of Intelligence Agents, dated 4 September 1944, HQ 1122-G-2(1113) was dispatched to all District Commanding Officers. Thismessage authorized us to appoint as many agents as are necessary to get the desired information as required in General Order No. 12, HQS, USAFIP, NL.

That the code name of Col. R. W. Volckmann, CO, USAFIP, NL was 1122, V is number 22 in the alphabet and likewise the code name of Arthur Murphy G-2 USAFIP, NL was 1122-G-2(1113).

That effective December 1, 1944 I was assigned as permanent Assistant Regimental S-2, 11th Infantry, USAFIP, NL until this unit was deactivated. As assistant S-2, 11th Infantry, my Commanding Officer made me take charge of intelligence reports and activities of the 7th District which comprised the 3 sub-provinces of the Mt. Province as Ifugao, Bontoc and Kalinga.

This is to state further that the original of all references aforementioned could be found in the HQS, USAFIP, NL (G-2).

William Beyer
WILLIAM BEYER

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntary before me this 27th day of January 1948 at Claims Service, APO 707.

Original on file with Jose Cabbigat & 3 others

PACIFICO B. BUENAVISTA
Claims Investigator

HEADQUARTERS
14th INFANTRY AUS
5th Replacement Depot
Alabang, Rizal

2 May 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I was a member of the 14th Infantry, AUS from 23rd August 1942, to 28th September 1945, and was its REGIMENTAL COMMANDER From 12th April 1943, to 28th September 1945.

That as such, I was aware of the issuance of instructions by former Commanding Officers beginning from Lt.-Col. Everett Warner, then Lt.-Col Guillermo Nakar, down to the undersigned, authorizing all Battalion Commanders and their subordinate officers to commandeer and requisition supplies, subsistence, services, and to issue corresponding receipts thereof; that all officers were likewise given the authority to appoint sub-collectors for same purpose.

Instructions have also been issued to all officers and men to inform those persons supplying them with subsistence, that upon the expulsion of the Japanese, every effort would be made to have these items paid for and that obligation incurred would be the obligation of the USAFFE.

s/ Romulo A. Manriquez 0-888081
t/ ROMULO A. MANRIQUEZ
Lt. Colonel, Infantry (AUS)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
s/ Alfredo Madriaga
t/ ALFREDO MADRIAGA
2nd Lieut. Inf., PA
Investigating Officer

TRUE COPY:
2 Jan 48

BIENVENIDO C. NAUI
Claims Investigator

USAFIP NL

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

This is to certify that Enlistment Records were issued to S S Agents of USAFIP, NL, to serve as appointment papers.

This is to certify further that all Officers of the USAFIP, NL were given authority from GHQ to give such appointment papers to SS Agents. Claimants without Enlistment Papers were given Affidavits and appointment papers in lieu thereof.

EDUARDO BORGE 0-299 7 P
(Former) Major, 121st Inf. USAFIP, NL
(Now) Captain, AGF

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 21st day of November 1947.

PACIFICO B. BUENAVISTA
Certifying Claims Investigator

I-1408

FINKR-A 201 Bang-oy, Cabbigat (9 Jun 50) Civilian, 3d Ind BW/md/204/579 81543

Retained Accounts Division, Army Finance Center, St. Louis 20, Mo., 24 January 1951

TO: Commanding Officer, 8133d Service Unit, AG Records Depository, APO 928, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

1. Local records indicate that Lieutenant Colonel C. E. Brown, FC, Symbol Number 212-728, did not disburse overseas until 12 January 1947.

2. In order that an expeditious examinations of records may be made, it is requested that name of Disbursing Officer in question be furnished.

K A Strunnel
For A. H. MITCHELL
Lt Col, FC
Chief

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AGRD-J 4th Ind
FINKR-A 201 Bang-oy Cabbigat
(9 Jun 50) Civilian

Hqs 8133d Army Unit, AG Records Depository, APO 928 6 FEB 1951

TO: Army Finance Center, St. Louis 20, Missouri
ATTN: Chief, Retained Accounts Division

1. Accounts referred to in basic letter and indorsements are correct. However, the payroll numbers referred to the payrolls themselves, and were not the voucher numbers on which they were paid. There is no record in this headquarters of the voucher numbers.

2. The payrolls were paid by Class "A" agent officers to Lt. Col. C. E. Brown, on or about 1 April 1947, and were part of a special group of payroll payments for labor performed in 1945 by civilian employees of USAFIP, NL, a recognized Guerrilla Unit. Also included in this group were payments made by Major Ambrosio Baday (name legally changed to Ambrosio del Rosario in 1947).

3. Request further that proper reference to the above accounts be furnished so possible future claims may be expeditiously checked.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

BURL A. WOOD
WOJG, USA
Adjutant

Agent Vou. No._____ D.O.'s Vou. No. 5914

Voucher paid by_____ PA_____, Class B Agent

to_____ Accountable Disbursing Officer

CECIL E. BROWN

LT. COL. F. D. F. O.

A.P.O. 74[illegible]

EMERGENCY PAYMENT VOUCHER
(Approved, GHQ, SWPA December 1944 under combat conditions

I certify that I have this date paid to the following number of Philippine civilian laborers for services rendered Army of the United States the amounts indicated; (Where serial numbers have been assigned, a list thereof is shown on reverse of this form)

Number of Laborers	Classification	No. of Days	Rate of Pay	Amount Paid
5	Foreman	280	P 2.00	P 560.00
8	Capataz	421	1.75	736.75
8	Sub-Capataz	415	1.50	622.50
420	Laborers	14902	1.25	18,627.50
			TOTAL PESOS	P20,546.75
			Surrender	7129.00
				P13,417.75

Signature of PA. Officer making payment Harry R. Wolf

Rank, Serial Number and Unit Capt 0[illegible]-1732[illegible] Qrd Base Depot (Base M)

Signature of U.S.Army Officer or civilian witnessing payment [illegible]

Rank or title and address [illegible] 54th Engr C[illegible]

Designation of Using Agency 14th Infantry USAFIP NORTH LUZON

Purpose for which services rendered Transporting of supplies for the Army at Kiangan, Mt. Province

(This space for use of Accountable Disbursing Officer)

Appropriation

Amount
~~P 6,708.88~~
~~10,873.38~~

$ 2,954

(Converted at $.50 to the Peso)

215/62409 665-427P470-01 SAO-203

To be prepared in quadruplicate, original and duplicate to Accountable Disbursing Officer, triplicate retained by Class A Agent, copy of Fiscal Director, USAFFE, APO 923.

TFO-665 (WP)-7-3501

CERTIFICATE

The services obtained by this instrument are necessary and have been authorized and performed satisfactorily under my general supervisory responsibility. The obligations incured were under actual combat conditions in connection with U.S.Army Tactical Operations. Payment to civilians shown on the front has not yet been made.

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R. W. Volckmann

R. W. VOLCKMANN, Col Inf AUS
Name, Rank and Title
Certifying Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 14TH INFANTRY PA
BAGUIO, Kiangan, Mt. Province

LABOR PAY-ROLL

VOUCHER NO

NO.	NAME	PERIOD COVERED 194	TOTAL DAYS	DAILY/MONTHLY RATE	AMOUNT EARNES	DEDUCTION	AMOUNT PAID	SIGNATURE	DESIGNATION	
274	MADIAJAN DAGLAYAN	May 1, 1945 to July 31, 1945	30	₱1.25	₱45.00	NONE	₱45.00	MADIAJAN DAGLAYAN	LABOR	Pd
275	INGUAY GUMIHIGUIN	do	30	₱1.25	₱47.50	do	₱47.50	INGUAY GUMIHIGUIN	291	Dec
276	BUMALILI PUMILIG	do	30	₱1.25	₱47.50	do	₱47.50	BUMALILI PUMILIG	do	Dec
277	BULI-TO DAY-AY	do	30	₱1.25	₱37.50	do	₱37.50	BULI-TO DAY-AY 212	do	Ch#288763
278	BIMMAG PUTUIGUIGUN	do	34	₱1.25	₱42.50	do	₱42.50	BIMMAG PUTUIGUIGUN	do	Dec
279	PUGUON BOGNONG	do	30	₱1.25	₱47.50	do	₱47.50	PUGUON BOGNONG	do	Dec
280	BUBOD ADDIANGAN	do	30	₱1.25	₱37.50	do	₱37.50	BUBOD ADDIANGAN	do	Ch#288764
281	BUCUCAN BAYAP-O	do	30	₱1.25	₱37.50	do	₱37.50	BUCUCAN BAYAP-O	291	Dec
282	BAGYANI PAGALA	do	34	₱1.25	₱42.50	do	₱42.50	BAGYANI PAGALA	do	Pd
283	TUGUINAYO HABIATAN	do	30	₱1.25	₱37.50	do	₱37.50	TUGUINAYO HABIATAN	do	Dec
284	GABIGAN BANG-OY	do	34	₱1.25	₱42.50	do	₱42.50	GABIGAN BANG-OY	do	Dec
285	YOGYOO PULI	do	34	₱1.25	₱42.50	do	₱42.50	YOGYOO PULI	do	Dec
286	PUGUON AGUINAYA	do	32	₱1.25	₱40.00	do	₱40.00	PUGUON AGUINAYA	do	Dec
287	ASUNCION BUBBULI	do	32	₱1.25	₱40.00	do	₱40.00	ASUNCION BUBBULI	do	Dec
288	LIMAYONG PUGUON	do	32	₱1.25	₱40.00	do	₱40.00	LIMAYONG PUGUON	do	Dec
289	GUAY MUMALGAN	do	32	₱1.25	₱40.00	do	₱40.00	GUAY MUMALGAN	303	Dec
290	PABI PUMILIG	do	32	₱1.25	₱40.00	do	₱40.00	PABI PUMILIG	do	Pd
291	HANGDAAN CAGUNOAN	do	32	₱1.25	₱40.00	do	₱40.00	HANGDAAN CAGUNOAN	do	Pd

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...nt Vou. No. _____
...cher paid by _____ PA _____

D.O.'s Vou. No. 5924
, Class B Agent
Accountable Disbursing Officer

CECIL E. BROWN
LT. COL. F. D. F. O.
A. P. O. 74-2
~~SYMBOL 212-728~~

EMERGENCY PAYMENT VOUCHER
(Approved, GHQ, SWPA December 1944 under combat conditions

I certify that I have this date paid to the following number of Philippine civilian laborers for services rendered Army of the United States the amounts indicated; (Where serial numbers have been assigned, a list thereof is shown on reverse of this form)

Number of Laborers	Classification	No. of Days	Rate of Pay	Amount Paid
5	Foremen	547	2.00	1,094.00
8	Cabatas	872	1.75	1,526.00
8	Sub-Cabatas	847	1.50	1,270.50
445	Laborers	42,438	1.25	53,047.50
			TOTAL PESOS	56,938.00
			Jumbaks	21,573.75
				35,364.25

Signature of PA. Officer making payment George R. Weef
Rank, Serial Number and Unit Capt 0-22428-Fin Sec Capt Ben Dept Bucen
Signature of U.S.Army Officer or civilian witnessing payment C. Rabauza (Pollegh Fin.
Rank or title and address 2nd Lt Inf 5th Engr C Bns
Designation of Using Agency 11th Inf. PA USAFIP NORTH LUZON
Purpose for which services rendered Carrying foodstuffs and ammunitions in combat zones.

(This space for use of Accountable Disbursing Officer)

Appropriation

Amount

215/62409 665-427P475-01 5000-203 $ 17682.12 ~~28,469.06~~
(Converted at $.50 to the Peso)

NOTE: To be prepared in quadruplicate, Original and duplicate to Accountable Disbursing Officer, triplicate retained by Class A Agent, copy of Fiscal Director, USAFFE, APO 923.

TFO-665(WP)7-3312

CERTIFICATE

The services obtained by this instrument are necessary and have been authorized and performed satisfactorily under my general supervisory responsibility. The obligations incured were under actual combat conditions in connection with U.S.Army Tactical Operations. Payment to civilians shown on the front has not yet been made.

R. W. Volckmann
R. W. VOLCKMANN, Col. Inf. AUS
Name, Rank and Title
Certifying Officer

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LABOR PAYROLL

VOUCHERS NO. _____

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PURPOSE: BUILDING ARMY CAMPS, CONSTRUCTING ROADS AND OTHER SERVICES IN CAMBAT ZONES.

NO.	NAMES	PERIOD COVERED 1945	TOTAL DAYS	DAILY/MONTHLY RATE	AMOUNT EARNED	DEDUCTION	AMOUNT PAID		DESIGNATIONS
397.	DUMAAN PUHA	Jan. 9, 1945 to April 30, 1945	100	P1.25	P125.00	NONE	P125.00	DUMAAN PUHA Ck#288977	LABORER
398.	DULNOAN ANANAYO	do	102	P1.25	P127.50	do	P127.50	DULNOAN ANANAYO	"
399.	BACCUYAG GUMAD-ANG	do	105	P1.25	P131.25	do	P131.25	BACCUYAG GUMAD-ANG	"
400.	LILIW-WA HANGDAAN	do	104	P1.25	P130.00	do	P130.00	LILIW-WA HANGDAAN	" 300
401.	DULNOAN ALINDAYO	do	104	P1.25	P130.00	do	P130.00	DULNOAN ALINDAYO	" 301
402.	OUDUJON TAYABAN	do	98	P1.25	P122.50	do	P122.50	OUDUJON TAYABAN	"
403.	LINDAWAN BALOG	do	106	P1.25	P132.50	do	P132.50	LINDAWAN BALOG	"
404.	TIMBOLOY KIDUL	do	100	P1.25	P125.00	do	P125.00	TIMBOLOY KIDUL 304	"
405.	MAGUIDE TAYABAN	do	100	P1.25	P125.00	do	P125.00	MAGUIDE TAYABAN	"
406.	GABBIGAT BANG-OY	do	93	P1.25	P116.25	do	P116.25	GABBIGAT BANG-OY	" 306
407.	YOGYOG PUKI	do	92	P1.25	P115.00	do	P115.00	YOGYOG PUKI	"
408.	OYYO BOLIONAN	do	94	P1.25	P117.50	do	P117.50	OYYO BOLIONAN 308	"
409.	HUMID-ING CAYUNGAN	do	99	P1.25	P123.75	do	P123.75	HUMID-ING CAYUNGAN	309
410.	OLINON BOGHONG	do	102	P1.25	P127.50	do	P127.50	OLINON BOGHONG	"
411.	PUGUON AGUINNAYA	do	107	P1.25	P133.75	do	P133.75	PUGUON AGUINNAYA 311	"
412.	ABUNG-NGAYON DUBDUTI	do	100	P1.25	P125.00	do	P125.00	ABUNG-NGAYON DUBDUTI	"
413.	LIHAYONG PUGUON	do	96	P1.25	P120.00	do	P120.00	LIHAYONG PUGUON	313
414.	GUAY NUMBALGAN	do	98	P1.25	P122.50	do	P122.50	GUAY NUMBALGAN	314