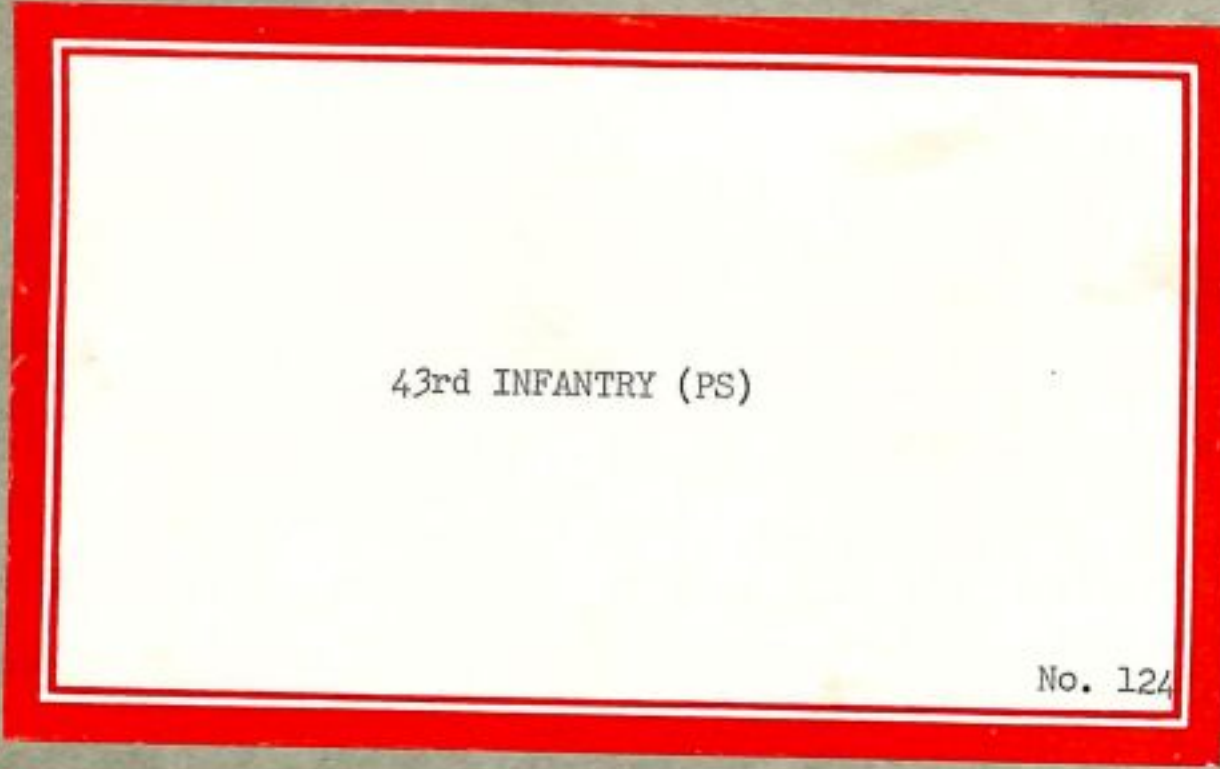


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43rd Infantry (PS)

Alexander T. Torio Jr.
ALEXANDER T. TORIO JR.
Chief Clerk
Recovered Personnel

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THE STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF BEJAR)

Before me, RUTH S. SCHWINN, a notary public in and for Bexar County, Texas, on this day personally appeared COLONEL JOHN P. HORAN, RETIRED, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath says:

In March 1942 I was Commanding Officer of the 43d Regiment, Philippine Scouts, and pursuant to directive from General Douglas MacArthur I was authorized to induct individuals into the Army of the United States.

On 7 March 1942, in the Mountain Province of the Philippine Islands, I personally and pursuant to the authority invested in me, inducted into the United States Forces (USFIP) all troops of the Philippine Constabulary present at Mayayao Philippine Constabulary Barracks, Ifugao Subprovince of the Mountain Province of the Philippine Islands. To my personal knowledge and recollection the following named individuals were among those who were inducted by me on the date mentioned: (1) Captain Gregario Manalo, Philippine Constabulary Inspector, Ifugao Subprovince, Mountain Province, Philippines; (2) Captain Romulo A. Manriquez, then Commanding Officer, Philippine Constabulary Detachment, Kiangon, Ifugao Subprovince, Mountain Province, Philippines; and (3) First Lieutenant Mariano Tumalanan, Philippine Constabulary Reserve, then in command of the Mayayao Barracks.

Col. John P. Horan

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the said Colonel John P. Horan, Retired, this sixteenth day of September, 1954, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Ruth S. Schwinn

RUTH S. SCHWINN, Notary Public,
In and for Bexar County, Texas.
My commission expires 1 June 1955.

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Hacienda Ho-ranchita, Hathaway Drive, Bel Meade, San Antonio 9, Texas.
To: C.O., 8113d Service Unit, Adjutant General Records Depository,
APO 928.

To the best of my knowledge and belief I have never known, nor heard of, Joseph M. Kairuz.

Neither I nor any of my subordinates were permitted to commission any one in either the Philippine Scouts or the Philippine Army. Only the Adjutant General of the Army could commission any officer in the Philippine Scouts. Only General MacArthur (later General Wainwright) could commission anyone in the Philippine Army. As Commanding Officer, United States Armed Forces in Northern Luzon, all recommendations for commissions had to be made thru me.

It was a physical impossibility for the then Captain Gitter to have commissioned Mr. Kairuz on said date. Captain Gitter was with me on that date in a town with a name somewhat like Pintapagon, about thirty miles northeast of San Jose, Nueva Ecija Province, about a hundred miles southeast of Bontoc. On second thought, the town was Carranglan, not Pintapagon.

Capt. Gitter never reached Bontoc until about April 23rd, 1942, of this fact I am certain, as he was under my command thruout the war in the Philippines.

All of the above statements can be verified by the then Captain (now Major, Ret.) Cameron S. Starnes, Jr., 322 Wake Forest Street, San Antonio, Texas, who was also present with Captain Gitter and me on Jan. 2, 1942, at Carranglan. I was just talking to him over the phone a few minutes ago and he states that my facts are correct.

I am only too glad at any time to help any of the thousands of loyal Filipinos who did so much to help our cause during those dark and hopeless months before our capitulation. But I have had to repeatedly recommend disapproval of such false claims as this by those who desire to gyp our government into paying undeserved claims.

John P. Horan,
Colonel, USA, Ret., O-5520.

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- of Kairuz, Joseph M

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201-Kairuz, Joseph M.

18 December 1950

SUBJECT: Alleged Commission of Joseph M. Kairuz

TO : Commanding Officer
Headquarters, 8133rd Service Unit
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 928

1. Reference basic communication pertaining to the alleged commission of one Joseph M. Kairuz inducted into the Philippine Scouts (43rd Inf-PS) at Bontoc, Mt Province, Philippines, on 2 January 1942, the following information is offered herewith:

- a. I do not recall the person, Joseph M. Kairuz.
- b. I never on any occasion inducted anyone in a commissioned grade nor did I ever promote a Philippine scout soldier higher than grade of sergeant.
- c. I was not in Bontoc on 2 January 1942, in fact I never entered Bontoc until early April 1942. During the period 22 December 1941, until early April 1942, when I first entered Bontoc, I was engaged with the troops of the Detachment, 43rd Inf (PS) fighting the Japs in the Kiongan-Banaue-Moyoyao Area, and reestablishing peace and order among the Igorate tribes in the Borlig-Natonia Area.
- d. During the early months of 1942, Colonel John P. Horan, now retired and living at San Antonio, Texas, inducted some civilians as officers in the guerillas but I never received any authority to do so. I did attach a few groups of disintegrated constabulary troops to my unit as I came in contact with them, but none were inducted into the 43rd Inf (PS). I inducted many Filipinos into the 43rd Infantry (PS) but none above the enlisted grades.

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2- 1st Ind, 11 Dec 50

[Signature]
LEO E. GIITTER
Lt Colonel, Infantry

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C of Kairuz, Joseph M*

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ORIG INSTRUCTOR GROUP, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
1824 North 50th Street
Birmingham 8, Alabama

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18 December 1950

201-Katrus, Joseph M.

SUBJECT: Alleged Commission of Joseph M. Katrus

TO : Commanding Officer
Headquarters, 6133rd Service Unit
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 928

1. Reference basic communication pertaining to the alleged com-
mission of one Joseph M. Katrus inducted into the Philippine Scouts
(43rd Inf) at Bontoc, Mt Province, Philippines, on 2 January 1942,
the following information is offered herewith:

a. I do not recall the person, Joseph M. Katrus.

b. I never on any occasion inducted anyone in a commissioned
grade nor did I ever promote a Philippine Scout soldier higher than grade
of sergeant.

c. I was not in Bontoc on 2 January 1942, in fact I never
entered Bontoc until early April 1942. During the period 22 December 1941,
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BASIC: Ltr Hq. 8133D Service Unit, Adjutant General Records Depository,
APO 928, 9 November 1950.

LT. COL. FRANCIS E. FELLOWS, O-17620, Headquarters Second Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. 22 November 1950.

TO: Commanding Officer, 8133d Service Unit, Adjutant General Records Depository, APO 928. Attn: WOJG Richard Evans, USA.

1. While serving as Executive Officer and Adjutant at Camp John Hay, Baguio, Philippines, I enlisted many Filipinos in Company "A" and Company "B" of the 43d Infantry (PS). However, I have no data in my possession to indicate who these individuals were nor do I personally remember any of them.

2. At the time that Camp John Hay was evacuated on the 24th of December 1941 by the military personnel stationed there, the service records of all personnel assigned to Camp John Hay, and the Philippine Scout units stationed there, were buried within the Camp area. I reported to a representative of the Adjutant General's Department in Manilla, in September 1945, upon my liberation, of the whereabouts of these records. I was informed that all of these records had been recovered and were safely in the hands of the United States Army.

3. It is my opinion that if subject individual was enlisted at Camp John Hay, that his service record would have been buried and would have been recovered as stated above.

4. I do not know any further information on this subject, nor can I inform you of any other person who might have definite knowledge.

Francis E. Fellows
FRANCIS E. FELLOWS
Lt. Colonel, GSC



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8 Nov

1st. Ind.

322 Wake Forest Drive, San Antonio, Texas, 12 Dec 1950.
To: C. O., 8133D Service Unit, Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 928.

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On 2 Jan 42, the 43rd Inf, PS, was in Carranglan, about one hundred miles south-east of Bontoc. Lt. Col. John P. Horan was the commanding officer and Capt. Leo F. Gitters and I were under his command. The three of us were together in Carranglan on 2 Jan 42. I do not know of any instance where Capt. Gitters commissioned any person as an officer in the 43rd. Inf. PS, and I do not believe that any such act would have been valid.

The earliest date that Capt. Gitters was in Bontoc was 23 April 42, to the best of my knowledge.

If I can be of any further service concerning this or any other matter, I shall be glad to do so.

Cameron S. Starnes
Major-Infantry, Retired.

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Jan. 1950

322 West Forest Drive, San Antonio, Texas, 12 Dec 1950
To: G. O. ... Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 928

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have never known or heard of
Joseph H. ...

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Garrett S. ...
Major-Infantry, Retired.



Original -
Joseph H. ...

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Hacienda Horanchits,
426 Hathaway Drive, East,
San Antonio 9, Texas,
August 1, 1954.

Demobilized Personnel Section Records Branch,
4300 Goodfellow Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen,

These papers were received some time ago when I was a patient in the NP clinic of Brooke Army Hospital for observation and treatment for recurrent periods of mental oblivion and mental lapses, due to head injuries received during the early phases of the Defense of the Philippines, hence my delay in forwarding same.

I was in command of Camp John Hay, Baguio, Philippines, and the detachment of the 43rd Infantry (PS) stationed there when the war started. Our forces were directed to remain at Baguio to protect the right flank of General Wainwright's forces and the mountain passes to his north and east. When ordered to withdraw to rejoin General Wainwright's forces, the Japanese had closed the only road of withdrawal, the Kenyon Canyon Road. So we evacuated Baguio and hiked over the mountains to the Cagayan valley road and south via Belete Pass-Carranglan-San Jose-Cabanatuan Road, most of it over a single file path, hoping to pass around the Japanese left or east flank. But the situation moved too fast. So I sent my officers, except one, by two cars over Belete Pass to try and join Gen. Wainwright's forces. One car got thru, tho they were fired upon by Japanese advance patrols. The other failed, but I never saw the officers again. When I arrived at the Digdig Toll Gate with the rest of my soldiers on foot, we learned that the Japanese had already closed the road at the box canyon a few miles north of San Jose. Our only chance of escape had been cut off.

So I withdrew back into the mountains to engage in guerrilla warfare until American help could arrive. I sent Co. "A", 43rd Inf. (PS) under Capt. Leo Gitter to Kiangnan, about 70 miles east of Bontoc, to defend the pass there. I sent Co. "B", 43rd Inf. (PS) to Bauko, about 50 miles south of Bontoc, to prevent the Japanese from moving north from Bontoc and to deny the enemy the use of the copper from the Lepanto Copper Mine, which we later destroyed. These troops were under the command of 1st Sgt. Boromeo, due to be discharged the next day and who soon disappeared.

I personally went to the Suyoc Gold Mine and the Lepanto Copper Mine near Mankayan near the KM90 Toll Gate of the Mountain Trail, where I had heard that there were about 30 American mining engineers and lumbermen. These I arranged by radio to have commissioned by USAFFE and proceeded to organize soldiers of the PS, PA and American stragglers into what later became the 121st Inf. (PA) of which I became commanding officer.

1st Lt. E. L. Harrison, (now deceased) was placed in command of Co. "B", 43rd Inf. (PS) and Co. "B", 121st Inf. (PA), a dual command that later caused considerable misunderstanding as to what organization various enlistees belonged. Lt. Harrison enlisted men to bring Co. "B" 43rd Inf. (PS) up to authorized strength,--only to later learn that Capt. Gitter had filled most of these vacancies by enlistment in Co. "A", 43rd Inf. (PS) 120 miles away (there being no communication between the two companies other than by foot over the mountain paths. USAFFE ordered no further enlistments in the Philippine Scouts (it being an American Army unit), but authorized unlimited enlistments in the Philippine Army. Hence the enlistments in Co. "B" 43rd Inf., (PS) were invalidated and the personnel had to be reenlisted in Co. "B", 121st Inf. (PA)

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All of the above information, while apparently irrelevant, must be considered in order to understand the apparent difficulties we encountered in administration and the apparent mix-up in enlistments.

I was in dual command of the 43rd Inf. (PSO detachments and the 121st Infantry Rgt. (PA). Also attached stragglers cut off from their units early in the war, PS, PA, and USA troops. Being scattered over a 200 mile front, no transportation being available except on foot over mountain paths, no enlistment forms nor service records being available, no mimeograph machines nor stationery, we had to improvise every bit of paper available, using the backs of used envelopes, used letters, forms and records from various mining camps, even wrapping paper and empty cigarette packages, we did the best we could. Obviously many records were lost, or were destroyed to be kept out of enemy hands. It is a marvel to me that any records came thru at all.

In the case of Eduardo B. Cameyang, assertedly a private in Co. "B", 121st Inf. (PA) commanded by the late 1st Lt. M. L. Harrison, we have sworn statements of Pvt. Silvino Golocan, ASN 201846 (PA), Pvt. Alfred Cherwaken, ASN 202115 (PA), Sgt. Leon Bawaan ASN 6767921 (PS), and Sgt. Domingo Dagdagen, ASN 6736289 (PS) that said soldier was a member of said company. I do not remember the first two affiants, but do the last two. Sgt. Domingo Dagdagen was one of the best enlisted members of my command and I have such faith in his honesty and integrity that any statement of his can be considered as true as if I made it myself.

I have previously recommended disapproval in dozens of similar cases, but in this case recommend approval of all papers concerning Eduardo B. Cameyang.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Horan
John P. Horan,
Colonel, USA, Rtd.

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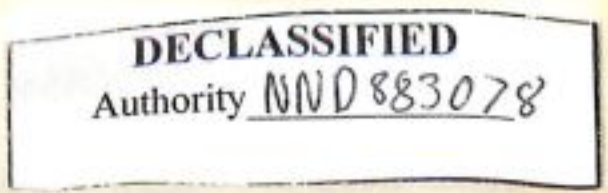
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I am in dual command of the 1st Inf. (PSC) Detachment and the 1st Infantry Bn. (A). Also attached are attached are out of their units early in the war, 1941, and USA troops. Being scattered over a 200 mile front, no transportation being available except on foot over mountain paths, no information from our service records being available, no information reached our headquarters, we had to improvise every bit of paper available, using the backs of used envelopes, used letters, forms and records from various military camps, even wrapping paper and empty cigarette packages, we did the best we could. Obviously many records were lost, or were destroyed to be kept out of enemy hands. It is a matter of no that my records cover that of all.

In the case of Eduardo B. Casagrande, apparently a private in Co. "M", 1st Inf. (PSC) commanded by the late Lt. W. I. Hartman, we have even statements of Pvt. Oliver Johnson, 1st Inf. (PSC), Pvt. Alfred Oberman, 1st Inf. (PSC), Sgt. Leon Basso, 1st Inf. (PSC), and Sgt. James Johnson, 1st Inf. (PSC) that said soldier was a member of said company. I do not recall the first two aliases, but do the last two. Sgt. Domingo Johnson was one of the best listed members of my command and I have such faith in his honesty and integrity that my belief of his can be considered as true as if I were it myself.

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Sincerely yours,
Eduardo B. Johnson
John P. Johnson,
Colonel, USA, Ret.



HEADQUARTERS
8133D SERVICE UNIT
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
APO 928

17 NOV 1950

Col John P. Horan, O-5520
1203 Barbee Street
Houston, Texas

Re: KAIRUZ, Joseph M.

Dear Col Horan:

This headquarters is endeavoring to get more information relative to the alleged commission in the Philippine Scouts of Joseph M. Kairuz, a Lebanon Citizen.

Statements of two affiants on file indicate subject was commissioned 2nd Lt., in the 43rd Inf, PS, by Major Gitter, on 2 Jan 42 at Bontoc, Mt. Province, Philippines. As the Commanding Officer of the 43rd Inf in the early part of 1942, it is believed you might have knowledge of the military service of subject individual.

In order that this office may be guided in the proper determination of subject's status under the provisions of the Missing Persons Act, it would be greatly appreciated if you could furnish this office information regarding the alleged commission, and any other data which might help in the final disposition of this case.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Evans
RICHARD EVANS
WOJG USA
Asst Adj

6330 BAKER UNIT
ADVISORY BOARD - SECURITY DIVISION
AEC 328

Col John T. Harney, D-5230
1303 Maple Street
Houston, Texas

Mr. Harney, Joseph W.

Dear Col Harney:

The undersigned is endeavoring to get more information
relative to the alleged connection in the Philippine Islands of
Joseph W. Harney, a Texan citizen.

Statements of two witnesses on this subject were
obtained and are in the 4th and 5th, by Major Gitter, on
2 Jan at Boston, W. Province, Philippines. As the Commanding
Officer of the 4th and 5th in the early part of 1942, it is believed
you might have had contact with the military service of subject indi-
vidual.

In case you are unable to furnish in the proper form
information of subject's status under the provisions of the Manila
Treaty, it would be greatly appreciated if you could furnish
this information regarding the alleged connection, and any
other data which might help in the final disposition of this case.

Sincerely yours,



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REMARKS

*attached letter from
Horn for possible
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copy of other papers.
Explains the mix up on
43rd Inf & 121st Infantry
(auto of this has been filed
with 201 pl of subject)*

FROM NAME OR TITLE

D. Hunch

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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322 Wake Forest Drive, San Antonio, Texas, 12 Dec 1950.
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Cameron S. Starnes
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Major-Infantry, Retired.

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Jan. 1950

Dear Sir,
I have received your letter of the 15th and am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your car.

I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your car. I will try to help you in any way I can. If you need any more information, please let me know.

I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your car. I will try to help you in any way I can.

I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your car. I will try to help you in any way I can.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]



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