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Place: Bicolod, Neg. Occ.
Date: November 26, 1943

Subject: Investigation

1. Name Alfredo Palencia, Rank Civilian, Age 18 yrs
2. Actual Address: Siley, Negros Occidental
3. Place of birth: Siley, Negros Occ., Date of Birth Feb. 16, 1925
4. Native Town: Siley, Negros Occidental
5. Name of Parents:
(a) Father Salvador Palencia, Age 59, Address Siley, Negros Occ.
(b) Mother Encarnacion Aurelio, Age 55, Address Siley, Negros Occ.
6. Date of Capture or surrender: September 28, 1943
7. Place of Capture of Surrender: Siley, Negros Occidental
8. Reason or inducement for entering as guerrillero:
None
9. Activity as Guerrillero; (a) Did you join or bush, if so when, where and the outcome? None
(b) What was your or and where is your or-? None
10. Feeling after capture or surrender: Are you happy after capture or surrender or somewhat repentant of what you did? I am fully aware for I never had any connection with the USAFFE. I was only suspected to be a spy of the USAFFE.
11. Remarks: (What the investigator thinks or finds) THIS fellow has consistently denied having any connection with the USAFFE. I believe he is innocent.

Investigator: Ins P. SALVADOR V. B. PITA

Interpreter: Pt. - BERNARDO H. ORAL

SWORN STATEMENT

I, ALFREDO BALBUENA, 18 years old, single, born in Silay, Neg. Occ., now residing in Silay, Neg. Occ., who under oath hereby declare:

THAT, I have no regular occupation and make my living by buying and selling different articles and by gambling. I have nothing to tell about any connection with the USAFFE because I really had no any connection with the USAFFE. Before the Japanese forces landed in the island of Negros, my family composed of my father, mother, and 1 brother and 4 sisters evacuated to the mountains about 13 kilometers from our town in Silay, there we tried to make our temporary home and we planted rice and vegetables for our living. Then on the month of October 1943, we returned to our home in the town of Silay because we found that it was already safe to live in Silay but on September 28, 1943, I was arrested in Silay with ENRIQUE BRODIT, RODOLFO COMEU, and OSCAR OCTAVIO, by the Japanese Military Police. My three companions were confined in the Municipal Jail of Silay and I alone was brought to Bacolod to the Military Police. Here in Bacolod, I was investigated again by the Military Police but I could not tell them any because I really had no any connection with the USAFFE. I was charged of being an Intelligence Operative of the USAFFE but that is not true. Maybe I was suspected to be a D.I. for the simple reason, because during the month of August 1943, I used to help a Private of the USAFFE by the name of ALFREDO FARRERES from Silay, Neg. Occ.; also, I do not know where he is now, probably he is still in the mountains. I knew him to be a USAFFE because he told me, but I did not report this to the authorities. Other than this I have not done anything to the Japanese or Philippine Government.

Alfredo Balbuena

November 26, 1943

Sgt. SAMUEL V. BARRERA
Investigator

Pt. BERNIE E. H. ANA
Interpreter

Subscribed and sworn to before this _____ day of _____, 1943, in the City of Bacolod.

EUSTACIO LOZANO, JR.
3rd Class Inspector
Senior Inspector

City of Iloilo

~~DIRECTOR GENERAL~~
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Authority NVD 88-3078

January 24, 1944

The Senior Inspector
Negros Occidental

Dear Major:

1. Practically all your patrolmen in the towns are attached to, and under the control of, the Japanese Garrison. There is something in what you say, that you want your men protected by the Japanese. However, there are 2 sides to it. At any rate, they may be placed near the garrisons. This is also the opinion of the Hon. Provincial Governor.

The undersigned has been informed that prior to the Republic, these FG detachments were independent from Japanese control. Now that we are independent, they are made dependent upon the Japanese. It doesn't make sense.

2. Another thing. I have found out that 16 of the 18 P. C. officers are in Bacolod, while their companies are out in the towns. How can they check the morning reports and the movements of their men- by remote control?

Some more: Attaching these soldiers to the Japanese Garrisons tends to develop in them an inferiority complex. Inversely, it develops in the Japanese more and more superiority inflex. Result- these patrolmen may be made to perform many things but police duty. Little by little they would lose their spirit of initiative and self-reliance.

Finally, it would invite to the P. C. hatred and contempt of the mountain people who are prone to blame the P. C. for any killing or burning or abuse or outrage committed.

3. On the other hand, Col. Yamaguchi informed me that many of your patrolmen are gamblers and engaged in smuggling. That is a very serious charge. This is probably due, to a large extent, to the lack of supervision of the soldiers by their officers who are stationed by you in Bacolod, far away from their men. At any rate, something must be done to find out the truth of the charges.

I am advising His Excellency, the President, and General Francisco of this state of affairs.

So let me have your answer if possible, in 10 days.

Thanks for everything, during our stay in Bacolod.

Very truly,

Paul Gullas
PAULINO GULLAS

Commissioner of Visayas

Republic of the Philippines
Ministry of the Interior
BUREAU OF CONSTABULARY
Office of the Senior Inspector
Bacolod, Neg. Occ.

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January 27, 1944

The Honorable, the Commissioner of Visayas
Cebu City, Cebu.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 24, 1944, and in compliance with instruction therein, I have the honor to submit heron the following facts for your consideration:

1. The distribution and attachment of small units to Japanese Garrison was the plan of the Chief Commander of the Imperial Japanese Forces in Negros thru the Military Administration on the early part of October, 1943. I agreed with the plan and I submitted to the Executive Officer, BG, Manila, under date of October 10, 1943, a copy of which is hereto attached. In agreeing therewith, I took into account the following problems:

a. With the advent of Independence the maintenance of Peace and Order in Negros was placed under the Constabulary but it was clear that for lack of personnel, adequate arms and ammunition, it could not effectively carry out its mission alone without the assistance of the Imperial Japanese Forces. The Imperial Japanese Forces, however, promised not only to stand by the Constabulary but to help it control the province by mutual and close cooperation. The Constabulary personnel will serve as investigators whenever Japanese soldiers were in the field and thus prevent misunderstanding between civilians and soldiers. This set-up was necessary because of the proposed punitive expedition supposed to start on November 15, 1943, but postponed on account of the Amnesty Proclamation. Each detachment is under charge of a Non-Commissioned Officer or the most intelligent patrolman. He keeps the integrity of the unit. It runs its mess and because they live with Japanese soldiers, they acquire valuable military training and their experience will be of value to the Constabulary. They are still under the control of the Senior Inspector and not under the control of the Japanese, but of course they receive direct instruction from the Japanese Garrison Commander when it refers to routine military duties.

At the time of visit of Bacolod by the Honorable, The Commissioner of Visayas, there were only 16 officers in Negros including myself and not 18 as referred to in the communication. Five of these were out in their station, namely Lt. Manuel Gamins, and Lt. Javier Porras stationed in Fabrica, 6th Negros Occidental Company, Lt. Apolonio Pagsuheron at La Carlota, 5th Negros Occidental Company, Lt. Norberto Resida at Sipalay Detachment 2nd Negros Occidental Company. Lt. Joaquin C. Corpus at Bacolod-Marcia Central, commanding the 5th Negros Occidental Company. Seven of these officers have just arrived on December 26, 1943, and had been assigned to their companies. Altho the men had been distributed to the detachment, each company commander goes around to check the efficiency of the men as frequently as it is possible. In my observation, soldiers attached to Japanese Garrison developed high morale and efficiency. I have just been thruout the province of Negros, inspecting and visiting all the distributions of small detachments and I found them improving a lot.


I don't know of any case where the Constabulary soldier has killed or outraged any civilian except guerilleros but this was done in all cases in self-defense.

The burning of property was done by guerrillero and met by Constabulary.

2. I was present when Col. Yamaguchi informed the Commissioner about gambling and smuggling. He specified sugar as the article of smuggling. This is an old story dating back from the early organization of Constabulary in Negros. Col. Yamaguchi informed the Honorable, the Commissioner of Visayas that gambling and smuggling has been corrected by me as Senior Inspector. To be specific, we have caught 2 patrolmen in gambling raid. They have been prosecuted in the Civil Court and their discharge is being recommended. The smuggling of sugar was carried on by Inspector Labay. His case was investigated and already closed.

3. I would like to state that it was to the advantage of the Constabulary to go hand in hand with Japanese Forces in subduing recalcitrant elements in Negros, subordinating ideas of independent action at the present time until condition of Peace and Order are normalized.

Very respectfully,


ESTEBAN REMONTAD
Capt. BC
Senior Inspector

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Copy furnished:
The Executive Officer, BC., Manila
The Provincial Governor, Bacolod

BUREAU OF CONSTABULARY
OFFICE OF THE SENIOR INSPECTOR
BACOLOD, NEGROS OCC.

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October 10, 1943

TO : Executive Officer, BC., Manila

SUBJECT: Distribution of Companies

1. The 6 Negros Occidental Companies have been distributed by direction of the Japanese High Command through the Military Administration as follows:

A - 1st Negros Occidental Company
Headquarters, Bacolod, Capitol Building

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|---|----|
| Actual effective strength | 54 |
| Attached from 6th Company under organiza- tion | 26 |
| T o t a l | 80 |

Distribution:

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|---|----|
| Office Senior Inspector | 13 |
| Diaz Electric Company, Bacolod | 3 |
| North sentry with Japanese Garrison, Bacolod | 3 |
| Airport with Japanese sentry, Bacolod | 3 |
| Guarding Col. Himano's quarter, Bacolod | 4 |
| Talisay Detachment, Talisay | 15 |
| Silay Detachment, Silay | 15 |
| Buro-Buro Detachment, Bacolod | 8 |
| Murcia Detachment, Murcia | 8 |
| Manapla Detachment, Manapla | 8 |
| T o t a l | 80 |

B - 2nd Negros Occidental Company
Headquarters, Bacolod, Capitol Building

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| Actual effective strength | 55 |
| Six substations with Bacolod City at 2 each | 12 |
| Office Senior Inspector | 2 |
| Victorias Detachment, Victorias | 10 |
| Bacolod Murcia Central with Japanese Garrison | 31 |
| T o t a l | 55 |

C - 3rd Negros Occidental Company
Headquarters, La Carlota

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| Actual effective strength | 75 |
| Office Senior Inspector | 4 |
| La Carlota Detachment, La Carlota | 11 |
| Bago Detachment, Bago | 10 |
| Pulupandan Detachment, Pulupandan | 10 |
| Pontevedra Detachment, Pontevedra | 10 |
| Hinigaran Detachment, Hinigaran | 10 |
| Binalbagan Detachment, Binalbagan | 10 |
| Kabankalan Detachment, Kabankalan | 10 |
| T o t a l | 75 |

D - 4th Negros Occidental Company
Headquarters, City Hall

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| Actual effective strength | 57 |
| Economic Police, Bacolod | 17 |
| Investigation Squad, Bacolod | 13 |
| Bacolod Murcia Central with Japanese Garrison | 27 |
| T o t a l | 57 |

E - 5th Negros Occidental Company
Headquarters, Bacolod, Capitol Building

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| Actual effective strength | 52 | |
| Office Senior Inspector | | 1 |
| Bacolod Japanese Garrison, Bacolod | | <u>51</u> |
| T o t a l | | <u>52</u> |

F - 6th Negros Occidental (Temporary organization for new graduates unassigned)

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|---|----|-----------|
| Actual effective strength | 40 | |
| Headquarters, Fabrica or San Carlos | | |
| subject to change on further advice. Plan | | |
| tentative | | <u>40</u> |
| T o t a l | | <u>40</u> |

Inspector Casins Junior Officer 1st Company
in temporary command.

2. The NCP distributed outside of the City of Bacolod live together in barracks of Japanese Garrison, that is, they are being sent to places where they are Japanese Garrisons, so that the men could cooperate better with the Imperial Japanese Forces, and learn everything military by actual training observation and practice.

3. The Acting Provincial Governor in the absence of Governor Dr. Gustilo has been advised of this distribution.

(Sgd.) EUSTAQIO LORENTEAD
3rd Cl. Inspector
Senior Inspector

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