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I N D E X

II. Troop C, 26th Cavalry, (PS)

- A. War Dept Ltr, 21 May 47, Subject: "Philippine Units Given Temporary Recognition in the AUS
- B. 1st Ind, Hq Phil Ry Com, dtd 20 Jun 47
- C. Radio Number 12, from MacArthur, authorizing strength, ratings and block of Service Numbers for Troop C, 26th Cavalry, (PS)
- D. Roster of Personnel Troop C, 26th Cavalry, (PS)
- E. Extract from Sop, AGRD
- F. 1ST INA FOR JONES TO TAG 28 APR 51
- G. MEMO FOR REC - CASE OF BASAM RAMON
- H. 30454 HQS REPL CMD 7 MAY 46
- I. 1ST INA AGRD 27 APR 51 TO DPRB, CASE OF BASAM.
- J. DET OF STATUS, HQS, USAF, WEA PAC, 22 JUL 46
- K. CERTIFICATE OF JOSEPH YOUNG DTD 26 SEP 51

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21 May 1947

Subject: Philippine Units Given Temporary Recognition in the AUS

Thru: Commanding General
Philippine-Ryukyus Command
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

To: Director, Recovered Personnel Division

1. A search of the records available to this office fails to disclose copy of the following documents:

- a. Determination by your office establishing status of the 14th Infantry Regiment (PA) as a unit in the Army of the United States, effective on or about 14 July 1942.
- b. Determination by your office establishing status of the 26th Cavalry (PG) as a unit of the Army of the United States effective on or about 17 July 1943.
- c. Roster of personnel recognized as members of the 26th Cavalry at time of unit's redesignation.

2. It is desired that copies of your determinations referred to above, together with information as to the current status, or date of inactivation of these units, be furnished this office immediately.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ E. E. Ewing
Adjutant General.

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BASIO: Ltr fr WD AGO, Washington 25, D. C., file AGPO-CR
704 (21 May 47), subject: Philippine Units Given
Temporary Recognition in the AUS, dtd 21 May 47.

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HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES-~~RYUKYU~~ COMMAND, APO 707 20 JUN 1947

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: (AGPO-CR)

1. Transmitted herewith copy of radio from GHQ, SWPA dated 12 July 1942 to NAKAR (Lt Col GUILLERMO NAKAR, Infantry PA) authorizing the induction of enlisted personnel then on duty with the 14th Infantry Regiment (PA) and the commissioning of the officers of that unit. No authority was invested by SWPA to activate the 14th Infantry Regiment (PA), as an Army of the United States unit although the personnel were to receive AUS status and allowances for their continued resistance movement. Since the 14th Infantry Regiment (PA) is a unit of the Army of the Philippines this headquarters has no authority to inactivate same.

2. Inclosed is copy of radio number 12 from MACARTHUR to PRAEGER (Capt RALPH B. PRAEGER, Cav, AUS) dated 19 July 1943 and a roster of personnel who have received AUS status as a result of their duty with Troop "C", 26th Cavalry (PS). Last sentence of inclosure two indicates that Troop "C", 26th Cavalry (PS) was not redesignated as an AUS organization, but AUS personnel on duty with that organization were attached and not assigned.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

3 Incls: /s/ Morris H. Marcus
Incl 1 - True copy of Rad MORRIS H. MARCUS
GHQ, SWPA, dtd Colonel ACD
12 July 42 Asst Adj Gen
Incl 2 - True copy #1 # 12
MACARTHUR dtd 19
July 43
Incl 3 - Rosters of AUS
personnel of Troop "C"
26 Cav.

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Paraphrase of a cipher message

19 July 1943

Number 12 MacArthur to Praeger

Tr C 26th Cav authorized to be maintained at strength 100 with original ratings, Enlist in AUS. Use serial numbers 10647070 to 10646170. Maintain record of names, serials and date of enlistment. Do not make radio report thereof. 20 sgts for espionage authorized. Appropriate grades authorized Apayao Co PC. Spec ratings abolished. Increase number grades to include former ratings. Promote deserving atchd EM.

MAC ARTHUR

Paraphrase of a cipher message

TRUE COPY:

/s/ E. F. Forsythe
E. F. FORSYTHE
Capt Inf

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Note

If the name of an individual alleging induction into AUS with Troop C, 26th Cav (PS) does not appear on the attached roster, further consideration of claim is not warranted.

Per Mr. Davis

Kidd/Proj J
5 Nov 54

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HEAD QUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION

AFO 707

ROSTER OF AUS PERSONNEL OF TROOP 'C' 26 CAVALRY (PS)

OFFICERS

1. Major Ralph B. Praeger	021185	3. Capt James N. Needham	0890963
2. Major Thomas S. Jones	0336942	4. Capt Tomas Quioco	0369409
		5. 1st Lt Arthur F. Farruganan	0888300

ENLISTED MEN

1. Abangon, Bonay	ASN - 10647138	41. Ouyugan, Delfin	ASN - 10647155
2. Abgao, Sadoc	--- 10647121	42. Dagulo, Lucio	--- 10647079
3. Aguilao, Ricardo	--- 10647136	43. Dalingo, Elino	--- 10647099
4. Aguas, Roman V.	6739724	44. Damad, Ored	10647091
5. Agunos, Felino	--- 10647162	45. Dangel, Antonio	--- 10647131
6. Alico, Anchu	--- 10647076	46. Domingo, Felix	--- 10304577
7. Alluba, Diza	--- 10647110	47. Dacusin, Awisi	--- 10647100
8. Amid, Juanito	--- 10647113	48. Dacusin, Juan S.	--- 10305192
9. Amay, Ballay	--- 10647075	49. Elias, Eligio (Dec)	--- 10304698
10. Ardet, Pedro	--- 10647135	50. Encisa, Jose	--- 10647144
11. Balag, Lagayan	--- 10647078	51. Enoc, Roberto	--- 10647145
12. Balyao, Rosendo	--- 10647134	52. Flores, Zacarias(Liv)	6737959
13. Banayos, Silagay	--- 10647080	53. Gaduang, Eulogio C.	--- 10304908
14. Barad, Ramon	--- 10647078	54. Games, Atanacio (Dec)	R-310460
15. Basan, Fermín	--- 10647119	55. Garcia, Pedro J.	--- 10647081
16. Basan, Ramon	--- 10647077	56. Gumabay, Abdon	--- 10647141
17. Basang, Lopit	--- 10647118	57. Guyapap, Pablo	--- 10647154
18. Bawat, Carlos	--- 10647124	58. Hernandez, Manuel Jr.	--- 10647082
19. Beltran, Rufino	--- 10647101	59. Isaac, Andres	--- 10647163
20. Bilo, Anquid	--- 10647074	60. Iyoc, Jose	--- 10647165
21. Biñayong, Romulo	--- 10647142	61. Kadao, Dangao	--- 10647133
22. Biton, Bulut	--- 10647137	62. Kadao, Marcelo	--- 10647128
23. Biyu, Agustin	--- 10647167	63. Labog, Rosendo (Dec)	--- 10305159
24. Blanco, Era	--- 10647102	64. Lagitnay, Ventura	--- 10647116
25. Boday, Gulayan	--- 10647157	65. Lagitnay, Mangalao	--- 10647166
26. Bogtong, Martin B.	--- 10647169	66. Lambayan, Banayos	--- 10647073
27. Boyas, Pedro	--- 10647115	67. Langbayan, Cusep	--- 10647156
28. Briones, Maximo	6736527	68. Laocang, Mappsasan D.	--- 10647107
29. Bugue, Amando	--- 10647071	69. Lawagan, Simeon M.	--- 10647120
30. Bunga, Leonardo	--- 10647084	70. Laylay, Atanacio	--- 10647122
31. Cabigas, Saturnino	6739569	71. Longuena, Davalla B.	--- 10647093
32. Cabet, Adel	--- 10647090	72. Mamba, Julio	--- 10647103
33. Cadao, Rufino	--- 10647070	73. Marcos, Felio	--- 10647123
34. Cala, Florencio	6737983	74. Martinez, Blas	--- R-315061
35. Caluen, Dominador	--- 10647098	75. Marquez, Urbano(Dec)	--- R-318591
36. Camonayan, Raymundo	10305192	76. Matas, Donato	--- 10647125
37. Campanano, Elias P.	--- 10647097	77. Mauray, Sirit	--- 10647114
38. Carag, Enoc	--- 10647094	78. Mittay, Tabban	--- 10647072
39. Casten, Licerio	--- 10647104	79. Monsanto, Iluminado(Dec)	6739282
40. Causapin, Benjamin(Dec)	6739719	80. Morta, Pedro	--- 6611971

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ROSTER OF AUS PERSONNEL OF TROOP "C" 26 CAVALRY (PS) (Cont'd.)

81. Ngisi, Tuccalay	---	10647132	98. Sagli, Cornelio	---	10647130
82. Orfiano, Desiderio(Dec)	--	10305199	99. Salbino Tomas	---	10647168
83. Padeway, Palatpat		10647146	100. Serut, Bartolome	--	10647161
84. Radilla, Ernesto Z.	---	10647127	101. Sipit, Damaso	---	10647164
85. Past, Aluba	---	10647109	102. Soay, Harry	---	10647085
86. Pagulayan, Florentino	---	10647140	103. Tabling; Oñan	---	10647111
87. Pajador, Elinio	---	10647089	104. Taguined, Mariano	-	10647139
88. Panooy, Martin	---	10647170	105. Tallungan, Leo	---	10304917
89. Paos, Lantajan	---	10647117	106. Talosig, Samtoy	---	10647095
90. Paray, Placido	---	10647112	107. Taong, Evaristo	---	10647148
91. Patti, Sikwat	---	10647126	108. Tayad, Emilio	---	10647092
92. Pawangan, Pablo	---	10647108	109. Tayad, Micasio	---	10647096
93. Piagan, Ardong	---	10647083	110. Ubina, Cesar L.	---	10647088
94. Puidao, Luna	---	10647036	111. Valdez, Emigdio		6736611
95. Pungkit, Boonag	---	10647106	112. Ybay, Castor (Dec)	-	5736147
96. Rilla, Donato J.	---	10305451	113. Young, Joseph R.	--	10305184
97. Sadag, Mauricio A.	---	10647152	114. Aquino, Marcelino-		(Dec) 6736725
			115. Baldevicio, Mauricio		(Dec)

A TRUE EXTRACT OF AVAILABLE RECORDS:

[Signature]
 G. F. SCORSA
 Capt Inf

*Incl 3 to 1st Incl Htl 20 Jun 74
 File AGPO-CR (w/ May 74)
 From PHILRYCOM (A&G)*

201 Basan, Ramon 1st Ind.

10647187

Subject: AUG Status of Corp. Ramon Basan

LT COL THOMAS S. JONES, 052403, Armor, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 28 April 1951.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. As indicated by inclosure 4 hereto, the AUS status of former Corporal Ramon Basan, 10647187, Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS), was revoked by Headquarters Adjutant General Records Depository, Philippines Command (Air Force) and 13th Air Force. It is requested that this revocation be reconsidered by your office, and that such action be taken as may be warranted in this case.
2. The undersigned was assigned to Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) during World War II. All enlisted men present for duty with this unit acquired AUS status on 19 July 1943 pursuant to a radiogram from Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area.
3. To the best of my knowledge and belief, Corporal Basan was present for duty with Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) on 19 July 1943. Although no specific reason is given in the correspondence by Headquarters Adjutant General Records Depository for revoking the AUS status of Corporal Basan, it appears from the letter of U.S. Veterans Administration, Manila, dated April 14, 1950 (inclosure 5) that the revocation was based on an affidavit executed by Corporal Basan that he was not present for duty on 19 July 1943. If such an affidavit exists, I feel that in fairness to former Corporal Basan a copy thereof should be furnished him as he denies making such an affidavit in his letter of May 5, 1950 (inclosure 2). My own recollection is that of those men, including Corporal Basan, who were enlisted in Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) subsequent to 7 December 1941, all were present with duty with this unit on 19 July 1943 excepting those who were (1) dropped as casualties, or (2) transferred or attached to other units. Corporal Basan was included in neither of these two categories.
4. It may be that Headquarters Adjutant General Records Depository assumes that a ceremonial induction took place on 19 July 1943. Such was not the case. All men enlisted in Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) subsequent to 7 December 1941 were enlisted in the Army of the United States, the legal difference between Philippine Scouts United States Army and Army of the United States not being appreciated at the time. Therefore the same form of oath was used prior to 19 July 1943 as subsequent thereto, and no re-execution of oaths was effected. In processing men for discharge after the war, Headquarters Army Forces Western Pacific appears to have administratively determined that all men who were enlisted in Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) subsequent to 7 December 1941 were enlisted in the Army of the United States on 19 July 1943, regardless of the actual date of enlistment, provided they were serving with the unit on 19 July 1943. The Commander-in-Chief, Army Forces, Pacific, by separate action provided for AUS status for men enlisted prior to 7 December 1941 who were serving with this unit on 19 July 1943.
5. In examining these papers I have noted that the serial number 10647187 borne by Corporal Basan is outside the block assigned by Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, to this unit. This serial number also appears on a roster furnished me by Headquarters Army Forces Western Pacific in 1946 when Corporal Basan was being processed for discharge. SO
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/s/
/t/

Thomas S. Jones
THOMAS S. JONES, 052403
Lt. Col., Armor.

8 Incl-No change.

LT COL THOMAS S. JONES, 052403, CGSC, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,
29 May 1951.

TO: The Adjutant General
Records Administration Center, AGO
St. Louis 20, Mo.

1. The following comments are submitted as requested on 1st
Indorsement, AGRD, 27 April 1951:

a. Reference par 3 c. The statement "Subject had no military service prior to 21 October 1944," is incorrect. Corp Ramon Basan was a member of Troop C 26th Cavalry (PS) in 1943, and as I stated in 1st Indorsement above to the best of my knowledge and belief he was present for duty on 19 July 1943 and acquired AUS status at that time. It does not appear to me that Basan's statement that he joined the 11th Infantry (PA) on 21 October 1944 constitutes a denial of service in Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) prior to that time. Whether the affidavit of Basan was executed with intent to defraud the Government by seeking dual compensation would appear to merit considerably more investigation than AGRD gave this case before revoking this man's AUS status. If fraud is actually involved, it still would appear that revocation of Basan's AUS status is not an appropriate action in any case. I do not understand why, in view of the fact that my name was submitted to AGRD as a source of information in several documents, no effort was made to contact me by AGRD.

b. Reference par 7. The circumstances under which members of Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) acquired AUS status on 19 July 1943 are outlined in par 4 of 1st Indorsement above. As stated therein, no re-execution of oaths was effected since the men concerned had already been sworn in as members of the Army of the United States when they were originally enlisted in Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) which of course was part of the United States Army. The fine distinction between AUS w/o component and AUS in the sense of embracing the Regular Army including the Philippine Scouts was unknown to the officers of this unit. In the majority of cases the men were called to the command post individually and given their serial numbers; in some cases the serial numbers were sent to the individuals concerned by messenger when their duties precluded their coming to the command post in person. Although my memory is not very clear after this long lapse of time, I believe Basan received his serial number at the command post. The surrender to the enemy of certain men as referred to in par 7 is discussed below.

c. (1) The comments of AGRD in respect to Alayao Bosing indicate that confusion exists as to his status. Bosing was a member of Apayao Co (PC). Prior to the fall of Corregidor, CG, USAFFE (perhaps USFIP) sent a message to Colonel John P. Horan, USA, the senior American officer in North Luzon directing the induction of the Philippine Constabulary units in North Luzon. This message was forwarded by Colonel Horan to Major Praeger for necessary action in respect to the two Philippine Constabulary companies located in the area under control of Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS). In accordance therewith, Major Praeger inducted the Apayao Co (PC) and the Aparri Co (PC) into the military service of the United States in May and July 1942 respectively. Here again no distinction was made between "military service of the United States" and "AUS". Although the members of these units have, in my

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(3d Ind, 29 May 1951, cont)

opinion, a clear-cut legal right, as well as a definite moral right, to recognition, so far as I know none of the service of these men has ever been recognized prior to the time they joined the 11th Infantry (PA) in late 1944.

(2) Bosing's affidavit is correct in that members of the Apayao Co (PC) were ordered to surrender in May 1943. This action was taken, as Bosing states, "In order to get near the enemy." The task of these men was to win the confidence of the Japanese, and then gain and transmit information to our headquarters on Japanese capabilities and movements. Despite their surrender, they definitely remained active members of their unit, and were so carried on the morning report, and were in turn so reported to CINC SWPA. From time to time these men reported to the command post for instructions.

(3) AGRD has drawn wholly erroneous conclusions from the lack of mention of the date of 19 July 1943 in Bosing's processing papers. The GHQ message of 19 July 1943 applied only to men enlisted directly into Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS), not to personnel (such as Bosing) of the two Philippine Constabulary units which had been inducted over a year previously. The Philippine Constabulary personnel were attached but not assigned to Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS).

(4) Although not in issue here, it may be well to point out that the Commander-in-Chief, Army Forces, Pacific, in 1946 enlarged the authorization contained in his message of 19 July 1943 to provide AUS status for the original members of Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) in addition to men recruited during the war.

2. Recommendations: It is recommended that:

- a. The AUS status of Ramon Basan be restored.
- b. An impartial investigation be conducted to determine if Basan executed his affidavit of 21 October 1947 with intent to defraud the government.
- c. The members of the Apayao Co (PC) and the Aparri Co (PC) be recognized as having been legally inducted into the military service of the United States in 1942.

3. My address after 2 June 1951 will be SHAPE, APO 55, New York.

/s/ Thomas S. Jones
/t/ THOMAS S. JONES, 052403
Lt Colonel, Armor

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AGRS-DC-6 201 Basan, Ramon
(20 Oct 50)

DPRB-WW II Correspondence Section
Special Correspondence Unit
Casualty Sub Unit
7 June 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Status in the Army of the United States

1. It has previously been determined by Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO 707, 18 April 1946, that Ramon Basan, 10 647 077, held the following grades and had status for the period shown:

a. <u>GRADE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Private	19 Jul 1943	31 Jul 1943
Corporal	1 Aug 1943	22 Mar 1946
b. <u>STATUS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Missing in Action	19 Jul 1943	30 Aug 1943
No Status Under MPA (Par 1s, Sec IV, WD Plan)	31 Aug 1943	20 Feb 1944
Missing In Action	21 Feb 1944	15 Nov 1945
No Status Under MPA (Par 1s, Sec IV, WD Plan)	16 Nov 1945	22 Mar 1946

2. The above determination was based on subject's affidavit, executed shortly upon return to military control, in which he stated that on 19 July 1943 he was enlisted as a private by Major R. B. Praeger, Commanding Officer of Troop C, 26th Cavalry, AUS, at Kabugao, Mountain Province; that on 30 August 1943, Major Praeger was captured by the Japanese and from this date he (Basan) was separated from the Unit. He further stated that from 30 August 1943, he went home to cultivate his farm until 1 March 1943, when he was employed as a teacher at Bolo Barrio School under the Puppet Government, but did not receive any pay until the end of February 1944, when he stopped his teaching job to join the 11th Infantry Guerrilla Unit under Colonel Blackburn; that he served as a corporal in the 11th Infantry until 15 November 1945, when he returned to his home; reporting to military control at Philippine Scout Detachment, 5th Replacement Depot, 23 March 1946.

a. It can be seen that confusion exists in dates given in subject's affidavit subsequent to 30 August 1943; however, he apparently intended 1 March 1943 as 1 March 1944 and February 1944 as February 1945.

3. Based on the foregoing determination, subject individual received his arrears in pay. However, the Adjutant General Records Depository, Philippines Command (Air Force) and Thirteenth Air Force, APO 900, advised this office by

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letter, 13 January 1950, that the status of Ramon Basan was revoked, in accordance with a recent review of his case. This redetermination, it was stated, was based on his Philippine Army affidavit, dated 21 October 1947, "which proves subject was not physically present during the induction into the AUS on 19 Jul 43."

a. The Philippine Army affidavit (Extract), inclosed by the Adjutant General Records Depository, which was executed by this former soldier, picks up his service from 21 October 1944, date of joining 11th Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, through 15 November 1945, date of discharge from Philippine Army. In this connection, the instructions for furnishing information concerning military activities, state merely that "All time from commencement date to date processed in Philippine Army 1945, must be accounted for. There must be no overlapping of dates. The last entry on this paragraph must be the date returnee was finally processed."

4. This investigation was initiated because of receipt in this office of an appeal from ten bona fide members of Troop C, 26th Cavalry, attesting to the status of Ramon Basan in the Army of the United States.

5. Inasmuch as a preliminary study of subject's file did not reveal evidence sufficient to properly justify the revocation of his AUS status, an inquiry was initiated to AGHD by this office on 30 March 1951 requesting clarification of certain points in connection therewith.

6. In answer to the following question from this office to AGRD:

"In what way does the affidavit of 21 October 1947 prove the affidavit of 25 March 1946 false or incorrect?"

the following reply was received from AGRD:

"a. The affidavit of 21 October 1947 was prepared by subject individual in the presence of Captain Domingo Cantoria, a Philippine Army officer assigned to a processing team from the main headquarters of the Recovered Personnel Division. This processing affidavit was prepared with the assistance of Filipino personnel, speaking the dialect of the subject. The effectiveness of utilization of Filipino personnel may be seen by the letter of subject individual addressed to Captain Cantoria dated 7 January 1948 wherein the subject is very thankful for the kind attention availed him in preparing such document. It is indicated that the Captain helped considerably, to the extent that subject hopes to reciprocate some day. It must be noted that such processing affidavit requires a statement of all military activities from 1 July 1941. Subject, in this affidavit, conclusively indicates that his period of service began on 21 October 1944 and continued until 21 October 1947 when reprocessed. Further, he claims no service with the 26th Cavalry (PS-AUS). This headquarters places more credence in affidavits

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where it can be shown that processing teams diligently treated each individual as an individual and endeavored to lend apersonal touch to the processing. It can be seen that subject was grateful for this personal touch. Too, it cannot be overemphasized that subject was a Philippine Army enlisted man making a sworn statement to an officer of his own race and Army, speaking his own dialect and who was solicitous enough to promise further aid.**

"c. Subject had no military service prior to 21 October 1944. In the initial processing of guerrilla personnel, fantastic claims were made to service in every unit possible. Reprocessing in Philippine Army and guerrilla units was necessary in order to secure factual data upon which to determine arrears-in-pay. As in this case, it has been determined that countless individuals were processed several times, both as Project "J" personnel and Philippine Army. The policies and procedures of the Recovered Personnel Division were as well known to claimants as to processing personnel. This individual conclusively stated, and substantiated his allegations, that his services began on 21 October 1944."

Remarks: AGRD states in the above response that the processing affidavit of Philippine Army personnel requires a statement of all military activities from 1 July 1941. However, a scrutiny of a photostatic copy of Affidavit for Philippine Army Personnel, forwarded by AGRD, contains statements as follows:

"2b. The first date to be entered in line 1, below, will be determined as follows:

- (1) If individual was a regular in the Philippine Army, commence with 1 July 1941; or
- (2) If individual was a reservist, commence with the date he was called to active duty, but in no event earlier than 1 July 1941; or
- (3) If individual was not USAFFE, but in a civilian status (including Reservists who did not join a USAFFE unit), commence with date he joined first guerrilla unit."

From the foregoing, it is not believed that subject would necessarily have interpreted preceding statements to mean that he must record all his activities subsequent to 1 July 1941, but rather that only his Philippine Army activities were necessary. It was further stated by AGRD that "***more credence is placed by that headquarters in affidavits where it can be shown that processing teams diligently treated each individual as an individual and endeavored to lend a personal touch to the processing.***" This statement appears to be in direct conflict with the known policy of AGRD in connection with the processing of Philippine Scouts, where more credence was placed in the original affidavit than in any subsequent affidavit the individual concerned may have executed. In the case of Basan, his original affidavit of 25 March 1946 definitely included information concerning his service with Troop C, 26th Cavalry, whereas his Philippine Army affidavit of 21 October 1947 omitted any reference to such service.

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7. Prior to receipt in this office of the aforementioned reply of 27 April 1951 from AGRD, this office received an indorsement (dated 28 April 1951) from Lt. Colonel Thomas S. Jones, O 52 403, to an appeal from Ramon Basan regarding his status in the AUS. Lt. Colonel Jones, who was in command of Troop C, 26th Cavalry, after Major Praeger's death, requests reconsideration of the revocation of subject's status, and states that to the best of his knowledge and belief, Corporal Basan was present for duty with Troop C, 26th Cavalry on 19 June 1943. Upon receipt of reply of 27 April 1951 from AGRD, an indorsement was addressed to Colonel Jones, requesting his comments on information furnished by AGRD. The following pertinent paragraphs are quoted from Colonel Jones' reply of 29 May 1951:

"a. Reference par 3 c. The statement "Subject had no military service prior to 21 October 1944," is incorrect. Corp Ramon Basan was a member of Troop C 26th Cavalry (PS) in 1943, and as I stated in 1st Indorsement above to the best of my knowledge and believe he was present for duty on 19 July 1943 and acquired AUS status at that time. It does not appear to me that Basan's statement that he joined the 11th Infantry (PS) on 21 October 1944 constitutes a denial of service in Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) prior to that time. Whether the affidavit of Basan was executed with intent to defraud the Government by seeking dual compensation would appear to merit considerably more investigation than AGRD gave this case before revoking this man's AUS status. If fraud is actually involved, it still would appear that revocation of Basan's AUS status is not an appropriate action in any case. I do not understand why, in view of the fact that my name was submitted to AGRD as a source of information in several documents, no effort was made to contact me by AGRD.

"b. Reference par 7. The circumstances under which members of Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) acquired AUS status on 19 July 1943 are outlined in par 4 of 1st Indorsement above. As stated therein, no re-execution of oaths was effected since the men concerned had already been sworn in as members of the Army of the United States when they were originally enlisted in Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) which of course was part of the United States Army. The fine distinction between AUS w/o component and AUS in the sense of embracing the Regular Army including the Philippine Scouts was unknown to the officers of this unit. In the majority of cases the men were called to the command post individually and given their serial numbers; in some cases the serial numbers were sent to the individuals concerned by messenger when their duties precluded their coming to the command post in person. Although my memory is not very clear after this long lapse of time, I believe Basan received his serial number at the command post.***"

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8. In view of the foregoing, it has, this date, 7 June 1951, been determined that the grades and casualty status of Ramon Basan, IO 647 077, remain the same as determined in Letter, Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO 707, dated 18 April 1946, and that the revocation of Corporal Ramon Basan's status in the Army of the United States, as shown in Letter, Adjutant General Records Depository, Philippines Command (Air Force) and Thirteenth Air Force, APO 900, dated 13 January 1950, is hereby cancelled. Notification of this determination will be furnished to the United States Veterans Administration Regional Office, Manila, Philippine Islands; Army Finance Center, OCF, 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, St. Louis 20, Missouri, and to the individual concerned.

CONCUR:

Mable B. Amos
InvestigatorSupervisor, Special Correspondence Unit
WW II Correspondence Section

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

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b. Other AUS cases - Cases coming under this classification include those of Troop "C" 26th Cavalry (PS) (the only PS unit included in the Provisional Cagayan-Apayao Force), the Apayao Co (PS), and 14th Infantry (PA) who were inducted into the Army of the United States under authority of GHQ SWPA in Jul 42 and Jul 43 (Exhibits "L", "M", "N" and "O").

The procedure in adjudicating such cases generally follows that outlined under "Determination of Status and Grade of PS and AUS Cases", above. The adjudicator thoroughly checks applicable rosters on file, to include a cross-checking with PA records. PA 201 file of subject, if available, is requisitioned with a view to verifying his service, giving particular attention to the date when subject was enlisted or inducted into his organization and to activities subsequent thereto.

When evidence available in this office together with that submitted is deemed conclusive and sufficient the adjudicator makes a determination of status and grade under the Missing Persons Act. If the case is determined positively the soldier is assigned an Army serial number from block available in this office and orders are issued confirming Army of the United States status effective 19 Jul 43 or 14 Jul 42 as the case may be. Appropriate report to The Adjutant General of the Army and to the Finance Officer, St. Louis Finance Office and a letter of notification to the claimant are forwarded in the same manner as on PS cases.

Cases determined negatively are forwarded to the proper office for possible determination of PA status. The claimant is duly advised of action taken.

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BASIC: Ltr fr Dept of the Army, Office of the Adjutant General,
Records Administration Center, St. Louis 20, Missouri
AGRS-DC-S 201 Basan, Roman, subj: "Revocation of AUS Status",
30 March 1951.

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HEADQUARTERS 8133RD ARMY UNIT, AG RECORDS DEPOSITORY APO 928 27 Apr 1951

TO: Commanding Officer, Records Administration Center, AGO,
St. Louis 20, Missouri

1. There are no retained records at this headquarters from the Project "J" file to fully review the revocation of AUS status of subject individual. Project "J" 201 file was forwarded your office.

2. In order to assist your office in the determination of subject's appeal, photostatic copies made from pertinent original papers contained in the Philippine Army record filed at this headquarters, are attached.

3. In reply to pertinent questions propounded, the following information is furnished:

a. The affidavit of 21 October 1947 was prepared by subject individual in the presence of Captain Domingo Centoria, a Philippine Army Officer assigned to a processing team from the main headquarters of the Recovered Personnel Division. This processing affidavit was prepared with the assistance of Filipino personnel, speaking the dialect of the subject. The effectiveness of utilization of Filipino personnel may be seen by the letter of subject individual addressed to Captain Centoria dated 7 January 1948 wherein the subject is very thankful for the kind attention availed him in preparing such document. It is indicated that the Captain helped considerably, to the extent that subject hopes to reciprocate some day. It must be noted that such processing affidavit requires a statement of all military activities from 1 July 1941. Subject, in this affidavit, conclusively indicates that his period of service began on 21 October 1944 and continued until 21 October 1947 when reprocessed. Further, he claims no service with the 26th Cavalry (PS*AUS). This headquarters places more credence in affidavits where it can be shown that processing teams diligently treated each individual as an individual and endeavored to lend a personal touch to the processing. It can be seen that subject was grateful for this personal touch. Too, it cannot be overemphasized that subject was a Philippine Army enlisted man making a sworn

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statement to an officer of his own race and Army, speaking his own dialect and who was solicitous enough to promise further aid.

b. The affidavit of October 1947 was obtained as indicated in preceding paragraph and was obtained in subject's hometown, which is considered ideal circumstances for the preparation of a document that might under other circumstances be a task for shy, retiring persons.

c. Subject had no military service prior to 21 October 1944. In the initial processing of guerrilla personnel, fantastic claims were made to service in every unit possible. Reprocessing in Philippine Army and guerrilla units was necessary in order to secure factual data upon which to determine arrears-in-pay. As in this case, it has been determined that countless individuals were processed several times, both as Project "J" personnel and Philippine Army. The policies and procedures of the Recovered Personnel Division were as well known to claimants as to processing personnel. This individual conclusively stated, and substantiated his allegations, that his services began on 21 October 1944.

d. Photostatic copies of original document are attached.

e. The original affidavit of October 1947 is filed in subject's Philippine Army file maintained in the Records Branch, this headquarters.

f. As indicated in paragraph c, reprocessing was effected to secure reasonable data after the initial liberation hysteria had subsided. The affidavit of October 1947 was accepted because each individual upon reprocessing was afforded every opportunity to explain in detail all his military activities to a person of his own race, in his own dialect. It must be reiterated that the success of this is shown by the letter of claimant to the processing officer and to the affidavits of Florentino R. Tapiru and subject which were presented to the processing officer to substantiate his PA affidavit.

g. Ramon Basan, 10647077; Ramon Basan, 10647187; Ramon Basan, 10647189 and Ramon S. Basan, 193196, are all one and the same person.

5. In addition to the photostatic copies of PA file documents attached, additional documents have been inclosed that have been received as appeals from subject. Subject submitted an appeal to

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the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, dated 20 October 1950 which was signed by many persons vouching for his services. The appeal was forwarded to this headquarters and was reviewed. However, the only evidence furnished was a copy of a special order which confirmed his status. The decision reached was that the case had been reviewed at the time of revocation and that subject should be advised that his case had been closed at this headquarters and shipped to the States.

5. On 16 April 1951, subject appeared at the Reception Desk, this headquarters, and left additional papers. He advised the receptionist that he is writing another letter "re an affidavit containing false information which an 'enemy' submitted to this office." There is no record at present of receipt of letter from this "enemy" although it is reasonable to believe that such letter would further justify the action taken by this headquarters.

6. The affidavit of Alayo Bosing 193020 has been submitted to substantiate subject's case. It has been found that Bosing was determined by Philippine Army Branch to be in a "no casualty status" from 12 May 1942 to 17 October 1944 when his claim was adjudicated for arrears in pay. Current certification to the Veterans Administration indicates only civilian guerrilla service beginning 18 October 1944 to 9 October 1945 and regular PA service from 10 October 1945 to 30 June 1946. In this connection, attention is invited to 2nd Indorsement, this headquarters, AGRD-JV 201 Bosing, Alayo dated 8 December 1950 which should be of record in the 201 file of subject at your headquarters. The processing affidavit of Bosing for AUS will show that subject knew nothing about induction into the AUS on 19 July 1943 and that date, which should be a significant date in his mind, was never mentioned in his processing papers. Evidence available indicates that Major Praeger allegedly inducted many persons into the AUS between 8-12 May 1942. This cannot be accepted as valid as no authority existed in the Islands to induct into the AUS those dates. Photostatic copy of PA Form 23 of Bosing indicates that Major Praeger ordered the unit to surrender in May 1943 "in order to get near the enemy".

7. Not too much information is available concerning the actual induction on 19 July 1943; however, as in the case of Bosing several persons of the alleged unit surrendered, disbanded and/or were scattered during a period near receipt of the wire authorizing induction into the AUS. Radio communication permitted disclosure of location to the enemy and caused raids which precluded bonafide mass inductions when radiograms were received.

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8. The unprecedented circumstances involved in granting and recognizing AUS status of individuals, in an enemy occupied country, permits early decisions that are later questioned as continual processing goes on. More information becomes available, files are screened carefully, general circumstances prevailing become better known and the original requirements appear very inadequate. The recognition of an individual with a unit might easily be accepted in the early phases of an operation and payments made accordingly. However, it is of paramount importance to ascertain further the authenticity of such recognition when manifold benefits continue through further legislation.

9. It will be further noted in the affidavit of Dennis Molintas that our subject was a "known leader and the American officers sought out known leaders". The affidavit of Mr. Molintas has absolutely no bearing in this case as affiant can testify to nothing concerning the case. But, having confirmed the fact that that subject was a known leader and an apparently qualified municipal official, it would appear that his two processing affidavits would be more closely related. It is also noted that subject applied for and accepted dual compensation, both payments being administered through agencies of the U. S. Government.

10. In view of the circumstances enumerated above and in the attached documents, this headquarters reiterates acceptance of the affidavit of 21 October 1947 and recommends upholding of the revocation of status.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

16 Incls

1. n/c added 16 incls.
2. Memo for Record, 26 Jan 50 (Photo)
3. Settlement of Arrears in Pay
6 May 48 (Photo)
4. Ltr, Ramon Basan, 26 Dec 47 (Photo)
5. Ltr, Ramon Basan, 7 Jan 48 (Photo)
6. Jt. Afdvt S. Bernardez & F. Tapiru
21 Oct 47 (Photo)
7. Afdt, R. Basan, 21 Oct 47 (Photo)
8. PA Afdvt, R. Basan, 21 Oct 47 (Photo)
9. SO #266, 10 Nov 45 (Photo)
10. PA Personnel Record of subj (Photo)
11. Afdvt, D. Molintas, 2 Jan 51
12. Afdvt, A. Bosing, 12 Apr 51
13. Afdvt, M. Tabling, 12 Apr 51
14. 1st Ind. GHQ FEC 16 Nov 50 w/6 Incls.
15. PA afdvt, A. Bosing, 6 Mar 46 (Photo)
16. Proj "J" Afdvt, A. Bosing, 19 Jun 47

s/t/ RICHARD EVANS
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Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, WESTERN PACIFIC

GSKRP 330.32

AFPO 707
22 July 1946

SUBJECT: Determination of status

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Under authority granted in radiogram from GMR SWPA to Major RALPH M. FREAGER, O-21185, Commanding Officer of Troop "C", 25th Cavalry (PS), dated 19 July 1943, it has been determined by this headquarters that the following named Philippine Scout enlisted men, since deceased, were constructively discharged from the Philippine Scouts on 18 July 1943 and were enlisted in the Army of the United States on 19 July 1943.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
ACUINO, MARCELINO (DEC)	Cpl	6736725
BAIDIVICO, MAURICIO (DEC)	Pvt	R-320287
CAUSAPIN, BENJAMIN (DEC)	Pvt	6739719
ELIAS, ELIGIO (DEC)	Pvt	10304698
GAMES, ATANACIO (DEC)	Cpl	R-310460
LAEBO, ROSENDO (DEC)	Pvt	10305159
MARQUEZ, URBANO (DEC)	Sgt	R-318591
MONSANTO, ILLUMINADO (DEC)	Cpl	DIED 1/1/45. 6739282
ORFIANO, DESIDERIO C. (DEC)	Pvt	10305199
TALLUNGAN, LEO (DEC)	Pvt	10304917
YBAY, GASTOR (DEC)	Pvt	6736147

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2. Request the records of subject enlisted men be corrected accordingly.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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GORDON H. SIMONS
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HEADQUARTERS
REPLACEMENT COMMAND AND FIFTH REPLACEMENT DEPOT
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
APO 711

7 May 1946

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24. It has been determined that the following EM br sv Inf, atchd unassgd Phil Scout Det, this Depot, were inducted into the Army of the United States, on dates indicated, by Lt. Col Guillermo Nakar, CO 14th Inf Regt (PA). Auth: Radiogram to Nakar fr MacArthur dtd 12 Jul 42 & Radiogram to MacArthur fr Nakar dtd 15 Jul 42. (Confirmed & Recorded per Ltrs GSARP AFWESPAC APO 707 dtd 4 May 1946.)

GRADE	NAME	ASN	DATE OF INDUCTION	GR. AT DATE OF INDUCTION
1st Sgt	BELTRAN, CLEMENTE N	10626060	23 Jul 42	Sgt
S/Sgt	TANABE, Guillermo R	10626061	23 Jul 42	Sgt
Sgt	BALANAY, Vicente D	10626062	14 Jul 42	Cpl
Sgt	BINGONDO, Pastor R	10626066	14 Jul 42	Sgt
Sgt	LIGUPA, Estanislao	10626065	28 Jul 42	Cpl
Cpl	TAMELIN, Porfirio	10626068	14 Jul 42	Cpl
Pfc	AVILLA, Bonifacio R	10626064	14 Jul 42	Pfc
Pvt	ACONA, Sotero	10626063	14 Jul 42	Pvt
Pvt	CABELA, Policarpo	10626067	14 Jul 42	Pvt
Pvt	GONZALES, Francisco H	10626059	28 Jul 42	Pvt

25. Fol EM (AUS) atchd unassgd Phil Scout Det, this Depot, trfd atchd unassgd to Repl Comd & 5th Repl Depot APO 711 (Disposition Center) for discharge in the Philippine Islands under current readjustment regulations.

GRADE	NAME	ASN	ASRS
Cpl	BALIAO, Rosendo	10647134	91
Cpl	BODAY, Gulayan	10647157	79
Cpl	BASAN, Ramon	10647187	78
Pvt	BALAG, Lagayan	10647087	55
Pvt	CACBOT, Adil	10647090	55

26. Fol EM br sv Cav, SSN, ASN & ASRS as shown, atchd unassgd Phil Scout Det, this Depot, asgd in gr Phil Scout Det CONCOR, APO 75. BDCMR 9 May 46. WP Govt rail or Ltr T reporting CO for dy. TDM TCMT (RTO 467-45G Hq Repl Comd AFWESPAC APO 295 dtd 28 Nov 45 & AFWESPAC 2d Ind, GSXRP 220.31 (27 Nov 45) to Ltr Hq CONCOR APO 75 BCPAB 220.3 Sub: "Request for assignment of Philippine Scout Personnel" dtd 21 Nov 45.)

GRADE	NAME	ASN	SSN	ASRS
Sgt	GARCIA, Pedro J	10647081	745	58
Cpl	DALINOG, Elino	10647099	745	67
Cpl	DUOSIN, Awisi	10647100	745	55

27. Fol EM br sv Cav SSN, ASN & ASRS as shown, atchd unassgd Phil Scout Det, this Depot, asgd in gr 5th MP Bn AUS AFWESPAC APO 75. BDCMR 9 May 46. WP Govt rail or Ltr T reporting CO for dy. TDM TCMT. (Auth: 5th Ind Repl Comd AFWESPAC APO 295 RCGA 220.3 dtd 30 Jan 46 to Ltr Hq 5th MP Bn APO 75 dtd 11 Jan 46. Sub: "Personnel Replacement Requisition.")

GRADE	NAME	ASN	SSN	ASRS
Pfc	ALBA, Diza	10647110	745	67
Pfc	BIYO, Anastia U	10647167	745	55
Pfc	SAGLI, Cornelio S	10647130	745	70
Pvt	AGUNGS, Felina B	10647162	745	
Pvt	ANDRES, Isaac	10647163	745	
Pvt	BALIAO, Ramon	10647078	745	

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HEADQUARTERS
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ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
APO 928

26 September 1951

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOSEPH YOUNG, 31 years of age, married, and presently residing at 3-D, 4th Avenue, Grace Park, Caloccan, Rizal, Philippines freely and voluntarily state the following:

That I was a former member of Troop C, 26th Cavalry (PS) stationed at Fort Stotsenburg, Pampanga before the outbreak of the war; that I also know subject Iluminado Monsanto as a member of the same organization;

That at the outbreak of the war members of Troop C, 26th Cavalry proceeded to Rosales, Pangasinan and from Rosales to Baguio; from Baguio we went to Nueva Vizcaya until we reached Cagayan thru Isabela; that we arrived in Cagayan sometime in January 1942; that we raided the town of Tuguegarao, Cagayan on or about 13 January 1942 and retreated to Tuso, Cagayan; that shortly after we were driven from Tuso to Rizal, a remote town of Cagayan; that later we were called by Major Praeger to headquarters established at Kabugao, Mt Province and stayed at the capital of Apayao until the early part of 1943; that the Japanese raided this place and so we retreated to the mountains of the same province and re-established our radio transmitter and receiver; on or about July 1943 Major Praeger was given orders by the SNPA to enlist into the AUS with 26th Cavalry a certain amount of civilians to cover up the missing members of same troop in which with that order Major Praeger also received a block of army serial numbers for the new recruits; that he was also given an authority to enlist members of C Troop who were immediately with them into the AUS; that at the time Major Praeger received those orders from SNPA I could not tell whether Monsanto, Iluminado was immediately with the headquarters but I do know that he was in active duty with the same troop from the time we left our regiment, that was in December 1941 until the time we separated somewhere between the middle and later part of 1943 in Apayao, Mt Province;

That I also know that during the stay of Trooper Iluminado Monsanto in Apayao he was able to get him a girl and stayed with this girl until he left for the coastal towns of Cagayan somewhere in 1943; that from the time we were separated I never heard anything about him again until late in 1944 when I received information from evacuating civilians that Trooper Monsanto was killed by the Japanese with some other women who were with them at the time; that I do not know anything about his relation with those women who were killed with him; that the girl he was staying with in Apayao is not one of those women killed with him; that when subject was with us he was always going back and forth thru the different towns of Cagayan; that I do not know of any woman whom he was living with in the town of Abulog nor Pamplona Cagayan;

That I have nothing more to say.

Joseph Young
JOSEPH YOUNG

Witnessed by the undersigned on 26 September 1951 at Headquarters, 8133rd Army Unit, Adjutant General Records Depository, APO 928.

Richard Evans
RICHARD EVANS
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Asst Adjutant

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