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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
HEADQUARTERS
V. LUNA GENERAL HOSPITAL (AP)
Mandaluyong, Rizal

24 July 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Record

TO : The Adjutant General, Army of the Philippines
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. Reference certain directive that Headquarters, re-submission of historical documents, I am submitting duplicate of original telegram signed by Lt-Col F. I. Torres, PC dated January 7, 1942 addressed to the Department Inspector PC, Zamboanga City reporting of the Japanese attack and landing in Davao City on December 20, 1941.

2. This document came into my possession in January 1943 when the Casisang Concentration Camp, Bukidnon, was occupied by the Bukidnon-Cotabato Force under Lt-Col Salipada K. Pendatun. As this is the only known record in existence that can give light to the attack and landing by the Japanese Imperial Forces in Davao City on December 20, 1941 and the heroic stand made by small PC Force in Davao, I hope due awards will be given to those officers and men who fought with gallantry in action against the enemy and place in recorded history the first Japanese landing in the Philippine in 1941 and the heroic stand of the Philippine Army to repel such aggression. I regret that Col Torres is dead.

3. Request acknowledgement of this document.


JOSE S ESTRADA
1st Lieut Inf

1 Enclosure.

Encl. 1 - Duplicate of signed copy of telegram sent by Lt-Col F. I. Torres PC to the Department Inspector PC dated Jan 7, 1942.

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TELEGRAM SENT

MALAYBALAY, BUKIDNON
JANUARY 7, 1942

PC-USAFFE

THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR PC
ZAMBOANGA CITY

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F.I. TORRES
Lt.-Col., AGS (PC)

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