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HISTORY OF THE HQS DETACHMENT, DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON FC
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- A. The following history of the Hqs Det, Dept of Northern Luzon FC has been deduced from a special study conducted on twelve Hqs Det, Dept of NL cases:

At the outbreak of the war, the Hqs Det, Dept of NL FC was stationed at San Fernando, La Union. CO of the unit was Dept Inspector of NL FC; Col James A. Green with Capt. Romulo Manriquez as Ex-Off.

It is alleged by all except Col Green and one Epifanio C. Padua, that they were automatically inducted together with the entire FC on 17 Dec 41 by virtue of Office Memorandum #233 (copy attached) dtd 6 Oct 45. This memorandum invokes for its authority, (1), par 6, par 14 "Note on the Philippine Army, 1941 - 1942", prepared by the Philippine Research and Information Section, Advance Echelon, USAFFE, APO 501, dtd 26 Jan 45, and (2), par 1, Letter Hq. USAFFE, dtd 12 Dec 44, File AG 322 dtd 12 Dec 1944, FEPA, Subj: "Status of Philippine Constabulary."

It is to be noted that the above stated Letter Hq USAFFE on the status of the FC has been erroneously construed as applying to PRE-WAR Constabulary, whereas in fact it applied only to liberation period constabulary units which had been or were being reactivated. This letter cannot in any sense be applied to Prewar Constabulary units.

It has been determined by this Headquarters that the above memorandum does not constitute valid proof of an automatic induction of the FC on 17 Dec 41. The following prove that there was no automatic induction of the Dept of NL FC nor of the whole FC on 17 Dec 41:

- (1) Affidavit of Col Green dtd 18 Sep 45 (copy attached) indicates that on 27 Feb 42 he received radio instructions from Gen Francisco "thru Col Warner, to have all of the Constabulary in the Dept Northern Luzon inducted into the USAFFE." No such instructions would have been released on that date if a prior induction of the entire FC had already been made.
- (2) Col Green in an affidavit dtd 3 Jan 46 (copy attached) alleges induction on 10 Mar 42 by Col Warner. This allegation is substantiated by a statement of Col. Everett Lauman Warner

in his Certified Report, 14th Inf PA (See Historical Data of the 14th Inf, AUS). It would be illogical then for men under his (Green's) command to be inducted ahead of him.

- (3) Recent studies on three PC units in Negros island and one unit in Apayao revealed that PC units determined to have bonafide USAFFE status were not inducted on one particular date.

It is a common allegation of these cases that the Detachment failed to reach Batsan due to instructions from higher headquarters to stay in their posts and maintain peace and order and that in case of invasion ~~to~~ ^{to} take to the hills.

Due to enemy activity after the initial enemy landings in Northern Luzon, the Detachment was kept constantly moving from one place to another. Members of the Det alleged to have moved from San Fernando, La Union to Trinidad, Benguet, to Bontoc, to Banaue and to Kiangan.

During Mar 42, Cols Horan and Green issued instructions that "all personnel of the Philippine Constabulary has been ordered to the service of the USAFFE" and that "the primary function of the PC will continue to be the preservation of law and order " (See attached photostat copy of these instructions).

7th - 1st - 2nd and 3rd units of 1st PC

Note: Although this communication is undated, it has been determined that it was issued sometime in Mar 42 based on affidavit of Eusebio Vivar, JO, 1st Abra CO PC, dtd 24 Dec 45. (See history of 1st Abra Co PC).

Most of the members allege to have been separated from the main group on different dates during the period Feb 42 to 5 June 42, date (latter) when CO Col James A. Green surrendered on orders from Gen. Wainwright.

Two members of the Det, Padua, Epifanio C. and Lubrin, Jose A., allege to have joined the 14th and 121st Inf Regts, respectively, before the official termination of the beleaguered period for USAFFE.

B. A thorough search of all available archives for the Hqs Det, Dept of NL PC made at Archives Sec, Records Branch and at Project "J" revealed:

- (1) That there are no records for this unit at Archives Sec;
- (2) That the following record appears in Project "J" for Lt Col. Warner, alleged inducting officer of Col Green:
 - a. Everett L. Warner - Capt - 0125572
Hqs Btry, 2d Bn,
88th FA. KIA 15
Dec 44.
- (3) That the following information pertaining to Lt Col Everett L. Warner appears in his certified report on the 14th Inf, incorporated in the Historical Data 14th Inf, AUS, at Records Branch:
 - a. 11 Nov 41 - Reported for duty to CO Col John Horan, 43d Inf (PS) at Camp John Hay. Designated Intelligence Officer, Provost Marshall, Investigating Officer, Summary Court, Surveying Officer, Post Library, Entertainment and Recreation and Officer In Charge, Enlisted Men's Dormitory.
 - b. 11 Dec 41 - Promoted Major, FA; accepted Dec 17.
 - c. 26 Dec 41 - Instructed by Horan to "preceed me (Horan) over the trails to the east and let me know if National Road #5 is free of Jap troops and clear to the south"
 - d. In compliance with Col Horan's orders, proceeded south to Nueva Vizcaya. At Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya found remnants of PA units unable to join their main lines to Bataan. Used this personnel to form the nucleus of the 1st Provisional Guerrilla Regiment, later designated the 14th Inf Regt, which he, together with Capt Manuel P. Enriquez (PA), Lt Warren Minton (AUS) and Capt Guillermo Nakar (PA), organized.
 - e. 13 Feb 42 - Accepted promotion to Lt. Col, PA.
 - f. 19 Jun 42 - Surrendered on orders of Gen. Wainwright thru Lt Col Kalakuka,

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to Col Yoshisawa, CO, 142d Inf at
Echague, Isabela.

C. From the above facts and findings the following conclusions have been drawn:

1. The Hqs Det, Dept of Northern Luzon FC was stationed at San Fernando, La Union at the outbreak of the war.
2. The Detachment was under Col. James A. Green, Dept of NL Inspector, as CO and Capt. Romulo Manriquez as Ex O.
3. Due to enemy activity after the initial landings, the Detachment constantly moved from one place to another.
4. Two members joined the 14th and 121st Inf Regts before 6 May 42.
5. The rest of the members were separated from the main group on different dates during the period Feb 42 to 5 Jun 42.
6. The Detachment was not inducted into the USAFFE on 17 Dec 41 nor was it ever inducted on a subsequent date.
7. Members of the Det who joined the 14th and 121st Inf Regts or any other USAFFE unit before 6 May 42 must, in order to be accorded positive USAFFE status, meet the requirements set forth in Sec III, Vets Branch Adjudication Policy, as changed by Sec I, Branch Memorandum No. 3 dtd 3 Feb 50.

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The following attached documents have been used as aids in arriving at the above history:

1. Affidavits of Col James A. Green dtd 18 Sep 45 & 3 Jan 46.
2. Office Memorandum #233 dtd 6 Oct 45.
3. Letter Hq USAFFE AG 322. (12 Dec 44) FEPA, dtd 12 Dec 44, Subject: Status of Philippine Constabulary.
4. Photostat copy of undated instructions to all personnel of the Philippine Constabulary signed by Cols Horan & Green.

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KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE HQS DET., DEPT OF NORTHERN
LUZON FC AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR

Commanding Officer
Col James A. Green

Executive Officer
Capt. Romulo A. Manriquez

Junior Officer
Lt Demetrio Luis *

Other Officers
Lt. Angel M. Gonzales - Dental Officer
Lt. Braulio C. Fajardo - Medical Officer

M/Sgt - Sajonia, Pedro
S/Sgt - Dulay, Esteban H.
S/Sgt - Padua, Epifanio C.
Sgt - Cadelina, Sixto C.
Cpl - Abat, Anastacio C.
Cpl - Tomas, Andres S.
Pvt - Lubrin, Jose A.

* Subject officer served the Detachment from on or about
16 Dec 41 until 11 Jan 42. From 12 Jan 42 he was assigned
JO, 1st Ifugao Co, FC.

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RFA Sec, VB, AGRD

- SWORN STATEMENT -

I, JAMES A GREEN, Lieut.-Colonel, PA, of legal age, married and on duty at HPA, after having been duly sworn to oath in accordance with law, depose and say:

That before the outbreak of the War, I was the Department Inspector, PG, Department of Northern Luzon.

That on Dec. 8, 1941 Major Benito Cepayan was Provincial Commander, PG of the province of Abra, a province within my department.

That about the 12th day of Dec. 1941 I received instructions from the Chief of Constabulary for the Constabulary not to resist the Japs but upon their approach to withdraw behind the lines and maintain peace and order.

That these instructions were transmitted by me to all units of my command that I could contact.

That on Feb 27, 1942 General Francisco sent me a radio, through Colonel Warner, USA to have all of the Constabulary in the Department, Northern Luzon inducted into the USAFFE. I radioed to him about March 7th that if we were inducted and thereby lost our police powers, I requested that Martial law be declared so we could still maintain peace and order. On about the 9th of March, I received a radio, signed by General MacArthur that we would not lose our police powers as induction was for coordination only. On the same date I believe he radioed Colonel Warner and Moran to stop interfering in civil affairs and leave such matters to the Constabulary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I herewith affixed my signature this 16th day of September, 1945.

s/v/ JAMES A. GREEN
Lt. Col. Inf
O-1033

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 16th day of September 1945 in the city of Manila, Philippines.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
21 Feb 51/tgg

s/v/ JUAN DOMINGUEZ
Col. Inf.
Chairman, Promotion Board

s/ J. T. Layton
t/ J. T. LAYTON
CFC IMA

A TRUE COPY OF A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

[Signature]
E. H. CUTLER
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
BACOLOD CITY

May 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Surrender of Negro Sector

TO : Commanding Officers, Negro Sector

1. Colonel Hillman and his staff will not be considered as prisoner of war until the entire forces of Negros will disarm and said Colonel and staff will direct the disarming of the forces.

2. The USAFFE, in Negro, in spite of the former instructions of the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces, should now voluntarily disarm and direct their action in the following manner, as per instructions of the Japanese Commanding Officers.

(a) Third Battalion, seventy fifth Infantry should gather in the vicinity north of Bacolod;

(b) The first Battalion, seventy fifth Infantry should gather in vicinity of the barrio of Fabrica;

(c) The first and second Battalion of the seventy fourth Inf. and the second Battalion of the seventy fifth Infantry should gather in the vicinity of Magallion;

(d) Other Divisional Units, such as Motor Transport Company, Signal Company, etc., will assemble in Bacolod;

(e) Each Battalion or other unit should assemble immediately trucks, cars, weapons and other equipment in their respective points of assembly, at the same time present to the Japanese forces a statistical report of those mentioned above;

(f) First Battalion, Seventy Fifth Infantry should complete its assembly by sundown on the twenty first of May and other should complete their assembly by sundown twenty second of May and report to the commanding officer of the Japanese Forces;

3. In addition to the instructions given by the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces and General Shara, not to burn or destroy factories, roads, and especially bridges, city, towns and harbor establishment and etc.; it is hereby demanded that you will attend to instructions.

4. You are hereby instructed to prepare to disclose the location of arms and ammunitions by aid of maps and sketches and direct guides to the same.

5. The American and British civilian nationals will act in the following manner:

(a) Those residing in the Western portion of Negro and the northern portion east of Cadiz, inclusive, will gather at Pago;

(b) Those residing on the eastern portion of Negro, North of Guinhangan will gather at San Carlos.

All the Japanese residents who are interested should be returned to the Japanese Forces under responsibility at the place

Manila)
Philippines) S. S.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Licerio Balolong, 47 years of age, married, citizen of the Philippines, after being sworn according to law, depose and say the following:

That I am a Major in the Philippine Army, having been promoted to that rank per Par. 4, CO No. 179, HPA, dated September 27, 1941.

That at the outbreak of the war with Japan, I was Provincial Inspector of the Constabulary with station at Dumaguete, Negros Oriental. On or about December 4, 1941, in addition to my other duties, I was assigned as Executive Officer of Negros Sector, USAFFE, with station at La Carlota, Negros Occidental.

That about the earlier part of January 1942, Colonel Roger Hillsman, USA, arrived in Negros to take command of our forces in that island, relieving Lt-Colonel Gabriel Gador PA, transferred to Mindanao.

That the forces in Negros were reorganized into a provisional Division (72nd) which composed of the 74th and 75th Regiments of Infantry and three (3) Constabulary companies with headquarters at La Granja, Negros Occidental.

That following the organization of the provisional division, I was assigned as Chief of Staff and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel together with Lt-Colonels Eduardo Montilla and Tibursio Ballesteros. The former was in command of Constabulary forces and the latter the 75th Regiment stationed at San Carlos, Negros Occidental.

That the only copy of my special order was burned together with other personal papers when the Japanese burned my residence while I was in the concentration camp. However, a certified true copy of the 1st indorsement of Colonel Roger Hillsman USA, under date of 21 May 1942, relative to the surrender of Negros island forces to the Japanese with acknowledgment of the rank claimed for is hereto attached.

That my claim for promotion is prompted by the fact that it would be demoralizing to wear the insignias of a Major after the people and even my children knew that I was holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before.

/s/ illegible
/s/ L. BALOLONG,
Major Inf

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 1945.

/s/ Manuel de Leon
Printed: MANUEL DE LEON ...
1st Lt. JAGS

TRUE COPY:

J. T. Layton
J. T. LAYTON
CWO USA
ASST ADJUTANT

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
ARMY HEADQUARTERS
APO 500

6 October 1945

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER 233

STATUS OF PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY

1. Memorandum, HPA, on the above subject, dtd 5 Oct. 1945, addressed to the Chief, of the Division, is hereinbelow quoted, for the information and guidance of the personnel of this Division.

"The entire Philippine Constabulary was inducted into the service of the United States Army Forces in the Far East on 17 December 1941. (Authority: Paragraph 6, Par. 14, "Note on the Philippine Army, 1941-1942", prepared by the Philippine Research and Information Section, Advance Echelon, USAFFE, APO 501, dated 26 January 1945). The Units and personnel of the Pre-War Philippine Constabulary are in the service of the United States Army Forces in the Far East (Authority: Paragraph 1, Letter, Hq. USAFFE, dtd 12 December 1944, File AG 322 dtd (12 Dec. 1944, FEPA, Subj. STATUS OF PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY".)

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(SGD.) LUIS RAMOS
Colonel, A. G. S.
Adjutant General

OFFICIAL TRUE COPY:

s/t/ ESTEBAN H. DULAY
2nd Lieut., Inf., P. A.
Adjutant

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


W. A. JOHNSON
CAPT. AGC
ASS. ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

BAW/tsc

AFD 501
12 December 1944

AG 322.(12 Dec 44)FEPA

SUBJECT: Status of Philippine Constabulary

TO : Commanding General, Sixth Army.
Commanding General, Eighty Army.
Commanding General, United States Army
Services of Supply.

1. The Philippine Constabulary is a military force, a component of the Philippine Army, charged primarily with the enforcement of the laws of the Philippine Commonwealth and with the maintenance of order. Its units and personnel are in the service of the United States Army Forces in the Far East.

2. Units of the Philippine Constabulary are being reactivated by orders issued by Headquarters Philippine Army after approval by this headquarters.

3. Members of the Philippine Constabulary will wear the United States Army uniform with a red-bordered khaki shoulder patch with "Constabulary" in red letters.

4. These new Philippine Constabulary units must not be confused with so-called "Philippine Constabulary" or "Bureau of Constabulary" units organized by the Japanese or by puppet governmental agencies under Japanese control. Such units have no official status. Individuals who were members of such units will not be included in Philippine Constabulary units.

5. In operational areas, Philippine Constabulary units will be assigned by this headquarters to the operational control of United States Army commands. It is desired that they be employed primarily in civil law enforcement, cooperating with civil governmental authorities. They may be assigned such other military police duties as may be practicable. Units will be supplied and provided medical service by the command having operational control. Personnel administration will be through Philippine Army channels.

6. Units initially organized will be companies of a strength of 5 officers and 112 enlisted men. Two companies, one at Tacloban and one at Dulag have been organized and are being brought to authorized strength as personnel and equipment become available.

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7. Recommendations to this headquarters as to other localities where additional companies should be stationed when organized are desired.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

(sgd) Robert D. McClear,
ROBERT D. McCLEAR,
Lieutenant Colonel, A.C.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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Hq Phil Army

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
5 Apr 51 /tg

/s/ James W Cook
/t/ JAMES W. COOK
1st Lt AGC

A TRUE COPY:


J. W. COOK
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

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SWORN STATEMENTS

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That about the 12th day of December 1941 I received instructions from the Chief of Constabulary for the Constabulary not to resist the Japs but upon their approach to withdraw behind the lines and maintain peace and order.

That these instructions were transmitted by me to all units of my command that I could contact.

That 1st Lt William Burch was station commander at Natonin, Bontoc.

That Lt Burch with his company, the 2nd Bontoc was sent by me to Isabela in January 1942.

That Lt William Burch and I were inducted into the USAFFE together March 10, 1942, in Jones, Isabela, by Colonel Everet L. Werner, USA.

That when I surrendered in Echague, Isabela, June 5, 1942 Lt Burch was in Mayayao, Ifugao.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 3rd day of January 1946.

James A. Green
JAMES A. GREEN
Lt-Colonel, Inf, PA, (Reg)
O-1033

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd day of January 1946 at HPA, Manila.

(Administering Officer)

(Rank & Br of Service)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affixed my signature this 18th day of September, 1945.

s/t/ JAMES A. GREEN
Lt. Col. Inf
0-1033

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 18th day of September 1945 in the city of Manila, Philippines.

s/t/ JUAN DOMINGUEZ
Col. Inf.
Chairman, Promotion Board

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s/ J. T. Layton
t/ J. T. LAYTON
CFC USA

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[Signature]
L. S. CUTLER
ASST. SEC. Y
Department

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES OF NORTHERN LUZON

To: All personnel of the Philippine Constabulary.

1. All personnel of the Philippine Constabulary has been ordered to the service of the U S A F F E.

2. The primary function of the P. C. will continue to be the preservation of law and order, the apprehension and control of Civil prisoners.

3. Upon approach of hostile troops the mission of the P. C. will be to assist the U. S. Army and Phil. Army to repel the invaders, cooperating one with the other.

4. In case of a shortage of arms and ammunition of one component, the other will prorate it's quantity accordingly.

John B. Moran
J. B. MORAN
Colonel, 121st. Inf. USAFFE
Commanding

John A. Green
John A. Green
Inspector P.C.
Northern Luzon

To: Constabulary Officer
If possible retain fifty rounds of ammunition for each of your command to maintain peace and order.

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