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A. The following history of the La Union Co PC has been deduced from a special study conducted on twenty-four (24) La Union PC cases:

At the outbreak of the war, the La Union Co PC was stationed at San Fernando, La Union. 00 and JO of the Company were 1st Lt Conrado C. Banal and 2d Lt Toribio Collantes, respectively.

The majority of these cases allege induction into the USAFTE on 17 Dec 11 per Office Henorandum #233 dated 6 Oct US. (See copy of this Heno in History of the Hap Bet, Dept of Nh. PC.). A few allege induction in Dec 11 by Col James A. Green, Co, Dept of Nh. FC and by Maj Maximo Nocete, Provincial Inspector of La Union,

It has been determined by this Hgs that Office Memorandum #233, which has been used as basis for the induction of these cases, is not a valid proof of USAFFE. (See History of Hgs Dat, Dept of NL PC for further clarification on this.)

The inductions, if any, allogedly performed by Col Green and Maj Noote to nee It were unauthorized because records in this Mag show that neither of these two officers were USAFFE members at the time those inductions were done. Col Green did not become a member of the USAFFE until 10 Har 12 when he was inducted by Col Swerett L. Warner at Masaya, Jones, Isabela, and Maj Noote was never inducted into the USAFFE at anytime. Major Noote in affidavits found in several of the cases studied, state that "together with the whole Constabulary Force" he was inducted on 17 Dec Ali per Office Memoratum #233. It follows therefore, that, like the rest of the PC members who have their induction on this Memo, his alleged induction is not valid.

Several of these cases allege that on or about 21 bee ill they moved to Benams, La Dinon to participate in the defensive operations of the FA units in that place. Due to enemy superiority they retraed to Ragullian, same province and thenceforth moved from one place to another. Historical accounts of the 11th and 71th Evyf (the 2 FA units assigned to the defense of



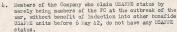
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La Union) at Records Branch, however, do not mention any FC unit as having participated in the defense of Bauang. Among the Places they moved to are Bauang and Haguillan, La Union; Baguic; Bentoc; Banaus, and Lagaui, Tugao and Hayan, Bentoc sub-province. Not of the cases claim that the Company was disbanded by the CO at Hayan on or about the first week of Feb 12.

Six of these cames allege to have joined the 22st Inf Regt before 6 May 142. All six are listed on the Reconstructed Roster of the 121st Inf Regt, USAFIP NL. Five are shown with POS commencing before 6 May 1/2 and one with POS starting 12 May 1/2.

- B. A thorough search for all available archives on the La Union Co PC has been made at Archives Section, Records Branch and at Project "U". This revealed that:
  - There are no records of this Company at Archives Sec;
     Project "J" records show the following information
    - on Col James A. Green's inducting officer:

      (a) Col Everett L. Warner 0125572
      - Capt, Hqs Btry, 2d Bn, 88th FA KIA 15 Dec 44
      - NOTE: For more detailed information on Col Warner, see item B(3), History Hqs Det, Dept of NL PC.
  - The six members who allegedly joined the 121st Inf
    Regt before 6 May 12 are listed on the Reconstructed
    Roster of the 121st Inf Regt, USAFIP NL. All, except
    one, have FOS commencing prior to 6 May 12.
- C. From the above facts and findings, the following conclusions have been drawn:
  - The La Union Co PC was stationed at San Fernando, La Union at the outbreak of the war. Lt Conrado C. Banal was CO and Lt Toribio Collantes was JO. Provincial Inspector was Maj. Maximo Nocete.
  - 2. Enemy activity after the initial enemy landings caused the Company to move from place to place.
  - 3. The Company was not a bonafide USAFFE unit.



5. Members who joined the L21st Inf Regt or any other bonafide USAFF unit before 6 May 12, must, in order to be accorded positive USAFF status, satisfy the requirements set forth in Sec III, Veterans Branch Adjudication Policy, as changed by Sec I, Branch Memograndum No. 3, dated 3 Feb 50.

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

- (1) Affidavit of Eleno F. Quilloy, dtd 26 Apr 46.
- (2) Affidavit of Isidro Ganuelas, dtd 13 Feb 46.

Above affiants were former members of the La Union Co PC. They are not listed in the Unacceptable Affiants' List.

Josephina M. Alburo Claims Examiner WESLEY R. FRONK
DAC FINAL REVIEWER
REA SEC. VB. AGRD



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# KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE LA UNION CO PC

# AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR

Commanding Officer 1st Lt Conrado C. Banal

Junior Officer 2d Lt Toribio Collantes

Acting 1st/Sgt S/Sgt Bolante, Cipriano B

# Sergeants

- 1. Florendo, Emilio S. M/Sgt 2. Cabellon, Santiago C.
- 3. Caburnay, Pedro P.
- 4. Opena, Romualdo O.
- 5. Orprecio, Fidel B. 6. Tabelon, Quirino

# Corporals

- 1. Casasiempre, Crispino M.
- 2. Castro, Castor D. 3. Ganuelas, Isidro M.

# Privates 1st Class

- 1. Aguilar, Lauro C.
- Bilgera, Maximino 2.
- 3. Esperon, Simplicio C. 4. Quilloy, Eleno F.

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## Privates

- Abubo, Bartolome R. 2. Calub, Vicente C.
- 3. Cardines, Julian G.
- 4. Napenas, Macario B. 5. Olarte, Romualdo R.
- 6. Oribello, Vecilino
- 7. Reyes, Castor 8. Torres, Agapito N.

# Provincial Hqs Personnel

1. Col Hidalgo, Aniceto A

DAC FINAL REVIEWED REA Sec. VB. AGRD AFFIDAVIT



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LA UNION
MINISTRALITY OF SAN FRENANDO

I, Eleno F. Quilloy, a captain, Infantry, of the USAFFE Guerrilla, of legal age, and resident of San Fernando, La Union, after having been duly sworn to according to law, depose and say:

That I know Sergeart Quirino Tabelon in the capacity as Sergeart in the La Union Company of the Fhilippine Constabulary of which I was a member with the rank as Pfc before and at the outbreak of the World War II8 w/inital III December, 19(1);

That we the members of said La Union Company of the Fhilippine Constabulary were inducted to the USAFFs by Major Rocets on December 8,1941, at San Fernando, La Union and that we were under the command of Lieutenant Comrado Banal, and Colonel. Green, the District Inspecting Officer;

That on the 21st of December, 1941, the La Union Coupany joined the Philippine army at Bausang, La Union, and had been operating with these until we were cut off by the enemy at Kayan, lit. Province, on or about 2 February, 1942.

FURTHERMORE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my signature below this 20th day of April, 1946 at San Pernando, La Union, Philippines.

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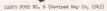
/s/ Illegible Serial Number: C-41339

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26th day of April, 1946, at San Fernando, La Union.

W/WET SEAL

/s/ Illegible
/t/ MODESTO AQUINO
MAYOR at SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION
Mayor

HALLE TO THE CUTTER AGC Asst Adjutant





UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COMMUNICALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES) PROVINCE OF LA UNION MUNICIPALITY OF LUNA

Refer to Claim No. 85289

### AFFIDAVIT

I, ISIDRO GANUELAS, of legal age, married at present assigned with the 2nd Infantry Division, PA, after having been duly sworn on oath according to law depose and says

"That I was a Corporal of the La Union Co., PC. stationed at San Fernando, La Union before the outbreak of the war having been in contineous service since I was enlisted on December 28, 1932;

"That "That at the outbreak of the war, the La Union Co.. PC coordinated work with the forces under Major Noble at San Fernando Area:

"That on December 17, 1941, I was inducted into the USAFFE together with the whole command per Office Memorandum No. 233, HPA, dated October 5, 1945;

"That on 21 December 1961 the whole Company moved from San Fernando to Banang, La Union and engaged the enemy together with PA Units on the morning of December 22, 19hl. At the order of retreat, the Command retreated to Naguilian. La Union thence to Baguio because the road going South was blockaded by the enemy that landed between Bauang and Damortis, La Union;

"That upon orders from higher headquarters the Command moved from Baguio on the night of December 2h, 19hl to Bontoc in view of the enemy blockade of the Kennon Road, thence to Banaue and Lagawi, Ifugao. Due to the blasting of the Toulao Bridge and the river unpassable by vehicle and the presence of bigger enemy forces between Kiangan-Bayombong road the Company was ordered to move back to Bontoc;

"That on arrival to Bontoc another order was received to the effect that the Command was to move to Sabangan, Utocan thence to Kayan arriving thereat on February 2, 1942;

"That on February 4, 1942 the Company moved from Kayan to La Union where upon arrival performed Constbulary work in consonance with the Philippine Army:

"That on May 4, 1942 together with some members of the La Union Co., PC, I joined the 121st Infantry."

AFFIANT FURTHER SAYETH NOT.

Camp Spencer this 13th day of February 1946.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

/s/ Illegible /t/ ISIDRO GANUSIAS 179151 WO (M/Sgt), Inf. PA s/ Dionisio Baldemar Capt Inf PA 2nd Infantry Division, PA

s/ E. de Leon 2nd Lt, CE-PA

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before this 13th day of February 1946 at Camp Spencer.

/s/t/ SOFRONIO Z. CONCEPCION Major, AGS, PA Adjutant General

A TRUE COPY:



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