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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. CO 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 USAFFE on 17 Dec 41 per Office Memorandum #233 dated 6 Oct 45. (See copy of this Memo in History of the Hqs Det, Dept of NL PC.) A few allege induction in Dec 41 by Col James A. Green, CO, Dept of NL PC and by Maj Maximo Nocete, Provincial Inspector of La Union.

It has been determined by this Hqs 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 Hqs Det, Dept of NL PC for further clarification on this.)

The inductions, if any, allegedly performed by Col Green and Maj Nocete in Dec 41 were unauthorized because records in this Hqs 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 Mar 42 when he was inducted by Col Everett L. Warner at Masaya, Jones, Isabela, and Maj Nocete was never inducted into the USAFFE at anytime. Major Nocete in affidavits found in several of the cases studied, state that "together with the whole Constabulary Force" he was inducted on 17 Dec 41 per Office Memorandum #233. It follows therefore, that, like the rest of the PC members who base their induction on this Memo, his alleged induction is not valid.

Several of these cases allege that on or about 21 Dec 41 they moved to Bauang, La Union to participate in the defensive operations of the PA units in that place. Due to enemy superiority they retreated to Naguilian, same province and thenceforth moved from one place to another. Historical accounts of the 11th and 71st Divs (the 2 PA units assigned to the defense of

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La Union) at Records Branch, however, do not mention any PC unit as having participated in the defense of Bauang. Among the places they moved to are Bauang and Naguilian, La Union; Baguio; Bontoc; Banaue, and Lagai, Ifugao and Kayan, Bontoc sub-province. Most of the cases claim that the Company was disbanded by the CO at Kayan on or about the first week of Feb 42.

Six of these cases allege to have joined the 121st Inf Regt before 6 May 42. All six are listed on the Reconstructed Roster of the 121st Inf Regt, USAFIP NL. Five are shown with POS commencing before 6 May 42 and one with POS starting 12 May 42.

- 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 "J". This revealed that:
1. There are no records of this Company at Archives Sec;
 2. Project "J" records show the following information on Col James A. Green's inducting officer:
 - (a) Col Everett L. Warner - O125572
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.
3. The six members who allegedly joined the 121st Inf Regt before 6 May 42 are listed on the Reconstructed Roster of the 121st Inf Regt, USAFIP NL. All, except one, have POS commencing prior to 6 May 42.
- C. From the above facts and findings, the following conclusions have been drawn:
1. 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.

- 4. Members of the Company who claim USAFFE status by merely being members of the PC at the outbreak of the war, without benefit of induction into other bonafide USAFFE units before 6 May 42, do not have any USAFFE status.
- 5. Members who joined the 121st Inf Regt or any other bonafide USAFFE unit before 6 May 42, must, in order to be accorded positive USAFFE status, satisfy the requirements set forth in Sec III, Veterans Branch Adjudication Policy, as changed by Sec I, Branch Memorandum 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.

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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. Opeña, Romualdo O.
5. Orprecio, Fidel B.
6. Tabelaon, Quirino

Corporals

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

Privates 1st Class

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

Privates

1. 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. Cpl Hidalgo, Aniceto A

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A F F I D A V I T

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES) S.S.
PROVINCE OF LA UNION)
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO)

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 Sergeant Quirino Tabelon in the capacity as Sergeant in the La Union Company of the Philippine Constabulary of which I was a member with the rank as Pfc before and at the outbreak of the World War II^{w/initial III} December, 1941;

That we the members of said La Union Company of the Philippine Constabulary were inducted to the USAFFE by Major Nocete on December 8, 1941, at San Fernando, La Union and that we were under the command of Lieutenant Conrado Banal, and Colonel Green, the District Inspecting Officer;

That on the 21st of December, 1941, the La Union Company joined the Philippine Army at Bauang, La Union, and had been operating with them until we were cut off by the enemy at Kayan, Mt. 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 Fernando, La Union, Philippines.

Thumb Mark
AFFIANT'S THUMB MARK

/s/ Illegible
Serial Number: C-41339

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

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

W/WET SEAL

A TRUE COPY:

[Handwritten Signature]
L. H. CUTTER
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

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

Refer to Claim No. 85289A F F I D A V I T

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 say:

"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 continuous 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 1941 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, 1941. 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 Banang and Damortis, La Union;

"That upon orders from higher headquarters the Command moved from Baguio on the night of December 24, 1941 to Bontoc in view of the enemy blockade of the Kennon Road, thence to Banana and Lagawi, Ifugao. Due to the blasting of the Ibulao Bridge and the river unpassable by vehicle and the presence of bigger enemy forces between Kiangnan-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 Constabulary 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 SAYS: NOT.

Camp Spencer this 13th day of February 1946.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

/s/ Illegible
 /t/ ISIDRO GANUELAS 179151
 WO (M/Sgt), Inf, PA
 2nd Infantry Division, PA

s/ Dionisio Baldezar Capt Inf PA

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

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:

[Handwritten signature]
AGS
Adjutant

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