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HISTORY OF THE 1ST ABRA CO, PC

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- A. The following history of the 1st Abra Co PC has been deduced from a special study conducted on thirty (30) Abra Co PC cases:

At the outbreak of the war, the 1st Abra Co, PC, was stationed at Bengued, Abra. The CO was Capt Ambrocio Arce who had gone to Manila to undergo medical treatment on 15 Nov 41, and was not with the Company at the outbreak of hostilities. In his absence, the JO, Lt Eusebio S. Vivar, became Acting CO until on or about 16 Dec 41, when Maj Benito Capayas, Prov'l Commander, took charge of the unit.

The majority of these cases allege induction by Maj Capayas on various dates during Dec 41 at Bengued; eight allege induction by 1st Lt Eric F. Davis, on or about 1 Sep 41 at Bengued; five allege induction by Capt. W. H. Stephens, at Bengued in Nov and Dec 41 and one in Apr 42; three allege automatic induction and one alleges induction by Col. James A. Green, CO, Hqs Det, Dept of NL PC, on 31 Dec 41.

The inductions, if any, by Maj Capayas and Col Green were unauthorized because neither of these officers was a member of the USAFFE at the time those inductions were allegedly performed. Maj Capayas did not become a USAFFE until 15 Apr 42 when he was sworn in by Capt. C. S. Starnes at Lubuagan, Kalinga (See attached photostat copy of his oath). Col Green accepted induction into the USAFFE only on 10 Mar 42 (See History of Hqs Det, Dept of NL PC).

It is not probable that Capt. W. H. Stephens performed any inductions in Nov or Dec 41, or at anytime before 22 Jan 42 because, prior to this date, he was a civilian. This officer, together with one Mr. Scholey, contacted Col Horen on January 22d and on that date the two were mustered into the 121st Inf as captains (See p. 7 & 8, Col Horen's diary, Historical Data, 121st Inf, USAFIP-NL.)

NOTE: It has been determined that the Mr. Stephens mentioned on p. 7, Col Horen's diary, and Capt Stephens on p. 8, same diary; Capt William H. Stephens CO, 3d Bn (Lagangilang, Abra) p. 18, 121st Inf (Story by Chap. E. J. Nagel); and Capt W. M. Stephens p. 8, "The 121st Inf (USAFFE)", all pertain to Capt W. H. Stephens, the alleged inducting officer of five of these cases. (These references are all found in the Historical Data, 121st Inf USAFIP-NL.)

It is possible that some members of the Company were inducted, as alleged, by Lt. Eric F. Davis, AUS, on or about 1 Sep 41 if these members were on detached service with the 1st Abra MG Cadre on that date. Examination of the 201 files of the CO, 1st Abra MG Cadre, Lt Vicente G. Diana and some 1st Abra MG Cadre cases revealed that their alleged inducting officer was one Lt Eric F. Davis and their alleged induction date, 1 Sep 41. Hence, there is a possibility that some members of the Company, if ~~were~~ detailed as instructors, in that cadre, were included in the group of alleged inductees by Lt Davis. However, to substantiate this induction, these members must establish service with the Cadre and not with the PC.

It is a common allegation among these cases that the Company failed to reach Bataan because, before they could do so, all routes to that place fell into enemy hands and because they "did not receive instruction to proceed to Bataan." (See Affidavit of Maj Capayas dated 27 Nov 45). On the contrary, it is alleged that on or about 15 Dec 41, instructions were received from the Chief of the PC, thru Col Green, that, in case of invasion, they "should retreat and stay behind enemy lines and maintain peace and order." In compliance with said instructions, the Co retreated to Sallapadan when the Japs occupied Bangued on 16 Dec 41.

On 24 Dec 41, Mr. Walter M. Cushing, a co-owner of the Rainbow Mines, near Baay, Abra, wrote Maj Capayas that he was "officially taking over the southern section of Ilicos Norte, Northern section of Ilicos Sur and the Abra District as temporary Capitán of the United States Army," and that he had "been given specific orders from Baguio Army Headquarters as to my future operations in this district." (Original letter in 201 file of Maj Capayas).

NOTE: Page 8, Col Horan's diary shows that Mr. Cushing was commissioned captain on 28 Jan 42.

On 26 Dec 41, Maj Capayas received orders from Col Green, thru Capt. F. M. Sumulong, "to bring all his forces to Bontoc immediately." On 28 Dec 41, while Maj Capayas was on his way to Bontoc to carry out Col Green's order, he received a letter from Capt Cushing at Lagangilang, Abra, ordering him "to return to your post at your most earliest convenience and reestablish peace and order through the means of the Constabulary." Two days later, (30 Dec 41) Capt Cushing, having received a telegram for

Maj Capayas again wrote the letter "to report to Bontoc." Evidently Maj Capayas only complied with Cushing's letter of the 28th since none of the cases examined indicate having gone to Bontoc immediately after 30 Dec 41. Furthermore, several affiants in these cases state that they returned to Sallapadan after having received the orders while they were on their way to Bontoc.

At Sallapadan, Maj Capayas constantly communicated with Capt Cushing and Col Horan. (See original letters of Horan to Capayas and vice versa and Cushing to Capayas in Capayas' 201 file.) It could be seen from the correspondence between these officers that Maj Capayas recognized and accepted the authority of Col Horan thru Capt Cushing. While this was so, it could be inferred from Col Horan's letter dated Mar 19th (see attached photostat copy of this letter) that no official induction of Maj Capayas' unit had yet been made and therefore no definite status of the unit was yet known as late as Mar 19, 1942. This fact is further strengthened by Maj Capayas' subsequent induction which took place only on 15 Apr 42.

During the latter part of 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 etc."

NOTE: Although this letter is undated, it has been determined that it was issued sometime in the latter part of Mar 42. The following were used to support this determination: (1) Affidavit of Lt. Eusebio Vivar, JO, 1st Abra Co, PC dtd 24 Dec 45 (copy attached); (2) Entries for Mar 19 - Apr 12, Col Horan's diary. From these entries could be inferred the fact that Col Horan issued the above-stated instructions during the formal organization of his unit which took place after 20 Mar 42 when he received authority "to enlist all Filipinos who have been with any of our units anytime since Jan 1st;" (3) Col Horan's letter to Maj Capayas on Mar 19th, which indicates that, on that date, Col Horan still did not know "the future of your unit," meaning the status of Capayas' unit.

On 13 Apr 42, Maj Cushing wrote Maj Capayas informing him of the capitulation of Bataan to the Japs and also advising him to "break up your men in small groups and station them in the barrios back towards Bontoc with orders to hold together whenever you may call them." It is believed that Maj Capayas did as advised, because Lt Vivar states that when "Maj Capayas surrendered to the Japs in Bangued with some of our men our men in the company and myself were then assigned in different barrios and sitios" Although scattered in groups among the different barrios, these men still believed that they were under the control of their CO as shown in their processing papers. The majority allege to have served the unit until on or about Mar 43 when they surrendered with Maj Capayas at Bangued. A few exceptions claim to have been separated from the unit on various dates before the surrender.

Maj Capayas in an affidavit dated 3 Aug 46 attests "that all officers and enlisted men of the 1st Abra Co were inducted into the USAFFE on 20 Apr 42 by Capt W. H. Stephens, US Army, 121st Inf, PA at Sallapadan, Abra." Verification of records presently available in this headquarters fails to prove this statement.

The activities and statements of Maj Capayas and most of the cases studied undoubtedly show that the unit operated as an element of the 121st Inf Regt under Col Horan from the time Maj Capayas received orders from Col Horan. However, only 3 out of the 30 cases studied indicate service with the 121st before 6 May 42. The rest show service with the 1st Abra Co PC the whole period from Dec 41 to date of capture, separation or surrender (Mar 43).

The above history does not apply to Capt Ambrocio Arce, CO of the Company. This officer left the unit on 15 Nov 41 to undergo medical treatment in Manila. While in the city he was with HPC under Gen Francisco. From 13 Dec 41 to 31 Dec 41 he was JO of the Presidential Guards. From 1 Jan 42 to 9 Apr 42 he was CO, L Co, 3d Bn, 4th Inf, 2d RD in Bataan and was taken POW when Bataan fell. No definite date of induction is shown in his 201 file; however, his USAFFE status is established by a Capas POW record and an NSLI policy whose effective date is 1 Jan 42.

- B. A thorough search of all available archives for Abra PC has been made at Records Branch and at Project "J". This revealed that:
1. There are no records of the Company at Archives Section;
 2. Some members of the Company appear in some PC records, at Archive Section; however, these records are dated prior to 8 Dec 41;
 3. Project "J" records indicate that the following were U S Army officers in the Philippines during the war:
 - (1) Davis, Eric F - 1st Lt, Hqs & Hqs 57th Inf (PS)
ASN - 0355023, KIA 31 Jan 42.
 - (2) Starnes, Cameron S - Capt, Hqs & Hqs Phil Dept
ASN - 0291283. Recovered upon liberation of the Philippines.
 - (3) Stephens, William H - ASN - 0690362

Lt. Davis is the alleged inducting officer of eight of the cases studied and of several cases of the 1st Abra MG Cadre.

Capt. Starnes inducted Maj Benito Capayas at Lubuagan, Kalinga on 15 Apr 42.

Capt. Stephens is the alleged inducting officer of 5 of the cases studied. He does not appear in the Alphabetical Casualty Listing of Officers and Enlisted Personnel who were in the Philippine Island Area as of 7 Dec 41, at Project "J". This indicates that subject officer became a member of the AUS on or after 8 Dec 41.
 4. Historical Data, 121st Inf USAFIP-NL, at Records Branch, make several references on the activities of Maj Walter M. Cushing under whom Maj Capayas and his unit served. Maj Cushing was designated senior officer under Col Moran in the area where Maj Capayas operated.
- C. From the above facts and findings the following conclusions have been drawn:
1. The 1st Abra Co PC was stationed in Benguet, Abra at the outbreak of the war. Actg CO from 16 Nov 41 to 15 Dec 41 was the JO of the Company, 1st Lt Eusebio S. Vivar, and from 16 Dec 41 up to the surrender (Mar 43), Provincial Inspector, Maj. Benito Capayas.
 2. Capt Ambrosio Arce left the unit on 15 Nov 41 to undergo treatment in Manila. At the outbreak of the war he was in

the city until 1 Jan 42 when he joined the USAFFE forces in Bataan as CO, L Co, 3d Bn, 4th Inf, 2d RD. He was taken POW when Bataan was surrendered.

3. When the Japs occupied Benguet on 16 Dec 41, the Company, in compliance with orders from higher hqs, retreated to Sallapadan, Abra.
4. At Sallapadan, the Company kept in contact with Col Horan and there recognized and accepted his authority thru Maj Walter M. Cushing.
5. Inductions allegedly performed by Col Green and Maj Capayas before their respective induction dates are not valid.
6. Inductions by Lt Eric F. Davis, those by Col Green and Maj Capayas, after 10 Mar 42 and 15 Apr 42, respectively, and those by Capt William H. Stephens, after 22 Jan 42, maybe considered if they meet the requirements of Sec III, Vets Br Adjudication Policy as changed by Sec I, Branch Memorandum #3, dated 3 Feb 50.
7. Members of the Company who allegedly joined and were inducted into other USAFFE units before 6 May 42, must, in order to be accorded positive USAFFE status, prove such status as members of the unit they joined and not as members of the PC. On the other hand, those who allege induction on 20 Apr 42 by Capt. W. H. Stephens as members of the 1st Abra Co PC, must prove that they were so inducted on that date. It is imperative that the requirements of Sec III, Vets Br Adjudication Policy etc (see preceding paragraph) be satisfied in both cases.
8. The instructions issued by Cols Horan and Green, determined to have been issued about the latter part of Mar 42, is an authority for the induction of PC personnel in Northern Luzon. However, these instructions must not be misconstrued as a basis for an automatic induction of PC members. Actual induction by an authorized inducting officer is necessary.
9. The Company failed to reach Bataan because of instructions from higher hqs not to fight the enemy but to retreat and maintain peace and order behind enemy lines.

The following inclosures were used as aids in arriving at the above history:

1. Affidavit by Capt Ambrocio Arce dtd 29 May 46.
2. Affidavits by Lt Col Benito Capayas dtd 3 Aug 46 and 27 Nov 45.
3. Affidavit by Maj Eusebio S. Viver dtd 24 Dec 45.
4. Photostat copy of Maj Capayas' Oath dtd 15 Apr 42.
5. Photostat copy of letter of Col. Heran to Maj Capayas dtd March 19th.
6. Photostat copy of undated instructions to all personnel of the PC by Cols Heran and Green.

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KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE 1ST ABRA CO PC
AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR

Provincial Commander
Maj Benito Capayas

Company Commander
Capt Ambrocio Arce

Junior Officer
1st Lt Eusebio S. Vivar ✓

Sergeants

1. Bersamin, Ildefonso B - Actg 1st Sgt ✓
2. Bides, Feliciano ✓

Corporals

1. Balongay, James C. ✓
2. Barbosa, Juan G. ✓
3. Gumteng, Samson ✓
4. Viado, Oligario V. ✓

Privates 1st Class

1. Banayos, Matias ✓
2. Barbosa, Macario B. ✓
3. Bilgers, Ambrocio ✓
4. Licudine, Victor V. ✓
5. Rualo, Jose E. ✓
6. Valera, Fidencio T. ✓
7. Viste, Anacleto B. ✓

Privates

1. Aggalao, Troadio D. ✓
2. Alabenza, Getulio V. ✓
3. Belleza, Domingo T. ✓
4. Beneza, Albino ✓
5. Blando, Francisco ✓
6. Briones, Andres B. ✓
7. Collado, Petronio B. ✓
8. Felicites, Avelino B. ✓
9. Galvan, Eufemio B. ✓
10. Hall, Florante B. ✓
11. Lorenzana, Emiliano F. ✓
12. Martinez, Lunes ✓
13. Tabaniag, Juanito T. ✓

Provincial Hqs Det

1. Mailed, Benito A - Cpl ✓

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A F F I D A V I T

I, Ambrosio xx Arce, Inf. PA, ASN.O-1294, a Filipino citizen of legal age, married, a member of the General Court Martial and Retiring Board, Camp Murphy, Rizal, after duly sworn an oath in accordance with law, depose and say:

That I know personally S/Sgt. Sanson Guntang, then Corporal who is a regular enlisted man, being the Company Clerk of the former Abra Company, FC, stationed at Bangued, Abra of which I was the Commanding and Disbursing Officer before the outbreak of the war.

That S/Sgt. Sanson Guntang, then Corporal was last paid by me to include from 1-31 October 1941.

That on or about 18 November 1941, I was seriously ill and I was sent to the Philippine General Hospital for treatment. From that date, I was not able to returned to my stationed at Abra Company, FC, Bangued, Abra due to the outbreak of the war of which I was made to joined the Armed Forces in Bataan.

Further affiant sayeth not.

s/ Ambrosio Arce
t/ AMBROSIO xx ARCE
Captain, Inf. PA
O-1294

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of May
1946 at Camp Murphy, Rizal.

(Sgd) Crispulo (illegible)
(Administering Officer)

Capt. Inf. 029468
(Rank & Br. of Serv.)

Summary Court Officer

A TRUE COPY

L. H. CUTLER
L. H. CUTLER
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

RE-RANK, INDUCTION AND GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES
OF SGT FELICIANO BIDES

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES : S.S.
CITY OF MANILA :

A F F I D A V I T

I, Benito Capayas, Lt-Colonel, PA, Filipino citizen of age, married with Postal address at 813 Lealtad, Sampaloc, Manila, after having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

a. That before and after the outbreak of the war on 8 December 1941, I was the Provincial Inspector, PC, Abra with station at Bangued, same province;

b. That the 1st Abra Co, PC with station also at Bangued, Abra to which the late Sgt Feliciano Bides belonged was under my direct supervision, and as such, I had constant contact with its officers and men;

c. That when the 1st Abra Co, PC retreated to the hills on 16 December 1941 to engage in guerrilla warfare against the advancing enemy with a unit of the 121st Inf, P A under Major Walter M. Cushing, USA, I personally took charge of said company;

d. That according to Lt. Tomas Karingal, a contact man sent from Manila by the Chief of Constabulary to contact all Constabulary units in Northern Luzon and who actually contacted us in the mountains at Lamsco, Abra about January, 1942, all Constabulary forces have been automatically inducted into the USAFFE on or about 17 December 1941;

e. That all officers and enlisted men of the 1st Abra Co. to include the late Sgt. Feliciano Bides were inducted into the USAFFE on 20 April 1942 by Capt W.H. Stephens, US Army, 121st Inf, PA at Sallapadan, Abra;

f. That I further certify that subject BM was holding the rank of Sergeant since 1 August 1937;

Witness my hand this 2nd day of August, 1946 at the City of Manila, Philippines.

s/ B. Capayas
t/ BENITO CAPAYAS (O-1216)
Lt-Colonel, Inf.

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 3rd day of August, 1946 the City of Manila, Philippines.

(Dry Seal)

s/ (Illegible)
(Notary Public)
Until Dec. 31, 1946

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A TRUE COPY:

L. H. SUTTER
L. H. SUTTER
1st Lt, AGC

I, BENITO CAPAYAS, Major, PA, of legal age, married now confined at the 1st General Hospital, PA, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, after having been duly sworn in accordance to law do hereby depose and say:

That before and at the outbreak of the war I was the Provincial Inspector of Abra PC. Co, with station at Bangued, Abra.

That at the outbreak of the war I took command of the 1st Abra Co PC of which 1st Lieut. Eusebio S. Vivar, (now a Major in the Guerrilla) was then the Junior Officer.

That about 15th day of December 1941 I received instruction from the Chief of Constabulary through Lt. Col. James A. Green, Department Inspector PC, not to resist the Japs, but upon their approach to withdraw behind enemy lines and maintain peace and order and that I did not received instruction to proceed to Bataan.

That Lieut. Eusebio S. Vivar was always with me while in the mountain and that he was always assuming the responsibility as being my Junior Officer of our PC company in which we used to help Major Walter M. Oshing, an American Officer, in harassing and ambushing the enemy whenever he called upon us for help until we were forced to surrender by circumstances beyond our control on March 1943.

In witness whereof, I hereunto affixed my signature this 27th day of November, 1945.

/s/ B. Capayas
/t/ BENITO CAPAYAS
Major, Inf. PA.
O-1218

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 1945 in the city of Manila, Philippines.

/s/ Illegible
Administering Officer
Major, JAGS, PA

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


W. A. JOHNSON
CAPT. AGO
ASST. ADJUTANT

A F F I D A V I T

I, Eusebio S. Vivar, 42 years old, married and a resident of Polo, Bulacan, After having been duly sworn in accordance to law do hereby depose and say:

1. That I was called to active duty in the Philippine Constabulary on or about the 27th day of July 1941 and assigned to 1st Abra PC Co., as a Junior Officer with the rank of 1st Lieutenant.
2. That when the war broke out our Commanding Officer Ambrocio Arce, was still confined in the Hospital, Camp Murphy, so Major Benito Capayas who was then our Provincial Inspector of Abra took command of our Company.
3. That, about the 15th day of December 1941, Major Capayas received instruction from the Chief of the Constabulary through Lt. Col. Green, Department Inspector PC., that in case the Japs entered Bengued we should retreat and stay behind the enemy lines and maintain peace and order.
4. That, on the latter part of January 1942, Capt. Walter M. Cushing, U. S. A., organized a guerrilla outfit in Abra with the cooperation of some Americans who fled from Ilocos Norte. He contacted Major Capayas, and our company joined the said outfit.
5. That, from that time we began harassing and ambushing the Japs around our areas, especially when the enemy attempted for the first time to enter Lubuegan through Bengued.
6. That, on or about the 20th day of February 1942 we received instruction from Col. John P. Moran U. S. A., informing Major Capayas that he was in command of all armed forces of Northern Luzon, including all the PC companies. He stated further that he was appointed by General Wainwright and was designated to take command of the whole Northern Military District.

7. That, on the latter part of March 1942, Major Capayas was ordered by Col. Horan to proceed to his Headquarters in Lubuagan and there he was given a written instruction stating that the sole duties of the Constabulary is to maintain peace and order in territories not yet occupied by the enemy and to help likewise the US Army and the Philippine Army against the Japs.
8. That in compliance with this order we continued performing our Constabulary duties in maintaining peace and order in the unoccupied territories of Abra and helped guerilla activities headed by Major Cushing.
9. That after the fall of Bataan, Col. Horan surrendered to the Japs in Lubuagan, Major Cushing assumed command of all troops in Northern Luzon. We used to help Major Cushing in ambushing the Japs whenever he called upon us for help.
10. That on the earlier part of August 1942 we received order from Major Cushing to lay low in order to stop further killing and destruction of properties of the civilians by the Japs.
11. That we still continued maintaining peace and order in unoccupied municipal districts. In those places during that time tribes of different sitios were in conflict fighting and killing each other so that head-hunters were prevailing. But we were able to suppress them during our stay.
12. That on or about the 20th day of March 1943 I received a reliable information that Major Capayas surrendered to the Japs in Bangued with some of our men thru the intermediary of the Provincial Governor of Abra.
13. That our men in the company and myself were then assigned in different barrios and sitios, so that I was separated from Major Capayas with my four men who were under my command.
14. That, I was very much astounded and I could not believed myself that Major Capayas had surrendered. In order to verify the veracity of the news I sent one of my men to contact Major Capayas if possible.

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15. That four days later, he returned with a message from Major Capayas ordering me and my four men to go to Bangued as he surrendered already with the rest of our men. He further stated that the reason why he was forced to give up was to avoid unnecessary killings of civilians and to stop further destruction of their properties by the enemy.

16. That I convened my four men who were only left with me to give and to form their opinion regarding the order of our commanding officer to surrender. Considering the critical predicament of the civilians who tries to keep us, we decided to go to Bangued, and on the 26th day of March 1943 we surrendered to the Japanese Commander in Abra, Capt. Miyasi.

17. That upon surrender we were immediately released by the Japanese Commander, but we were ordered to remain within the vicinity of Bangued and required to report to the Municipal Mayor every morning at 7:00 o'clock.

18. That one week later I was confined on bed at the Provincial Hospital because of malaria which I got it while in the mountain.

19. That after one and a half month we gained our complete freedom and we were sent back to our respective homes.

20. That while at home I was still very weak and it needs me to rest for almost one month, until I had fully recovered my health from my sickness.

21. That from this time, I maintained contact with the guerrilla under Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Aquino, by giving them subsistence like palay or rice and money; and that being a dentist by profession I rendered my services to the members of the guerrilla by treating them free and with my own expenses.

22. That on 20 May 1944 I joined the guerrilla and I was inducted into the active service on the same date with the rank of Major under the GST, MMD (now the 61st Infantry Regiment MMD, ECLGA.)

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23. That, at present I am in the 2nd Replacement Bn., 7th Replacement Co., Camp Bayambang.

In witness whereof, I hereunto affixed my signature, 21 October, '45.

s/ Eusebio S. Vivar
t/ EUSEBIO S. VIVAR
Major, Inf. (PA)
O-29374

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of December '45.

s/ Leo M. Calvo
Administering Officer

2nd Lieut., Inf. TJA (SGM)
Rank & Br. of Service

A TRUE COPY:


E. H. CUTTER
1st Lt, AGC

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES

OATH

I, B. CAPAYAS, do hereby acknowledge to have been mustered into the Military Service of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and do solemnly swear that I recognize and accept the supreme authority of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and will maintain true faith and allegiance thereto; that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by its duly constitutes authorities; that I impose upon myself these obligations voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evsion; that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter.

SO HELP ME GOD.

April 15, 1942

Lubuagan, Kalinga

(SIGNED) B. Canayas
(Signature)

B. CAPAYAS
(Printed Signature)
Major, Inf. (FC)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1942.

s/ C. S. Starnes
t/ C. S. STARNES
Capt, 43d Inf. USA
Inducting Officer

A TRUE COPY:
J. T. Lanyon
J. T. LANYON
WFO USA

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Authority *ANDERSON*

March 19th

Major Capayas, PC,

Am sorry as to the misunderstanding as to the future of your unit. You are not to disband your unit. You are one of the few constabulary officers who has held his unit together. When the proper time comes I will have use for you. Incidentally when I can swear you into federal service the pay of each of you will be the same as similar rank in our army from the dope I hear. That nearly doubles your pay.

Keep your unit together and cooperate with the local public officials in maintaining law and order and in apprehending criminals and guarding same. Major Cushing is my senior officer in your area. He may from time to time call upon you for assistance. He will soon command a regiment in your area.

Best of luck to you. Hope to see you soon. Do nothing to antagonize our officers.

Sincerely

John P. Heron

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7/2/57

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Copy to Major Capayas as
Sally Gordon

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES OF NORTHERN LUZON

To: All personal of the Philippine Constabulary.

1. All personal 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 with prorate it's quantify accordingly.

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Genuine signature
M. Marat

John B. Horan
J. P. HORAN
Colonel, 121st Inf. USAFFE
Commanding

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M. Marat

James P. Green
District Inspector, PC.
Northern Luzon

Maj Capayas: For our
information. If possible return
sufficient ammunition for
each of your commands to
maintain peace and order.

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M. Marat

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