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HISTORY OF THE ILOCOS NORTE CO FC

(Dec 1941 - July 1942)

- A. The following history of the Ilocos Norte Co, FC has been deduced from a special study conducted on thirty-eight (38) Ilocos Norte FC cases:

At the outbreak of hostilities the Ilocos Norte Company was stationed at Camp Juan, Laoag, Ilocos Norte. The unit was under the command of 1st Lt Edilberto F. Ramos with 2nd Lt. Crisanto B. Varias as JO. Major Jose P. Cortez was the Provincial Inspector. Another officer, 1st Lt Isaac K. Bautista, Traffic Officer of the 1st Traffic District, FC, was attached to the Company.

On 10 Dec 41, Major Cortez received reliable information of the enemy landing at Vigan the previous day (9 Dec 41-See History of the Ilocos Sur FC). He immediately "sent rush radiograms to the District Inspector, FC, at San Fernando, La Union and to the Executive Officer, WPA, Manila, informing them that the Japanese troops landed in Vigan and may move toward north," and also requesting instructions. Unfortunately, communication with either station was impossible due to enemy occupation of the places through which the messages to said stations had to pass.

It is alleged that before the Japs occupied Laoag on or about 12 Dec 41, they (Japs) sent Major Sergio Laurente, Prov'l Inspector of Ilocos Sur, who was taken POW at Vigan, to make the FC at Laoag surrender "or else...be attacked." Maj. Cortez, instead of complying, ordered his men to disband temporarily with instructions "to go individually to Solsons" and reorganize thereat. The Company was reorganized at this place on or about 15 Dec 41, after which Lt Ramos together with his JO and about a dozen enlisted men proceeded to Kbugso, Apsyc to contact the Constabulary unit in that place.

Note: It should be noted that not all the original members of the Company at the outbreak of hostilities, rejoined the main group at Solsons. Some did not rejoin the Company after its temporary disbandment at Laoag on 12 Dec 41.

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When Lt. Ramos left for Kabugao, the remaining members at Ilocos Norte were placed under Lt. Isaac K. Bautista, Traffic Officer of the 1st Traffic District. He was left behind with instructions to contact and gather the other PC members who were on shore patrol when the unit left its headquarters at Leog for Solsons, and then to join the advance group at Kabugao. It was the plan "to proceed to Angasinan via Kabugao, Bontoc and Beguio in order to join the main friendly troops at Angasinan, as soon as those left behind" joined Lt Ramos' group at Kabugao. This plan never materialized because of the untimely enemy occupation of Beguio and all other possible routes to the south. Lt. Bautista never went to Kabugao, although some members of his group joined Lt. Ramos in Jan 42.

Through the radio station at Kabugao, Lt Ramos contacted Gen. Francisco, "informing him of our presence in Apsyco, reporting also the number of Officers and men, the amount of funds with us, kind and number of arms and ammunition we had." It is alleged that at Kabugao, Lt Ramos was instructed by General Francisco to join the PC unit in Beguio, but on being told that Beguio had already been occupied, he (Lt Ramos) was instructed to remain at Apsyco and cooperate with the Apsyco PC, in the maintenance of peace and order, until further orders; however, no subsequent orders were received. Lt. Ramos relayed this last instruction to his men at Solsons.

Meanwhile, the PC at Solsons came under the command of Gov. Roque B. Ablan, who it is alleged moved the seat of his government from Leog, upon its occupation, to Solsons. It must be noted that Major Cortez left Ilocos Norte for Abra about the middle of Jan 42 (See his affidavit dtd 29 Oct 45). It is believed that his departure from Ilocos Norte caused his men to come under Gov. Ablan's command. Many of the cases studied allege that the activities they performed from on or about Jan 42 were guerrilla in nature.

About the middle of March 1942, Lt Ramos and his men returned to Solsons and rejoined the remaining PC group which had been absorbed by the Ablan guerrilla in his (Lt Ramos') absence. They operated under this command until on or about July 42 when they were disorganized due to intensive enemy operation.

Almost all the cases studied allege to have been automatically inducted in Dec 41 when Gen. Francisco and his staff were inducted by Major W. Pilet, USA, in Manila. A number of affidavits in these cases also point to a ruling of HPA dtd 19 Jul 45, which provides "that all officers and enlisted men of PA and PC who were in the service on December 1941 were legally presumed to have been inducted into the USAFFE," as authority for their presumed induction. It has been found and determined, however, that this contention (automatic induction) is without any legal basis. (See History of Hqs Det, Dept of NL for a full explanation of this.)

Lt Bautista and Lt Varias in two separate affidavits executed in each other's behalf on the same date, allege that personnel of the Company were inducted in March 1942, after Lt Ramos and his party came back from Kabugao, by Capt Feliciano Madamba. This second induction, they claim was done "in compliance with radiographic instruction of General Francisco, HPC that PC personnel maybe inducted into the USAFFE by any PA officer who has already been inducted to the USAFFE," and in order to be sure of their induction, since the first one was not formally done. It has been observed, however, that not one of the cases studied (excluding these 2 officers) definitely shows that Capt Madamba performed a formal induction for them. Hence, the truth of this statement is highly doubtful, inspite of the positions occupied during the period in question, by the officers who made it.

Note: Capt Madamba was originally a member of the 13th/11th Div, which participated in the defense of the Ilocos Sur - La Union beaches.

F/Sgt Julian V. Fermin in his processing papers claims to have been inducted at Laoag with the 12th Inf, 11th Div by one Capt Montgomery on 2 Sep 41. Examination of several 201 files of members of the 12th Inf, however, showed that they were inducted by one Capt William Robinson about the 1st or 2nd of Sept 41 at Laoag.

B. A thorough search of all available archives for the Ilocos Norte Co, 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, Records Branch;

2. Some members of the Company appear in some PC records which are dated prior to 8 Dec 41, at Archives Section;
3. CO, Lt Ramos and JO, Lt Varias are listed in an unsigned "Abstract of Disbursements from Emergency Currency Notes, Province of Ilocos Norte," at Archives Section; (Ref. 120.1 Expenditures or Payment of Funds, Folder #1)
4. Page 5, "Operations Reports" of the 11th Engr Bn, Historical Data, 11th Div (PA) at Records Branch's Historical Files, give the following account: "Enemy landed in force simultaneously at SULVEC POINT near VIGAN, ILOCOS SUR and at PORT SAN VICENTE and GONZAGA, both in CAGAYAN. According to accounts of townsfolk in ILOCOS, on or about 1 Dec 41, numerous fishing boats approached GURRIMAO, unloading Japanese "fishermen" who immediately disappeared in the coastal barrios and who reappeared later on 10 Dec in full uniform. Evidently, they guided the landing operations in this vicinity. The Constabulary Co and the Mobilization Center Detachment at VIGAN Ilocos Sur offered a futile resistance, permitting the early advance of the invaders northward to LACAG, ILOCOS NORTE, utilizing the Sembrano busses and all other commandeered vehicles from captured towns. MINDORO LANDING FIELD at VIGAN, and also at LACAG were immediately converted into enemy land-air bases."
5. The "Alphabetical Casualty Listing of Officers and Enlisted Personnel who were in the Philippine Island Area as of 7 Dec 41, "at Project "J", shows the following on Gen. Francisco's inducting officer:

Pilet, Nunez C. - Major - O-15931
 Hqs & Hqs Det, Special Troops, USAFFE,
 General Staff Corps.

- C. From the above facts and findings the following conclusions have been drawn:
 1. The Ilocos Norte Company PC was stationed at Camp Juan, Laoag, Ilocos Norte at the outbreak of hostilities.
 2. Officers of the unit were:

(1) Provincial Inspector - Maj. Jose P
 Cortez.

- (2) Commanding Officer - 1st Lt Edilberto F. Ramos.
 - (3) Junior Officer - 2nd Lt Crisanto B. Verias
 - (4) Traffic Officer of the 1st Traffic District who was attached to the Company - 1st Lt Isaac K. Bautista.
3. On 10 Dec 41, Prov'l Inspector Maj. Cortez upon learning of the enemy landing at Vigan tried to contact by radio, Hqs Dept of Northern Luzon, at San Fernando, La Union and HPC, Manils. Enemy occupation of places through which the message had to pass, prevented him from sending the vital information and from securing much-needed instructions.
 4. Before entering Laoag, the Japs sent Maj. Laurente ahead to advise the PC to lay down their arms without putting up a fight. Instead, Maj. Cortez disbanded the PC and ordered its members to retreat to Solsona individually and reorganize thereat. Reorganization was completed on 15 Dec 41.
 5. After this reorganization, the CO, the JO and about a dozen EM left for Kabugao, Apeyao, Mt. Province to contact the Constabulary unit in that place. Lt Bautista, Traffic Officer, took charge of the remaining members. He was instructed to gather all the other PC members who were on shore patrol and then join Lt Ramos' party at Kabugao. Lt Bautista did not go to Kabugao as instructed, although, some of his men did.
 6. At Kabugao, Lt Ramos contacted Gen. Francisco informing the latter of his (Ramos') presence at Kabugao and giving the PC Chief other pertinent facts about his group. Lt Ramos was first instructed to join the PC in Baguio; however, on being told that Baguio was already occupied, Gen Francisco instructed him to remain at Apeyao and cooperate with the Apeyao PC in the maintenance of peace and order until further orders. Lt Ramos relayed these instructions to the PC left at Solsona. He received no subsequent orders from HPC.
 7. Lt Ramos with his party returned to Solsona about the middle of March 1942 and rejoined his former men who were then operating under the Ablan command.

8. The Company was disorganized on or about July 1942 due to intensive enemy activity.
9. The alleged automatic induction on 17 Dec 41, like all other allegations of a PG automatic induction, is not valid.
10. Preponderance of evidence presently available in the 201 files examined, does not warrant a favorable consideration of the statement of Lts Bautista and Varies that members of the unit were inducted by Capt Medamba in March 1942. Therefore, the induction by Medamba as alleged by these two officers attesting in each other's behalf, is deemed not to have taken place since no other unit members have claimed such an induction.
11. The Company was not inducted into the USAFFE; hence, was not a bonafide USAFFE unit.
12. Members of the Company who may have joined other bonafide USAFFE units during the period of organized USAFFE resistance, may be accorded positive USAFFE status, if, evidence acceptable under Sec III, Vets Branch Adjudication Policy as changed by Sec I, Branch Memo #3, dtd 3 Feb 50, is presented.

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Inclosures:

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

1. Affidavits by 1st Lt Isaac K. Bautista both dtd 19 Aug 45.
2. Affidavits by Maj. Jose P. Cortez dtd 29 Oct 45 and 15 Nov 45.
3. Affidavit by Lt Crisanto B. Varies dtd 19 Aug 45.
4. Affidavit by F/Sgt Julian Fermin dtd 27 May 47.
5. Findings of the Desertion Board AFO 75 dtd 30 Sep 45.
6. Affidavit by T/Sgt Felimon Pascual dtd Jan 41.
7. Affidavit by T/Sgt Cirilo C. Cerullo dtd 16 May 46.
8. Affidavit by Cpl Baldomero S. Corpuz dtd 12 Nov 46.
9. Affidavit by Cpl Saturnino B. Domingo dtd 7 Aug 47.

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KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE ILOCOS NORTE CO FC
(Dec 1941 - July 1942)

Provincial Inspector
Major Jose P. Cortez

Commanding Officer
1st Lt Edilberto F. Ramos

Junior Officer
2nd Lt Crisanto B. Verias

Traffic Officer 1st Traffic District
1st Lt. Isaac K. Bautista

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| 1. Fermin, Julian V - 1st Sgt | 16. Malssig, Gaudencio D. - Pfc |
| 2. Bides, Pedro A - Sgt | 17. Melver, Luis S. - Pfc |
| 3. Bruno, Lazero A - Sgt | 18. Miguel, Alejandro L. - Pfc |
| 4. Corpuz, Baldomero S - Cpl | 19. Velera, Anastacio B - Pfc |
| 5. Gomez, Victorio P. - Cpl | 20. Viado, Martin F. - Pfc |
| 6. Marcos, Pablo P. - Cpl | 21. Abril, Francisco B - Pvt |
| 7. Pagaduan, Gregorio F- Cpl | 22. Bartolome, Ricarte M - Pvt |
| 8. Pascual, Felimon P - Cpl | 23. Guillermo, Tomas V - Pvt |
| 9. Quinto, Juan V - Cpl | 24. Jacobo, Lorenzo de la C- Pvt |
| 10. Selenda, Juan C - Cpl | 25. Lopez, Santos T. - Pvt |
| 11. Tadeo, Ildefonso B - Cpl | 26. Mateo Dionicio F. - Pvt |
| 12. Castro, Severo - Pfc | 27. Pascua, Hospicio R. - Pvt |
| 13. Damo, Ramon - Pfc | 28. Saladino, Bartolo G. - Pvt |
| 14. Eauria, Tiburcio E - Pfc | 29. Sanchez, Lucio V. - Pvt |
| 15. Luzano, Isidro R - Pfc | |

Provincial Headquarters

1. Gerullo, Cirilo G - S/Sgt
2. Concordia, Gasilberto R - Sgt
3. Pedro, Severino B - Cpl
4. Neverro, Mario R - Pvt
5. Pastor, Silvestre A - Pfc

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PROVINCE OF RIZAL)
 COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES) SS
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

I, Jose P. Cortes, Serial No. O-1126, Major, Inf., PA, of legal age, married and at present residing in Camp Murphy, Rizal, after having been duly sworn on oath according to law, depose and say:

That I was a regular officer of Philippine Constabulary since 1918 up to the outbreak of the Pacific War; that at the outbreak of the war I was the Provincial Inspector for the Ilocos Norte and the Ilocos Norte Company, PC, was under me; that in the afternoon of December 10, 1941, I received reliable information that Japanese troops landed in Vigan, Ilocos Sur and immediately I sent rush radiograms to District Inspector, PC, San Fernando, La Union and to the Executive Officer, HPA, Manila informing them that the Japanese troops landed in Vigan and may move toward north; that ⁱⁿ these radiograms I requested instructions; that the radio operator of Laoag, Ilocos Norte tried to send these radiograms but he said he could not send them because he said the messages will pass Vigan, Ilocos Sur to be relayed to San Fernando, La Union and Manila and that he could not contact the radio station of Vigan; that after that I did not receive instructions from District Inspector and Executive Officer, HPA, Manila.

That in the morning of December 12, 1941, about three thousand ^{Japanese} troops entered Laoag, Ilocos Norte and due to imminent danger I dispersed immediately the officers and enlisted men of Ilocos Norte Company and instructed them to go individually to Solsona, Ilocos Norte to avoid detection of the enemy and further I gave them instructions to reorganize in said town of Solsona; that about twelve men with Lieut. E. Ramos, CO and Lieut. Varias, JO, went to Kabugao, Apayao to contact with Constabulary unit there; that the Company was reorganized in Solsona about December 15, 1941 and instructed the men to patrol the unoccupied territories by the Japanese to keep peace and order because many crimes were committed by the bad elements; that the men continued to patrol the places assigned to them until about January 10, 1942, the mopping operation of the enemy became intensive in all parts of the province and that due to this activity I lost the contact and control of the Company; that about January 15, 1942, I left Ilocos Norte for Bataan, but I reached Abra only because all the passages after Abra were guarded by the enemy.

That personally I was not inducted in the USAFFE, but according to the ruling of HPA dated July 19, 1945 that all officers and enlisted men of PA and PC who were in service on December 1941 were presumed to have been inducted in the USAFFE.

That I surrendered to the Japanese Army at Bangued, Abra on or about March 11, 1943; that I was ordered to get work in the government and was employed as a laborer in Public Works at Abra; that I stayed in the public Works until May 26, 1944, then I returned to my hometown in Pototan, Iloilo and engaged in farming.

That I have not joined any other Japanese controlled agency except in the

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capacity of a laborer.

s/t/ JOSE P. CORTES O-1126
Major, Inf., PA.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1945
at Camp Murphy, Rizal.

s/ Illegible

3rd Lieut Inf

Investigating Officer

A TRUE COPY:


JOSE P. CORTES
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

AFFIDAVIT

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That I, 1st Lieut., ISAAC K. BAUTISTA, of legal age, married and with the 2nd Rep. Bn. PA. AFO -70 at present, after being duly sworn to according to law depose and say:

1. That I know personally Bertolo, Salsedino who is now connected with the Base Hospital Co, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.
2. That when I was the Traffic officer of the 1st Traffic District, PC, with the station at Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Bertolo Salsedino was an enlisted man of the Ilocos Norte Co., PC with Lieut. E. Reneo with his C.O. Lt. C. Verias his J. O. and Major Jose P. Cortes the provincial Inspector of Ilocos Norte.
3. That Bertolo Salsedino was with the above mentioned Unit from the time it was ordered by Major Jose P. Cortes to retreat to the unoccupied areas of Ilocos Norte on the 13th of December, 1941, the date of the arrival of the Japanese in Laoag.
4. That Bertolo Salsedino was likewise with the Ilocos Norte Co. IC, when it engaged for active Guerrilla operations which started between the 28th of February to the early days of March, 1942 in Ilocos Norte.
5. That I know Bertolo Salsedino did not reach Batsan, neither any member of the Ilocos Norte Company, PC, because there was no order to him to proceed to Batsan by his superior officers or other higher authorities.
6. In witness whereoff, I have hereunto signed my name this 19th day of August, 1945.

/s/t/ ISAAC K. BAUTISTA
 1st Lieut., Inf., PA

Signed in the presence of:

1. /s/Jose Ramirez
2. /s/ Alejandro Marzo
 (dry sealed)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of August 1945.
 at Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.

A TRUE COPY:

/s/illegible
 Justice of the peace


 L. N. COFFER
 1st Lt., AGC
 Asst Adjutant

A F F I D A V I T

I, CRISANTO B. VARIAS, 2nd. Lieut. Inf. PA, of legal age, married and at present connected with the USAFIP NL as S-5, Repl and Gas. Bn, Camp Roosevelt, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, after being duly sworn to on oath according to law, depose and say:

1. That about June, 1941 up to the outbreak of the war I was the Junior Officer of the Ilocos Norte Co. PC, stationed at Laoag, I.N.;
2. That I personally know Lieut. Isaac K. Bautista;
3. That 1st Lt. Isaac K. Bautista, was the Traffic Officer of the 1st Traffic District, PC, which comprized Vigan, I. S. the whole province of Ilocos Norte and Aparri, Cagayan;
4. That at the outbreak of the war Lt. I. K. Bautista joined or attached himself to the Ilocos Norte Co. PC;
5. That when the Japanese troops arrived in Laoag on Dec. 13, 1941 we were deployed at our station to defend the camp;
6. That the Japanese forces did not immediately attack our camp but sent Maj. Laurente, prov. Inspector of Ilocos Sur, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese and said Maj. Laurente informed us that the Japanese troops numbered around 2,000 men fully armed with light canons, MG, AR, trench mortars and rifles and that he was instructed by the Japanese Commander to make us lay down our arms and surrender or else the Japanese would immediately attack us;
7. That instead of surrendering we were ordered by Maj. J. P. Cortes, our Prov. Inspector, to withdraw to the unoccupied places of Ilocos Norte and later on ~~proceed~~ to proceed to Kabugao, Apayao, Mt. prov., leaving behind Lt. I. K. Bautista with about 10 men with the instruction to contact and gather other members of the Ilocos Norte Co. PC. who were also left behind because they were on shore patrol when the Japanese arrived in Laoag as soon as they would all be gathered Lt. I. K. Bautista would join us in Kabugao;
8. That our intention was to proceed to Pangasinan via Kabugao, Bontoc and Baguio in order to join the main friendly troops at Pangasinan, as soon as these left behind will be able to join us at Kabugao;
9. That upon reaching Kabugao, Apayao, Mt. Prov. we sent a radiogram to Gen. Francisco, HPC informing him of our presence in Apayao, reporting also, the number of Officers and men, the amount of fund with us, kind and number of arms and ammunition we had;
10. That while we were waiting for the rest of our men to join us at Kabugao, we learned that Baguio was occupied by the Japanese and the reservists from Apayao who were ordered to report for duty to Baguio were ordered to return home as soon as they reached Bontoc because the way going to south was already cut off by the enemy;
11. That during our stay in Kabugao, Apayao or at anytime before or thereafter, we did not receive any order from any Army of PC authorities to proceed to Bataan, but instead we received radiographic instruction from Gen. Francisco for us to stay in Kabugao and maintain law and order in unoccupied areas in cooperation with the Apayao Co. PC;
12. That about the first days of March, 1942, our company went back to Ilocos Norte and Lt. I. K. Bautista with the men left with him joined us and that was the beginning of our active guerrilla work in Ilocos Norte;
13. That Lt. Isaac K. Bautista was with us taking active part in our guerill activities until he and Lt. E. Ramos went home about the month of Aug. 1942 and from that month the undersigned assumed command of the

[Signature]
 C. B. CUTYER
 1st Lt., AGC
 Asst Adjutant

(Affidavit of 2nd. Lt. CRISANTO B. VARIAS, Inf. PA)

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Ilocos Norte Co. FC, and continued the guerrilla activities against the enemy; and,

14. That about the month of March 1942 the Ilocos Norte Co. FC, personnel among whom Lt. Isaac K. Bautista, were inducted by Capt. Feliciano Madamba, Inf. USAFFE, into the United States Army Forces of the Far East, in compliance with radio instruction of Gen. Francisco, stating that FC personnel may be inducted into the USAFFE by any PA Officer already inducted to it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 19th day of August, 1945, at Camp Roosevelt, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.

/s/ Illegible
/s/ CRISANTO B. VARIAS
2nd. Lieut. Inf. P. A.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

/s/ Illegible

/s/ Illegible

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 19th day of August, 1945 at Camp Roosevelt, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.

/s/ Illegible
/s/ SALVADOR C. JACOB
2nd. Lieut. Inf. P. A.
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Repl. and Cas. En. USAFIP NL

A TRUE COPY:


J. M. GUTIERREZ
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

AFFIDAVIT

I, ISAAC K. BAUTISTA, 1st Lieut. Inf. (PC) PA, of legal age married, a resident of Macabebe, Pampanga, after having been sworn to on oath depose and say:

That I was the Traffic Officer of the 1st Traffic District, PC comprising, Vigan, I. S. the whole province of Ilocos Norte and Aparri, Cagayan with station at Laoag, I. N. from the month of April, 1941 up to the outbreak of the war;

That I personally know 2nd Lieut. Crisanto B. Varias, Inf (PC) PA, who was the Junior Officer of the Ilocos Norte Co. PC with station at Laoag, Ilocos Norte;

That at the outbreak of the war Maj. Jose P. Cortes, Provincial Inspector of Ilocos Norte requested for reinforcement and instruction from HPC, Manila, as the Japanese were reported to have already landed at Vigan, I. S. on Dec. 10, 1941, but no instruction has been received by us;

That on Dec. 13, 1941 when some Japanese troops from Vigan entered Laoag, I. N. we were still in our station at Laoag, I. N. deployed around the camp ready to defend it against enemy attack;

That when the Japanese troops entered Laoag, I. N. they did not attack our position immediately, instead they sent Maj. Laurente, PC, Prov. Inspector of Ilocos Sur who was captured by the enemy at Vigan who was instructed by the Japanese commander to make us surrender immediately or else we would be attacked;

That Maj. Laurente, informed us further that there were about 3,000 Japanese about one kilometer from our camp, and that they were armed with light canons, MG, AR, rifles and trench mortars;

That because we were only about 35 officers and men in the camp as the rest of the men were out on shore patrol, Maj. Jose P. Cortes, the Prov. Inspector, instead of surrendering ordered us to withdraw immediately to unoccupied areas in Ilocos Norte;

That later he gave instruction to proceed to Kabugao, Apayao, under Lieut. Edilberto Ramos, CO, Ilocos Norte Co. PC and Lt. C. B. Varias, JO, and I was instructed to stay behind and contact and gather all the men and join the unit at Kabugao as soon as all the men are gathered and in the meantime to do intelligence work about enemy movement;

That about Jan. 1942 we received a message from Lt. Ramos that we should stay in Ilocos Norte and continue our intelligence work and maintain law and order in unoccupied areas in compliance with instruction from HPC, which instruction was received by him at the radio station at Kabugao;

That about the first days of march, 1942, Lt. Edilberto Ramos and Lt. Crisanto B. Varias with the men returned to Ilocos Norte and rejoined me with the men who were left behind for shore patrol;

That we did not receive any instruction from HPC nor from the Army to join the main body of the Philippine Army at Bataan but instead General Francisco, HPC ordered all Constabulary officers and men to maintain law and order in unoccupied areas as the way going south was cut off, the enemy having occupied Baguio and all towns from Laoag to Pangasinan;


ISAAC K. BAUTISTA
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

/s/ Felix S. Lacson

/s/ Isaac K. Bautista

/s/ Florencio B. Binigla

(Affidavit of 1st Lt. ISAAC K. BAUTISTA, Inf (PC) PA)

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That the Ilocos Norte Co. PC conducted active guerilla work against the Japanese, cooperating with the resistance movement of Prov. Gov. Rogus B. Ablan of Ilocos Norte, whose seat of government was established at Solsona, I. N. the same town where the Ilocos Norte Co. PC established their Headquarters;

That about the month of March 1942 the Ilocos Norte Co. PC, personal among whom was Lt. Crisanto B. Varias, were inducted by the USAFFE by Capt. Feleciano Madamba, Inf, USAFFE, in compliance with radiographic instruction of Gen. Francisco, HPC that PC personnel may be inducted into the USAFFE by any PA officer who has already been inducted to the USAFFE;

That Lt. Crisanto B. Varias, took command of the Ilocos Norte Co. PC; and continued the guerilla activities against the enemy about the month of August, 1942, when Lt. Edilberto Ramos and the undersigned returned him that month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my signature this 19th day of August, 1945, at Camp Roosevelt, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.

/s/ Isaac K. Bautista
/t/ ISAAC K. BAUTISTA
1st. Lieut. Inf. P. A.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

/s/ Felix S Lacsamana

/s/ Florencio B. Biniegra

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of August, 1945 at Camp Roosevelt, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.

/s/ Salvador C. Jacob
/t/ SALVADOR C. JACOB
2nd. Lieut. Inf. P. A.

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Repl. and Casualty Battalion.

A TRUE COPY:

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[Signature]
G. W. CUTLER
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United States of America)
Commonwealth of the Philippines) s.s.
Camp Murphy, Rizal)

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I, BALDOMERO CORPUZ, Cpl PA, 3rd Repl Co. 4th Repl Bn of legal age, married and at present a patient of the 1st General Hospital PA APO 75, after having been duly sworn to in accordance to law, depose and say:

That, I am a regular enlisted man, being a member of the 1st Ilocos Norte Company, PC, at Laoag, I. Norte, long before the outbreak of the Pacific War.

That, I was last paid to include December 1941, our was not able to pay our three months advance pay due to lack of funds and the surrounding circumstance at the time.

That, on or about 16 December 1941, our Commanding Officer Lt Edilberto Ramos, announced to us that we were all automatically inducted into the USAFFE, with Major-General Francisco, then Chief, of Staff, PC, representing the whole Constabulary Division.

FURTHER, affiant sayeth none.

/s/t BALDOMERO CORPUZ
Corporal, Inf, PA
ASN -

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 14th day of Dec. 1945
at Camp Murphy, Rizal.

Witness to signature:

/s/ Illegible
1st Lieut. Inf.
O-48087

/s/p PABLO FERNANDEZ
(Administering Officer)

1st Lt Inf Adjutant
(Rank, Designation & Organ)
4th Repl, Bn, APO 75

A TRUE COPY:


E. H. CUTTER
1st Lt.: AGC
Asst Adjutant

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A F F I D A V I T

I, the undersigned, 2nd Lieut. SATURNINO B. DOMINGO, of legal age, married, ASN-O-48066, on duty JAG, HAP, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, after having been duly sworn to on oath according to law, depose and say the following:

That on June 5, 1925, I came to know Sergeant Lazaro Bruno who was then a member of the Ilocos Norte Company of the Philippine Constabulary, stationed at Laoag, Ilocos Norte;

That said Sergeant Lazaro Bruno had continuously served in the Philippine Constabulary until the World War II broke out on December 8, 1941;

That on January 2, 1942 up to the Liberation of the Philippines on February 3, 1945, the said organization, which the said Lazaro Bruno was an active member, had continued its resistance movement against the enemy (Japanese Imperial Forces).

That the members of the pre-war Constabulary of Ilocos Norte had conducted guerrilla activities in the said province from January 2, 1942 up the Liberation of the Philippines by the American Forces;

The guerrilla outfit which Sergeant Lazaro Bruno was a member, was under the command of ex-Governor ROQUE B. ABLAN, the then Governor of Ilocos Norte with Major Josep P. Cortes, provincial Inspector of the pre-war Constabulary of said province, Lieuts. Edilberto Ramos, Isaac K. Bautista, Feliciano Madamba and Crisanto Varias;

That all the provincial Constabulary units, including the Ilocos Norte Company, to which Sergeant Lazaro Bruno was a member, were inducted into the USAFFE by Colonel FILLOT, US Army, being represented as a whole by Major General GUILLERMO B. FRANCISCO, Chief of Constabulary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 7th day of August 1947, at Camp Murphy, Quezon City, Philippines.

WITNESS:

/s/ Illegible

/s/t SATURNINO B. DOMINGO
2nd Lieut., INF(PA)

/s/ Illegible

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of August 1947, at Camp Murphy, Quezon City, HAP, Philippines

/s/ Illegible
Administering Officer
Capt. JAGS

A TRUE COPY:


NOTARY
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

A F F I D A V I T

I, JOSE P. CORTEZ, O-1126, Major, Inf., PA, of legal age, married and at present residing at Camp Murphy, Rizal after being duly sworn to on oath, according to law depose and say:

That I was the Provincial Inspector, PC for the Ilocos Norte Company from December 1939 until the outbreak of the war on 8 December 1945.

That I know personally 1st Sgt. Julian Fermin from December 1939 up to the present time because he was the First Sergeant of the Ilocos Norte Company, PC which was under me during the time I was the Provincial Inspector for Ilocos Norte.

That 1st Sgt. Julian Fermin was not formally inducted into the USAFFE but according to the ruling of HPA dated 19 July 1945, that all PA and PC who were in the service on December 1941 were legally presumed to have been inducted into the USAFFE.

That 1st Sgt. Julian Fermin is a regular soldier of the Philippine Constabulary and that as far as I could remember he was last paid his salary to include December 1941 by the Disbursing Officer of Ilocos Norte Company.

In testimony whereof, I affixed my signature this 15th day of November, 1945 at Camp Murphy, Rizal.

/s/t/ JOSE P. CORTEZ
Major, Inf, PA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1945 at Camp Murphy, Rizal.

/s/t/ PABLO FERNANDEZ
(Administering Officer)
1st Lieut. Inf. Adjutant
(Rank and Branch of Service)
4th Regt Bn (PA)
APO 75

A TRUE COPY:


H. CUTTER
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES }
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE } S.S.
MUNICIPALITY OF LAOAG }

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A F F I D A V I T

I, JULIAN FERMIN, of legal age, married with postal address at Laoag, Ilocos Norte and at present a 1st Sergeant 35th MP Company, (AP), Laoag, Ilocos Norte after being duly sworn to on oath according to law depose and say:

That I was the 1st Sgt. of the Ilocos Norte Company, FC, before the war broke out on 8 December 1941;

That I know personally Cpl. Tomas Guillermo who was then a Private MS (attached) Ilocos Norte Company during that time. That on 13 December 1941, upon verbal order of our Provincial Inspector, the members of the Ilocos Norte Company evacuated to Solsona Ilocos Norte as there were already Japanese troops occupying Laoag. The company continued police duties thereat and engaged in operations against the Japanese forces under the leadership of Governor Ablan and our Commanding Officer, 2nd Lieut. Eriberto Ramos.

That members of the company including officers have not reached Estaan because there was no order from higher Headquarters that the command will move to Estaan and besides it was impossible for the command to go there as there was no means of transportation and the way was already in the hands of the Japanese forces.

That according to the ruling of HPA, dtd 19 July 1945 all service men who were not formally inducted into the USAFFE were automatically inducted.

That Cpl. Tomas Guillermo was last paid to include 31 December 1941, and from 1 January 1942 up to 1 July 1945 when he was processed he did not received any pay.


Cpl. Tomas Guillermo was a prisoner of War by the Japanese from 5 July 1943 to 28 January 1944 and have not serve any position during the Japanese government or the so called Puppet Philippine Republic.

In witness hereof, I hereunto sign my name this 27th day of May 1947 at Camp Juan Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

/s/illegible
/t/JULIAN FERMIN
1st Sgt, Inf (AP)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 27th day of May 1947 at Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

A TRUE COPY:


NOTARY
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

/s/illegible
(Signature of officer Administering
Oath)
3rd Lt. Inf. O-42660
(Rank and Designation)
RFD - 1st MP

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Authority: *AWD/BBB*

Re 1st Lt EDILBERTO F RAMOS Inf O-45732 (Desertion Bd APO 75)
JAG-10/716 s'45 3 September 45
(2) To - AG of S, G-1

1. Records show that Lt Ramos was called to active service in 1937 and was inducted into the USAFFE on 17 December 1941. At the outbreak of the war he was CO of 1st Ilocos Norte Co PC. He did not receive any instructions or orders as to what to do or where to proceed, and while in such precarious situation of being surrounded by the enemy troops, he took his unit to Kabugao, Mt Province. While here, he received instructions to join the PC unit at Baguio, but wired back to Gen Francisco that it was impossible for him to do so because at that time Baguio was already in the hands of the enemy. He was then instructed to stay in Kabugao, until further orders, but that order never came. So he took again his unit to the mountains of Ilocos Norte and remained there in hiding with governor Ablan from 23 March to 30 July 1942. Knowing that it was futile for him to continue further resistance, he disbanded his unit and surrendered to the enemy on July 30, 1942. He was later released and went home.

2. In view of the above facts, this office concurs in the opinion of the Board that the failure of subject officer to go to the battle fronts of Eataan is justified.

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FROM: G-1 TO: TAG (Thru Col Shaftee) DATE: 10 Sept 45

- 1. Findings of the Board, action of CO, 3d Repl Bn and opinion of TJAG confirmed. Advise subject C and Chiefs, RPD & FS, accordingly.
- 2. Attached papers do not show that Lt Edilberto Ramos was employed in any Japanese controlled agency or puppet republic.

V. Z. G.

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FROM: Adviser, PARPD TO: TAG DATE: 15 Sept 45

- 1. Noted.
- 2. PA AGO Form 23 to be sent to RPD.

H. L. S.
Adviser

A TRUE COPY:

[Signature]
L. M. CUTLER
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

DECLASSIFIED
Authority *AWD 88308*

A F F I D A V I T

I, FLEMON PASCUAL, T/4 Sgt., ASN-95320, of legal age, married, residing at Laoag, Ilocos Norte, after having been duly sworn to according to law depose and say:

That I was a regular enlisted man of the Philippine Army detailed with the Philippine Constabulary since 18 October 1938 and was with the Ilocos Norte Company, PC station at Laoag, Ilocos Norte since 20 March 1935 up to the outbreak of the war, on 8 December 1941;

That I personally know CRISANTO B. VARIAS who was then 2nd Lieut, Inf and who reported for duty as Junior Officer with the Ilocos Norte Company, PC on June 23, 1941;

That on 13 December 1941 when about 3,000 fully equipped Japanese troops entered Laoag, Ilocos Norte, the Ilocos Norte Company, PC retreated to the mountains and proceeded to Kabugao Apsay leaving behind some men to contact about 25 PC men who were on shore patrol and who were left behind with instruction that they were to join the company at Kabugao;

That the party who proceeded to Kabugao was under Lieut. EDILBERTO F. RAMOS (CO) and Lieut. CRISANTO B. VARIAS (JO).

That when the PC company reached Kabugao they contacted HPC thru the radio and that they were never ordered to proceed to Batuan but on the other hand they were instructed to stay in unoccupied areas and continue to maintain law and order thereat;

That later the whole company went back to Ilocos Norte and under the command of Lieut. CRISANTO B. VARIAS, part of said company with Philippine Army soldiers, reservist and civilian volunteers were attached with the MADAMBA Unit of the ABLAN GUERRILLA and it conducted active campaign against the enemy by ambushing enemy patrols, raiding Jap garrisons and blasting bridges and disrupting enemy communication lines;

That in March 1942 he was promoted by FELICIANO MADAMBA, then Major, to the rank of 1st Lieutenant;

That in November 1942 after having lead a patrol against 50 Japanese and killed 15 and wounding 3 of the enemy soldiers, Lt. Varias was promoted Captain by Major Madamba;

That in March 1943 CRISANTO B. VARIAS because a prisoner of the Japanese and was sent to the Concentration Camp at Bongabong, Nueva Ecija; in January of 1944 after he was released he rejoined the Madamba Unit as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn with the rank of Major;

That he also helped actively in the organization of the 12th Inf Regiment under the command of FERMIS BUENO since 16 January 1944;

That to the best of my knowledge he has received his pay for December 1941 and has also received his 3 months advance pay from Lt. Edilberto F. Ramos, CO & DC, Ilocos Norte Co., PC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto affixed my signature this 23rd day of January 1941 at Camp Spencer, Luna, La Union.

/s/t/ FLEMON PASCUAL
T/4 Sgt, Inf, FA

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Authority *100-88303*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of
January 1941 at Camp Spencer, Lums, La Union.

/s/Illegible
(Administering Officer)

Capt. & Actg. Regt'l Adj. 21st Inf (FA)
(Official Designation)

/spp-

A TRUE COPY:

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[Handwritten Signature]
COILER
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

A E E I R A Y I T

I, CIRILO C. CARULLO, T/Sgt. Inf, ASN 114332, of legal age, married and at present assigned in the Headquarters Ilocos Norte Province, Military Police Command (PA), Laoag, Ilocos Norte, after having been duly sworn to according to law depose and say:

That I was a Staff Sergeant in the Philippine Constabulary with ASN 95304, assigned to the Provincial Headquarters Detachment, stationed at Laoag, Ilocos Norte under Major Jose P. Cortes, the Provincial Inspector before and until the outbreak of the war in the Philippines. That I was promoted to Staff Sergeant effective 1 January 1937, per Par. 1, SO No. 19 issued by Philippine Army Headquarters dated 25 January 1937.

That I was not formally inducted into the service of the USAFFE, but according to ruling of Headquarters Philippine Army, dated 19 July 1945, that all PA and FC who were in the service on December 1941 were legally presumed to have been inducted into the service of the USAFFE.

That Major Jose P. Cortes, the superior Officer of the Constabulary Units in Ilocos Norte did not give orders to his command to move or proceed to Bataan either before or after the Japanese Imperial Forces invaded the Philippines because there was no orders from Headquarters District of Northern Luzon, FC, San Fernando, La Union and Headquarters, FC, Manila.

That on the morning of 10 December 1941, when we heard that Japanese Imperial Forces have landed in Ilocos Sur, our Units were given orders by Major Jose P. Cortes to be ready at all times to fight against the enemy when they come to attack our Camp. He was determined to fight with his command of about 40 rifle men, all FC. On the morning of 11 December 1941, we heard that Japanese Imperial Forces at Ilocos Sur were moving northward. We kept contacting the towns on their way.

That after midnight of 11 December 1941, Major Jose P. Cortes ordered me to evacuate Constabulary Firearms where same could be safe. Pvt. Dionicio Mateo, Ilocos Norte Co., FC (the driver) and I left hurriedly the Camp using a truck and went to Dingras, Ilocos Norte, a town about 20 kms. east of Laoag. On the morning 12 December 1941, Pfc. Pablo Marcos and Lt. Isaac K. Bautista, FC, met us in Dingras. We were told that the Japanese Imperial Forces were already in Laoag and that our Units have been dispersed by Major Jose P. Cortes and everybody have left the Camp. Pfc. Pablo Marcos conducted us to a place in Solsona where we can hide safely the firearms. Thereafter I tried to contact my Officers and comrades. Five days after I met Major Jose P. Cortes and some EM in Solsona and I was told that Lt. Edelberto F. Ramos, Lt. Cricante Varias and some EM went to Kabugao, Apayao. In Jan. 1942 I went to Kabugao, Apayao and there I found Lt. Ramos, Lt. Varias and some comrades and the members of the Apayao Company, FC, who were waiting for any orders from higher Officers, but of no avail. I returned to Solsona after resting a few days. There I was informed that Major Jose P. Cortes went to Abra. Hence I failed to go to Bataan.

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

That I joined in Solsona to Lt. Edelberto F. Ramos, Lt. Crisento Varias with some EM of Ilocos Norte Company, FC, maintaining peace, law and order in unoccupied places of the Japanese. On or about June 5, 1942 the Japanese mopping units attacked Solsona. We evacuated to the mountain of Solsona and hide from the enemy. On 10 June 1942 I went to the evacuation place of my family in barrio San Mateo, Laoag, Ilocos Norte and lived there a civilian life. Mopping Operations by the Japanese Units were very intensive then, but fortunately I was safe and not captured there.

On 23 March 1943, I surrendered to the Japanese controlled Constabulary Garrison at Laoag, Ilocos Norte because I have heard many of my comrades have already surrendered and I feared that my family and some people in the barrio may be killed if I am found in that barrio. I was not detained. On 15 July 1943 I was accepted as a laborer earning P.80 a day in the Ilocos Norte Provincial Hospital at Laoag. I have then the only means to support my family consisting of my wife and four (4) minor children, because I have no land of my own at all and on account of the starving situation of my family and I were then suffering because the prices of commodities and foodstuffs went very high, my earning was not at all adequate to support my family. So I tried to find other employment with higher pay, but I was not given a place in the Bureau of Public Works because preference was given to natives of Ilocos Norte, I being a native of Albay. So as a last hope to survive and support my family I applied to enlist in the Bureau of Constabulary of the Philippine Puppet Republic.

On 1 June 1944 I was directly enlisted as Private in the First Ilocos Norte Company, FC, at Laoag, Ilocos Norte. I was assigned a clerk in the Company Commander's Office and later as clerk of the Provincial Disbursing Officer. I have never gone out on either mopping or patrolling. On several occasions Major Juan D. Crisologo, the Senior Inspector, FC, told the Company that we will just stick with him, wait for his orders at the proper time to move and lead us to the right way instead of joining to the Guerrilla Unit. Knowing pretty well that he is a ranking Officer of the USAFFE and trusting his leadership, I abide to his orders or advices, but for reasons I do not know, his orders I have been expecting and he voluntarily promised never came. Also I told several times 1st Sgt Julian Fermin, the First Sergeant of Ilocos Norte Co. FC, at the outbreak of the war and a member of the Guerrilla Unit that I will join with him and wait for his orders at the proper time, which he consented and promised to me, but I did not also receive his orders I have been expecting.

On 9 March 1945 I deserted my unit to join the American Forces that have already landed in Ilocos Sur, but I was taken into custody by the GUERRILLA UNIT in Vigan, took me to Santiago, I. Sur, the Headquarters of the USAFIP, then I was sent to Stockade at Darigayo, Iuna, La Union and then I was turned over to the U.S. Army Stockade at Dagupan, Pangasinan.

On 14 May 1945 I was released and I returned to Laoag, Ilocos Norte. I helped my wife laundering clothes. On 21 June, 1945 I was accepted as Nees Boy of the USA quartered at Laoag, I.E. Normal School until I was rejected on 9 July, 1945. I was paid P18.00 during this period.

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That sometime in June 1945 I wanted to join the Military Service so I went to contact 1st Sgt Julian Fermin who was already in the Service of the Military Police Command. I requested help from him as to how I could join the military service, but he could not help me for he did not know what was the processing team that time.

On 2 August 1945 I reported to Camp Murphy APO 75 Philippine Army Processing Team and I was completely processed on 9 August 1945. I was attached unassigned to the 3rd Replacement Company, 4th Replacement Battalion, PA.

On 17 November 1945 I was assigned to the Headquarters, Military Police Command (PA), G-3 Section, per Par. 12, SO No. 78 dtd November 17, 1945 by Headquarters, 4th Replacement Battalion PA, and per Par. 57, SO #297 by Philippine Army Headquarters APO 501, dtd 16 November 1945.

On 20 December 1945 I was promoted to T/Sgt, per Par. 2, SO #58, HQ, MPC (PA) dtd 20 December 1945.

On 3 March 1946 I was transferred to Hq Ilocos Norte Province, MPC (PA), Laoag, Ilocos Norte, per Letter Orders No. 89 of HQ, MPC (PA) dated 1 March 1946.

In testimony whereof, I hereto affixed my signature this 16th day of May 1946 at Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

/s/t CIRILO C. CARULLO
T/Sgt, Inf ASN 114332/s/t FELIMON PASCUAL
Sgt Inf ASN 95320/s/t JUAN C. SALEDA
Cpl Inf ASN 95321

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of May, 1946, at Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

/s/t EMILIO PURUGANAN Jr
1st Lieut, FA (PA)
Actg Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:



1st Lt. AGC
Asst Adjutant

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES) S S
CAMP MURPHY, RIZALDECLASSIFIED
Authority *AWD 88303*

A F F I D A V I T

I, BALDOMERO CORPUZ, Filipino of legal age, married and at present a patient in the 1st General Hospital APO 75 with the rank of Corporal in the PA, a fter having been duly sworn to in accordance to law depose and say:

That, I am a regular member of the PA formerly a member of the Ilocos Norte Company, PC stationed at Laoag, Ilocos Norte at the outbreak of the war on 8 December 1941.

That on 12 December 1943 about 3,000 Japanese troops entered Laoag, Ilocos Norte and Major Jose Cortez who was then the Provincial Inspector of the same company, gave instructions to members of the company to go individually to Solsona, Ilocos Norte to reorganize thereat. That said company was reorganized in said town and maintained peace and order there as there were many crimes committed by the bad elements.

That I was with the company and in the middle of January 1942, I with some EM went to Apayao, Kabugao, Mt. Province to contact the CO, Lt Edilberto Ramos who was sent there to contact the Constabulary Unit thereat. After that I came down back to Solsona to rejoin the company and remained with my unit when the Company was forced to disperse due to the intensive mopping operation of the Japanese Army. On 12 July 1942, mostly all the men surrendered to Japanese Army at Solsona and I did not surrender until February 1943 when I surrendered with 1st Sergeant of the Company at Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

That I did not reach Bataan due to the fact that there was not any instructions to go to Bataan by higher HQ at Manila or San Fernando and further it was impossible as the road in going there were already guarded by thd enemy.

That I did not serve during the Japanese Government nor any Japanese controlled agencies nor the so called Puppet Philippine Government.

In witness to my statement, I hereunto sign my name this 25 day of Dec 1945 at Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

/s/t BALDOMERO CORPUZ
Corporal, Inf PA
ASN - 114348

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 12th day of Nov 1946
at Camp Murphy, Rizal.

/s/ N. C. Camello
(Administering Officer)
1st Lt Inf
(Rank & Designation & Br of Serv)

A TRUE COPY:


L. C. CUSTER
1st Lt., AGC
Asst Adjutant

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