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- A. The following history of the 2d Albay Co, FC has been deduced from a special study conducted on fifteen (15) 2d Albay Co, FC cases:

The 2d Albay Co, FC was stationed at Virac, Catanduanes, at the outbreak of the war. CO of the Company was 1st Lt Juan R. Maramba. Like the 1st Albay Co, there is no mention of a JO of this Company.

On 12 Dec 41, the Japanese Imperial Forces, simultaneously effected landings at Legaspi, Albay and at Virac, Catanduanes. Enemy superiority caused the CO, Lt Maramba, to order his men to take to the hills with plans of going to Albay province and thence to Bataan. They soon found out, however, that Albay, too, had been occupied by the Japs. The Company managed to stick together for sometime, hoping to find means of joining the main forces at Bataan. After realizing that all possible routes to that place had already fallen into enemy hands, the unit was disbanded on 10 Feb 42.

Two dates of induction are alleged by members of this Company. Lt Maramba and two others allege 17 Dec 41 and the rest, 10 Dec 41. Lt Maramba claims induction by virtue of the alleged general induction of all FC, while the others allege induction by Maj. Sandico, Provincial Inspector of Albay province.

Recent studies conducted on the FC, revealed that the alleged automatic induction of members of the FC on 17 Dec 41 is not valid. (See Hist of Hqs Det, Dept of NL FC) It has also been determined that Maj. Francisco C. Sandico did not possess authority to perform USAFFE inductions because he himself never acquired USAFFE status. (See Hist of 1st Albay Co, FC).

- B. A thorough search of all available archives for the 2d Albay Co, FC 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 FC archives which are dated prior to 8 Dec 41.
3. "Triumph in the Philippines," Vol I, p. 45, relates, that "on December 12, Gen Homma, landed a battalion of the 16th Division's 33d Regiment at Legaspi, in southern Luzon." This unit was the Kimura Detachment.

NOTE: Catanduanes being a nearby island

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(a sub-province at that time) of  
Albay province was undoubtedly invaded  
by part of this Detachment.

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

1. The 2d Albay Co, FC was stationed at Virac, Catanduanes,  
at the outbreak of the war.
2. CO of the Company was 1st Lt Juan R. Maramba. There  
is no mention of a Junior Officer.
3. On 12 Dec 41, the Japanese landed at Virac.
4. The Company retreated to the mountains due to enemy  
superiority and was disbanded on or about 10 Feb 42.
5. The alleged inductions by Maj. Sandico on 10 Dec 41  
were not valid.
6. The unit was not inducted into the USAFFE, hence was  
not a bonafide USAFFE unit.

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

1. Affidavit by 1st Lt Juan R. Maramba dtd 30 Nov 45.
2. Affidavit by 1st Sgt Teodorico Micua dtd 2 Nov 45.
3. Affidavit by Cpl Victorino C. Berba dtd 29 Oct 45.

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CAG Final Reviewer  
RFA Sec, VB, AGRD

KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE 2D ALBAY CO, PC  
(Dec 1941 - Feb 1942)

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Commanding Officer

1st Lt Juan R. Karamba

1st Sgt

Teodorico M. Micua

Corporals

1. Barba, Victorino C.
2. Belgica, Martin B.
3. Molina, Eleuterio T.
4. Velasco, Teodoro V.

Privates 1st Class

1. Porte, Mauricio R.
2. Torres, Apolonio T.

Privates

1. Bornilla, Josefino B.
2. Camacho, Martin D.
3. Guevarra, Eugenio A.
4. Ocol, Wenceslao
5. Soria, Jose R.
6. Sosito, Felipe S.
7. Tolentino, Isabelo M.

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A F F I D A V I T

I, JUAN MARAMBA, 1st Lt QMS PA, ASN - O-23826, of legal age, married and at present in the 2nd QM Grave Registration Company, PA, Camp O'Donnel, Capas, Tarlac, after having been duly sworn to according to law depose and say:

That I know personally and officially Pvt. Wenceslao Ocol, Inf PA, he being one of the enlisted men of the former 2nd Albay Company PC, in Virac, Catanduanes, at the time the Japanese Forces invaded the Island. And that the said unit was inducted into the USAFFE on 10 December 1941 by Major F. Sandico, PC Provincial Inspector of the Province.

That I was the Commanding Officer and Disbursing Officer of the above mentioned unit that Pvt. Wenceslao Ocol was last paid his salary to include 30 November 1941.

That Pvt. Wenceslao Ocol was not able to draw his three (3) months advance pay due to lack of Company Funds. My last disbursement covering the month of November 1941 was sent to HPC, Manila 5 December 1941 and reimbursement had not been received before the outbreak of the war. On 12 December 1941 the Province of Albay was invaded and occupied by the Japanese Invading Forces and the station of the said unit was bombed, hence communication was then impossible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 30th day of November 1945.

/s/ Juan R. Maramba  
/t/ JUAN MARAMBA  
1st Lt QMS PA  
23826

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November 1945 at Camp Murphy, Rizal, APO 75.

/s/ Illegible  
/t/ PABLO FERNANDEZ  
1st Lt Inf PA  
Adjutant, 4<sup>th</sup> Repl Bn

A TRUE COPY:

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

A F F I D A V I T

I, TEODORICO MICUA, of legal age, married, 1st Sgt, Inf, PA, ASN 112820, now attached to Hq & Hq Co, 4th Repl Bn, PA, APO 75, after having been duly sworn to in accordance to law depose and say:

1. That I was the 1st Sergeant of 2nd Albay Co FC, and I know personally Pvt. Wenceslao Ocol, an enlisted man of the former Philippine Constabulary 2<sup>nd</sup> Albay Co P.C. stationed in Virac, Catanduanes. That we were inducted into the USAFFE by Major F. Sandico P.C. Provincial Inspector of Albay, on 10 Dec. 1941 in Virac. That the Commanding Officer of our unit was 1st Lt. Juan Maramba, P.C.

2. That on 12 December 1941 we were attacked by the Japanese soldiers in Virac. Due to lack of men, arms and ammunitions we retreated to the nearby mountains of Virac. Later on, we found out that the Province of Albay was occupied by the Japs and all transportations facilities from Catanduanes was cut-off. And our way was blocked to Bataan. On 10 February 1942 we were sent home by our CO Lt. J Maramba FC.

3. That from the time we were separated from our unit, Pvt. Wenceslao Ocol, remained hiding for a while till he became an active member of a guerrilla outfit in Catanduanes.

4. That I have personal knowledge of the fact that Pvt. Wenceslao Ocol, and other members of the former 2<sup>nd</sup> Albay Co FC. reported several times in Albay this year. And then they reported at Camp Murphy, APO 75. They were not able to report on or before 1 April 1945 because of hardship of transportations from Catanduanes being an Island.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 2nd day of November 1945.

/s/ Illegible  
/t/ TEODORICO MICUA  
1st Sgt., Inf PA  
112820

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November 1945, at Camp Murphy, Rizal, APO 75.

/s/ Illegible  
/t/ PABLO FERNANDEZ  
1st Lt., Inf, Adjutant  
4th Repl. Bn PA  
Administering Officer

A TRUE COPY:

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

A F F I D A V I T

I, VICTORINO C. BARBA, 42 years old, married, and a soldier by profession and at present attached to the Hq. & Hq. Company, 4th Repl. Bn. and after having been sworn to in accordance with law depose and say:

That I was a regular soldier, Practicante, PC. on August 24, 1924 to August 23, 1927 at Gagalangin Bks, Manila and assigned with the 63rd Company, PC. Romblon, Romblon. Reenlisted at the HFC. Manila as Practicante PC. June 18, 1929 and assigned at Legaspi, Albay and then transferred to Virac, Catanduanes up to December 12, 1941. I was inducted to the USAFFE on December 10, 1941 by Major F. Sandico, PC. (automatic induction of all PC. by order of Gen. Macarthur to USAFFE) and assigned with the 2nd Albay Company, PC. Virac, Cat.

That on December 12, 1941 at about 900AM. we were attacked by Japs soldiers in Virac, Catanduanes. Due to lack of men, arms and ammunitions we retreated to the mountains. A few days later we reformed and temporarily disbanded our unit on February 10, 1942 by order of 1st Lt. Juan Maramba, PC. the Commanding Officer of our unit.

That on December 12, 1941 the province of Albay was invaded and occupied by the Japs and thus transportation from the Island of Catanduanes was paralyzed, hence my way to Bataan was cut off.

That due to the impossibility of reaching Bataan, I began living as a civilian ~~king~~ and became a farmer planting camotes, corn and other underground roots for the support of my family. I remained loyal to the U. S. government and to the Commonwealth government. I never served in any capacity in the Puppet Government.

That on October 17, 1945, I reported for duty at Camp Murphy, Apo 75 for processing.

/s/ Illegible  
/t/ VICTORINO C. BARBA  
Cpl., MS., P.A.  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of October, 1945 at Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

/s/ Illegible  
/t/ PABLO FERNANDEZ  
1st Lt, Inf  
Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:

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



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