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HISTORY OF THE  
1ST LEYTE COMPANY

P. C.

No. 105  
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(Deduced from a special study of forty-two (42)  
1st Leyte Company, PC cases)

As of December 8, 1941, there were three Philippine Constabulary companies in Leyte under Major Arturo A. Reyes, the Provincial Inspector whose headquarters was in Tacloban. These units were the 1st Leyte Company stationed in Tacloban; the 2nd Leyte Company, in Ormoc; and the 3rd Leyte Company, in Malitbog.<sup>1</sup> On or about February 27, 1942 the Philippine Constabulary units on Masbate were transferred to Leyte<sup>2</sup> and became a fourth PC unit in Leyte.<sup>3</sup> These units became components of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion of the Samar-Leyte Sector with Major Eustaquio A. Abay, the Provincial Inspector of Masbate, as Battalion Commander.<sup>4</sup> The battalion was administratively attached to the Leyte Provisional Regiment. Major Arturo A. Reyes, in addition to his duties as Provincial Inspector of Leyte, was assigned Provost Marshall.

A majority of members of the 1st Leyte Company, as well as those on duty with the Office of the Provincial Inspector, allege induction on various dates - December 24, 26 and 27, 1941 - at Tacloban, Leyte by either Lt Robert C. Burlando or Lt Juan C. Torres. Some allege their inducting officer to be one Lt Ramon Torres and Lt Gonzales (first name not indicated). There were some who allege induction by

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<sup>1</sup>Affidavit of Urbano C. Francisco, 11 Sep 47.

<sup>2</sup>Affidavit of Eustaquio A. Abay, 13 Jul 48.

<sup>3</sup>Affidavit of Urbano C. Francisco, 11 Sep 47.

<sup>4</sup>Affidavit of Eustaquio A. Abay, 23 Nov 45.

"PA Officer"<sup>5</sup>, while others by Lt Burlando and Lt Torres<sup>6</sup>, or by Lt Torres and one American Officer.<sup>7</sup> It is apparent that members of the unit are confused with regards to the date of their induction as well as their inducting officer. However, considering the fact that there was no USAFFE unit in Leyte at the outbreak of the war (the 91st Division, PA moved to Luzon and the 93rd Infantry, PA moved to Mindanao), and that a defense force was later organized to defend the area, it is believed that the 1st Leyte Company and other FC units in Leyte became components of this defense force - the Philippine Constabulary Battalion of the Samar-Leyte Sector, and that members thereof were actually inducted into the USAFFE.

Other evidence which indicate Philippine Constabulary units on Leyte to be USAFFE are various special orders<sup>8</sup> issued by USAFFE headquarters, Visayan-Mindanao Force and Philippine Constabulary headquarters, District of the Visayas in January and February 1942, wherein members of the Philippine Constabulary on Leyte are listed. In this connection it should be noted that, unlike some Philippine Constabulary units on Luzon which were routed or isolated by enemy action, the Constabulary on Leyte remained intact, and communication.

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<sup>5</sup> Affidavit of Rosalio Ybas, 30 Aug 46.

<sup>6</sup> Affidavit of Felix Relevo, 9 May 50.

<sup>7</sup> Affidavit of Apolinario Bantilan, 3 May 50.

<sup>8</sup> a. S. O. # 4, 10 Jan 42, FC Hq, District of the Visayas;  
b. S. O. # 6, 17 Jan 42, FC Hq, District of the Visayas;  
c. S. O. # 8, 1 Feb 42, FC Hq, District of the Visayas; and  
d. S. O. #29, 19 Feb 42, USAFFE Hq, Visayan-Mindanao Force.

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facilities with both USAFFE headquarters, Visayan-Mindanao Force and Philippine Constabulary headquarters, District of the Visayas remained open, because Leyte island was spared of a Japanese invasion. Japanese forces came into Leyte in the last week of May 1942 only to accept the surrender of Col Cornell, the USAFFE commander of the Samar-Leyte Sector and the troops of his command.<sup>9</sup>

Captain Robert C. Burlando was the alleged inducting officer of personnel of the District Headquarters, 9th Military District at Tacloban, Leyte. It is believed that Capt Burlando could have been present during the induction ceremony of the 1st Leyte Company by Lt Juan C. Torres, leading the inductees to believe that he (Burlando) was their inducting officer. Statements of Felix Relevo<sup>10</sup> and Apolinario Bantilan<sup>11</sup> bear out this possibility.

A few of the cases examined allege induction by one Lt Ramon Torres and Lt Gonzales (1st name not indicated). There are no records of officers by these names either in this headquarters or at Headquarters, Armed Forces of the Philippines who has served with the USAFFE forces in Leyte.

Among those who allege induction by Lt Juan C. Torres are Lt

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<sup>9</sup> REFERENCE TO 94TH INF REGIMENT, Extract from Historical Div Acc No P-33 of "THE GUERRILLA RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN LEYTE".

<sup>10</sup> Affidavit of Felix Relevo, 9 May 50.

<sup>11</sup> Affidavit of Apolinario Bantilan, 3 May 50.

Blas E. Miranda<sup>12</sup> and 1st Sgt Elias Rocabo<sup>13</sup>, company commander and 1/Sgt of the 1st Leyte Company respectively. Since these persons are presumed to know the circumstances of induction and service of their unit, it is safe to presume that the induction of the company was performed by Lt Juan C. Torres on or about December 27, 1941 at Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte. 1st Lt Juan C. Torres was the Battalion Surgeon of the 2nd Battalion, 94th Infantry (PA) at Tacloban, Leyte. His USAFFE status is established by certificate of acceptance issued by Lt Russel D. Barros dated October 3, 1941<sup>14</sup>. It should be noted that this officer also inducted members of the 3rd Leyte Company.

1st Lt Blas E. Miranda was the Company Commander of the 1st Leyte Company until February 10, 1942 when he was transferred to the 2nd Leyte Company also as Company Commander.<sup>15</sup> 1st Lt Marcos E. Nolasco, the Company Commander of the 2nd Leyte Company was designated Company Commander of the 1st Leyte Company.<sup>16</sup>

The 1st Leyte Company was last stationed in Jaro, Leyte where order to surrender was received. Copy of surrender order of Col T. M. Cornell dated 20 May 1942 is hereto attached.<sup>17</sup> Of the forty-two cases studied, only Lt Marcos E. Nolasco, Lt Pedro Eamiguel, Pvt

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<sup>12</sup>Extract of Form 23, Lt Blas E. Miranda, 3 Sep 47.

<sup>13</sup>Affidavit of Elias Rocabo, 5 Jun 46.

<sup>14</sup>Certificate of Russel D. Barros, 3 Oct 41.

<sup>15</sup>Extract of Form 23, Lt Blas E. Miranda, 3 Sep 47.

<sup>16</sup>Affidavit of Arturo A. Reyes, 19 Dec 51.

<sup>17</sup>Letter of Col T. M. Cornell, Subject: "Surrender", dtd 20 May 42.

Francisco A. Lazarte, of the 1st Leyte Company, and Major Arturo A. Reyes, Capt Venusto F. Donato, Lt Crispin G. Lara and Cpl Eugenio H. Labong of the Provincial Inspector's Office allege to have surrendered to the Japanese during the last week of May 1942. The rest were disbanded and some surrendered at later dates when the Japanese rounded them up.

### C O N C L U S I O N

On the basis of the foregoing findings the following conclusions have been drawn:

1. The 1st Leyte Company was stationed at Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte on December 8, 1941.

2. Officers of the company were:

1st Lt Blas E. Miranda - Company Commander until Feb 10, 1942  
1st Lt Marcos E. Nolasco - Company Commander from 11 Feb 42 until  
disbandment ✓  
1st Lt Pedro G. Ramiguel - Junior Officer

3. The 1st Leyte Company, PC was inducted into the USAFFE by 1st Lt Juan C. Torres on or about December 27, 1941 at Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte. Members of the unit who allege USAFFE status by virtue of this induction must prove their USAFFE identity in the same manner as any Philippine Army USAFFE cases.

4. The unit became a component of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion which was organized and became a part of the Samar-Leyte Sector.

5. The unit was last stationed in Jaro, Leyte where it received the order to surrender. While the entire Leyte Force was officially surrendered on May 25, 1942, some personnel of the Office of the Provin-

cial Inspector and the 1st Leyte Company allege to have surrendered either before or after this date.

6. Of the cases studied, the following personnel of the office of the Provincial Inspector and 1st Leyte Company allegedly surrendered and became Prisoners of War at Tacloban, Leyte:

Major Arturo A. Reyes - Provincial Inspector & Provost Marshall  
Capt Venusto F. Donato - Asst Provincial Inspector  
1st Lt Crispin G. Lara - Medical Inspector  
Cpl Eugenio H. Labong - Office of the Provincial Inspector  
1st Lt Marcos E. Nolasco - Company Commander, 1st Leyte Company  
1st Lt Pedro G. Eamiguel - Junior Officer, 1st Leyte Company  
Pvt Francisco A. Lazarte - 1st Leyte Company

The rest of the unit was disbanded. However, some members of the unit surrendered later when unsundered USAFFE soldiers were rounded up by Japanese authorities.

#### ARCHIVES RESEARCH

A thorough check of available archives on the 1st Leyte Company, FC has been made at Records Branch and at Project J Section. This revealed that:

1. There are no historical records pertaining to the unit.
2. A majority of members of the company appear in some special and general orders issued by Headquarters, Philippine Army or Philippine Constabulary dated prior to December 1941.
3. Some members of the unit appear in Special Orders of promotion issued by the Philippine Constabulary Headquarters, District of the Visayas in January and February 1942.
4. The "Alphabetical Casualty Listings of Officers and Enlisted Personnel who were in the Philippine Island Area as of 7 December 1941"

shows the following:

- a. 2nd Lt Robert C. Burlando O-383985  
Hq Sv Troops, 26th Cavalry - KIA 15 Dec 44

Lt Burlando was mentioned as the inducting officer in some of the cases studied.

- b. 1st Lt Russell D. Barros O-298701  
Btry C, 91st Coast Artillery

Lt Barros accepted 1st Lt Juan C. Torres for service in the USAFFE. Lt Torres was the inducting officer of the 1st Leyte Company.

5. Some of the officers of the Office of the Provincial Inspector are listed in USAFFE archives.

6. Notes on the "Leyte Provisional Regiment" (Reference to the 94th Infantry Regiment, extracted from Historical Div. Acc. No. P-33 of the "GUERRILLA RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN LEYTE") cites briefly the organization of the USAFFE force in Leyte.

7. There are no other records which would be of value in the preparation of this history.

KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS, PC, LEYTE

Reyes, Arturo A., Major  
Provincial Inspector & Provost Marshall

Donato, Venusto F., Captain  
Assistant Provincial Inspector

Lara, Crispin G., 1st Lt  
Medical Inspector

Master Sergeant

Relevo, Felix D.

Sergeant

Carlaga, Bernardino



Corporal

Labong, Eugenio H.  
Ybas, Rosalio

Private First Class

Conchas, Gregorio R.

KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE 1ST LEYTE COMPANY, PC

Miranda, Blas E., 1st Lt  
Company Commander until 10 Feb 42

Nolasco, Marcos E., 1st Lt  
Company Commander from 11 Feb 42 up  
to surrender

Emiguel, Pedro G., 2nd Lt  
Junior Officer

First Sergeant

1. Rocabo, Elias R.

Sergeant

2. Gabucan, Pedro B.
3. Servida, Conrado M.

Corporal

4. Alvero, Eustacio T.
5. Briones, Aquilino M.
6. Doroja, Catalino O.
7. Macapobre, Hilario B.

Private First Class

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- 8.. Bantilan, Apolinario A.
9. Bolic, Gorgonio
10. Davocal, Francisco M.
11. Engracial Monica N.
12. Hernani, Casimiro A.

Private

13. Amago, Ciriaco R.

14. Bilbao, Salvador M.
15. Callosa, Manuel G.
16. Dela Cruz, Simeon L.
17. Gabrieles, Juan R.
18. Gabuya, Florentinb L.
19. Genotiva, Crispin S.
20. Insigne, Florentino F.
21. Lazarte, Francisco A.
22. Madriaga, Hugo O.
23. Maglinte, Ambrosio A.
24. Merimong, Fructoso M.
25. Mirante, Engracio C.
26. Nicolas, Serafin R.
27. Pable, Joaquin E.
28. Puertollano, Feliciano B.
29. Punay, Wenceslao
30. Serinisa, Hilarion R.

*I concur.*

*Victor L. Shumaker*  
 VICTOR L. SHUMAKER  
 Reviewer

*Ernesto A. Rivero*  
 ERNESTO A RIVERO  
 Claims Examiner

The following documents were used as aid in arriving at the above history:

1. Affidavit of Urbano C. Francisco dated 11 September 1947
2. Affidavit of Eustaquio A. Abay dated 13 July 1948
3. Affidavit of Eustaquio A. Abay dated 23 November 1945
4. Affidavit of Rosalio Ybas dated 30 August 1946
5. Affidavit of Felix Relevo dated 9 May 1950
6. Affidavit of Apolinario Bantilan dated 3 May 1950
7. Affidavit of Elias Rocabo dated 5 June 1946
8. Affidavit of Arturo A. Reyes dated 19 December 1951
9. Extract of Form 23 of Lt Blas E. Miranda dated 3 September 1947
10. Certificate of Lt Russell D. Barros dated 3 October 1941
11. Special Orders # 4, 10 January 1942, PC Hq, District of the Visayas

12. Special Orders # 6, 17 January 1942, PC Hq, District of the Visayas
13. Special Orders # 8, 1 February 1942, PC Hq, District of the Visayas
14. Special Orders # 29, 19 February 1942, USAFFE Hq, Visayan-Mindanao Force
15. REFERENCE TO 94TH INF REGIMENT, Extracted from Historical Div Acc No P-33 of the "THE GUERRILLA RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN LEYTE"
16. Letter of Col T. M. Cornell, Subject: "Surrender", dated 20 May 42

A F F I D A V I T

I, Major URBANO C. FRANCISCO, O-21500, Inf, of legal age, married and presently assigned as Zone S-3, VZ HQ IFC (AFF), Cebu City on oath hereby declare the following:

(a) That I know Capt. Sergio G. Nuique, Inf before the Second World War yet as Traffic Officer of the 18th Traffic District, comprising the provinces of Leyte, Samar and Masbate with his Headquarters at Taoloban, Leyte.

(b) That on March 1942, he became the Executive Officer of the Constabulary Battalion, comprising the four Constabulary companies stationed in Leyte Province distributed as following: 1st Leyte Co. PC-Taoloban; 2nd Leyte Co. PC-Ormoc; Masbate Co. PC-Baybay and 3rd Leyte Co. PC-Malibog.

(c) That on 19 May 1942, Capt Sergio G. Nuique went to Malibog, Leyte with instruction from Col. Theodore M. Cornell, Sector Commander, Leyte-Samar Sector, that we of the Third Leyte Company, Philippine Constabulary (I was then Junior Officer of this Company) must occupy immediately interior possession, fortify it and fight any invader.

(d) That at noon of same day (19 May 1942) he received telegram from our Battalion Commander, now Lt. Col. Eustaquio Abay ordering him to return to Taoloban to attend the important conference called by Col. Theodore M. Cornell, USAFFE, our Sector Commander.

(e) That on 24 May 1942 (Sunday) Capt. Sergio G. Nuique returned to Malibog, Leyte and after both officers and men of the 3rd Leyte Company, PC were assembled, he informed us that our Sector Commander, Col. Theodore M. Cornell, decided to surrender.

(f) That I know Capt. Sergio G. Nuique did not surrender for in his lecture to our Company at about 9:30 AM, 24 May 1942, his advice to our command was not to surrender, but lay off, keeping all our arms until better times.

(g) That his Guerrilla Unit was responsible in three major encounters from 28 May 1942 to Dec. 1942 against the Japanese, Japs spies and suppression of banditry and also this was the Gerrilla responsible for the kidnapping during the latter part of 1942, of Col. R. R. Kangleon who was then on the concentration camp at Butuan, Agusan.

(i) That when Col. Kangleon took command of all Guerrilla Units in southern Leyte (including that of Capt. Nuique's and mine) Capt. Nuique occupied various assignments as Commanding Officer "D" Co, Executive Officer, 94th Inf Regt and also in Operation and Intelligence Work and he was in the latter capacity when the American or Liberation Forces landed at Tacloban, Leyte on 20 October 1944.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand on this 11th day of September 1947 at Cebu City.

/s/ U. C. Francisco  
/t/ URBANO C. FRANCISCO  
Major, Infantry  
Zone 6-3, Hq VZ MPC AFP

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th day of September 1947 at Hq VZ MPC (AFP), Cebu City, Philippines.

/s/ S. J. Arceño  
/t/ S. J. ARCEÑO  
Captain, AGS  
Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:

  
PAUL CURD  
1st Lt AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

A F F I D A V I T

I, the undersigned, EUSTAQUIO A ABAY, Lt-Col, AFF, after having been sworn according to law, depose and say:

That I was the Provincial Inspector of the Philippine Constabulary at Masbate, Masbate, P. I. when 1st Lt. Hilarion S Ayalin was assigned Commanding Officer of the First Masbate Company (PC) on 3 December 1941;

That on the 27th day of February 1942, per Radiographic Instructions from the Commanding General, Visayas, Mindanao Forces, USAFFE, the whole constabulary Units of Masbate were transferred to Leyte;

The First and Second Masbate Companies (PC) were put under the command of Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin;

That on or about the first week of April 1942 the two Masbate Companies (PC) were stationed at Baybay, Leyte and Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin was relieved Commanding Officer of said Companies by Capt V Donato;

That after 1st Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin, PC was relieved he was assigned as Supply Officer of the 2d Battalion, Leyte Provisional Regt up to the surrender to the enemy on 26 May 1942.

In testimony hereof, I have hereunto affix my signature this 13th day of July 1948

/s/ E. A. ABAY  
/t/ EUSTAQUIO A ABAY  
Lt-Colonel, AFF

WITNESS:

/s/ Magtangol A. Herman

/s/ (Illegible)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of July 1948 at HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

A TRUE COPY:

  
PAUL CURD  
1st Lt AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

/s/ C. R. Quimpo  
(Administering Officer)  
1st Lt, JAGS

A F F I D A V I T

I, Eustaquio A. Abay, Major, Infantry, CO, Hq. Bn, PA, after being duly sworn on oath, do hereby declare the following:

That I know personally Sgt. Joaquin E. Fable. He had been under my command during my incumbency as Battalion Commander, Headquarters Constabulary Battalion, Leyte Province sometime in February, 1942.

That Sgt. Fable joined the 1st Leyte Company, PC, at Tacloban, Leyte on May 19, 1941 and inducted into the USAFFE on 27 December 1941.

That during the beginning of the guerrilla days in Leyte Province, Sgt. Fable showed an active participation for which he was rewarded with the guerrilla rank of Major by their guerrilla Commander. He served as Regtl. Adjutant of the so called 96th Infantry Regt., 92nd Division.

Sgt. Fable attended the Officers' Service School at Carigara, Leyte of which I was the Commandant. He had passed successfully.

In testimony hereof, I hereunder affix my signature on the 23rd day of November, 1945, at Manila, Philippines.

/s/ E. A. Abay  
/t/ EUSTAQUIO A. ABAY  
Major, Infantry  
CO, Hq. Bn., PA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN To before me this 23rd day of  
November, 1945, at Manila, Philippines.

(Illegible)

Capt Inf

TJA-GEN, PTPA

A TRUE COPY:

  
PAUL CURD  
1ST LT AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

S T A T E M E N T

Hq Cebu Prov MPC (PA)  
1000 Hrs, 30 Aug 46

I, S Sgt ROSALIO C YEAS, 002038, Inf, asgd Hq Cebu Prov MPC (PA) Cebu City, Cebu, having 24 AW read and explained, knowing he has the right to remain silent, voluntarily state the following statement which may be read as evidence in trial:

That from the period January 1939 to 23 May 1942 inclusive, I was asgd as Clerk-Stenographer in the office of the then Provincial Inspector, PC, Tacloban, Leyte.

That I know personally CPL GREGORIO R CONCHAS 000041 Inf to be a regular member of the defunct Philippine Constabulary, enlisted at Ormoc, Leyte on 7 March 1937 and thence asgd with me at 2d Leyte Company, PA (CD), Ormoc, Leyte and was on continuous service until the outbreak of the war.

That Cpl Conchas was inducted into the USAFFE on 27 December 41 by PA Officer, 9th Military District (PA), Tacloban, Leyte with the rank of PRIVATE FIRST CLASS.

That he was assigned as Clerk-typist with me in the same office (Provincial Headquarters, PC, Tacloban, Leyte) until the war broke out, and he was last paid to include 15 May 1942 by 1st Lt M E Nolasco, Disbursing Officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HEREBY affix my signature this 30th day of August 1946, at Hq Cebu Prov MPC (PA), Cebu City, Cebu.

TRUE COPY

  
PAUL CURD  
1st Lt AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

/s/ R. C Yeas  
/t/ ROSALIO C YEAS, 002038  
S Sgt, Inf  
Hq Cebu Prov MPC (PA)

WITNESSES:

- /s/ Laureano Ocaba, T Sgt, Hq Cebu Prov MPC (PA)
- /s/ Joven Encabo, Sgt, Hq Cebu Prov MPC (PA)

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 30th day of August 1946, at Hq Cebu Prov MPC (PA), Cebu City, Cebu.

/s/ Amado B Ruiz  
1st Lt, Inf  
Adjutant

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A F F I D A V I T

I, M-Sgt. FELIX D. RELEVO, Inf, PC, presently on duty in the Provincial Headquarters, Philippine Constabulary, Tacloban, Leyte, after having been duly sworn to according to law hereby depose and say:

1. That I know personally Serafin R. Nicolas, presently residing in the poblacion, Dagami, Leyte.
2. That last December 17, 1941, said Serafin R Nicolas enlisted in the 1st Leyte Company, PC, at Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte under 1st Lt. Blas Miranda (Commanding Officer). That said Serafin R. Nicolas enlisted as private.
3. That last December 26, 1941, the <sup>unit</sup> 1st Leyte Company PC, was inducted to the USAFFE in Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte. That said Serafin R. Nicolas was one of those inducted. That the inducting officer at that moment was Lt. Torres and Lt. Burlando (an American Officer) That I very well know the facts because during that time I was in the service of the Philippine Constabulary also, I was a Sgt Major, Office Headquarters Provincial Comdr. Tacloban, Leyte and our office was in Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte together with the office of the 1st Leyte Company.
4. That said Serafin R. Nicolas did continuous efficient service in the 1st Leyte Company from December 17, 1941 (Date of his enlistment) to May 22, 1942 (date unit was disbanded because of the order of surrender to the enemy Japanese).
5. That I know further the above facts because I was incharged during that time the records of the 1st Leyte Company PC, such as Roster of Troops and Daily Morning Reports, wherein Serafin R Nicolas enlisted.
6. That my USAFFE identity was established before the office of the Recovered Personnel Division PA.

In witness whereof I hereunto affix my signature this 9th day of May, 1950, at Tacloban, Leyte.

/s/ F. D. Relevo  
/t/ FELIX R. RELEVO ASN 000511

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1950, at Tacloban, Leyte.

/s/ Capt. Morris Perosa F. A.  
Prov. Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:

*Paul Gurd*  
PAUL GURD  
1st Lt AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

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A F F I D A V I T

I, Apolinario Bantilan, married, of legal age and presently in the service of the Philippine Constabulary with the rank of S/Sgt in the 42nd Company stationed in Burauen, Leyte, after having been duly sworn to according to law hereby depose and say:

1. That I know personally Serafin R. Nicolas a resident of Dagami, Leyte to have been a member of the 1st Leyte Company, Philippine Constabulary stationed in Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte.

2. That said Serafin R. Nicolas enlisted in the Phil. Constabulary last December 17, 1941 with the rank of private and was inducted to the USAFFE last December 26, 1941 by inducting officer Torres and one American officer whose name I did not remember in Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte.

3. That said Serafin R. Nicolas did continuous service from December 17, 1941 to May 22, 1942 with the same unit. That same unit was disbanded on May 22, 1942 due to the order of surrender to the enemy by our commanding officer Lt. Nolasco.

4. That I know all the above facts because I was the Mess Sergeant of 1st Leyte Company, Philippine Constabulary when said Serafin R. Nicolas enlisted and that we were all inducted to the USAFFE last December 26, 1941 all at the same time. That I did the same designation as Mess Sergeant up to the time our unit was disbanded last May 22, 1942.

In witness whereof I hereunto affix my signature this

3rd day of May, 1950.

/s/ A. Bantilan  
/t/ APOLINARIO BANTILAN ASN 005310

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of  
May, 1950, at Dagami, Leyte. Affiant exhibited his residence  
cert. No. A-1633391, issued at Burauen, Leyte dated  
18 Jan., 1950

For Pension Purposes:

/s/ Cesario N. Sudario  
Municipal Mayor

A TRUE COPY:

  
PAUL CURD  
1st Lt ACC  
ASST ADJUTANT

I, 1st Sgt. Elias R. Rocabo 002025, of legal age, married and now assigned in the 1st Military Police Co. (PA), after having been sworn according to law hereby depose and say:

That Pvt. SIMON DE LA CRUZ, 155807, 5th Repl. Co., 1st Repl. Bn., PA, was in the Philippine Constabulary before and at the outbreak of the war in the Pacific.

That I know him further to be in the 1st Leyte Company P.C. stationed at Tacloban, Leyte, as he too was in that unit and he was under me.

That he and me with the rest of that outfit was inducted into the USAFFE on the 27th of December 1941, by 1st Lieut. Juan Torres, MC, at Camp Bumpus, Tacloban, Leyte.

That we were last paid by 1st Lieut. M. E. Nolasco, Disbursing Officer, 1st Leyte Company, PC, to include 15 May 1942.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affix my signature this 4th day of June 1946, at Tacloban, Leyte.

/s/ E. R. Rocabo  
/t/ ELIAS R. ROCABO, 002025  
1st Sgt., 1st MP Co., PA

WITNESSES

/s/ Sgt Sulpicio Near - 003421  
M S (PA)

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Sgt 1st MP

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of June, 1946, at Headquarters 1st MP Company, PA, Tacloban, Leyte.

A TRUE COPY:

  
PAUL CURD  
1st Lt AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

/s/ V. O. Quejado  
/t/ VIVENCIO O QUEJADO  
1st Lieut., Inf., PA  
1st MP Co. (PA)  
T J A

A F F I D A V I T

I, ARTURO A. REYES, C-1182, Lt. Col. (Retired), Inf., of legal age, married, a resident of 31 Juan Luna St., Cavite City, having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, do hereby depose and say:

That I was the P.C. Provincial Commander of Leyte and have subsequently been inducted into the USAFFE by Col. Carter at Tacloban, Leyte on December 15, 1941 and remained as Provincial Commander and Provost Marshal of the same Province until I surrendered and taken prisoner of war on 23 May 1942 at Tacloban, Leyte;

That as Provost Marshal and Provincial Commander of Leyte before and during the war, I came to know personally the late 1st Lt. Marcos E. Nolasco, who was then assigned as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Leyte Co., and subsequently assigned to 1st Leyte Co. on February 11, 1942 under my command until all of us surrendered;

That Lt. Nolasco was inducted in my presence by Capt. Laniel O. Nolasco, by order of Col. Carter, into the USAFFE on 28 December 1941 together with his men in the 2nd Leyte Co. at Ormoc, Leyte where he served efficiently and faithfully as commanding officer, until he surrendered to the Japanese Army on 26 May 1942 and we with many other officers were imprisoned at Tacloban, Leyte;

That my knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the services and induction of the late Lt. Nolasco into the USAFFE is based not only on my records as Provincial Commander but also as co-prisoner of war at Tacloban, Leyte and until we were both released on 3 April 1943;

That this affidavit is executed for the purpose of supporting the USAFFE status of the late Lt. Nolasco.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affixed my signature this 19th day of December, 1951, at Cavite City, Philippines.

/s/ A. A. Reyes  
/t/ ARTURO A. REYES  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 19th day of December, 1951, affiant exhibiting his Residence Certificate No. A-4657594 issued at Cavite City on Jan. 19, 1951.

(Type Name) (Place) (Date)  
(Print or Stamp) (Print or Stamp)

2. SIGNATURES OF OFFICERS OF ACTIVITIES (Signature) /s/ D. S. Solis  
/t/ DOGRACIAS S. SOLIS  
City Attorney  
Cavite City

A TRUE COPY:

*[Signature]*  
**PAUL CURD**  
1st Lt AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

3. SIGNATURES OF WITNESSES AND PLACES WHERE AND DATES WHEN AND PLACES WHERE OF WITNESSES  
From To This at Location Dated of Witness

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(Dates listed above must be in accordance with the order in which they are listed)

4. TRUE COPIES OF THIS  
*[Signature]*  
PAUL CURD  
1st Lt AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

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Date 3 Sep 47

1. s. MIRANDA BLAS ENCARNACION 1st Lieut. CE O-21067  
 (Last Name) (First) (MI) (Gr & Br Sv) (ASN)
- b. OPERATIONS SECTION, LCS, TDG Team # 2 Mandaluyong, Rizal  
 (Present Organization) (Mailing Address)

## 2. CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF ACTIVITIES (Per 2c):

1. 1 Jul'41- 7 Oct'41	J.O. 1st Leyte Co PC	Tacloban, Leyte	Maj. Arturo Reyes
2. 8 Oct'41-26 Dec'41	C.O. 1st Leyte Co PC	-do-	-do- MC
3. 27 DECEMBER 1941	INDUCTED INTO THE USAFFE	-do-	1st Lt. Juan C. Torres, (Auth: Par. 1, CO #24, Hq USAFFE, dtd 7 Nov'41)
4. 28 Dec'41-10 Feb'42	C.O. 1st Leyte Co, PC	-do-	Maj. Arturo Reyes
5. 11 Feb'42-24 May'42	C.O. 2nd Leyte Co PC	Ormoc, Leyte	Maj. Eustaquio Abay
6. 25 May'42- 2 Dec'42	C.O. Western Leyte Guer. Warfare Unit	-do-	Lt. B. E. Miranda
7. 3 Dec '42-29 Dec'44	C.O. Western Leyte Guer. Warfare Forces	-do-	Brig. Gen. B. E. Miranda
8. 30 DECEMBER 1944	PROCESSED, 1st Repl Bn, FA 4th Repl Depot US Army		Maj. H. Martin

## 5. CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF WOUNDS AND ILLNESS INCURRED FROM 8 DEC 41, TO DATE OF RETURN TO MILITARY CONTROL. SHOW ALL WOUNDS AND ILLNESS INCURRED.

From	To	Unit	Geographic- al Location	By Whom Treated	Nature of Injury of Illness	Permanent Disabilities Incurred, if any
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(Dates listed above must agree with those shown in per 2c above)

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**PAUL CURD**  
 1ST LT AGC  
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THIRD LIEUTE CADRE  
Carigara, Leyte

October 3, 1941

I hereby certify that JUAN C. TORRES

1st Lt. MC-Reg. was accepted  
Rank Organization  
upon call and order for service with the United  
States Army Force in the Philippines at Carigara,  
Leyte, Philippines on October 3, 1941, pursuant  
to Special Order No. 25 Headquarters USAFFE, dated  
September 23, 1941.

*Russell D. Barros*  
RUSSELL D. BARROS  
1st Lieut., 91st C.A. (PS)  
Sait Instructor

Certificate of Russell D. Barros

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
 PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY  
 HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF VISAYAS  
 CEBU CITY

January 17, 1942

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
 No. 6 ) ( E X T R A C T )

1. Pursuant to Per. 3, Bulletin No. 45, HPC, s-1941, and by authority of the Assistant Adjutant General, USAFFE Headquarters, Visayan-Mindanao Force, Bukidnon, Philippines, in his 1st Indorsement dated January 14, 1942, the following temporary promotions of enlisted men in the Department of Visayas to fill the strength provided for in General Orders No. 10, HPC, s-1941, are hereby ordered effective as of January 16, 1942:

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To be First Sergeants:

- S-Sgt. BALDOMERO AZARCON (96561), Capiz Co., FC, Capiz
- " PRISCILO SULTVIO (96774), 1<sup>st</sup> Neg. Occ. Co., FC, Cadiz
- " HOSPIICIO MANURAS (96810), Neg. Or. Co., FC, Tanjay
- Sgt. TEBIAS ISAGAN (96654), Iloilo Co., FC, Iloilo City
- " VITELIANO MASUIKAY (95745), 2<sup>nd</sup> Leyte Co., FC, Ormoc
- " ZACARIAS FLORENTINO (96744), 3<sup>rd</sup> Leyte Co., FC, Malitbog
- " PROSPICIO CAMIRING (97746), 2<sup>nd</sup> Neg. Occ. Co., FC, Isabelo
- " FRANCISCO DUCULARA (96877), 1<sup>st</sup> Samar Co., FC, Cathalogan
- " DEOGRACIAS BACACCO (96904), 2<sup>nd</sup> Samar Co., FC, Catarman

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By order of Lieut.-Col. CRUZ:

JOAQUIN E. VELARDE  
 1st Lieut., Inf (FC-Res)  
 Executive Officer

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- Iloilo & Samar; COs, Capiz, 1<sup>st</sup> Neg.
- Occ., Neg. Or.; Iloilo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leyte,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Samar Cos.; DO, Cebu; EM concerned
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/s/ Froilan M Maglaya  
/t/ FROILAN M. MAGLAYA  
1st Lieutenant, Inf. (PC-Res)

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/s/ L. H. Cutter  
/t/ L. H. CUTTER  
1st Lt, AGC  
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ASST ADJUTANT

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
 PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY  
 HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF VISAYAS  
 CEBU CITY

February 1, 1942

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
 NO. 8 )

( E X T R A C T )

1. Pursuant to Par. 3, Bulletin No. 45, HPC, s-1941, and by authority of the Assistant Adjutant General, USAFFE Headquarters, Visayan-Mindanao Force, Bukidnon, Philippines, in his 1st Indorsement dated January 14, 1942, the following temporary promotions of enlisted men in the Department of Visayas to fill the strength provided for in General Orders No. 10, HPC, s-1941, are hereby ordered effective February 1, 1942:

To be Sergeants:

Opl.	VICENTE BGDIA, 96668	- Iloilo Co., PC, Iloilo City
"	MARIANO TABAR, 96752	- 2nd Leyte Co., PC, Ormoc
"	JULIO PASAGUE, 96715	- 3rd Leyte Co., PC, Malitbog
"	FORTUNATO CHAVEZ, 96817	- 2nd Neg. Ccc. Co., PC, Isabela
"	AMEROSIO DIGNA, 06881	- 1st Samar Co., PC, Catbalogan
"	JOSE ALEGENDARIO, 107272	- Prov. Hq. PC, Bacolod City
"	MARCOS RELAMPAGOS, 96707	- Bohol Co., PC, Tagbilaran
"	HIPOLITO CASTILLO, 96911	- 3rd Samar Co., PC, Borongan
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By order of Lieut. Colonel CRUZ:

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EO, HPC, TAG, HPA; Chief, Sup. Divl; (SGD) JOAQUIN E. VEIARDE  
 USAFFE HQ, Bukidnon, USAFFE HQ; 1st Lieut., Inf (PC-Res)  
 Cebu City, Chief PC, Cagayan, Mis. Cr.; Executive Officer  
 All PIs; All COs, PC, DV, EM concerned  
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/s/ L. H. CUTTER  
 1st Lt., AGC  
 Asst Adjutant

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February 19, 1942.

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 29 )

1. The following-named officers (PA), 103rd Infantry, now with the Cagayan Sector, are placed on temporary duty with Force QM, for the purpose of establishing a School at Cagayan, in the Trade School Building, and will report to Lieut-Colonel JOSE M. RUFFY, Force Quartermaster, for instructions:

Lieutenants ALEJANDRO DABUET, 103rd Inf.  
VALENTIN K. LIM, 103rd Inf.

2. Upon recommendation of the Force Surgeon and pursuant to authority contained in radiogram, CG, USAFFE, January 31, 1942, the following-named enlisted men, Philippine Army, having been found physically unfit for further military service, upon examination by a Medical Officer, for physical defects existing prior to induction, will be discharged from the military service and the Armed Forces of the United States in the Philippines, upon receipt of this order:

Sergeant FRANCISCO L. PABLO, Co. "G", 102d Bn., 2nd Inf.  
Private MARGARITO, PARAMIRAN Btry, "A", 1st En., F.A.  
Private SEGUNDINO TOLYO Co. "C", 1st Prov. Bn.  
Private ALFONSO ARREZA, Btry. "D", 101st F.A.  
Private SA NTIAGO DONTON Co "C", 81st Eng. Bn.  
Private ANDRES FORSOILO, Co. "L", 81st Inf.

3. Under the provisions of paragraph 5, Manual for Courts-Martial, U. S. Army, 1928, a General Court-Martial is appointed to meet within the Province of Leyte, Samar-Leyte Sector, Visayan-Mindanao Force, USAFFE at Tacloban, at 1:00 PM, on February 21, 1942, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it.

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

Major ARTURO A. REYES, Philippine Constabulary - President.  
Captain JORGE SEVILLA, Infantry-Reserve - Law Member.  
Captain VENUSTO DONATO, Philippine Constabulary.  
1st Lieut ROBERT A. TABBERRAH, Infantry-Reserve.  
1st Lieut GRACIANO D. ESPINUEVA, Infantry-Reserve.  
1st Lieut RAYMUNDO G. CANTARA, Finance Service-Reserve.  
1st Lieut JESUS C. VALDES, Medical Corps-Reserve.  
1st Lieut MANUEL C. MARTIN, Corps of Engineers-Reserve,  
Trial Judge Advocate.

1st Lieut LUIS J. LAREZA, QM Service-Reserve,  
Ass't Trial Judge Advocate.  
✓ Captain ISIDRO SALVADOR, Infantry-Reserve,  
Defense Counsel.  
1st Lieut SERGIO NUIQUE, Philippine Constabulary,  
Ass't Defense Counsel.

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By command of Brigadier General SHARP:

OFFICIAL:

COLEMAN T. CARUTHERS,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Ass't Adjutant General

/s/ Coleman T. Caruthers  
/t/ COLEMAN T. CARUTHERS,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Ass't Adjutant General.

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REFERENCE TO

94th INF REGIMENT

Extracted from Historical Div Acc No P-33

of "THE GUERRILLA RESISTANCE MOVEMENT  
IN LEYTE"

At the outbreak of the war Leyte was practically without any defense force. On 15 December 1941, however, orders were received from Headquarters Philippine Army activating the 93rd Infantry Regiment for induction into the USAFFE. A call for all officers and reservists who had not yet reported to active duty was sent, and the following day, officers and men began to flock in. When the organization was completed a report on the matter was made to Headquarters Army of the Philippines. A directive was, however a few days later, directing the 93rd Infantry Regiment to prepare to move to Mindanao where it was assigned as Force reserve.

The 93rd Infantry Regiment moved to Mindanao in the first week of January 1942 leaving Leyte again without any defense troops. Orders were, however, received a week later, authorizing the activation of the 94th Infantry Regiment to remain in Leyte to defend the island in case of foreign aggression. This regiment later was designated as the Leyte Provisional Regiment.

The Leyte Provisional Regiment remained in Leyte during the entire period from January to May 1942. Although amphibious operations were made by the enemy throughout the entire period in the nearby islands nothing happened in Leyte. The officers and men kept themselves occupied by improving defensive positions and storing food supplies for a prolonged defense of Leyte, if need be. But the enemy did not come. Bataan fell.

Corregidor fell, still no Japs came. All of a sudden, however,



the officers and men of the Leyte Provisional Regiment were surprised to hear General Wainwright ordering General Sharp to surrender with the Visayas-Mindanao Force. Greater was their surprise when Colonel Cornel, the Commanding Officer of the Leyte Provisional Regiment received General Sharp's orders ordering his officers and men to surrender to the Japanese when they come to Leyte to receive the Prisoner of War.

Disgusted by the order to surrender without having had a chance to fire a single shot against the enemy, a number of officers and men escaped to the mountains determined to put up indefinite resistance against the Japanese. When Colonel Cornel surrendered with his staff, only a few officers and men of the Leyte Provisional Regiment were left to surrender with them.

The officers and men who escaped to the hills became the founders of the guerrilla groups which emerged in Leyte shortly after the occupation of the Islands by the Japanese conquering hordes, determined to carry on the fight against the enemy indefinitely.

- Historical Div. Acc No. P-33; pp 7, 8 & 9

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20 May 1942  
TME/e

SUBJECT: Surrender

TO : Capt. RAYMUNDO G. CANTARA, FS, Sector Finance  
Officer, SIS, Tacloban, Leyte

1. In compliance with instructions received from higher authority you will assemble all of your troops with arms, ammunition and equipment at Tacloban, Leyte.
2. This movement must be completed by May 24, 1942. You will use all available means for assembling your troops.
3. All troops will immediately be disarmed and all arms, ammunition and equipment collected in a secure place in the assembly area. You will be responsible that all material and troops are present to be surrendered to representatives of the Japanese Army upon their arrival. Those absent will be reported to the Japanese authorities as deserters.
4. You will take the necessary steps to insure that conflict with the Japanese Forces is avoided.
5. You will not disband any unit under your command.
6. No military objectives, war implements and materials, arms, ammunitions, provisions, etc. and no civilian property will be burned, destroyed or hidden. All officers are enjoined to carefully instruct those under them and any with whom they come in contact to strictly observe the above provisions. You will have available a sketch showing the location of all of the above material that cannot be moved to your assembly area.
7. You will continue to subsist your troops as in the past.
8. All explosives will be immediately removed from highways, bridges and any other places where they might cause damage and assembled in the vicinity of your troops. If it is not possible to remove explosives in any locality without destroying structures or highways a conspicuous sign reading "DANGER" will be placed thereat.
9. The Japanese Army will treat all officers and enlisted men according to International Law. Courteous and prompt obe-

dience to the Japanese Army and their orders is absolutely necessary.

10. There must be no thought of disregarding these instructions. Failure to fully and honestly carry them out can have only the most disastrous results.

11. It is expected that all military personnel will render the same loyal support in carrying out this difficult mission that they have given me in the past.

(SGD) T. M. CORNELL  
Col. Inf. USA  
Commanding

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(SGD) R. C. CANTARA  
Captain, FS

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