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Project 051--True Copy, Certificate of Induction,  
3d Agusan Co, PC, Bunawan, Agusan, 20 Jan 42.

Chief, RPR Branch

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1. This Project initiated to ascertain status of individuals listed on true copy of Certificate of Induction, 3d Agusan Co, PC, Bunawan, Agusan, 20 January 1942. Copy submitted by Rosario C. Saldares (CO), lists names of 38 PC personnel, and pertains to induction into USAFFE. Name of inducting officer is shown as Godiardo Guillen, 3d Lieutenant, Inf-Res, Mobilization Center Officer.

2. A search of USAFFE Archives on file in Rec Sec, RPR Branch fails to reveal any records for 3d Agusan Co, PC. However, Pre-War Archives, GO #17, Hqs PC, 22 Jul 40, and GO #216, Hqs PA, 11 Nov 41, contain references to enlisted men of 3d Agusan Co, PC, and denote existence of the organization prior to WW II.

3. 201 Files located for the 38 individuals listed. Examination of files revealed the following information:

a. USAFFE determination:

9 Pos - VA (No USAFFE archives - Service based on affidavits and/or copy of Oath of Induction).

1 Pos - WCC (USAFFE only - based on affidavit)

9 Neg - VA

4 Neg - MPA (1959) - Determinations made in affiants' cases

4 No Record - WCC

10 Files do not contain determinations subsequent to 1949.

b. Allegations:

(1) Alleged organization is consistently shown as 3d Agusan Co, PC, with date and place of induction as o/a 20 Dec 41, at Bunawan, Agusan. Alleged names of Commanding and Inducting Officers are shown as Lt. Saldares and Lt. Guillen.

(2) The unit was stationed at Bunawan, Agusan during period of USAFFE; was assigned to maintain peace and order; did not engage in enemy combat; and was subjected to enemy bombing o/a 8 Feb 42. Unit was ordered to Butuan, Agusan for surrender to Japanese on 20 May 42, however, the CO left to the discretion of each member whether or not to surrender. Only about one-half of the members complied with the order, the others remained at Bunawan and engaged in civilian activities. Unit was last paid to include 15 May 42. Majority alleging surrender at Butuan, Agusan, also claim POW service at the same place during period May - Nov 42. (Claims for POW service at Butuan, Agusan denied - no valid archive records on file in RPR Branch).

c. Evidence: (submitted in support of alleged USAFFE)

(1) Three files contain original PC service records revealing the following statement by Lt. Guillen:

"Accepted upon Call and Order of the Comdg. Officer, Samar Provincial Brigade, Analcán, Mis. Or. dated Jan 17, 1942. (Signed) Godiardo Guillen,

3rd Lieutenant, Inf-Res, Mobilization Center Officer, Acceptance Officer."

(2) One file contains true copy of Radiogram 13 May 42, Veruela, Agusan, from Col. Ben H. Chastaine, Comdg, to CO U.S. Army Troops at Bunawan, Radiogram, allegedly received by 1st Lt. R. C. Saldares, PC, CO, 3d Agusan Co, PC, USAFFE at Bunawan, Agusan on 13 May 42, states in part: "You will assemble all your troops with all equipment, arms, weapons, and ammunitions at Butuan where they will be reported by me to the local Japanese Command not later than May twentieth."

(3) One file contains duplicate (carbon copy) of Memorandum, 4 Sep 43, from Capt. R. C. Saldares, CO, 3d Bn, 130th Inf to Maj. C. L. Laureta, CO, 130th Inf (10th MD) concerning military qualifications of an individual who was a member of the 3d Agusan Co, PC, USAFFE, at Bunawan, formerly under his command.

(4) One file contains affidavit by Godiardo P. Guillen, (Mobilization and Acceptance Officer) dated 27 Feb 54, stating in part: "That on or about the 3rd week of January 1942, acting on verbal orders of Major Graves, U. S. Army, I inducted into the USAFFE, the members of the 3rd Agusan Philippine Constabulary, then stationed at Camp Mendez, Bunawan, Agusan, which unit, was headed by 1st Lt. Rosalio C. Saldares." Same file contains affidavit by Lt. Saldares, 31 Oct 53, attesting to induction of unit, enemy bombing 8 Feb 42 resulting in destruction of official records including induction papers duly signed by Lt. Guillen, and unit surrender in latter part of May 42.

(5) Approximately one-half of the 38 files contain copies of document involved, and about one-third contain affidavits and/or certificates by Lt. Saldares attesting to the individuals' USAFFE service and certifying they were last paid by him on 15 May 42.

4. Archive evidence: (Pre-War-Guerrilla)

a. 29 individuals are listed on GO #17, Hqs PC, 22 Jul 40, as members of 3d Agusan Co, PC.

b. 10 files contain Guerrilla Archives (Payrolls-10th MD-1943) indicating prior USAFFE service with date of induction shown as o/a 20 Jan 42.

5. 201 File for Godiardo P. Guillen, O-27/64, (inducting officer) shows that he alleged induction into USAFFE as 3d Lt on 6 Sep 41 at Butuan, Agusan. Archive evidence in file, strength report and station list, Hq 10th MD, indicates his assignment on 31 Dec 41 as Mobilization Center and Acceptance Officer, PATC, Agusan; Par 6, SO #23, Hq USAFIP, Ft. Mills, 15 Apr 42, shows he was promoted to 2d Lt effective 15 Apr 42. WCC certification shows he was determined positive for USAFFE and POW service.

6. 201 File for Rosalio C. Saldares, O-1274 (CO involved) shows that he was certified positive for USAFFE per VA determination 26 May 50 with beginning date of service shown as 20 Jan 42. (Service appears to be based primarily on affidavits and true copy of Certificate of Induction - no archive evidence of USAFFE) Alleged CO, 3d Agusan Co, PC, 13 Jan 40; inducted into USAFFE as 1st Lt on 20 Jan 42, at Camp Mendez, Bunawan, Agusan, by 3d Lt Godiardo Guillen; and surrendered to the Japanese 26 May 42, at Butuan, Agusan. Pre-War archives, Temporary Seniority and Lineal list of Regular and Provisional Regular Officers, Hq PA, 7 Oct 41, show his rank as 1st Lt, Inf (PC). File contains certificate, 18 Jan 46, wherein he states

he was Comdg O and Disb O of 3d Agusan Co, PC, USAFFE, up to the order of general surrender, and paid himself salary and quarters allowance up to and including 15 May 42. Letter in file from Hq PA, 27 Feb 46, directing him to submit an accounting of funds allegedly advanced to him in early part of 1942, appears to support his allegation of being both Comdg O and Disb O for his unit. Correspondence in file, letter, Hq 8133d Army Unit, AGRD, 24 Aug 51, shows that subject individual was requested to submit an original copy of Certificate of Induction. In his reply, he stated that the certificate signed by Lt. Godiardo Guillen inducting him and members of his company into USAFFE was filed in his office as CO of 3d Agusan Co, PC; he made true copies which he certified as correct in his capacity as CO; attached a copy to vouchers and kept one for himself; and after liberation made true copies for himself and his men. He also stated that on 8 Feb 42, the barracks in which his office was located was bombed by the Japanese and official records including certificate signed by Lt. Guillen were destroyed. His reply further stated that he wished he could furnish a reconstructed record signed by Lt. Guillen, but at present did not know where to locate him.

7. History of Agusan Sector, as told by Col. Ben Hur Chastaine, (Sector Commander) indicates that sector was established during the middle part of Jan 42, from troops previously assigned to Samar Provisional Brigade. His testimony, concerning establishment of the Agusan Sector, contains the following statements pertinent to induction and functions of Philippine Constabulary units in the Agusan Province:

a. A battalion of Philippine Constabulary occupying three posts in the Agusan Sector was inducted into the USAFFE and became a part of the Agusan Sector.

b. These three companies were located in Butuan, Dumawan, and Walco. The last two named stations were in the upper part of the Agusan Valley in Agusan Province.

c. The Constabulary units continued to operate in the vicinity of their former stations throughout the occupation of the area.

d. Camp Kalaw had been practically destroyed by Bombs on Feb 5, and a short time thereafter a similar attack had been made at Dumawan.

e. Radiogram 10 May 42, from Commanding General, Visayan-Mindanao Force to unit commanders in the Visayan-Mindanao Area, containing instructions pertaining to surrender, lists the name of Col Chastaine and indicates location of his headquarters as Vereula, Agusan. (Ref: Hist Report, VMF, Report of Spns, USAFFE-USFTP)

8. The U. S. Army officer, Maj. Graves, referred to in Par 3-A (4) has been identified as Lt. Col. Reed Graves, O-15 795, CAC, promoted to Lt. Col in Jan 42 - Deceased 24 Oct 44. His records indicate he was assigned to Visayan-Mindanao Force o/a 24 Dec 41, however, specific assignment or location is not shown. Historical Report, VMF, contains Operation Report Digos Sector (Davao) submitted by Lt. Col Graves on 20 May 42, covering activities of units under his command during period

28 Mar 42 - 10 May 42. Although no information has been found to show his unit assignment or location prior to 28 Mar 42, history of VMF indicates a number of troops were disposed in the Agusan Valley prior to movement to Digos Sector. In this connection it's possible that he may have been stationed in the vicinity of Bunawan c/a the third week of Jan 42 and verbally ordered Lt. Guillen to induct the 3d Agusan Co PC into USAFFE as alleged in Lt. Guillen's affidavit.

#### 9. DISCUSSION:

Date and place of induction (20 Jan 42, Bunawan, Agusan) as alleged by individuals listed on true copy of Certificate of Induction for 3d Agusan Co, PC, correspond with testimony of Col. Chastaine, Agusan Sector Commander, pertinent to induction of PC company located at Bunawan, Agusan, into USAFFE. This evidence indicates the PC company referred to by Col. Chastaine is the 3d Agusan Co, PC, Alleged activities, maintaining peace and order in the Bunawan Area, appear to be consistent with his statement that PC units (inducted into USAFFE) continued to operate in the vicinity of their former stations throughout the occupation of the area. Alleged enemy bombing 8 Feb 42, resulting in destruction of official records including original certificate of induction, also appears to coincide with his statement relating to enemy bombing of Bunawan Area shortly after 5 Feb 42. Induction into USAFFE is supported by affidavit of Godiardo P. Guillen (inducting officer), testifying that upon verbal orders of Maj. Graves, U S Army, he inducted the 3d Agusan Co, PC, at Bunawan, Agusan, c/a the third week of Jan 42. The fact that at least ten 201 files contain guerrilla archives indicating USAFFE service also supports alleged induction of organization.

#### 10. CONCLUSIONS:

Foregoing evidence is considered sufficient basis to establish the fact that the 3d Agusan Co, PC, located at Bunawan, Agusan was inducted into USAFFE on 20 Jan 42, by 3d Lt. Godiardo P. Guillen, PA, Mobilization Center and Acceptance Officer, Agusan, Sector.

Information contained on document under study, true copy Certificate of Induction, 3d Agusan Co, PC, Bunawan, Agusan, 20 Jan 42, is compatible with allegations found in 201 files for personnel listed thereon. Since original document was destroyed 8 Feb 42, and since no inconsistencies have been found between document, history, and allegations of listed personnel, this document merits acceptance in lieu of original.

#### 11. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Attached true copy of Certificate of Induction be accepted as an authentic USAFFE archive.

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b. Certificate be carded, cards filed in Master Card File, and copy of certificate be placed in USAFFE folder 46, Decimal 327.31.

c. Memo for Record, denoting presence of certificate be placed in 201 file for each individual listed thereon.

d. Copy of study be filed in Historical File, 3d Agusan Co, PC, for reference purposes.

6 Incl

CHARLES R. WEBER  
Chief, Rec Sec, RPR Br

- 1. True Cy Cert of Ind
- 2. Cy Signed stat in Orig PC  
S/R re Call to A/D 17 Jan 42
- 3. True Cy Radiogram 13 May 42
- 4. Cy Afdvt of Godiardo P. Guillen
- 5. Cy Afdvt of Rosario C. Saldares
- 6. Work Sheet

*see project "051" Hqs. REF. FILE*

RECOMMEND: APPROVAL  
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DISAPPROVED

ELVARD L. DAVIS  
Asst Chief, RPR Br

ANGELO J. TSENES  
Chief, RPR Br

I, HEREBY CERTIFY on my official oath that I have this 20th day of January, 1942 inducted into the service of the United States Army Forces in the Far East First Lieutenant R. C. Saludares and the following enlisted men of the 3rd Agusan Company, PC:

FIRST SERGEANT

1. Nunes, Macario ✓

SERGEANTS

1. Barrios, Fulgencio ✓  
2. Urdaneta, Santos ✓

CORPORALS

1. Asis, Dominador ✓      3. Enoaria, Froilan ✓  
2. Ducusin, Alejandro ✓      4. Morgadez, Fermin ✓  
5. Sepe, Sixto ✓

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

1. Amador, Pio ✓      4. Cordova, Raymundo ✓  
2. Cabalbal, Pablo ✓      5. Dagulo, Macario ✓  
3. Castillo, Francisco Sr ✓      6. Elorde, Aquilino ✓  
7. Perez, Benigno ✓

PRIVATES

1. Adanza, Tranquilino ✓      12. Goloran, Martiniano ✓  
2. Ato, Ignacio ✓      13. Lagunde, Pablo ✓  
3. Beguio, Eustaquio ✓      14. Libarrios, Simeon ✓  
4. Bersamin, Manuel ✓      15. Mabras, Pedro ✓  
5. Cabalan, Rogalo ✓      16. Moreno, Ciriaco ✓  
6. Cerna, Federico ✓      17. Ortiz, Ricardo ✓  
7. Castellano, Francisco, Jr ✓      18. Timogtimog, Marciano ✓  
8. Chamen, Calanico ✓      19. Simacio, Anecito ✓  
9. Cuyno, Isidro ✓      20. Ursos, Amado ✓  
10. Estrella, Andres ✓      21. Morales, Carmelito ✓  
11. Fuego, Saturnino ✓      22. Villamor, Luciano MD ✓

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(SGD) R. C. SALUDARES  
1st Lieutenant, PC  
Commanding

(SGD) GODIARDO GUILLEN  
3rd Lieutenant, Inf-Res  
Mobilization Center Officer

TRUE COPY:

*R. C. Saludares*  
R. C. SALUDARES  
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