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PHILIPPINES COMMAND
ADJUSTMENT SECTION
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RECONSIDERATION MEMORANDUM)

NO 18)

INTERPRETATION OF FORM 23

1. In all cases wherein conflicting statements between processing papers and reprocessing papers exist, the service claimed on the original processing forms will be considered. Guerrilla service, sickness, or promotions which were not claimed in original Form 23 by a USAFFE veteran but were claimed in a later dated Form 23 will be given slight consideration.

PROCEDURES FOR ADJUDICATING CLAIMS WITH LATE
PROCESSING OR REPROCESSING FORMS

2. The following procedure will govern cases of individuals who were initially processed "after" 1 June 1947 and also cases wherein claimants were "reprocessed after 1 June 1947."

a. If a claimant was initially "processed" after 1 June 1947 and claimed guerrilla activities, entitlement to pay will be authorized if subject is a recognized guerrilla and is carried on a recognized roster. Period of guerrilla service allowed will not exceed period of recognition of the unit. All claims will be referred for verification when guerrilla activities are claimed.

b. If a USAFFE veteran was initially processed after 1 June 1947 and alleges sickness, entitlement to pay can be authorized provided present requirements are met. However, very careful scrutiny of evidence, which must be irrefutable, must be made before any missing status is given, i.e. 1947 affidavits will not be considered sufficient unless supported by factual clinical records.

c. If a claimant was "reprocessed after 1 June 1947, determination will be based on the original processing form. If the original form is not present in 201 file, request will be made to the Investigation Section requesting that section to procure the original processing form. If subject claimed guerrilla activities on the reprocessing form and his original processing papers cannot be located, entitlement to pay can be authorized only when the name appears on a recognized roster. Period of guerrilla service allowed will not exceed period of recognition of the unit.

d. If a claimant was reprocessed after 1 June 1947 and

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sickness is claimed on the processing form and the original processing form cannot be located by the Investigation Section, entitlement to pay will be authorized when such sickness has been claimed on the reprocessing form and evidence as indicated in paragraph 2b, above, is on file to substantiate the service connected illness.

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