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CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF EVENTS

- May 1934 - Tydings McDuffie Act, under which Commonwealth Government was to be independent 4 Jul 46, had the provision that President of US might call into the service of the Armed Forces of US all military forces organized by the Commonwealth.
- 23 Dec 35 - Commonwealth Act No. 1 drafted by MacArthur and US Army group passed, organizing PA, called National Defense Act.
- 26 Jul 41 - President Roosevelt called all Philippine Commonwealth Forces into service of the Armed Forces of the US under Gen. MacArthur, as "USAFFE". (Military Order dtd 26 Jul 41)
- 15 Aug 41 - Philippine Air Corps was called into USAFFE. (USAFFE GO No. 5, 5 Aug 41)
- 1 Sep 41 - First infantry regiment and cadres (PA) called into USAFFE. (USAFFE GO No. 6, 19 Aug 41)
- 1 Oct 41 - PA engineer battalions called into USAFFE. (USAFFE GO No. 11, 24 Sep 41)
- 15 Oct 41 - First Regiment PC called in.
- 8 Dec 41 - Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and Clark Field. ("Triumph in the Philippines")
- 10 Dec 41 - Japanese made first landing on Luzon at Vigan and Aparri. (ibid)
- 12 Dec 41 - Japanese landed at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. (ibid)
- 17 Dec 41 - Units of Philippine Constabulary were placed under the control of Hq PA, making them eligible to be inducted into the USAFFE.
- 22 - 23 Dec 41 - First US Expeditionary Forces in Brisbane, Australia. Task Force-South Pacific became US Forces in Australia (USFPA) upon debarkation. (AFFAC Chronology)

- 24 Dec 41 - Manila declared an open city. President Quezon, high Philippine government officials and US High Commissioner's Staff move to Corregidor. ("Triumph in the Philippines")
- 29 Dec 41 - President Quezon inaugurated on Corregidor, for a second term. ("Triumph in the Philippines")
- 31 Dec 41 - Bombing of Corregidor was renewed, continuing daily to 7 Jan 42. (ibid)
- 2 Jan 42 - Manila taken by the Japanese. (ibid)
- 25 Jan 42 - United States and Filipino forces on Luzon ordered to withdraw to Bataan Peninsula. (ibid)
- 20 Feb 42 - President Quezon, his family and other high government officials evacuated from Corregidor by submarine. (ibid)
- 22 Feb 42 - Several war correspondents escape from Corregidor on the inter-island ship *Princesa de Cebu*, carrying message from MacArthur to the outside world. (ibid)
- 7 Mar 42 - Missing Persons Act--P. L. 490--passed by 77th Congress.
- 11 Mar 42 - General MacArthur turned over command of all Luzon troops to General Wainwright and left for Australia by PT boat and plane. ("Triumph in the Philippines.")
- 17 Mar 42 - General MacArthur arrived in Australia. (ibid)

- 20 Mar 42 - General Wainwright became Lieutenant General and assumed command of all troops in the Philippines. (ibid)
- 21 Mar 42 - General Wainwright moved his headquarters to Corregidor. (ibid)
- 22 Mar 42 - Japanese commenced terrific artillery bombardment of Corregidor. (ibid)
- 24 Mar 42 - Aerial bombardment of Corregidor resumed by Japanese. (ibid)
- 1 Apr 42 - The 116th bombing raid of Corregidor took place. (ibid)
- 7 Apr 42 - General King asked permission to surrender Bataan Forces. General Wainwright refused. (ibid)
- 8 Apr 42 - More than 100 nurses and many hundreds of soldiers evacuated from Bataan to Corregidor. (ibid)
- 9 Apr 42 - Bataan surrendered. General Wainwright received radiogram from President Roosevelt lifting the no-surrender order of General MacArthur. (ibid)
- 10 Apr 42 - Japanese occupied Mariveles. (ibid)
- 18 Apr 42 - GHQ SWPA initial date (AFFAC Chronology)
- 29 Apr 42 - Japanese celebrated Emperor's birthday by giving Corregidor its most intense shelling of the siege. Two PBX's removed twenty-two nurses and twenty-eight others from the island. (ibid)

- 4 May 42 - Sixteen thousand Japanese shells landed on Corregidor in 24 hours. (ibid)
- 5 May 42 - Shelling was intensified. Japanese landed on North shore opposite Kindley Field at 2200. (ibid)
- 6 May 42 - Japanese beachhead was established by 0300. At dawn Japanese were 500 yards from east entrance of Malinta Tunnel. Surrender flag raised at noon. Surrender signed at Midnight. (ibid)
- 7 May 42 - Wainwright's formal surrender of Corregidor and 4 harbor fortresses and all American and Filipino troops in Philippines. General Wainwright moved to Manila. All PA inducted into USAFFE before this date are considered USAFFE.
- 14 May 42 - General Sharp's surrender.
- 26 May 42 - Men captured on Corregidor were moved to Manila and from there to Camp O'Donnell. ("Triumph in the Philippines")
- 12 Jul 42 - Induction of 14th Inf Regt PA into AUS authorized by General MacArthur.
- 20 Jul 42 - USASOS created to assume functions of discontinued USAFIA. (AFFAC Chronology)
- 8 Aug 42 - *No PA medical officers on duty at O'Donnell. Camp. After this date.*
- 25 Jan 43 - Termination of POW status of USAFFE concentrated at Capas Concentration Camp. (Veterans Branch Adjudication data)
- 26 Feb 43 - USAFFE reconstituted. (AFFAC Chronology)

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- 19 Jul 43 - Induction of Troop "C" 26th Cav (PS) into AUS authorized by General MacArthur.
- ~~23 Oct 43 - If individual missing after this date entitlement to pay would terminate 12 months from date last known of. If individual missing before this date entitlement to pay stops on 23 Oct 44.~~
- 4 Oct 44 - Theater Claims Service established as special staff section of USAFFE. (History of Claims Service dtd Sept 1949)
- 20 Oct 44 - Sixth Army invaded Leyte.
- 23 Oct 44 - By virtue of US presidential proclamation of 26 Jul 41, Hq & Hq Co Philippine Army called into service of armed forces of the US in the Philippines this date. (USAFFE Ltr O91.711, dtd 23 Nov 44 in AGRD file 370.5)
- 23 Oct 44 - Provisional HQ of Philippine Army organized. (HQ PA Letter Orders No. 6)
- 23 Oct 44 - Commonwealth government landed in Leyte. Only after this date would information on a death be available. Entitlement to pay of PA personnel terminated on this date in cases of persons who died before this date. For persons who died afterward pay terminates on date of receipt of notice of death by HQ PA or 1 year and 1 day later if missing on this date and no notice of death received by HQ PA.
- 23 Oct 44 - Provisional HQ PA organized at Tacloban, Leyte-- Command of Maj Gen Valdes. (HQ PA Letter Orders No. 8 in AGRD file No. 370.5)

- 28 Oct 44 - Executive Order No. 21, Osmena decreed that all persons of any nationality or citizenship who are actively serving a recognized military force in the Philippines are hereby considered to be on active service in the PA. A "recognized military force" is defined as a force under a commander who has been appointed, designated or recognized by Commander-in-Chief SWPA.
- Jan 1945 - RP Section began in Tacloban, Leyte (Part of G-1), to recover Project "J" people under WD Casualty Plan. (See Historical Report of Apr 46.)
- 6 Jan 45 - Sixth Army invaded Luzon at Lingayen Gulf. (AFPAC Chronology)
- 25 Jan 45 - Americans begin bombing of Corregidor. ("Triumph in the Philippines")
- 3 Feb 45 - 1st Cavalry entered Grace Park, Manila. (AFPAC Chronology)
- 16 Feb 45 - U.S. parachutists begin bombing of Corregidor at 0830 and amphibious forces at 1030. ("Triumph in the Philippines")
- 25 Feb 45 - Corregidor secured by United States forces. Mopping up continued. ("Triumph in the Philippines")
- 2 Mar 45 - Only a few isolated forces still holding out on Corregidor. General MacArthur returns to the island. (ibid)
- 3 Mar 45 - Last organized enemy resistance in Manila overcome by 37th Inf Div, 1st Cav Div & 11th A/B Div. (AFPAC Chronology)

- 3 Mar 45 - Payment of 3-mo. advance to USAFFE personnel approved by CinC USAFFE. (Ltr in AGRD "finance" file)
- 4, 5, 6 Mar 45 - Recovered Personnel Section moved to Manila. (RPD Historical Report dtd Apr 46)
- 7 Mar 45 - MacArthur established interpretation of WD Casualty Administration.
- 20 Mar 45 - US Veterans Administration Manila Regional Office reestablished. (USAFFE Cir No. 24)
- 6 Apr 45 - U.S. Army Forces Pacific (AFFAC) established. (USAFFE GO No. 69, according to Lt. Deurance)
- 18 Apr 45 - Fort Drum blown up by American forces. ("Triumph in the Philippines")
- 28 Apr 45 - HQ Philippine Army established its own PA Recovered Personnel Division to operate as a special staff section of HQ PA. (Phil Army GO No. 47)
- 8 May 45 - VE Day (AFFAC Chronology)
- 10 May 45 - Guerrilla Affairs Section established as a separate staff section. (AGRD Orientation-training Course Notes dtd Jan 1949)
- Jun 1945 - RP Branch became part of AGO, AFFAC, Personnel Division, (Col. Marcus in charge)

- 7 Jun 45 - US Army Services of Supply, Southwest Pacific Area (USASOS) discontinued. AFWESPAC established, which took over USASOS personnel. (AFFAC GO No. 3; AFWESPAC GO No. 1)

- 9 Jun 45 - All USAFFE units asgd to AFFAC. USAFFE HQ asgd to AFFAC HQ. (AFFAC GO No. 5)

- 10 Jun 45 - RP Branch became part of Personnel Division, AGO AFFAC. (AFFAC AGO Office Memo No. 1)
- 10 Jun 45 - Claims Service assigned as special staff section of HQ AFWESPAC. (USAFFE GO 136)
- 6 Jul 45 - Veterans Administration declared to be an essential war agency.

- 11 Jul 45 - RP Branch became a Division of the AG Office, AFFAC. (AFFAC AGO Office Memo No. 8)

- 11 Aug 45 - A plan submitted to the Commander-in-Chief AFFAC recommending reconsideration and revision of the WD Plan for Casualty Administration.

- 11 Aug 45 - RP Detachment, AFFAC, established assigned to Special Troops APO 500. (GO 105) RP Detachment organized which trained recovery teams for Japan.

- 15 Aug 45 - Surrender of Japan announced by President of U.S. General MacArthur assumed command as SCAP & initiated action directly with Jap Gov't for cessation of hostilities.

- 15 Aug 45 - Deadline for USAFFE stragglers to report to nearest processing team, replacement battalion or active unit. Announced in PA Cir #59, 3 Jul 45.

- 17 Aug 45 - Date of AG letter authorizing one or more grade promotions to AUS military personnel who were held POW for more than 18 months.
- 27 Aug 45 - Guerrilla Affairs Branch, Philippine Army Division, G-3 organized.
- 28 Aug 45 - Eighth Army advance party landed at Atougi Airdrome Tokyo.
- 2 Sep 45 - Formal surrender aboard the USS Missouri.
- 3 Sep 45 - Yamashita surrendered at Baguio.
- Sep 45 (first wk) - Col. Marcus & advance echelon staff opened office in Japan.
- 26 Sep 45 - Date beyond which TDG units are not authorized. Unrecognized guerrilla units disbanded this date. (Osama Exec. Order No. 68)
- 5 Oct 45 - SCAP established on or before this date. (AFFAC GO No. 231)
- Oct 1945 - HQ AFFAC transferred to Japan.
- 6 Oct 45 - Three year enlistments for 50,000 PS with restricted benefits authorized by PL 190, 79th Congress. (Restrictions were applied under PL 391, 79th Congress 27 May 1946)

- 1 Nov 45 - PS & dependents in service prior to this date are eligible to file claims for compensation for service-connected disability or death and other benefits.
- 5 Nov 45 - All elements of Philippine Army asgd to AFPAC relieved and reassigned to AFWESPAC. (AFPAC GO 306)
- 5 Nov 45 - RPD trfd to AG Section, AFWESPAC. (AFWESPAC GO 281)
- 5 Nov 45 - RP Detachment AFPAC redesignated RP Detachment AFWESPAC & ~~is~~ relieved from assignment with Special Troops GHQ AFPAC and asgd to AFWESPAC. (AFPAC GO 310)
- 21 Nov 45 - RPD requested rules for adjudication be approved.
- 28 Nov 45 - RPD AG Sec HQ AFWESPAC assumed function of RPD, PA, & responsibility for administration of MFA as applicable to PA as well as US personnel.
- 27 Dec 45 - Requested rules approved and embodied in Staff Memo No. 14. (Previously embodied in MacArthur's instructions of 7 Mar '45.)
- "Latter 1945 & - Crigger Board toured PI collecting organization
Early 1946" records of guerrilla units.
- 1 Jan 46 - Last twenty Japanese stragglers surrendered on Corregidor. ("Triumph in the Philippines")

- 8 Jan 46 - Casualty Branch and personnel trfd from AFFAC to AFWESPAC (See note in AGRD file No. 370.5)
- 10 Jan 46 - Disbursing functions trfd from AG, RPD, to Office of Fiscal Director. (AFWESPAC Staff Memo #3. See note in AGRD file No. 370.5)
- 10 Jan 46 - Function of casualty clearance of all WWII Casualties trfd from AFFAC to AFWESPAC and assigned RPD. (History of RPD dtd 14 Nov 46)
- February 46 - RPD moved from Manila to Mandaluyong location.
- 4 Feb 46 - Personnel of RP Detachment, assigned HQ Spec Troops for duty with AG Section, RP Div, AFWESPAC. (Ltr AFWESPAC GSCOT 322(46) dtd 15 Feb 46) in our file 370.5
- 15 Feb 46 - Recovered Personnel Detachment was redesignated Operations Branch of Recovered Personnel Division.
- 18 Feb 46 - On or about this date the 86th Div was relieved of the mission of processing and paying IDG, at which time this responsibility was assigned RPD.
- 18 Feb 46 - PL 301, 79th Congress, provides that service of PA personnel while in service of AUS is not service in the AUS and therefore benefits for these men are restricted.
- Apr 1946 - Revision of recognition dates of the guerrilla units under the command of Col. Volckmann (USAFIP NL).

- 4 May 46 - JAG, USA ruled that PL 301, 79th Congress excludes FA personnel from MPA, but that under this law and the Military Appropriation Act for 1946, the CG, Western Pacific is authorized to pay accrued arrears in pay to FA personnel.
- 8 May 46 - Information received from WD that PL 301, 79th Congress, passed on 18 Feb 46, excluded FA from MPA. Suspension of USAFFE cases began.
- 27 May 46 - All Operations Branch field teams called in as of this date.
- Jun 1946 - Revision of recognition date of the 10th Military District.
- 30 Jun 46 - No guerrilla casualties will be recognized or receive any pay beyond this date.
- 1 Jul 46 - Philippine Army turned over to the Commonwealth government. (RPD Historical Outline dtd 28 Oct 45)
- 1 Sep 46 - Forwarding of pertinent records pertaining to FA personnel to the Veterans Administration began.
- Oct 46 - Revision of recognition date of the Cebu Area Command.
- Oct 46 - Approximate \$100,000 allotted for sorting Crigger Board's records under Project Charlie, now called Records Branch "Archives".
- 12 Oct 46 - Bulk Authorization Personnel of RPD redesignated 8133d Service Det (RPD)

- 28 Oct 46 - Sorting, abstracting and consolidating into 201 files & Dewey Decimal files of PA records (Proj "Charlie").
- 1 Nov 46 - USAFFE claims will not be adjudicated until further notice "pending enactment or disapproval by US Congress of a law to provide additional benefits for members of USAFFE". Civilian guerrilla claims will be adjudicated by PA Branch in accordance with priority lists based on approved rosters whose recognition dates have been approved by Guerrilla Affairs Branch of AFWESPAC. Adjudication Memo No. 9.
- 5 Nov 46 - HQ PA issued procedure for processing stragglers who returned to military control after 30 Jun 46. ✓
- Nov 1946 - VA began requesting loyalty investigation by AGRD. Previously VA requested directly of CIC.
- Nov 1946 - Livesay Board arrived in Philippines for one-month stay to collect data to determine whether PA personnel should be paid under MPA.
- 29 Nov 46 - Last USAFFE circular published, ^{2nd ed} (The one before this we have is 9 June 45)
- 1 Jan 47 - AFFAC redesignated GHQ FEC. (FEC Cir No. 1 and GHQ FEC CO No. 2, according to Lt. Lieurance)
- 1 Jan 47 - AFWESPAC redesignated PHILRYCOM (According to Lt. Lieurance)
- 1 Jan 47 - RPD redesignated a unit of PHILRYCOM. (AFWESPAC CO No. 272, 31 Dec 46, according to 1st Ind C/H Chief Historical Section to GAD dtd 10 Oct 47)

- 1 Jan 47 - Claims Service asgd to PHILRYCOM. (Resume of Claims Activities dtd 1 Sep 48)
- 29 Jan 47 - Philippine Veterans Affairs Section organized as part of PA Branch.
- 1 Feb 47 - Investigation Branch set up. Began handling VA Requests for loyalty information.
- Apr 1947 - Project Charlie stopped. Most records sorted.
- 25 Jul 47 - As result of recommendations of Livesay Board, Congress passed PL 241 which made MPA applicable to PA.
- 29 Jul 47 - Suspension on USAFFE cases lifted as MPA made applicable to USAFFE by signature of President Truman.
- 20 Sep 47 - Casualty Branch of RFD transferred to American Graves Registration Service.
- Dec 1947 - Work on Reconstructed Roster and also Revised Roster GAD began about this date. Rosters of first units completed and sent to RFD and also FO HNDP. (Completed May 48).
- 15 Jan 48 - Up to 30 Nov 49, requests for redetermination of living PA arrears in pay cases might be made if initial claim was filed before this date.
- 29 Feb 48 - Up to 30 Nov 49, requests for redetermination of deceased PA arrears in pay cases might be made if initial claim was filed before this date.

- 31 Mar 48 - Up to Oct 1948, initial filings of contract claims might be *accepted* if filed before this date. Deadline date later changed--see 20 June 49. Redetermination program completed 31 Dec 49.
- 31 Mar 48 - Deadline for filing guerrilla recognition. (Vets Br adjudication data)
- May 1948 - Work on last units of Reconstructed Roster and Revised Roster completed.
- May 1948 - Discussions with representatives of Philippine Government toward making lump sum settlement of arrears in pay and contract claims.
- 30 Jun 48 - Termination date of arrears in pay program. Appropriation expired. Also final date set for payment of contractual obligations of US Armed Forces and therefore claims service deadline. Also closing period of guerrilla recognition. (Vets Br adjudication data)
- 30 Jun 48 - Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3 Section, deactivated. (PHILRYCOM Staff Memo No. 14)
- 1 Jul 48 - The function of investigating military claims trfd from Claims Service, PHILRYCOM to the Judge Advocate Section, PHILRYCOM.
- Jul 48 - PA Branch, RFD, became Veterans Branch, RFD.
- Jul 48 - Operations Section, Veterans Branch, abolished and records sent to Records Branch.

- 1 Aug 48 - PHILRYCOM redesignated PHILCOM, and RYCOM established as a separate command. RPD asgd to PHILCOM. Claims Service asgd to PHILCOM. (PHILRYCOM GO NO. 58)
- 11 Aug 48 - Two-day VA-AGRD conference held in Washington.
- 26 Aug 48 - Deactivation of Claims Service, functions of which were absorbed by the newly activated Adjustment Section.
- 26 Aug 48 - General Order No. 4 for the activation of Adjustment Section which were housed in the former RPD now AGRD, effective 1 Sep 48.
- 1 Sep 48 - RPD became AGRD, Phil Army Br became Veterans Br., Deceased Claims Section became Deceased Section.
- 1 Sep 48 - Adjustment Section established as a special staff section of PHILCOM, to absorb certain functions of Claims Service and of RPD. (PHILCOM GO No. 4)
- 1 Sep 48 - AGRD established as a branch of the AG Section, HQ PHILCOM, to absorb certain functions of Claims Service and of RPD. (PHILCOM GO No. 4)
- 23 Feb 49 - AGRD became a subordinate command of HQ PHILCOM. Col. R. W. Forster (formerly CO of Adjustment Section) assumed command of AGRD, which simultaneously took on the mission and functions of Adjustment Section, together with its personnel. (PHILCOM GO No. 13)
- 2 to 12 Mar 49 - AGRD moved to PU area. (AGRD History dtd Sep 1949)

- 31 Mar 49 - Deadline for reconsideration requests (later changed to 31 Dec 49). (Vets Br Adjudication data)
- 30 Jun 49 - Up to 30 Nov 49, requests for redetermination of PA contract claims were considered if initial claim was filed before this date--officially, acceptance of requests for redetermination was closed on 30 Jun 49.
- 13 Oct 49 - PHILAIRCOM established. (GHQ FEC GO No. 48, according to Lt. Lieurance)
- 14 Oct 49 - PHILCOM discontinued.
- 15 Oct 49 - Responsibility exercised over Army units remaining in the PI assumed by PHILAIRCOM, except for General Court-Martial jurisdiction. (PHILCOM GO No. 79)
- 7 Nov 49 - PHILAIRCOM redesignated PHILCOM (AF) & 13th AF. (13th AF GO No. 1)
- 31 Dec 49 - Last date US Army contract claims (initial or request for redetermination) were accepted by AGRD. Subsequently must be filed with TJAG, Wash. Adjustment Division closed.
- 11 Feb 50 - Col. Forster relieved; Lt. Col. Gold assumed command of AGRD.
- 24 Mar 50 - Operational control of AGRD assumed by CG PHILCOM (AF) & 13th AF.
- 21-26 Jun 50 - Army-VA conference in Washington.
- 16-27 Oct 50 - AGRD moved to Palma Hall.
- 6 Nov 50 - US-PI agreement signed in Washington to settle payment of \$36 million.
- 14 Apr 51 - Lt. Col. Wm. M. Gold relieved; Col. Graden C. Waters assumed command of AGRD.

- 26 June to - FEC management team visited AGRD.
8 July 51
- 1 Aug 51 - Overall reorganization of AGRD effected.
- 5 Nov 51 - Col. Graden C. Waters relieved; Col. Albert A. Lindquist assumed command of AGRD.

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