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Status of ROTC Cadets
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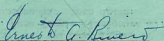
1. The basis for this memorandum is Memorandum dated 16 October 1952 from Walter B. Lang, Chief, Religious Claims Section.
2. The names or identities of 100 ROTC cadets from ROTC units of San Juan de Letran College, Mapua Institute of Technology and Quisumbing (Quesumbing) College allegedly stationed in San Juan de Letran College during 10 to 29 December 1941 have not been established for the reason that the same were not furnished this headquarters by the requesting agency, and that there are no archives on these ROTC units in this headquarters.
3. However, attached hereto are a list of ROTC tactical officers, ROTC cadets and students of various schools and colleges in the Manila Area as of December 1941, with brief summary of statements in their 201 records (Inclosure A); clippings from "THE TRIBUNE" issues of December 1941 (Inclosure B); and certificate of Mr. Jose Tagpis (Inclosure C). From a study of these records, the following conclusions have been drawn:
 - a. Subsequent to 8 December 1941 ROTC cadets of ROTC units of various colleges and universities in Manila were ordered into active cadre training. The purpose of the training was to qualify cadets for membership in the Philippine Army reserve force, as required in the National Defense Law of the Commonwealth of the Philippines; and, because of the existing emergency, to prepare the cadets for subsequent USAFFE service.
 - b. The cadets were trained by college units under tactical officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army who were assigned to different colleges as instructors.
 - c. The responsibility of training and expenses incurred incident to the ROTC cadre training were borne by the Philippine Commonwealth Government. The "cadets get no pay except their subsistence, which is supplied by the army."
 - d. The ROTC cadets undergoing cadre training were ordered disbanded by Philippine Army Headquarters on or about 25 December 1941. "Cadets returning home are given transportation allowance by the army. Those who are unable to return home due to lack of transportation facilities will be given subsistence while they are in their respective training centers."
 - e. Philippine Army officers and enlisted men assigned to ROTC units as tactical officers and instructors allege induction into the USAFFE on various dates - 14, 16, 17, and 19 December 1941 - at UST or FBU by either Col Bienvenido Alba or Major Emmanuel Cepeda.

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f. ROTC cadets were not inducted into the USAFFE during the period they were in cadre training. The purpose of the training is indicated in sub-paragraph a, above.

g. After the disbandment of ROTC cadre training on or about 25 December 1941, some ROTC cadets volunteered and were accepted for service either with the Anti-Tank Battalion or the 2nd Field Artillery Regiment of the 2nd Regular Division, PA, units that were organized in the later part of December 1941 at the University of Santo Tomas. ROTC cadets who were accepted for service with these units were inducted into the USAFFE on various dates, either in the University of Santo Tomas or in Bataan, as indicated by allegations in 201 records. Two cadets of the Mapua Institute of Technology allege induction by Capt Vinluan, ROTC Commandant of Mapua on 12 December 1941. The allegations have no basis of fact because Capt Vinluan had himself inducted only on 16 December 1941, and because the cadre training was for the purpose as indicated in sub-paragraph a, above.

4. On the basis of the foregoing findings, it is determined that ROTC units were not inducted into the USAFFE, and service with an ROTC unit is not evidence of any USAFFE status. Individual members of ROTC units may have volunteered for service with regularly established USAFFE units. Proof of USAFFE service must be established in individual claims.



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Claims Examiner



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Final Reviewer

TACTICAL OFFICERS AND ROTC CADETS OF VARIOUS ROTC UNITS IN MANILAas of December 19411. REGALA, Alejandro, Captain O-1545 (deceased)

Subject was commandant of the San Juan de Letran College ROTC Cadet Corps. He was inducted into the USAFFE on 19 Dec 41 by Col Alba and was assigned to the Anti-Tank Bn, 2nd Regular Division.

2. TAL FLACIDO, Jose C., 2nd Lt O-33022

Regular EM of the Philippine Army assigned as instructor with the San Juan de Letran College ROTC prior to outbreak of war. Alleges to have been commissioned in December 2, 1941. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

2 Dec 41 - 17 Dec 41 - ROTC - San Juan de Letran -
Manila - Capt Regala
18 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - UST, Manila - Maj Cepeda
19 Dec 41 - 30 Dec 41 - 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD, UST,
Manila - Maj Cepeda

Affidavit of Jose O. Villanueva, 1st Lt O-46617 which have bearing on the case in question is extracted hereunder:

"That on or about 19 December 1941, all Philippine Army Officers and Enlisted Men assigned with ROTC Units, Manila (2nd Lieut. Jose C. Tal Placido among them) were assembled in front of the Santo Tomas University, Manila and were inducted into the USAFFE with Major Emmanuel Cepeda as the Inducting Officer;

That on or about 30 December 1941 after the ROTC Units in Manila were disbanded, the 2nd Anti-Tank Bn was formed and organized under the command of Major Emmanuel Cepeda; 2nd Lieut Jose C. Tal Placido was assigned Executive Officer of the Hq & Hq Company of the battalion, while I was the Executive Officer of Company "D" of same battalion;"

Affidavit of Honorato Espinola, Cpl, 214474, also bearing on the case in question is extracted hereunder:

"That on 18 Dec 41, all Philippine Army personnels assigned with ROTC units were assembled in front of the Santo Tomas University and were inducted into the USAFFE by Major Emmanuel Cepeda;

That on or about 27 Dec 41, after the ROTC units in Manila were disbanded the 2nd Anti-Tank Bn was organized under the command of Major E. Cepeda, with 2nd Lt. Jose C. Tal Placido, Executive Officer of the Hq & Hq Co of the battalion;"

3. VINLUAN, Pedro S., Major O-1494

Subject officer was the Commandant of the Mapua Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Service as indicated in his Form 23 are as follows:

14 Jul 41 - 15 Dec 41 - Commandant ROTC, MIT -
Manila - Lt Col. A. Garcia
16 Dec 41 - Inducted into the USAFFE - Manila - Col Alba
17 Dec 41 - 26 Dec 41 - Commandant ROTC, MIT - Manila -
Col Alba
27 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Ex O, 2nd FA, Prov Brig -
Batangas - Gen de Jesus
1 Jan 42 - 8 Apr 42 - Ex O, 2nd FA, 2nd RD; Bn Comdr,
2nd Bn, 2nd FA - Gen Francisco

4. URANZA, Luis A., Captain O-1593

Subject officer was the Ex O and S-3 of the Mapua Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Service indicated in his PA AGO Form 23 are as follows:

1 Oct 41 - 25 Dec 41 - Ex O, S-3, ROTC, MIT - Manila -
Lt Col A. Garcia
26 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Ex O, S-3, 2nd Anti Tank -
Tagaytay - Maj Cepeda

5. GIL DE MONTES, Eduardo V., 2nd Lt (Deceased)

Subject was tactical officer of the Mapua Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Subject was alleged to have been inducted into the USAFFE in the latter part of December 1941.

6. FRANCISCO, Manuel C., 1st Lt O-33909

Subject was tactical officer of the Mapua Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Service indicated in his PA AGO Form 23 are as follows:

1 Nov 41 - Called to active duty - MIT
2 Nov 41 - 15 Dec 41 - Instructor, ROTC - Manila -
Capt P. Vinluan
16 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - UST - Lt Col Alba
17 Dec 41 - 8 Apr 42 - Co M, 2nd FA (MG) 2nd RD -
Bataan - Col Alba

7. DE JOYA, Alberto R., 1st Lt O-25804

Subject was tactical officer of the Far Eastern University ROTC Unit from 28 Dec 40 to 26 Dec 41. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

1 Jul 41 - 16 Dec 41 - ROTC Division - Manila -
Lt Col Alba
17 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - Manila - American O.
18 Dec 41 - 26 Dec 41 - Bn CO, ROTC Div - Manila -
Lt Col Alba
27 Dec 41 - 31 Jan 42 - Ex O, CO E, 2nd FA - Manila -
Tagaytay - Bataan - Col Alba

1 Feb 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Ex O, Btry H, 21st FA - Bataan -
Col N. Catalan

8. MANOZ, Hermanigildo B., Capt O-39538

Subject was tactical officer of the Far Eastern University ROTC Unit. Service record as indicated in his PA AGO Form 23 are as follows:

24 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Ex O, Co F, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA,
2nd RD - UST, Manila - Col Alba
1 Jan 42 - 3 Feb 42 - Ex O, Co F, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA,
2nd RD - Bataan - Col Alba
3 Feb 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Bn S-4, 14th Prov Regt, 21st FA -
Bataan - Col N. Catalan

Portions of affidavit of Major Bienvenido M. Alba dated 12 Apr 46 which bear on the case in question are extracted:

"7. That during the time that Captain MANOZ had been under my command he had shown exceptional devotion to duty, under enemy fire, displayed a rare quality of leadership, and developed a high state of training and efficiency of his unit, notwithstanding that they were composed largely of ROTC Cadets and volunteers, and it would be highly unjust, if his promotion would not be confirmed, which he highly deserves, by efficiency rating, age, qualifications and experience.

9. SEBASTIAN, Ricardo F., 1st Lt O-25830

Subject was tactical officer of the National Teachers College ROTC unit. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

Jul 41 - 27 Dec 41 - Adjutant, ROTC, NTC - Manila -
Col A. Garcia
28 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Co H, 2nd FA Regt - Bataan
Inducted into the USAFFE on 19 Dec 41 by Col Alba

10. VILLANUEVA, Jose O., 2nd Lt O-46617

Subject officer was the commandant of the Union College ROTC Unit. Service indicated in his Form 23 are as follows:

1 Jul 41 - 29 Dec 41 - ROTC Commandant, Union College -
Manila - Lt Col Garcia
30 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Ex O, Co D, Anti Tank Bn - Bataan -
Maj E. Cepeda
Inducted into the USAFFE on 19 Dec 41 by Col Alba at UST

11. VILLAMOR, Ruperto A., 1st Lt O-34422

Subject officer was the commandant (CO) of the University of Manila ROTC Unit. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 1 Jul 41 - 13 Dec 41 - CO, UM ROTC unit - Manila -
Lt Col Alba
- 14 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - HPA - Manila -
Col Alba
- 15 Dec 41 - 25 Dec 41 - CO, UM ROTC Unit - HPA, Manila -
Col Alba
- 26 Dec 41 - 1 Feb 42 - S-1, 2nd Anti-Tank Bn -
Manila-Bataan - Col Alba
- 2 Feb 42 - 9 Apr 42 - CO, 2nd Anti Tank Bn - Bataan -
Maj A. Dumlao

12. OLORES, Federico C., 2nd Lt O-1758

Subject was tactical officer of (possibly University of Manila under Lt Villamor) ROTC unit. His Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 6 Jul 41 - 23 Dec 41 - Student O, Inf Sch, Assgd ROTC
Unit, Manila - Lt Villamor
- 24 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Instructor PMA Fld Sv Sch. Ex O,
Co A, 2nd Anti-Tank Bn, 2nd RD -
Manila to Bataan - Maj Cepeda &
Lt Lara.

13. OLEGARIO, Antonio M., 3rd Lt O-45788

Subject was allegedly a reserve officer who reported for active duty on 8 Dec 41 and was allegedly assigned as ROTC instructor. His PA AGO Form 23 shows service as follows:

- 8 Dec 41 - Called to active duty - Manila
- 20 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - Manila - Capt A. Regala
- 21 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD -
Manila - Capt A. Regala
- 1 Jan 42 - 6 Feb 42 - 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD -
Bataan - Capt A. Regala
- 7 Feb 42 - 12 Feb 42 - 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD -
Enroute to Iloilo

REMARKS: I was called to active duty on or about 8 Dec 41. On or about 9 Dec 41 reported for duty to Capt Alejandro Regala who was then CO of San Juan de Letran College ROTC unit. That on or about 20 of Dec 41, I was inducted into the USAFFE at FEU grounds by an Amer O. (Name unk)

14. RODAS, Ernesto O., 2nd Lt O-28435

Subject allegedly volunteered for PA service with the ROTC unit of San Juan de Letran College. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 15 Dec 41 - Volunteered PA - San Juan de Letran
College - PA Volunteer

16 Dec 41 - 27 Dec 41 - ROTC unit - San Juan de Letran
College - Manila - Capt A. Regala
28 Dec 41 - 1 Jan 42 - Sv Co, Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD -
Sto Tomas - Manila - Capt A. Regala
2 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Lamac, Bataan -
Capt A. Regala
3 Jan 42 - 29 Jan 42 - Sv Co, Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD -
Bataan - Capt A. Regala
30 Jan 42 - 14 Feb 42 - Tank Co, AT Bn, 2nd RD - Bataan -
Lt J. Del Prado

Remarks: I volunteered to the PA at the ROTC unit at San Juan de Letran College, Manila, by authority of Capt A. Regala who was the ROTC CO of that unit. On the date the Anti-Tank Bn, 2nd RD was organized, I was taken into the Sv Co, stationed at Sto Tomas University, Manila. We arrived at Lamac, Bataan on the 1st January 1942 and then on the next day I was told verbally by Capt A. Regala that I was already inducted into the USAFFE.

15. MENDIOLA, Arturo Y., 1st Lt O-22670

Subject was a Pre-Law student at Letran at the outbreak of the war. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

22 Dec 41 - Called to active duty - Manila - Capt A. Regala
24 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - Manila - Capt A. Regala
25 Dec 41 - 29 Dec 41 - stayed in Manila - Capt A. Regala
30 Dec 41 - 18 Apr 42 - Lamac-Aglaloma - Bataan - Lt. A.
Alcid

In his affidavit of 13 February 1946, subject states:

"... That I was called to active duty in grade of Sgt on 24 Dec 41 by virtue of SO and inducted into the USAFFE on 27 Dec 41 in the grade of Sgt by Capt Alejandro Regala at Manila..."

16. SAENZ, Jesus P. Jr., 3rd Lt O-25980

Subject allegedly enlisted at the San Juan de Letran College on 12 December 1941. He was allegedly a reserve officer from 1 March 1941 to 11 December 1941 on an inactive status, and was allegedly assigned as ROTC instructor at San Juan de Letran college upon enlistment. His PA AGO Form 23 shows service as follows:

12 Dec 41 - 24 Dec 41 - Inst. ROTC Letran - Capt Regala
25 Dec 41 - 29 Jan 42 - Asst Sig O, 2nd Anti Tank Bn,
2nd RD - Manila - Bataan - Capt Regala
Inducted on 23 Dec 41 by Maj Cepeda

17. ECO, Rodrigo S., Sgt 156370

Subject was a student of the San Juan de Letran College. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

28 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Hq & Hq Sv Co, Anti Tank Bn -
Bataan - Capt Regala

Remarks: Inducted into the USAFFE on 28 Dec 41 by Capt Regala assigned with Hq & Hq Co, Anti Tank Bn....

Portions of affidavit of Capt Jose D. Regala dated Aug 1946 which have bearing on the case in question are extracted hereunder:

"2. - That, when the ROTC unit of Letran College, Intramuros, Manila, was disbanded on 24 December 1941, he reported to my brother, the late Lt. Col. Alejandro Regala, then a Captain, and was inducted into the UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST (USAFFE) on 28 DECEMBER 1941 at the Campus of the University of Santo Tomas, Sampaloc, Manila, as SERGEANT, INFANTRY, by him (Lt. Col. Regala, my brother);

4. That, he was with the "2nd Anti-tank Bn." from the time it left for Tagaytay, Cavite on 29 December 1941, on a mission to cover the withdrawal of the 51st Inf. Div. (PA) under Major General ALFRED JONES, Then a Brig. Gen. (USA), from Santo Tomas, Batangas, to Bataan, until it ("2nd Anti-Tank Bn") surrendered to the Japanese at BATAAN on 9 April 1942;"

18. PABIONA, Micanor P., 2nd Lt O-26646

Subject was allegedly ROTC cadet of the Mapua Institute of Technology. Service as indicated in his Form 23 are as follows:

12 Dec 41 - Called and Inducted into USAFFE - Manila -
Capt Vinluan
13 Dec 41 - 28 Dec 41 - Co B, Engr Co - Manila -
Lt Sarongan
29 Dec 41 - Disbanded - Manila - Lt Sarongan
30 Dec 41 - 19 Oct 42 - Civilian
Subject became active guerrilla with the 6th MD

19. BELLOSILLO, Melkias A., 2nd Lt O-26640

Subject was ROTC cadet of the Mapua Institute of Technology prior to the outbreak of war. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

1 Jul 41 - 7 Dec 41 - Student (Mapua Inst of Tech),
Manila
10 Dec 41 - Called to active duty - Manila - Capt Vinluan
12 Dec 41 - 24 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE. Sgt
ROTC-Mapua Inst of Tech - Manila -
Capt Vinluan

25 Dec 41 - Disbanded as ordered by HPA - Manila -
 Capt Vinluan
 26 Dec 41 - 8 Nov 42 - Civilian - Iloilo
 When unit was disbanded in Manila, went home to see my
 family.
 Interned in Mapua Inst of Tech, Dec 10, 1941. Disbanded
 Dec 24, 1941.

20. ESPINO, Raymundo M., Capt O-36142

Subject was a PA reservist possibly studying in Manila when the war
 broke out. His Form 23 indicates service as follows:

20 Dec 41 - 27 Mar 42 - Called to Active duty - Manila
 28 Mar 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Pototan, Iloilo -
 Maj Harding
 29 Mar 42 - 28 May 42 - Co F, 66th Inf - Iloilo

Remarks: "On or about the middle of Nov 41, I received
 a warning order to report at Dingle Iloilo, sometime in
 Dec 41. Intending to leave Manila on or about the middle
 of December so that I would arrive there in time to
 report as per order, I decided to stay in Manila up to
 about such time. Unfortunately war broke out before I
 could leave. I was therefore stranded in Manila. I
 tried to join the ROTC units but all of them were also
 disbanded. So, unable to join, I waited for a chance to
 get back home to Panay. I was able to reach Panay the
 1st week of Feb. 42. Due to insufficiency of arms in
 Panay I was not taken in immediately until 28 March 42,
 when I was inducted.

21. GILDORE, Eduardo L., 2nd Lt O-23626

Subject was a law student at the University of the Philippines on
 8 December 1941. He was an active guerrilla with the 6th MD. No USAFFE
 service is claimed in his Form 23. In his Personal Record on file,
 subject states: "Served USAFFE Dec 1941 at Manila but was disbanded."

22. ARRIOLA, Jose V., 2nd Lt O-27288

Subject was a member of the 6th MD Guerrillas. Prior to outbreak
 of war subject was in Manila, probably as a student. He claims to be a
 graduate of the Field Artillery U.P. ROTC and was called for training in
 the Anti-Aircraft, ROTC UP, but was disbanded in 24 December 1941. No
 USAFFE service is claimed.

23. ARRIOLA, Getulo A., Sgt 111385

Subject was ROTC volunteer. Form 23 shows record of service as
 follows:

18 Dec 41 - Reported for Active duty - UST, Manila -
 Lt Maglaya

19 Dec 41 - 26 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd RD - UST,
Manila - Lt Maglaya
27 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - UST - American Officer
28 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd RD - Cavite
to Batangas
1 Jan 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd RD - Bataan -
Lt Aleta

24. POSADAS, Sebastian A., Sgt 017698

Subject was ROTC volunteer. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

28 Dec 41 - Volunteered for active duty - UST -
Lt Amado Aleta
29 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Bataan -
Lt Aleta
1 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Bataan - Lt Aleta
2 Jan 42 - 16 Jan 42 - Co D, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Limay-
Lamao Bataan
17 Jan 42 - 6 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Bataan

25. FELARCA, Federico M., 2nd Lt O-46837

Subject was an ROTC cadet of the Jose Rizal College. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

10 Dec 41 - 24 Dec 41 - ROTC, JR College - Manila -
Maj S. Garcia
25 Dec 41 - 27 Dec 41 - Civilian unemployed - Manila
28 Dec 41 - Volunteered - Co D, 2nd FA Regt, 2nd RD -
Capt A. Aleta
29 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD -
Tagaytay - Capt Aleta
1 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Bataan - Capt Aleta
2 Jan 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, FA, 2nd RD -
Capt Aleta
Disbanded in ROTC training on 24 Dec 41.

26. GILDORÉ, Eduardo L., 2nd Lt O-23626

Subject was a member of the 6th MD Guerrillas. He was a student of Law at the University of the Philippines when the war broke out. He claims to have served in the USAFFE in December 1941 at Manila but was disbanded. No USAFFE service is claimed in Form 23.

27. ARRIOLA, Jose V., 2nd Lt O-27288

Subject was a member of the 6th MD, Guerrillas. He was a student in Manila when war broke out. He claims to have undergone anti-aircraft training at the University of the Philippines ROTC from December 12-24, 1941. No USAFFE service is claimed.

30. ESCUADERO, Wilgefortis F., 2nd Lt O-21770

Subject was a student and ROTC cadet of the Far Eastern University at the outbreak of war. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

28 Dec 41 - Called & Inducted into USAFFE - Manila - Lt
Col Alba
29 Dec 41 - 8 Apr 42 - Co D, MG, 2nd FA, 2nd RD -
Bataan - Lt A. Q. Aleta

31. FELARCA, Demosthenes B., Sgt O20017

Subject was ROTC volunteer and was inducted on or about the middle of January 1942. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

27 Dec 41 - 14 Jan 42 - 1st Prov Brigade, 2nd RD -
Sto Tomas U - Capt Aleta
15 Jan 42 - Induction into USAFFE - Linao, Bataan -
Capt Aleta
16 Jan 42 - 10 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD -
Cabcaben - Capt Aleta

32. CORPUZ, Dominador F., 1st Lt O-46790

Subject was ROTC cadet and volunteered on 28 Dec 41 at at UST, Manila. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

28 Dec 41 - 29 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD -
Manila - Capt Aleta
30 Dec 41 - 5 Jan 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD -
Tagaytay - Capt Aleta
6 Jan 42 - 14 Jan 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD -
Bataan - Capt Aleta
15 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Bataan - Capt Aleta
16 Jan 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD -
Bataan - Capt Aleta

33. BARRIENTOS, Ambrosio D., O-28177

Subject was ROTC cadet of the National University. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

26 Dec 41 - Called & Inducted into USAFFE - UST -
Manila - Maj E. Cepeda
27 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Bataan -
Lt Alvarez

34. VILLANUEVA, Faustino O., S/Sgt 100766

Subject was ROTC cadet from 1 Jul 41 to 20 Dec 41 and was called to active duty on 11 Dec 41, but was, allegedly, never assigned to any unit until he was inducted into the USAFFE. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

INCLOSURE A

11 Dec 41 - 20 Dec 41 - Called to active duty - UST -
Manila - Lt Dolojan
21 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - UST, Manila -
Lt Col Cepeda
22 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Co C, 2nd AT Bn, 71st Div -
Bataan

35. TAGPIS, Jose F.

See certificate, Inclosure B. Form 23 indicates service as
follows:

28 Dec 41 - Inducted into the USAFFE - 1st Campus - Manila
29 Dec 41 - 10 Apr 42 - Asgd Co E, (MG) 2nd AT Bn - Lt
A. Regala

Will Increase Reserve Classes

The outbreak of war has prompted a revision of the national defense program of the Commonwealth with a view to accelerating the training of 20,000 youths for military service, it was learned last night.

In line with this new policy, President Manuel L. Quezon has approved a plan to reduce the training period of trainees from five and one-half months to eight weeks as recommended by military authorities.

The shortening of the training period will enable the government to call at least five classes of reservists in one year, instead of only two classes at present. This will more than double the output of the training program.

The training of reservists will be resumed next month, after a week's suspension due to the suspension of Philippine Army reservists to the USAFFE. The responsibility of training reservists is borne by the Commonwealth.

ROTC Cadets Called to Cadres

Major General Basilio J. Valdez, chief of staff of the Philippine Army, yesterday issued orders for all ROTC cadets to report immediately to their respective commandants to undergo cadre training.

It is estimated that there are 13,000 ROTC cadets. Many have evacuated to the provinces with their families, following the closing of schools.

Cadets will go to the nearest PA or PC quartermaster office for their transportation orders or they may pay their own transportation, and will be reimbursed later.

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of 18 December 1941

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of 9 December 41

GOOD MORNING JUDGE

It was lunchtime and several hundred ROTC cadets were seated in the shade around an indoor basketball court. They were flushed and tired after several hours of their daily morning training in combat tactics. Now they were eating their lunch from their aluminum mess pans. Lines formed at several kitchen units where rice was dished out from huge kettles. After lunch, an afternoon of further combat training lay before them. Their sleeping quarters are in rooms in which under normal times classes in mathematics, drawing, physics and hydraulics had been held.

Many had brought their shaggy iron four-posters to the college. Those who are so poor they can't even afford beds sleep on mats on the floor. These ROTC cadets are mere youths, 17, 18, 19, 20 years old, still under the trainer age for compulsory military training. When all colleges and universities were closed following the outbreak of the war, many male students returned to their homes in the provinces. Others were stranded in the city as a result of the disruption of transportation lines to their provinces. Soon many were reporting back.

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to their ROTC commandants. "Give us something to do!" they clamored. Others returned from their homes in the provinces, where they experienced the feeling of futility and helplessness as a result of doing nothing felt by most civilians. They reported to their ROTC commandants, "Give us guns!" they cried. And so all ROTC units were again set in operation. Unlike reservists, the cadets get no pay except their subsistence, which is supplied by the army. These are the Filipino youths who in the past have been slandered and vilified as being slothful and addicted to a life of ease, weaklings who had forgotten the revolutionary traditions of their people. How is their morale? "You bet it's good!" they exclaimed. Able-bodied bureaucrats who flee from the city every day with the coming of night will

probably never be worthy of the future for which these youths of the People's Army are ready to fight. What makes it seem the more amazing is that the spirit of these cadets remains high despite the bad cooking to which they are exposed. When we visited their canteen yesterday, one cadet was ruefully regarding the mound of rice pellets on his mess pan. On his plate, besides, were a piece of fried fish and a slab that was probably meat going under false pretenses. But it was the rice that produced the bewildered look in the cadet's eyes. "Has this rice been cooked or has it been poured straight from the sack?" he asked aloud, addressing nobody in particular. During wartime it's probably a good idea in the interest of national security to impose the death penalty on caterers who dish out slop as pure slop. It certainly is no fun to die for democracy with the memory of bad cooking rankling in one's mind.

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of 20 December 1941

C'est la Guerre—ROTC

SUNDAY TRIBUNE: DECEMBER 21, 1941

He was just another of the new phenomena you see around this lovely city of ours these days. (Well, it USSR) to be a lovely city.)

Mid-afternoon on Rial Avenue, after the last "all-clear," the sidewalk buzzing with shoppers, whose attention is divided between the shopwindows and the hardballed patrol soldiers who balance rifles on shoulders to the imminent peril of heads that get in the way.

Threading his way through the throng he comes. Tall and slim, his face still round with the adolescence of his 17 years, but the hard lines visibly taking shape along the jaws. He is wearing crackling, new blue denim (overalls and jacket),

provide that only unskilled Filipino labor may be imported for defense work only and that the laborers must return to the Philippines on completion of the work.

and a gleaming silver blue-banded helmet is perched cockily on his head. (He COULD be 17.) Over this painfully new attire were slung all the impedimenta of the modern foot-soldier; haversack, ammunition belt, gas mask, tin hat. Hanging over the right shoulder by its sling was his rifle. Under one arm was his bed-roll—a mat rolled up, with his belongings inside...

The feet that only a few days ago swept him across a basketball court, or down the gleaming surface of a dance floor, were now carrying him, grim-jawed and excited, to—what?

And the dust of Rial Avenue marred the white on his tongs, black-and-white tango shoes... A little item he had forgotten in getting into wartime kit.

He is of the ROTC, of those who when war broke clamored for service, at the front, now.
—P. R.

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of 21 December 1941

TRIBUNE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1941

ROTC Cadets Are Disbanded

All ROTC cadets who have been undergoing training since the outbreak of war, were ordered disbanded yesterday by Philippine Army headquarters.

From headquarters it was learned that the training of the ROTC cadets was suspended. No explanation for the move was given officially.

However, not all of them returned home. An undisclosed number were sent to the front. Most of these were reportedly volunteers.

Those who were allowed to go home were advised to be available for call at any time.

Cadets returning home are given transportation allowance by the army. Those who are unable to return home due to lack of transportation facilities will be given subsistence while they are in their respective training units.

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of 26 December 1941

Entire Staff Of PA Inducted

The entire headquarters staff of the Philippine Army, headed by Maj. Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff, was inducted into the service of the United States Army Forces yesterday.

Lieut. Col. Richard J. Marshall, USAFFE deputy chief of staff, officiated at the induction ceremony. With him was Maj. Nufiez C. PDSol.

The entire Philippine Army is being inducted into U.S. service to effect maximum cohesion and coordination, in accordance with orders from Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commanding general of the USAFFE.

All P. A. units, regular and reserve, which have not been mustered into U.S. service, are affected by the orders.

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of
20 December 1941

All Reserves Are Called Up

All reserve officers of the infantry, artillery and engineer corps not yet called to active duty are ordered to report by Philippine Army headquarters to the district commander of the nearest district headquarters.

Army headquarters said that those holding key positions in the government and essential private enterprises, who in view of the positions they are holding may not be able to report will communicate through their superiors or employers with the military district commander who will submit their cases to headquarters for decision.

The reserve officers in the 8th military district will report to or communicate with the district commander of either the 4th or 5th districts. Headquarters of the 8th military district at Legaspi, Albay, has been closed, headquarters added.

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of
23 December 1941

Full Training to Be Given To Volunteers for P.A.

Philippine Army volunteers will be adequately trained before they are sent to the front, indicating the sufficiency of the nation's manpower on the battlefields at present.

Reserve officers called to active duty are also being fully trained to take command of these volunteers.

Philippine Army headquarters indicated that calls for more volunteers may be issued depending on developments of the war.

The army has not disclosed the exact figures on volunteers, but it was indicated that the number of volunteers has far exceeded expectations.

Answering the call of the army, reserve officers of the infantry, artillery and engineer corps went on active status started reporting for duty yesterday.

Some of these reserve officers will assume commands immediately while others will undergo refresher training following which they will be assigned to train volunteers.

Under the present set-up, the task of the Philippine Army is to train soldiers and turn them over to the USAFFE as soon as they are ready for action.

Military district commanders

yesterday reported to headquarters that besides the thousands of volunteers, thousands of reserve officers are also being trained after they have been called up.

SIGNAL CORPS OFFICERS CALLED

Philippine Army headquarters yesterday ordered all reserve officers in the signal corps who have not yet been called to active duty to report immediately. Those holding key positions in the government service or vital commercial enterprises should secure certificates to that effect from their superiors or employer, and should communicate with the adjutant general if they are not available for service.

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of
24 December 1941

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of
25 December 1941

Induction of All P.A. Forces Ordered

**USAFFE Announces Move—Valdes To
Retain Post of P. A. Chief of Staff**

The entire Philippine Army is being inducted into the service of the U. S. Army Forces in the Far East to amalgamate all defense forces and to effectuate maximum cohesion and coordination, USAFFE headquarters announced yesterday afternoon.

The announcement said that Major General Basilio J. Valdes, Philippine Army chief of staff, will continue to administer his echelon.

The decision to incorporate all remaining units of the Philippine Army to the USAFFE was reached yesterday morning by General MacArthur and President Quizon, Malabon revealed last night.

Following an informal conference between Secretary Jorge B. Vargas, acting secretary of national defense, and Brig. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, USAFFE chief of staff, it was also announced that General Valdes will
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Induction of All
P.A. Forces Ordered

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of
19 December 1941

Reservists In Phil. Army Called Up

All enlisted reservists of the Philippine Army are being called for extended active duty training, Major General Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff, announced yesterday.

Enlisted reservists are directed to report, immediately to their respective mobilization centers if their mobilization centers are
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are being accepted as volunteers.

All ROTC cadets are again directed to report immediately to their respective commandants to undergo cadre training.

ROTC cadets should report to the nearest Philippine Army or Philippine Constabulary quarter-master office for transportation orders, or they may pay for their own transportation, in which case they will be reimbursed.

Reservists in Phil. Army Called Up

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cluded, they must present themselves at once in their district headquarters.

District commanders have been instructed to call all reserve officers that may be needed in the mobilization of enlisted reservists.

All able-bodied male citizens between 20 and 30 years of age

From "THE TRIBUNE" issue of 19 December 1941

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOSE F. TAGPIS, 28 years old, residing at 825 Eloisa St., Sampaloc, Manila, hereby declare that I understand my rights under the Constitution and Laws of the Philippines; that I also understand my statements will be used to prove material facts in support of a claim from the United States Government, and that I make these statements voluntarily and freely:

That prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War, I was a high school student studying at the National University, Intramuros Branch, Manila. On or about December 8 or 10, 1941, when the ROTC units of the different colleges in Manila were organized for cadre training, I volunteered for training with the ROTC unit of the National University because I was a student there. The training was conducted by commissioned officers and enlisted personnel of the Philippine Army who were assigned as tactical officers and instructor of the ROTC cadets prior to the outbreak of war assisted by ROTC cadet officers. In the National University where I trained these officers - Lts Jose Faustino, Commandant, Romeo Alcoid, Mauro Kimsin, and Lt Quirino Tin, an officer in the Reserve Force, CE, who was assigned to our unit on or about 22 Dec 41.

That we were issued rifles, bayonets, cartridge belt, canteen and canteen cup and other equipment and we were quartered in the National University Main Building. Our training covered generally combat principles in preparation for combat duty. While we were quartered in the National University, we had our field training at the Sunken Garden, in front of the Congress. We were fed and quartered at the National University, and performed various camp duties such as kitchen police, cook, guard detail, etc. Details were prepared by the 1st Sgt, a cadet. With regards to our food, I believed we were fed by the Philippine Army or from Philippine Army funds. The Philippine Army allotted to our unit, cash allowance for food. The cash allowance was turned over to our mess officer who purchased food for our subsistence.

As far as I can remember, there were other ROTC units that were also undergoing cadre training. These units were quartered in their respective colleges, but held their field training in the Sunken Garden, except UST, FEU, PSAT and UP which held their field training in their respective campus. The ROTC cadets of Letran and Mapua Institute of Technology also had their field training in the Sunken Garden - The Letran unit trained in front of the DMHR.

The training of ROTCs continued until on or about December 24, 1941. On December 25, we were ordered to remain in our quarters in the National University awaiting orders for disbandment from Army Headquarters because Manila was declared an "Open City". On December 26, after Manila was declared an Open City, we were disbanded and told to go home. As far as I can remember the order of disbandment covered all ROTC units that were under training.

Upon disbandment, I went home to my boarding house located in San Juan de Letran street in Intramuros. At about 10 o'clock a.m. on this date, when Manila was attacked by Japanese planes, I went into the Letran College to take cover and I noticed that there were ROTC cadets. This was after the disbandment of the ROTC training cadre. I believe these cadets were in Letran because they had nowhere else to stay, their "caseras" (landlady) could have already evacuated to the province, and some of these cadets were actually boarding in Letran. These cadets I saw in Letran did not carry any arms. I also noticed that there were Philippine Army officers in the place, and those that I remember are Capt Alejandro Regala and Lt Jose Placido. I particularly remember

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Jose F. Tagpis

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these officers because I reported to them when I later volunteered for service in the USAFFE and they became my officers after I was inducted. Letran College received direct bomb hits from Japanese planes and at about four o'clock p.m., I helped to evacuate the arms in the ROTC armory in the ground floor of Letran College in trucks to the UST. The ROTC cadets, as well as the priests in Letran College were also evacuated to the University of Santo Tomas.

On the afternoon of the 27th of December 1941, I learned that the Philippine Army was recruiting ROTCs for active service. I, a resident of Leyte, being in Manila only for the purpose of studying, found myself in sheer predicament, without means or money to go home and without relatives with whom I may stay in Manila. I then decided it best to join the army, so I presented myself to Lt Alejandro Regala at the UST campus, who was at that time making a list of volunteers. On 28 December 1941, I was inducted into the USAFFE by Col. Alba and was assigned to the Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Anti-Tank Bn, 2nd RD, under Lt. Alejandro D. Regala. I was issued arms, clothing and equipments at the UST Gymnasium and we were quartered in the UST campus.

We remained in the UST campus until the night of either the 28th or 29th of December, (I do not remember which date exactly) when we were sent to Tagaytay and stayed there until the 31st. On the afternoon of the 31st we moved to Las Pinas where we established our perimeter defense and between 9 o'clock and 10:00 p.m., we were ordered to proceed to Bataan. We arrived in Bataan on January 1st 1942, were bivouaced at Linao then to Linsay where we were assigned as beach guards. In the middle part of February 1942 the whole 2d AT Bn was sent to reinforce PA, PC & PAAC units at Aglalons where we were attached to the 71st Division. I was detached from the Hq & Hq Co and was assigned to Company E, NG, 2nd Anti-Tank. Lt Alcoid was subsequently relieved by Lt. Jose Regala, a brother of Alejandro, my former CO who became my CO until the surrender. Lt Alcoid was assigned Company Ex-Officer.

That during the period from on or about 8 or 10 December to about 26 December when I was undergoing cadre training, I was not inducted into the USAFFE, and as far as I can remember, this was also true with the ROTC cadets in the National University, and this could also have been true with other ROTC units for that matter. I became a USAFFE after the ROTCs were disbanded and only because I volunteered.

Regarding the ROTCs I saw in Letran on 26 Dec 41, I do not definitely know whether or not they were already inducted on or prior to this date. However, the following are names of some of the cadets I saw in Letran on 26 Dec 41, who later became my companions in the USAFFE:

Arturo Mendiola
 Edencio Eco
 Rodrigo Eco
 Ramon Gatchalian

I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing statements; that they are made by me as true and correct with full knowledge of the fact that severe penalties involving fines and imprisonment are prescribed by Act No. 2567, Philippine Legislature, Enacted February 3, 1916 and still in force and effect (Article XV, Philippine Constitution and Art. 366 Revised Penal Code).

Jose F. Naguis
 Signature

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Witnessed by the undersigned on 17th day of November

1952, at AGRD, 8133rd Army Unit, APO 928.

W. A. Johnson

W. A. JOHNSON
CAPT. AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as shown to me by the undersigned on the day and date above written.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of the Army at Washington, D. C. this 17th day of November 1952.

I was in person on the day and date above written and witnessed the signing of the original and the making of the copy by the undersigned.

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HEADQUARTERS
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF RECORDS DEPOSITIONS
 CLOUD DATA UNIT
 APO 920

SUBJECT: Request for Information

(1) FROM: RYLE A RIVERC TO: Chief, Records Branch DATE: 4 Nov 52
 attn: Archive Section

Request that the files and records x'd below be checked for any information pertaining to:

the ROTC unit of SAN JUAN DE LETRAN College - 1941

Orgn-USAFFE (41-42) _____
 Guerrilla _____
 Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____
 Next of Kin: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 Home Address (1941) _____
 Present _____
 Immediate Commanding Officer: (Guerrilla) _____
 Remarks: Indicate if file and records pertaining to this unit.

(2) FROM: Chief, Records Branch TO: RFA DATE: 5 Nov 52
 (Archive Section)

The following information is of records:

- () 1. Guerrilla Roster: () Cy Ind Recog attached
 () No record () Cy S. O. attached
 () See verification on reverse side
- () 2. Card Index Files: _____
 () Capar Death Roster _____
 () Casualty in field and elsewhere _____
 () USAFFE _____
 () Pa _____
 () Malaybalay _____
 () Ispang PCW _____
 () Manila PCW _____
 () O'Donnell PCW _____
 () Extract of _____ records attached
- () 3. E S L I
 () No Record () Extract of records attached
- () 4. Archives pertaining to S/I as follows:

Specified unit NR as of this date.

[Signature]

The following information may pertain to subject individual:

- (a) Initial Reconstructed Troop Roster of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
NAME REMARKS

- (b) Reconstructed Revised Roster of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
NAME REMARKS

- (c) Security Roster (_____) of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____

- (d) IRL Roster:

HEADQUARTERS
 JOINT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITION
 0100 AGO UNIT
 APO 920

SUBJECT: Request for Information

(1) FROM: RFA & A OVER TO: Chief, Records Branch DATE: 4 Nov 52
 (Archive Section)

Request that the files and records x'd below be checked for any information pertaining to:

The ROTC unit of QUISUMBING COLLEGE - 1941

(Last Name) (First) (Middle) (Rank) (ASN)
 Organ-USAFFE (41-42) _____
 Guerrilla _____
 Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____
 Next of Kin: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 Home Address (1941) _____
 Present _____
 Immediate Commanding Officer: (Guerrilla) _____
 Remarks: Indicate if there are archives
pertaining to this unit.

(2) FROM: Chief, Records Branch TO: RFA DATE: 5 Nov 52
 (Archive Section)

The following information is of records:

- () 1. Guerrilla Roster: () by Ind Recog attached
 () No record () by S. O. attached
 () See verification on reverse side
- () 2. Card Index Files: _____
 () Casualty in field and elsewhere _____
 () USAFFE _____
 () PA _____
 () Mails-Balay _____
 () Espionage POW _____
 () Manila Tribune _____
 () O'Donnell POW _____
 () Extract of _____ records attached
- () 3. K S L I
 () No record () Extract of records attached
- () 4. archives pertaining to 3/1 as follows:

Specified unit NR as of this date.

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The following information may pertain to subject individual:

- (a) Initial Reconstructed Troop Roster of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
NAME REMARKS

- (b) Reconstructed Revised Roster of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
NAME REMARKS

- (c) Casualty Roster (_____) of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____

- (d) IRL Roster:

HEADQUARTERS
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF RECORDS DEPOSITION
 11350 442 UNIT
 APO 920

SUBJECT: Request for Information

(1) FROM: RFA - E A RIVERA TO: Chief, Records Branch DATE: 4/19/52
 Attn: Archive Section

Request that the files and records x'd below be checked for any information pertaining to:

The ROTC unit of MAPUA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - KNU

(Last Name) (First) (Middle) (Rank) (Age)

Orgn-USAFFE (51-62) _____
 Guerrilla _____
 Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____
 Next of Kin: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 Home Address (1941) _____
 Present _____
 Immediate Commanding Officer: (Name, Title) _____
 Remarks: Indicate if there are archives
pertaining to the unit.

(2) FROM: Chief, Records Branch TO: RFA DATE: 5 Dec 52
 (Archive Section)

The following information is on record:

- () 1. Guerrilla Roster: () by Ind Recog attached
 () No record () by S. O. attached
 () See verification on reverse side
- () 2. Card Index Files:
 () Capas Death Roster _____
 () Casualty in field and elsewhere _____
 () USAFFE _____
 () Pa _____
 () Malabale _____
 () Pampanga ICG _____
 () Manila Tribune _____
 () Cebu ICG _____
 () Extract of _____ records attached
- () 3. S 3 L 1
 () No Record () Extract of records attached
- () 4. Archives pertaining to S/I as follows:

Specified unit OK as of this date.

The following information may pertain to subject individual:

- (a) Initial Reconstructed Troop Roster of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
NAME REMARKS

- (b) Reconstructed Revised Roster of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
NAME REMARKS

- (c) Casualty Roster (_____) of _____
 Initial Date of Recognition of Unit _____
 Limiting Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____
 Revised Date of Recognition of Unit (if any) _____

- (d) IR Roster:

26 OF December 1941

ACRD-VA Status of ROTC cadets in San Juan de Letran College
Chief (See below) 26 Nov 52
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1. The basis for this memorandum is Memorandum dated 16 October 1952 from Walter B. Lang, Chief, Religious Claims Section.
2. The names or identities of 100 ROTC cadets from ROTC units of San Juan de Letran College, Mapua Institute of Technology and Quisumbing (Quesunbling) College allegedly stationed in San Juan de Letran College during 10 to 29 December 1941 have not been established for the reason that the same were not furnished this headquarters by the requesting agency, and that there are no archives on these ROTC units in this headquarters.
3. However, attached hereto are a list of ROTC tactical officers, ROTC cadets and students of various schools and colleges in the Manila Area as of December 1941, with brief summary of statements in their 201 records (Inclosure A); clippings from "THE TRIBUNE" issues of December 1941 (Inclosure B); and certificate of Mr. José Tagpis (Inclosure C). From a study of these records, the following conclusions have been drawn:

a. Subsequent to 8 December 1941 ROTC cadets of ROTC units of various colleges and universities in Manila were ordered into active cadre training. The purpose of the training was to qualify cadets for membership in the Philippine Army reserve force, as required in the National Defense Law of the Commonwealth of the Philippines; and, because of the existing emergency, to prepare the cadets for subsequent USAFFE service.

b. The cadets were trained by college units under tactical officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army who were assigned to different colleges as instructors.

c. The responsibility of training and expenses incurred incident to the ROTC cadre training were borne by the Philippine Commonwealth Government. The "cadets get no pay except their subsistence, which is supplied by the army."

d. The ROTC cadets undergoing cadre training were ordered disbanded by Philippine Army Headquarters on or about 25 December 1941. "Cadets returning home are given transportation allowance by the army. Those who are unable to return home due to lack of transportation facilities will be given subsistence while they are in their respective training centers."

e. Philippine Army officers and enlisted men assigned to ROTC units as tactical officers and instructors allege induction into the USAFFE on various dates - 14, 16, 17, and 19 December 1941 - at USF or FBU by either Col Bienvenido Alba or Major Emanuel Cepeda.

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INCLOSURE A

f. ROTC cadets were not inducted into the USAFFE during the period they were in cadre training. The purpose of the training is indicated in sub-paragraph a, above.

g. After the disbandment of ROTC cadre training on or about 25 December 1941, some ROTC cadets volunteered and were accepted for service either with the Anti-Tank Battalion or the 2nd Field Artillery Regiment of the 2nd Regular Division, PA, units that were organized in the later part of December 1941 at the University of Santo Tomas. ROTC cadets who were accepted for service with these units were inducted into the USAFFE on various dates, either in the University of Santo Tomas or in Bataan, as indicated by allegations in 201 records. Two cadets of the Mapua Institute of Technology allege induction by Capt Vinluan, ROTC Commandant of Mapua on 12 December 1941. The allegations have no basis of fact because Capt Vinluan had himself inducted only on 16 December 1941, and because the cadre training was for the purpose as indicated in sub-paragraph a, above.

4. On the basis of the foregoing findings, it is determined that ROTC units were not inducted into the USAFFE, and service with an ROTC unit is not evidence of any USAFFE status. Individual members of ROTC units may have volunteered for service with regularly established USAFFE units. Proof of USAFFE service must be established in individual claims.

Francis G. Quinn

Claims Examiner

Robert J. ...

Final Reviewer

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TACTICAL OFFICERS AND ROTC CADETS OF VARIOUS ROTC UNITS IN MANILA

Subject of this was the as of December 1941 Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Service records of this Unit are as follows:

1. REGALA, Alejandro, Captain O-1545 (deceased)

Subject was commandant of the San Juan de Letran College ROTC Cadet Corps. He was inducted into the USAFFE on 19 Dec 41 by Col Alba and was assigned to the Anti-Tank Bn, 2nd Regular Division.

2. TAL PLACIDO, Jose C., 2nd Lt O-33022

Regular EM of the Philippine Army assigned as instructor with the San Juan de Letran College ROTC prior to outbreak of war. Alleges to have been commissioned in December 2, 1941. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 2 Dec 41 - 17 Dec 41 - ROTC - San Juan de Letran -
Manila - Capt Regala
18 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - UST, Manila - Maj Cepeda
19 Dec 41 - 30 Dec 41 - 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD, UST,
Manila - Maj Cepeda

Affidavit of Jose O. Villanueva, 1st Lt O-46617 which have bearing on the case in question is extracted hereunder:

Subject was ROTC Unit. The letter "That on or about 19 December 1941, all Philippine Army Officers and Enlisted Men assigned with ROTC Units, Manila (2nd Lieut. Jose C. Tal Placido among them) were assembled in front of the Santo Tomas University, Manila and were inducted into the USAFFE with Major Emmanuel Cepeda as the Inducting Officer;

Subject was ROTC Unit. Service records of this Unit are as follows: "That on or about 30 December 1941 after the ROTC Units in Manila were disbanded, the 2nd Anti-Tank Bn was formed and organized under the command of Major Emmanuel Cepeda; 2nd Lieut Jose C. Tal Placido was assigned Executive Officer of the Hq & Hq Company of the battalion, while I was the Executive Officer of Company "D" of same battalion;"

Affidavit of Honorato Espinola, Cpl, 214474, also bearing on the case in question is extracted hereunder:

Subject was ROTC Unit. Service records of this Unit are as follows: "That on 13 Dec 41, all Philippine Army personnels assigned with ROTC units were assembled in front of the Santo Tomas University and were inducted into the USAFFE by Major Emmanuel Cepeda; ROTC Division - Manila -

That on or about 27 Dec 41, after the ROTC units in Manila were disbanded the 2nd Anti-Tank Bn was organized under the command of Major E. Cepeda, with 2nd Lt. Jose C. Tal Placido, Executive Officer of the Hq & Hq Co of the battalion;"

3. VINLUAN, Pedro S., Major O-1494

Subject officer was the Commandant of the Mapua Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Service as indicated in his Form 23 are as follows:

- 14 Jul 41 - 15 Dec 41 - Commandant ROTC, MIT - Manila - Lt Cpl. A. Garcia
- 16 Dec 41 - Inducted into the USAFFE - Manila - Col Alba
- 17 Dec 41 - 26 Dec 41 - Commandant ROTC, MIT - Manila - Col Alba
- 27 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Ex O, 2nd FA, Prov Brig - Batangas - Gen de Jesus
- 1 Jan 42 - 8 Apr 42 - Ex O, 2nd FA, 2nd RD; Bn Comdr, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA - Gen Francisco

4. URANZA, Luis A., Captain O-1593

Subject officer was the Ex O and S-3 of the Mapua Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Service indicated in his PA AGO Form 23 are as follows:

- 1 Oct 41 - 25 Dec 41 - Ex O, S-3, ROTC, MIT - Manila - Lt Col A. Garcia
- 26 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Ex O, S-3, 2nd Anti Tank - Tagaytay - Maj Cepeda

5. GIL DE MONTES, Eduardo V., 2nd Lt (Deceased)

Subject was tactical officer of the Mapua Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Subject was alleged to have been inducted into the USAFFE in the latter part of December 1941.

6. FRANCISCO, Manuel C., 1st Lt O-33909

Subject was tactical officer of the Mapua Institute of Technology ROTC Unit. Service indicated in his PA AGO Form 23 are as follows:

- 1 Nov 41 - Called to active duty - MIT
- 2 Nov 41 - 15 Dec 41 - Instructor, ROTC - Manila - Capt P. Vinluan
- 16 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - UST - Lt Col Alba
- 17 Dec 41 - 8 Apr 42 - Co M, 2nd FA (MG) 2nd RD - Bataan - Col Alba

7. DE JOYA, Alberto R., 1st Lt O-25804

Subject was tactical officer of the Far Eastern University ROTC Unit from 28 Dec 40 to 26 Dec 41. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 1 Jul 41 - 16 Dec 41 - ROTC Division - Manila - Lt Col Alba
- 17 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - Manila - American O.
- 18 Dec 41 - 26 Dec 41 - Bn CO, ROTC Div - Manila - Lt Col Alba
- 27 Dec 41 - 31 Jan 42 - Ex O, Co E, 2nd FA - Manila - Tagaytay - Bataan - Col Alba

1 Feb 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Ex O, Btry H, 21st FA - Bataan -
Col N. Catalan

8. NANZO, Hermenigildo B., Capt O-39538

Subject was tactical officer of the Far Eastern University ROTC Unit. Service record as indicated in his PA AGO Form 23 are as follows:

24 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Ex O, Co F, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA;
2nd RD - UST, Manila - Col Alba
1 Jan 42 - 3 Feb 42 - Ex O, Co F, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA,
2nd RD - Bataan - Col Alba
3 Feb 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Bn S-4, 4th Prov Regt, 21st FA -
Bataan - Col N. Catalan

Portions of affidavit of Major Bienvenido M. Alba dated 12 Apr 46 which bear on the case in question are extracted:

"7. That during the time that Captain NANZO had been under my command he had shown exceptional devotion to duty, under enemy fire, displayed a rare quality of leadership, and developed a high state of training and efficiency of his unit, notwithstanding that they were composed largely of ROTC Cadets and volunteers, and it would be highly unjust, if his promotion would not be confirmed, which he highly deserves, by efficiency rating, age, qualifications and experience.

9. SEBASTIAN, Ricardo F., 1st Lt O-25830

Subject was tactical officer of the National Teachers College ROTC unit. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

Jul 41 - 27 Dec 41 - Adjutant, ROTC, NTC - Manila -
Col A. Garcia
28 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Co H, 2nd FA Regt - Bataan
Inducted into the USAFFE on 19 Dec 41 by Col Alba

10. VILLANUEVA, Jose O., 2nd Lt O-46617

Subject officer was the commandant of the Union College ROTC Unit. Service indicated in his Form 23 are as follows:

1 Jul 41 - 29 Dec 41 - ROTC Commandant, Union College -
Manila - Lt Col Garcia
30 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Ex O, Co D, Anti Tank Bn - Bataan -
Maj E. Cepeda
Inducted into the USAFFE on 19 Dec 41 by Col Alba at UST

11. VILLAMOR, Ruperto A., 1st Lt O-34422

Subject officer was the commandant (CO) of the University of Manila ROTC Unit. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 1 Jul 41 - 13 Dec 41 - CO, UM ROTC unit - Manila - Lt Col Alba
14 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - HPA - Manila - Col Alba
15 Dec 41 - 25 Dec 41 - CO, UM ROTC Unit - HPA, Manila - Col Alba
26 Dec 41 - 1 Feb 42 - S-1, 2nd Anti-Tank Bn - Manila-Bataan - Col Alba
2 Feb 42 - 9 Apr 42 - CO, 2nd Anti Tank Bn - Bataan - Maj A. Dumlaog

12. LORES, Federico G., 2nd Lt O-1753

Subject was tactical officer of (possibly University of Manila under Lt Villamor) ROTC unit. His Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 6 Jul 41 - 23 Dec 41 - Student O, Inf Sch, Assgd ROTC Unit, Manila - Lt Villamor
24 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Instructor PWA Fld Sv Sch. Ex O, Co A, 2nd Anti-Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Manila to Bataan - Maj Cepeda & Lt Lara.

13. OLENARIO, Antonio M., 3rd Lt O-45788

Subject was allegedly a reserve officer who reported for active duty on 8 Dec 41 and was allegedly assigned as ROTC instructor. His PA AGO Form 23 shows service as follows:

- 8 Dec 41 - Called to active duty - Manila
20 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - Manila - Capt A. Regala
21 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Manila - Capt A. Regala
1 Jan 42 - 6 Feb 42 - 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Bataan - Capt A. Regala
7 Feb 42 - 12 Feb 42 - 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Enroute to Iloilo

14. REMARKS:

I was called to active duty on or about 8 Dec 41. On or about 9 Dec 41 reported for duty to Capt Alejandro Regala who was then CO of San Juan de Letran College ROTC unit. That on or about 20 of Dec 41, I was inducted into the USAFFE at FSU grounds by an Amer. C. (Name unk)

14. RODAS, Ernesto O., 2nd Lt O-26435

Subject allegedly volunteered for PA service with the ROTC unit of San Juan de Letran College. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

15. 15 Dec 41 - Volunteered PA - San Juan de Letran College - PA Volunteer

Subject was a student of the San Juan de Letran College. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

16 Dec 41 - 27 Dec 41 - ROTC unit - San Juan de Letran College - Manila - Capt A. Regala
 28 Dec 41 - 1 Jan 42 - Sv Co, Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Sto Tomas - Manila - Capt A. Regala
 2 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Lamac, Bataan - Capt A. Regala
 3 Jan 42 - 29 Jan 42 - Sv Co, Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Bataan - Capt A. Regala
 30 Jan 42 - 14 Feb 42 - Tank Co, AT Bn, 2nd RD - Bataan - Lt J. Del Prado

Remarks: I volunteered to the PA at the ROTC unit at San Juan de Letran College, Manila, by authority of Capt A. Regala who was the ROTC CO of that unit. On the date the Anti-Tank Bn, 2nd RD was organized, I was taken into the Sv Co, stationed at Sto Tomas University, Manila. We arrived at Lamac, Bataan on the 1st January 1942 and then on the next day I was told verbally by Capt A. Regala that I was already inducted into the USAFFE.

15. MENDIOLA, Arturo Y., 1st Lt O-22670

Subject was a Pre-Law student at Letran at the outbreak of the war. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

22 Dec 41 - Called to active duty - Manila - Capt A. Regala
 24 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - Manila - Capt A. Regala
 25 Dec 41 - 29 Dec 41 - stayed in Manila - Capt A. Regala
 30 Dec 41 - 18 Apr 42 - Lamac-Aglaloma - Bataan - Lt. A. Alcoid

In his affidavit of 13 February 1946, subject states:

"... That I was called to active duty in grade of Sgt on 24 Dec 41 by virtue of SO and inducted into the USAFFE on 27 Dec 41 in the grade of Sgt by Capt Alejandro Regala at Manila..."

16. SAENZ, Jesus P. Jr., 3rd Lt O-25980

Subject allegedly enlisted at the San Juan de Letran College on 12 December 1941. He was allegedly a reserve officer from 1 March 1941 to 11 December 1941 on an inactive status, and was allegedly assigned as ROTC instructor at San Juan de Letran college upon enlistment. His PA AGO Form 23 shows service as follows:

12 Dec 41 - 24 Dec 41 - Inst. ROTC Letran - Capt Regala
 25 Dec 41 - 29 Jan 42 - Asst Sig O, 2nd Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Manila - Bataan - Capt Regala
 Inducted on 23 Dec 41 by Maj Cepeda

17. ECO, Rodrigo S., Sgt 156370

Subject was a student of the San Juan de Letran College. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

28 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Hq & Hq Sv Co, Anti Tank Bn -
Bataan - Capt Regala

Remarks: Inducted into the USAFFE on 28 Dec 41 by Capt Regala assigned with Hq & Hq Co, Anti Tank Bn....

Portions of affidavit of Capt Jose D. Regala dated Aug 1946 which have bearing on the case in question are extracted hereunder:

"2. - That, when the ROTC unit of Letran College, Intramuros, Manila, was disbanded on 24 December 1941, he reported to my brother, the late Lt. Col. Alejandro Regala, then a Captain, and was inducted into the UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST (USAFFE) on 28 DECEMBER 1941 at the Campus of the University of Santo Tomas, Sampaloc, Manila, as SERGEANT, INFANTRY, by him (Lt. Col. Regala, my brother);

4. That, he was with the "2nd Anti-tank Bn." from the time it left for Tagaytay, Cavite on 29 December 1941, on a mission to cover the withdrawal of the 51st Inf. Div. (PA) under Major General ALFRED JONES, Then a Brig. Gen. (USA), from Santo Tomas, Batangas, to Bataan, until it ("2nd Anti-Tank Bn") surrendered to the Japanese at BATAAN on 9 April 1942;"

18. PABIONA, Nicanor P., 2nd Lt O-26846

Subject was allegedly ROTC cadet of the Mapua Institute of Technology. Service as indicated in his Form 23 are as follows:

12 Dec 41 - Called and Inducted into USAFFE - Manila -
Capt Vinluan

13 Dec 41 - 28 Dec 41 - Co B, Engr Co - Manila -
Lt Sarongan

29 Dec 41 - Disbanded - Manila - Lt Sarongan

30 Dec 41 - 19 Oct 42 - Civilian

Subject became active guerrilla with the 6th MD

19. BELLOSILLO, Melkias A., 2nd Lt O-26640

Subject was ROTC cadet of the Mapua Institute of Technology prior to the outbreak of war. His PA AGO Form 23 indicates service as follows:

1 Jul 41 - 7 Dec 41 - Student (Mapua Inst of Tech),
Manila

10 Dec 41 - Called to active duty - Manila - Capt Vinluan

12 Dec 41 - 24 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE. Sgt

18 Dec 41 - Reported to
ROTC-Mapua Inst of Tech - Manila -
Capt Vinluan

25 Dec 41 - Disbanded as ordered by HPA - Manila -
 Capt Vinluan Manila - Lt Maglaya
 26 Dec 41 - 8 Nov 42 - Civilian - Iloilo American Officer
 When unit was disbanded in Manila, went home to see my
 family.
 to Batangas
 Interned in Mapua Inst of Tech, Dec 10, 1941. Disbanded
 Dec 24, 1941. - Cpt Aleta

20. ESPINO, Raymundo M., Capt O-36142

Subject was a PA reservist possibly studying in Manila when the war broke out. His Form 23 indicates service as follows:

20 Dec 41 - 27 Mar 42 - Called to Active duty - Manila
 28 Mar 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Pototan, Iloilo -
 Maj Harding
 29 Mar 42 - 28 May 42 - Co F, 66th Inf - Iloilo Iloilo

Remarks: "On or about the middle of Nov 41, I received a warning order to report at Dingle Iloilo, sometime in Dec 41. Intending to leave Manila on or about the middle of December so that I would arrive there in time to report as per order, I decided to stay in Manila up to about such time. Unfortunately war broke out before I could leave. I was therefore stranded in Manila. I tried to join the ROTC units but all of them were also disbanded. So, unable to join, I waited for a chance to get back home to Panay. I was able to reach Panay the 1st week of Feb. 42. Due to insufficiency of arms in Panay I was not taken in immediately until 23 March 42, when I was inducted.

21. GILDRE, Eduardo L., 2nd Lt O-23626

Subject was a law student at the University of the Philippines on 8 December 1941. He was an active guerrilla with the 6th MD. No USAFFE service is claimed in his Form 23. In his Personal Record on file, subject states: "Served USAFFE Dec 1941 at Manila but was disbanded."

22. ARRIOLA, Jose V., 2nd Lt O-27288

Subject was a member of the 6th MD Guerrillas. Prior to outbreak of war subject was in Manila, probably as a student. He claims to be a graduate of the Field Artillery U.P. ROTC and was called for training in the Anti-Aircraft, ROTC UP, but was disbanded in 24 December 1941. No USAFFE service is claimed.

Subj: 23. ARRIOLA, Getulo A., Sgt 111385
 in Manila when war broke out. He claims to have undergone anti-aircraft training.
 Subject was ROTC volunteer. Form 23 shows record of service as follows: USAFFE service is claimed.

18 Dec 41 - Reported for Active duty - UST, Manila -
 Lt Maglaya

19 Dec 41 - 26 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd RD - UST,
 Manila - Lt Maglaya
 27 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - UST - American Officer
 28 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd RD - Cavite to
 Batangas
 1 Jan 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd RD - Bataan -
 Lt Aleta

24. POSADAS, Sebastian A., Sgt 017698 - Bataan -
 Sergeant - Capt Aleta

Subject was ROTC volunteer. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

28 Dec 41 - Volunteered for active duty - UST -
 Lt Amado Aleta
 29 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Bataan -
 Lt Aleta
 1 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Bataan - Lt Aleta
 2 Jan 42 - 16 Jan 42 - Co D, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Lina-
 Linao Bataan of 1st Company,
 17 Jan 42 - 6 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Bataan

25. FELARCA, Federico M., 2nd Lt O-46837

Subject was an ROTC cadet of the Jose Rizal College. Form 23
 indicates service as follows:

10 Dec 41 - 24 Dec 41 - ROTC, JR College - Manila -
 Maj S. Garcia
 25 Dec 41 - 27 Dec 41 - Civilian unemployed - Manila
 28 Dec 41 - Volunteered - Co D, 2nd FA Regt, 2nd RD -
 University of Santo Tomas - Capt A. Aleta
 29 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD -
 Tagaytay - Capt Aleta
 1 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Bataan - Capt Aleta
 2 Jan 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, FA, 2nd RD -
 Capt Aleta
 Disbanded in ROTC training on 24 Dec 41.

26. GILDORÉ, Eduardo L., 2nd Lt O-23626

Subject was a member of the 6th MD Guerrillas. He was a student
 of Law at the University of the Philippines when the war broke out. He
 claims to have served in the USAFFE in December 1941 at Manila but was
 disbanded. No USAFFE service is claimed in Form 23.

27. ARRIOLA, Jose V., 2nd Lt O-27288

Subject was a member of the 6th MD, Guerrillas. He was a student
 in Manila when war broke out. He claims to have undergone anti-aircraft
 training at the University of the Philippines ROTC from December 12-24,
 1941. No USAFFE service is claimed.

28. DE LEON, Ladislao M., Pfc 008734 0-21770

Subject was probably a student at the outbreak of war. His Form 23 shows service as follows: Form 23 indicates service as follows:

30 Dec 41 - 5 Mar 41 - Co A, 2nd AT Bn, 2nd RD - UST to Bataan - Lt E. Lara
6 Mar 42 - 6 May 42 - Troop B, 26th Cav (PS) - Bataan-Corregidor - Capt Spies
Volunteered & inducted at UST on 30 Dec 41.

Affidavit of Eugenio Lara, subject's CO, dated 7 February 1949, which bears on case in question is extracted hereunder:

27 Dec 41 - 1st Prov Brigade, 2nd RD -

"That at the outbreak of the hostilities in 1941, I was assigned as Commanding Officer of "A" Company, 2nd Anti-Tank Bn., PA, which unit was composed of volunteer enlistments from the rank and file of ROTC students of various colleges and universities of Manila, which unit was formed in the University of Santo Tomas, sometime on or about December 25, 1941;

27 Dec 41 - 1st Prov Brigade, 2nd RD -

"That said "A" Company, 2nd Anti-Tank Bn., PA, of which Pfc Ladislao de Leon was a member, was inducted into the USAFFE on or about December 30, 1941, at the University of Santo Tomas site with one Major Esmarcel Cepeda, USA, as inducting officer; Capt Aleta

15 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Bataan - Capt Aleta

29. BLANCO, Cesar F., Cpl 010391

Subject was ROTC volunteer. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

27 Dec 41 - ROTC volunteer inducted into USAFFE - UST - American Officer University. Form 23

27 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Combat Team, 2nd RD - Tagaytay-Bataan - Lt Aleta

Remarks in F-23 dtd 23 Apr 45:

"The Phil. Army Hqtrs. had issued orders to the effect that all R.O.T.C. cadets will report for cadre training immediately. I, reported for training & after several dys. of training we were disbanded.

There was a call for volunteer. I, answered the call & was enlisted in the 1st Prov Brigade (27 Dec 41) as squad leader."

30. ESCUADERO, Wilgefortis F., 2nd Lt O-21770

Subject was a student and ROTC cadet of the Far Eastern University at the outbreak of war. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 28 Dec 41 - Called & Inducted into USAFFE - Manila - Lt Col Alba
- 29 Dec 41 - 8 Apr 42 - Co D, MD, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Bataan - Lt A. Q. Aleta

31. FELARCA, Demosthenes B., Sgt O20017

Subject was ROTC volunteer and was inducted on or about the middle of January 1942. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 27 Dec 41 - 14 Jan 42 - 1st Prov Brigade, 2nd RD - Sto Tomas U - Capt Aleta
- 15 Jan 42 - Induction into USAFFE - Lamac, Bataan - Capt Aleta
- 16 Jan 42 - 10 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Cabcaban - Capt Aleta

32. CORPUZ, Dominador F., 1st Lt O-46790

Subject was ROTC cadet and volunteered on 28 Dec 41 at at UST, Manila. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 28 Dec 41 - 29 Dec 41 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Manila - Capt Aleta
- 30 Dec 41 - 5 Jan 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Tagaytay - Capt Aleta
- 6 Jan 42 - 14 Jan 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Bataan - Capt Aleta
- 15 Jan 42 - Inducted into USAFFE - Bataan - Capt Aleta
- 16 Jan 42 - 9 Apr 42 - Co D, 2nd Bn, 2nd FA, 2nd RD - Bataan - Capt Aleta

33. BARRIENTOS, Ambrosio D., O-23177

Subject was ROTC cadet of the National University. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

- 26 Dec 41 - Called & Inducted into USAFFE - UST - Manila - Maj E. Cepeda
- 27 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Anti Tank Bn, 2nd RD - Bataan - Lt Alvarez

34. VILLANUEVA, Faustino O., S/Sgt 100766

Subject was ROTC cadet from 1 Jul 41 to 20 Dec 41 and was called to active duty on 11 Dec 41, but was, allegedly, never assigned to any unit until he was inducted into the USAFFE. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

11 Dec 41 - 20 Dec 41 - Called to active duty - UST -
Manila - Lt Dolojan
21 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - UST, Manila -
Lt Col Cepeda
22 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42 - Co C, 2nd AT Bn, 71st Div -
Bataan

35. TAGPIS, Jose F.

See certificate, Inclosure B. Form 23 indicates service as follows:

28 Dec 41 - Inducted into the USAFFE - 1st Campus - Manila
29 Dec 41 - 10 Apr 42 - Asgd Co E, (MD) 2nd AT Bn - Lt
A. Regala

CERTIFICATE

I, JOSE F. TAGPIS, 28 years old, residing at 825 Eloisa St., Sampaloc, Manila, hereby declare that I understand my rights under the Constitution and Laws of the Philippines; that I also understand my statements will be used to prove material facts in support of a claim from the United States Government, and that I make these statements voluntarily and freely:

That prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War, I was a high school student studying at the National University, Intramuros Branch, Manila. On or about December 8 or 10, 1941, when the ROTC units of the different colleges in Manila were organized for cadre training, I volunteered for training with the ROTC unit of the National University because I was a student there. The training was conducted by commissioned officers and enlisted personnel of the Philippine Army who were assigned as tactical officers and instructor of the ROTC cadets prior to the outbreak of war assisted by ROTC cadet officers. In the National University where I trained these officers - Lts Jose Faustino, Commandant, Romeo Alcud, Mauro Kimsin, and Lt Quirino Tin, an officer in the Reserve Force, CE, who was assigned to our unit on or about 22 Dec 41.

That we were issued rifles, bayonets, cartridge belt, canteen and canteen cup and other equipment and we were quartered in the National University Main Building. Our training covered generally combat principles in preparation for combat duty. While we were quartered in the National University, we had our field training at the Sunken Garden, in front of the Congress. We were fed and quartered at the National University, and performed various camp duties such as kitchen police, cook, guard detail, etc. Details were prepared by the 1st Sgt, a cadet. With regards to our food, I believed we were fed by the Philippine Army or from Philippine Army funds. The Philippine Army allotted to our unit, cash allowance for food. The cash allowance was turned over to our mess officer who purchased food for our subsistence.

As far as I can remember, there were other ROTC units that were also undergoing cadre training. These units were quartered in their respective colleges, but held their field training in the Sunken Garden, except USF, PHU, PSAT and UP which held their field training in their respective campus. The ROTC cadets of Letran and Mapua Institute of Technology also had their field training in the Sunken Garden - The Letran unit trained in front of the DMH.

The training of ROTCs continued until on or about December 24, 1941. On December 25, we were ordered to remain in our quarters in the National University awaiting orders for disbandment from Army Headquarters because Manila was declared an "Open City". On December 26, after Manila was declared an Open City, we were disbanded and told to go home. As far as I can remember the order of disbandment covered all ROTC units that were under training.

Upon disbandment, I went home to my boarding house located in San Juan de Letran street in Intramuros. At about 10 o'clock a.m. on this date, when Manila was attacked by Japanese planes, I went into the Letran College to take cover and I noticed that there were ROTC cadets. This was after the disbandment of the ROTC training cadre. I believe these cadets were in Letran because they had nowhere else to stay, their "caseras" (landlady) could have already evacuated to the province, and some of these cadets were actually boarding in Letran. These cadets I saw in Letran did not carry any arms. I also noticed that there were Philippine Army officers in the place, and those that I remember are Capt Alejandro Regala and Lt Jose Placido. I particularly remember

Jose F. Tagpis

these officers because I reported to them when I later volunteered for service in the USAFFE and they became my officers after I was inducted. Letran College received direct bomb hits from Japanese planes and at about four o'clock p.m., I helped to evacuate the arms in the ROTC armory in the ground floor of Letran College in trucks to the UST. The ROTC cadets, as well as the priests in Letran College were also evacuated to the University of Santo Tomas.

On the afternoon of the 27th of December 1941, I learned that the Philippine Army was recruiting ROTCs for active service. I, a resident of Ilaya, being in Manila only for the purpose of studying, found myself in sheer predicament, without means or money to go home and without relatives with whom I may stay in Manila. I then decided it best to join the army, so I presented myself to Lt Alejandro Regala at the UST campus, who was at that time making a list of volunteers. On 28 December 1941, I was inducted into the USAFFE by Col. Alba and was assigned to the Hq & Hq Co, 2nd Anti-Tank Bn, 2nd RD, under Lt. Alejandro D. Regala. I was issued arms, clothing and equipments at the UST Gymnasium and we were quartered in the UST campus.

We remained in the UST campus until the night of either the 28th or 29th of December, (I do not remember which date exactly) when we were sent to Tagaytay and stayed there until the 31st. On the afternoon of the 31st we moved to Las Pinas where we established our perimeter defense and between 9 o'clock and 10:00 p.m., we were ordered to proceed to Bataan. We arrived in Bataan on January 1st 1942, were bivouaced at Lanzo then to Limay where we were assigned as beach guards. In the middle part of February 1942 the whole 2d AT Bn was sent to reinforce PA, PC & PAAC units at Agulocna where we were attached to the 71st Division. I was detached from the Hq & Hq Co and was assigned to Company E, MG, 2nd Anti-Tank. Lt Alcid was subsequently relieved by Lt. Jose Regala, a brother of Alejandro, my former CO who became my CO until the surrender. Lt Alcid was assigned Company Ex-Officer.

That during the period from on or about 8 or 10 December to about 26 December when I was undergoing cadre training, I was not inducted into the USAFFE, and as far as I can remember, this was also true with the ROTC cadets in the National University, and this could also have been true with other ROTC units for that matter. I became a USAFFE after the ROTCs were disbanded and only because I volunteered.

Regarding the ROTCs I saw in Letran on 26 Dec 41, I do not definitely know whether or not they were already inducted on or prior to this date. However, the following are names of some of the cadets I saw in Letran on 26 Dec 41, who later became my companions in the USAFFE:

- Arturo Mendiola
- Edencio Eco
- Rodrigo Eco
- Ramon Gatchalian

I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing statements; that they are made by me as true and correct with full knowledge of the fact that severe penalties involving fines and imprisonment are prescribed by Act No. 2967, Philippine Legislature, Enacted February 3, 1916 and still in force and effect (Article XV, Philippine Constitution and Art. 366 Revised Penal Code).

[Handwritten Signature]

 Signature

ENCLOSURE

Witnessed by the undersigned on 17th day of November
1952, at AGRD, 8133rd Army Unit, APO 928.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original document as presented to me for this purpose and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original document as presented to me for this purpose.

Witness my hand and seal at the city of Washington, D.C., this 17th day of November, 1952.

I was in Paris on 30 Dec 51 and later became an assignee to the 8133rd Army Unit at AGRD, 8133rd Army Unit, APO 928. I was in Paris on 30 Dec 51 and later became an assignee to the 8133rd Army Unit at AGRD, 8133rd Army Unit, APO 928.

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12 DEC 1952

The Chairman
 War Claims Commission
 7th & E Streets, N.W.
 Washington 25, D.C.
 ATTN: Ralph W. Vernon
 Captain, Infantry
 Liaison Officer

The Colonel of San Juan De Letran, has filed a claim under Section 7 of the War Claims Act of 1948. In a preliminary opinion...

Dear Sir: This is her because necessary to determine the status of members of the R.O.C. alleged to have been covered by the...

In reference to the attached correspondence dated October 16, 1952, with 1st Indorsement, subject: "Status of ROTC in San Juan De Letran, Manila, Republic of the Philippines, Claim No. R - 1543 - Colegio De San Juan De Letran, this headquarters has determined that the three units; namely, ROTC Unit of San Juan De Letran, ROTC Unit of Mapua Institute of Technology and Quezumbing ROTC Unit were not among the units of the Philippine Commonwealth Army inducted into the service of the USAFFE.

This determination in no way affects the individual status of cadet members thereof, who, subsequent to their training in these units, may have been properly inducted into bonafide USAFFE organizations.

Your prompt cooperation Sincerely yours,
 in the above question will be appreciated.

1 Incl
 Memo, 16 Oct 52
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W. A. JOHNSON
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DD FORM 1 FEB 50 **94** REPLACES NMC FORM 94, 1 FEB 49, WHICH MAY BE USED.

The Colegio De San Juan De Letran has filed a claim under Section 7 of the War Claims Act of 1948. In a preliminary examination of this claim it has become necessary to determine the status of 100 members of the R.O.T.C. alleged to have been ordered into the USAFFE and stationed at San Juan De Letran, Manila, during the period December 10, 1941 to December 29, 1941. The aforementioned members of the R.O.T.C. were composed of three units namely: R.O.T.C. unit of San Juan De Letran, R.O.T.C. unit of the Mapua Institute of Technology, and the Quesumbing R.O.T.C. unit.

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10 October 1952

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Manila, Philippines MEMORANDUM

ATTN : Col. Albert A. Lindquist

October 16, 1952

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TO: San Juan De Letran
Capt. Ralph Vernon
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FROM: Walter B. Langford, Chief, Religious Claims, WDC, he
furnished the Chief, Religious Claims Section Commission.

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1. It is requested that the information sought in the attached memorandum from Walter B. Lang, Chief, Religious Claims, WCC, be furnished the Liaison Officer, War Claims Commission.

Attachment - 1

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