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MACREMENS, Tomas (Capt. Saber Force) Pending investigation. #210

The men named below can testify of his atrocities committed during the Japanese regimeno. Witnesses claimed subject officer served as constabulary officer during Jap occupation. Responsible for the death of one guerrilla of Binangonan Rizal by name of Pedro Sinagala on 21 Aug 1943.

Atilano Yson

Eleuterio Aralar

Conrado Patag

Maximino Fineza

Domingo Angeles

Jacinto Paralejas

Napoleon Antazo

Maurillo B. Almeda

Julian Yson

Rufino Guevara

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Barrows, Dew*

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT: Capt Thomas McCremmens

30 October 1946 DCM/ppm

(1) FROM: Chief, Guerrilla Affairs Branch TO: Director, Philippine Army Division

1. Forwarded for your information are two reports concerning a conversation with and an investigation of Capt Thomas McCremmens.

2. Capt McCremmens originally submitted an individual request for recognition. At the same time his name was included on the roster of Co "A," 45th Infantry, Barrion's Division which was pending investigation for recognition and inclusion with the Saber Force.

3. The above unit was recognized but the name of Capt McCremmens was withdrawn by this branch as a result of the investigations of both Lts Wilcox and Allen. The attached reports are subsequent to the unfavorable decision on this individual, initiated because he returned to this branch to inquire as to why his name was stricken from the list.

*Hugh L. Carnahan*

HUGH L. CARNAHAN  
Lt Col, CMP  
Chief of Branch

2 Incls:

1. Conversation of Maj Murray & Lt Wilcox with McCremmens, 23 Oct 46, w/comments by Maj Murray.
2. Addt'l investigation by Lt Wilcox, dtd 25 Oct 46

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MEMORANDUM: (Conversation of Maj Murray and Lt Wilcox with McCremmens, 4 Oct 46)

I Captain Thomas McCremmens

a. 3rd Lt, 33rd Infantry, 31st Division, ex-USAFFE, escaped from Bataan after surrender.

b. O/a April 1942 he joined 5th Battalion of Maj Bermudez of the 45th Infantry under Colonel Ocario Santos.

c. O/a April 1943, by order of Maj Bermudez he joined Philippine Constabulary and was later transferred to the Manila Police Force.

d. His duties in the MPF consisted of maintaining peace and order in Manila, Marikina, Pasig, San Mateo, Montalban Morong, Tanay, Teresa etc. He arrested men for their own good yet at the same time claimed to have never personally arrested any man. When Japanese raided houses he went with them but claimed he did not point out nor instigate the raid.

e. In the zonification the Kempetals went from district to district using the magic eye. He claimed to have seen the magic eye in operation only once. He stated that the zonifications were most active in 1944 at the time of the landing in Leyte.

f. In September and October many PC officers deserted with their weapons. McCremmens knew they had deserted but did not know why nor where they had gone. He remained but was arrested by the Japanese on suspicion and confined in the Air Port Studio.

g. Claimed that o/a September 1944 at the time of the first bombings in Manila, he escaped at noon by jumping into the Pasig River and swimming to the market place.

h. Also claimed that he escaped in December 1944 by the abovementioned process. This escape was managed 15 December after his confinement.

i. After his escape he hid in Calabas Road, Balic Balic. He gathered some sixty men of the 5th Battalion, 45th Infantry, which were under his command and informed them to be on the alert, this in December. Maj Bermudez at that time, according to McCremmens, was still operating with his Charity or Rehabilitation organization which supposedly was helping ex-USAFFE

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men. According to Bermudez he ceased his work with that organization sometime in the middle of 1943.

j. The Americans entered Manila on 5 February 1945 and McCremmens met them with a truck and 15 or 16 men. Benito Legarda, cousin of General Valdez, and Mr. Gerospi can vouch for his activities.

k. During the liberation of Manila he led the 2nd Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division to Marikina. He could not remember names of any American officers with whom he worked. He claimed that he did not know anything about recognitions although he was informed (by me) that it was a commonly known fact, particularly amongst the Marking's guerrillas, that recognitions were to be extended to the guerrillas when the Americans landed.

l. Combat in Batangas and Tayabas. In March he and his men went from Calamba to Sto Tomas\*, to Tanauan\* where he and 16 Filipinos together with the 2nd Squadron engaged the Japanese. After that his units gathered and only the Americans fought engagements in Batangas. During April and May his unit entered Tayabas and passed through Calumbay\* Infanta\*, and Lucena.

m. Claimed he never caused the death of any guerrillas. Swore that his conscience was clear. Stated that he could get a job nowhere because he had not been recognized. Was asked why he had not thought of the consequences of joining the Philippine Constabulary. Was told that his case was closed.

n. Captain Beltran was discharged from PC during the occupation for drilling men on the plaza and holding up traffic for half a day. Beltran is still alive, was seen by McCremmens two months ago.

o. Bermudez, according to McCremmens, played a slick game with the Rehabilitation and Relief organization.

*Douglas C. Murray*  
DOUGLAS C. MURRAY  
Major, Infantry

*Grant S. Wilcox*  
GRANT S. WILCOX  
2nd Lt, Infantry

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23 October 1946

2. Comments on Statements made by Thomas McCremmens:

a. During the meeting with McCremmens, at which Lt Wilcox was present with myself, he, McCremmens, continually made contradictory statements and gave evasive answers. Most notable was his claim that he escaped from the Air Port Studio in September and then not two minutes later stated that it was December. First he said he never arrested any Filipinos but then he stated that he arrested some "for their own good." Although he was aware of the fact that a large number of PC Officers and men deserted in September and October, he did not know why they had nor did he join them. Instead, he hung on to his job and was finally thrown into the Air Port Studio on suspicion. He claims that he escaped at noon by diving into the Pasig River and swimming to the market place. This claim is believed to be patently false since an escape during broad daylight and by swimming in a river would be tantamount to suicide. After his escape he could not give any details as to the functioning of his troops, his responsibilities, their responsibilities or anybody's responsibilities. In explaining the fact that he knew no American officers of the 2nd Squadron by name, he stated that he was not aware of the need for gathering attachment papers nor, at first, was he aware that recognition had been promised guerrillas even before the landings. He later changed his statement to say that he was aware of the fact but could not give no further reason for not even knowing the 2nd Squadron (Battalion) Commander nor any of the Troop Commanders nor any of the Platoon Commanders. His accounts of his combat activities in Batangas and Tayabas were extremely sketchy and gave no facts whatsoever. When asked if he had caused the deaths of any guerrillas he stated that he had not, but when informed that this branch had the information to the contrary, he seemed somewhat surprised. In an initial interview with McCremmens sometime in June or July 1946, McCremmens stated to me that his desire for recognition was due primarily so that he could get sufficient money to return to his wife and children in the United States. On 4 October 1946 he made no mention of this original desire on his part but complained only that he was unable to get a job because he was not recognized. McCremmens has been investigated by Lts Allen and Wilcox at different times and both have uncovered essentially the same information concerning him. Any further attempt by him to gain recognition should be turned down with no further investigation. The man was definitely a collaborator who, like many other collaborators, joined up during the liberation days in an effort to cover up his past activities. Any affidavit submitted in his behalf by Major Bermudez should be completely discounted since Major Bermudez himself is a character whose activities and intentions during the occupation are open to severe question.

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*Douglas C. Murray*  
DOUGLAS C. MURRAY  
Major, Infantry

25 October 1946

MEMORANDUM: (Investigation of Tomas McCremmens's record while stationed as a Sgt in the Japanese sponsored PC in the town of Binangonan, Rizal)

On 19 October 1946, on the advice of Marcial Villanueva of Marikina, Rizal, Lt Wilcox and M/Sgt Songsong proceeded to Binangonan, Rizal, a 2d class municipality on the eastern shore of Laguna de Bay, 38 Kms from Manila, to investigate the record of Tomas McCremmens who was stationed as a Sgt in the Japanese sponsored PC in that town for a period during the years 1943 and 1944.

Information as to the record of McCremmens can be easily obtained anywhere around the town of Binangonan. McCremmens has a nasty record in this town covering pro-Jap leanings, furnishing information against Filipinos and hunting down, arresting, torturing, even causing the death of several Filipinos in this town and its out lying barrios.

According to the people of this town, 117 people were victims of McCremmens's cruelty during his tour of duty with the PC in this town. Seven, or more, of these victims were killed or died later. The following listed people were among McCremmens's victims, and they may be found in the town of Binangonan, Rizal to testify yet further against Tomas McCremmens:

1. Quirino Dones
2. Esteban Ojascaastro
3. Igmadio Aragoza
4. Aquilino Aragon
5. Demetrio Aguilar
6. Pablo Salvador
7. Basilio Peralta
8. Arsenio Arabit
9. German Basa
10. Fernando Michilina
11. Dominador Contreras
12. Eline Aragon
13. Mateo Arabit
14. Teofilo Cenido
15. Eustaquio Aprecio
16. Emilio Illustrisimo
17. Arsenio delos Reyes
18. Atilano Yson
19. Domingo Aparejo

The following listed people were among the victims whose death was caused by McCremmens. The living relatives of these victims may be found in Binangonan today and can testify further yet against Tomas McCremmens:

1. Restituto Aparento

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2. Simeon de Vega
3. Pedro Simagala
4. Estanislao Rivera
5. Pedro Salonga
6. Bernardino Antazo
7. Eduardo Lirio

In 1943 after the Japanese zonified the barrio of Tayuman, Binangonan, Sgt Tomas McCremmens of the PC went to that barrio and arrested Pedro Simagala and brought him to the Rizal Cement Plant, Hq of the PC and the Japanese Military Forces. After two days of torturing by McCremmens's PC Force, and the Japanese, Simagala was sentenced to death and executed for guerrilla activities. It is believed that McCremmens induced the Japs to bring about Simagala's execution.

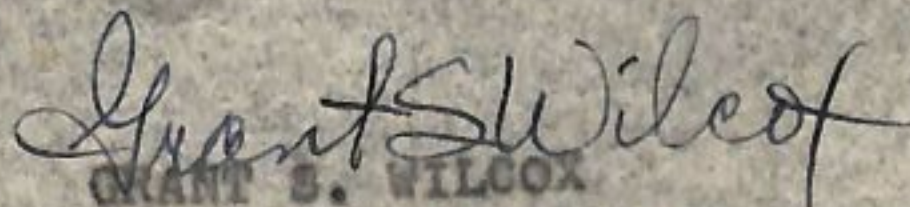
Alfonso Arabit was arrested by McCremmens, grilled as to the whereabouts of Col Marking Agustin and Lt Mendoza and location of different outposts of Marking's Guerrillas. Because no information could be obtained from Arabit, he was left hanging throughout the night by McCremmens, by his wrists which were lashed together behind his back. The next morning Arabit was taken down and was beaten in the abdomen with a baseball bat. As a result of this torture at the hands of McCremmens, Arabit was a helpless cripple for a month.

Col Marking Agustin, CO of Marking's Fil-American Troops, the guerrilla unit which dominated this region, was contacted and stated that he has been aiming to and in the near future will see to it that McCremmens will be arrested and held to face the charges of brutality and pro-Jap activities.

In the opinion of this investigating officer, McCremmens was pro-Japanese and in furnishing information against, hunting down, arresting, torturing and even causing the death of several Filipinos, he was a direct aid to the Japanese war effort.

In investigating this case, the surname of Tomas McCremmens has been found spelled in four or more different ways. It is quite possible that the spelling of his name in this report is one of the incorrect ways.

Attached to this report are the affidavits from three of McCremmens's victims.

  
GRANT S. WILCOX  
2nd Lt, Infantry

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**BASIC:** Ltr, subj "Inclusion and Restoration of Capt Thomas McGremens",  
Hq Saber Force, dtd 15 November 1945.

**GSOPG 201-McGremens, Thomas** 5th Ind.  
**HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC, APO 707.**

**TO: Commanding General, 86th Infantry Division, APO 450,**  
**(Attn: Guerrilla Affairs Section)**

1. The request of Thomas McGremens for recognition with the rank of Captain in the 45th Infantry Regiment has been received and investigated by this headquarters.
2. With reference to inclosure No. 3, the copy of that communication on file in this headquarters shows that the name of Thomas McGremens was not included in the list of officers submitted.
3. In view of the fact that there is insufficient evidence of active resistance as a commissioned officer, this request is not favorably considered.

**BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:**

**3 Incls:**

- 1 - Letter Hq, 1st Squad  
7th Cav, 9 Aug 45
- 2 - Commendation, Hq 1st Squad  
7th Cav, 30 June 45
- 3 - Letter, Hq, 45th Inf Regt  
dtd 22 July 45 w/3 Ind.

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AH/rs

Hq 3D BN, 341ST INFANTRY, APO 450, U. S. Army, 17 November 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 86th Inf Div, Guerrilla Affairs Office, APO 450,  
U. S. ARMY (Thru Channels)

Forwarded, recommend approval.

s/ A. L. Hugins,  
t/ A. L. HUGINS,  
Lt Col., Infantry.  
Commanding.

BASIC: Ltr, subj: "Inclusion and Restoration of Capt Thomas McCremens"  
Hq Saber Force, dtd 15 November 1945.

4th Ind.

GAHQ 201-101

HEADQUARTERS 86TH INFANTRY DIVISION, U. S. Army, APO #450, 23 Nov 45.

TO: Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO #707.  
(Attn: Guerrilla Affairs Section)

1. Application for recognition from Capt Thomas McCremens in 45th  
Inf Regt, Barrion's Manila Division.
2. Forwarded for your consideration.

For the Commanding General:

s/ Charles J. Perry  
t/ CHARLES J. PERRY  
Lt Col., A. G. D.,  
Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Inclusion and Recognition of Capt. Thomas  
McCremens

15 Nov. '45

TO : The Commander-in-Chief, AFSA  
( thru channels )  
1st Indorsement

SUBJECT: Recognition of Capt. Thomas McCremens  
Request for

TO : Commanding General, 86 Inf. Div., APO 450  
( thru 1st Lt. Robert Lindstrom, L.O., )

1. Approval recommended.



ALFREDO S. VELOSO  
Colonel, Inf., PA  
Commanding

2nd Indorsement

HEADQUARTERS, 86th Infantry Division, APO 450

Subject: Recognition of Capt. Thomas McCremens,  
Request for

To : Commanding General, 86th Inf. Div., APO 450

1. Recommending favorable action in the recog-  
nition of Capt. Thomas McCremens, basing on strength  
of invaluable services rendered with 1st Cav. Div. and  
to the Saber Force since its organization on 15 June  
1945, under command of Colonel Alfredo S. Veloso.



ROBERT LINDSTROM  
1st Lt., Inf., AUS  
Liaison Officer

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HEADQUARTERS, SABER FORCE  
APOM450

15 Nov. '45

SUBJECT: Inclusion and Restoration of Capt. Thomas  
McGremens

TO : The Commander-in-Chief, AFPAG  
( thru channels )

1. On July 22, 1945, this attached copy of inclusion and restoration was submitted to your office thru channels having approved by 1st Cav. Div., 6th Army and XIV Corps.

2. In approving the petition the inclusion in the reorganized roster to which the name of Capt. Thomas McGremens was not included in the approval, probably because of clerical error. The name of Capt. Benjamin Beltran was approved.

3. Capt. Thomas McGremens was inducted to the 5th Bn., 45th Inf. Regt. as pointer for the combat force of the 2nd Brigade under the command of Col. Hoffman up to Marikina on 25 Feb. '45. Capt. Thomas McGremens was wounded in action in Batangas and reported to duty on May 20, 1945, while this unit is busy in the combat zone in Infanta attached to the 1st Squadron, 7th Cav. Regt. under the command of Major Houck Spencer, C.O., 1st Squadron, 7th Cav. Regt. Attached herewith is a copy of commendation addressed to the Chief-of-Staff, Saber Force, under the control of the 1st Cav. Div. which was organized sometime in June '45.

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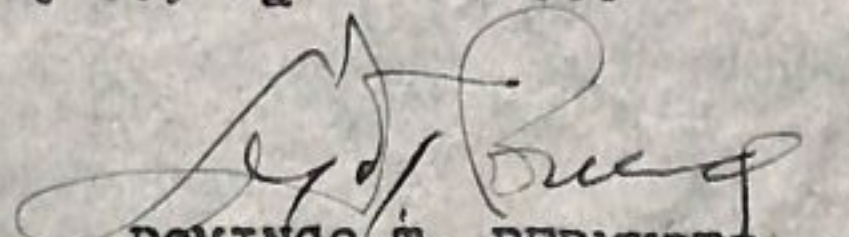
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4. For Capt. Thomas McCremens reported to duty in this unit on 3 May '45 and actively serving up to date in this outfit.

5. Capt. Thomas McCremens is at present Aide-de-Camp to Col. Alfredo S. Veloso, C. O., Saber Force.

6. Inasmuch as Capt. Benjamin Beltran was recognized it is also but fair and justice that Capt. Thomas McCremens be recognized because he has rendered satisfactory services with the Army of the United States in the combat zone under my direction, and at the same time he remained loyal to the Commonwealth Government, especially to the United States of America, because his father is a native born and a citizen of the United States and veteran of World War No. 1; besides his father died in the concentration camp in the University of Sto. Tomas.

7. Capt. Thomas McCremens from 30 June '45 up to date is serving in the Saber Force under the command of Col. Alfredo S. Veloso, C. O., Saber Force.

  
DOMINGO T. BERMUDEZ  
Major, Inf., P. A.  
Actg. C. O., 45th Inf.  
Regiment

*File* *201*  
BASIC: Ltr fr hq Saber Force dtd 15 Nov 45  
Subj: Request for inclusion of Thomas McCremens with rank of captain in recogd roster.

*→* GSCPG-201-McCremens, Thomas. 12th Ind.  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC, APO 707

TO: Commanding General, 86th Inf. Division, APO 450  
(Attn.: Guerrilla Affairs Section)

*24 Jan 46*

GSCPG Copy

1. Your attention is invited to the following points:

- a. Paragraph 1 of basic communication states that inclosure No. 3 is a copy of a roster which was approved by 1st Cav. Div. and the VI Army. Inclosure No. 3 is not a copy of that roster as the communication which was approved did not include the name of Thomas McCremens.
- b. Paragraph 2 of basic communication states that the name of Thomas McCremens was omitted from the recognized roster because of clerical error while the 8th Ind. explains the omission as being due to the fact that subject individual was in the hospital.
- c. There is no documentary evidence to substantiate the attachment of Thomas McCremens or to substantiate the claim that he was wounded in action as claimed in paragraphs 3 of basic communication.
- d. Paragraphs 3 of basic communication states that he reported for duty on 20 May 1945. Paragraph 4 states that he reported for duty on 3 May 1945.
- e. Paragraph 5 states that Thomas McCremens is Aide-de-camp to Alfredo S. Veloso. Aide-de-camp to a Major is not a position commensurate with the rank of captain.
- f. There is no documentary evidence to verify the "invaluable services rendered with 1st Cav. Division", which are mentioned in the 2nd Ind.

*See QB copy dtd 24 Jan 46*

22 Jan 46 EJM/HIS/vj Tel CH 916

2. In view of the conflicting statements and lack of evidence as indicated in paragraph 1 above, this request is not favorably considered.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:

3 Incls.

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Request for inclusion of Thomas McCremens with rank of Captain in roster of 5th Bn., 45th Inf. Regt., Barrion's Manila Division:

1. Not favorably considered.
2. This request was not favorably considered by the 5th Ind. and has been resubmitted with no additional evidence that would alter the first decision.
3. Inc. #3 is presented as a roster that was approved by 1st Cav. Div., and VI Army. Name of McCremens has been added after the roster was approved.
4. There are conflicting statements relative to reason why McCremens was omitted from original roster.
5. There are conflicting statements relative to the date he joined the guerrilla unit.
6. There is no documentary evidence to substantiate claim of attachment to American Army or claim that he was wounded in action.
7. His present position with the Saber Force as Aide-de-camp to Major Veloso is not considered necessary or valuable service with an American Army Unit.

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HEADQUARTERS, SABER FORCE  
APO 450

15 Nov. '45

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TO : The Commander-in-Chief, AFPAC  
(thru channels)

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7. Capt. Thomas McCremens from 30 June '45 up to date is serving in the Saber Force under the command of Col. Alfredo S. Veloso, CO, Saber Force.

(SGD) DOMINGO T. BERMUDEZ  
Major, Inf., PA  
Actg. CO, 45th Inf. Regt.

A true copy:vpj-22 Jan 46.

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HEADQUARTERS, SABER FORCE  
APO 450

15 Nov. '45

1st Indorsement

SUBJECT: Recognition of Capt. Thomas McCremens  
Request for  
TO : Commanding General, 86th Inf. Div., APO 450  
(thru 1st Lt. Robert Lindstrom, L.O.,)

1. Approval recommended.

(SGD) ALFREDO S. VELOSO  
Colonel, Inf., PA  
Commanding

2nd Indorsement

HEADQUARTERS, 86th Infantry Division, APO 450

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Request for

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(SGD) ROBERT LINDSTROM  
1st Lt., Inf., AUS  
Liaison Officer .

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HQ 3D BN, 341ST INFANTRY, <sup>3rd Ind</sup> APO 450, U. S. Army, <sup>ALH/rs</sup> 17 November 45.

TO: Commanding Officer, 86th Inf Div., Guerrilla Affairs Office, APO 450, US Army.

Forwarded, recommend approval.

(SGD) A. L. HUGINS  
Lt. Col., Infantry  
Commanding

BASIC: Ltr, subj: "Inclusion and Restoration of Capt. Thomas McCremens".  
Hq Saber Force, dtd 15 November 1945.

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For the Commanding General:

(SGD) CHARLES J. PERRY  
Lt. Colk, AGD  
Adjutant General

A true copy:vpj-22 Jan 46.

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CSOPG 201-McCremens, Thomas 5th Ind.  
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(Attn: Guerrilla Affairs Section)

1 DEC 1945

1. The request of Thomas McCremens for recognition with the rank of Captain in the 45th Infantry Regiment has been received and investigated by this headquarters.

2. With reference to inclosure No. 3, the copy of that communication on file in this headquarters shows that the name of Thomas McCremens was not included in the list of officers submitted.

3. In view of the fact that there is insufficient evidence of active resistance as a commissioned officer, this request is not favorably considered.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:

JOHN J. PEPAS  
AGD  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

3 Incls:

- 1 - Letter Hq, 1st Squad  
7th Cav, 9 Aug 45
- 2 - Commendation, Hq 1st Squad  
7th Cav, 30 June 45
- 3 - Letter, Hq, 45th Inf Regt  
dtd 22 July 45 w/3 Ind.

GAHQ - 201-101 6th Ind. /fm  
HEADQUARTERS 86TH DIVISION AREA COMMAND (ESDIVAC), APO 450, 5 December 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 341st Infantry Regiment.  
(Attn: GAO)

Attention invited to 5th Ind.

By command of Major General MELASKY:

WM H. BUECHNER,  
Lt. Col., Infantry,  
Executive Officer.

Incls: n/c

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BASIC: Ltr, Sub: "Inclusion and Restoration of Capt Thomas McCremens",  
Hq Saber Force, dtd 15 Nov 45.

HEADQUARTERS 341ST INFANTRY, APO 450, <sup>7th Ind.</sup> U. S. Army, 7 December 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 341st Infantry Detachment, Lucena.

Attention is directed to 5th Indorsement.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL CHANCE:

RICHARD J. CONDON  
Capt., 341st Inf  
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BASIC: Ltr. Sub: "Inclusion and Restoration of Capt Thomas McCremens" Hq Saber Force, dtd 15 Nov 45.

8th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS SABER FORCE, APO 450, 29 Dec. '45

TO: Guerrilla Affairs Office, 86th Div. APO 450  
(Thru: C.O. 3rd Bn, 341st Inf. Regt.)

1. Attention to par. 3, 5th Ind., supporting papers of subject officer as commissioned officer with the rank of captain are herewith enclosed. (Incl. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.)

2. With reference to inclosure No. 3, the copy of that communication on file that headquarters failed to show the name Thomas McCremens, because at the time of preparation of said inclosure, subject officer was in the hospital.

3. Forwarded for consideration.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

MARIANO C. TUGAOEN  
2d Lt Inf PA  
Asst. S - 1

9th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 341st Inf. Regt. (Det. Lucena) APO 450, 29 Dec. 45

TO: Guerrilla Affairs Office, 86th Inf. Div. APO 450  
(Thru: C.O. 3rd Bn, 341st Inf Regt, APO 450)

1. Forwarded .

*Robert Lindstrom*  
ROBERT LINDSTROM  
1st Lt Inf AUS  
Ln O, 341st Inf Regt.

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10th Ind  
HQ 3D BN, 341ST INFANTRY, APO 450, U.S. Army, 2 January 1946.

ALH/rs

TO: Commanding Officer, Guerrilla Affairs Office, Hq 86th Inf Div. (ESDIVAC),  
APO 450, U.S. Army.

Forwarded.

A. I. HUGINS,  
Lt Col., Infantry,  
Commanding.

BASIC: Ltr, subj: "Inclusion and Restoration of Capt Thomas McCremens"  
Hq Saber Force dtd 15 Nov 45.

11th Ind.

GAHQ - 201 - 101

HEADQUARTERS 86TH DIVISION AREA COMMAND (ESDIVAC) APO #450, 4 January 1946.

TO: Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO #707.  
(Attn: Guerrilla Affairs Office)

C. J. P.

6 Incls:(Added)

- 4 - Letter re recognition of Capt McCremens
- 5 - Identification card Capt McCremens
- 6 - Roster 4th Bn., Saber Force, 13 Aug 45.
- 7 - SO #14, Hq 4th Saber Force 1st Cav Div.
- 8 - SO #80, Hq Saber Force.
- 9 - Certificate Hq 1st Cav Div.

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12. TH IND.

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, WESTERN PACIFIC, APO 707

TO: C.G., 86TH INF. DIV., APO 450

(ATTN: GUERRILLA AFFAIRS SECTION)

1. YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

PARAGRAPH 1 OF

a. BASIC COMMUNICATION STATES THAT ~~THE~~ INCLOSURE

NO. 3 IS A COPY OF A ROSTER WHICH WAS APPROVED BY

1ST CAN. DIV. AND THE ~~IV~~ ARMY. INCLOSURE NO. 3 IS

NOT A COPY OF THAT ROSTER AS THE COMMUNICATION

WHICH WAS APPROVED DID NOT INCLUDE THE NAME OF

THOMAS McCREMENS.

b. PARAGRAPH 2 OF BASIC COMMUNICATION STATES THAT THE

NAME OF THOMAS McCREMENS WAS OMITTED FROM THE

RECOGNIZED ROSTER BECAUSE OF CLERICAL ERROR

WHILE THE 8TH IND. EXPLAINS THE OMISSION AS BEING

DUE TO THE FACT THAT SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL WAS IN

THE HOSPITAL.

c. THERE IS NO DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE

THE ATTACHMENT OF THOMAS McCREMENS OR TO

SUBSTANTIATE THE CLAIM THAT HE WAS WOUNDED IN

ACTION AS CLAIMED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF BASIC

COMMUNICATION.

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d. PARAGRAPH 3 OF BASIC COMMUNICATION STATES THAT HE REPORTED FOR DUTY ON 20 MAY 1945. PARAGRAPH 4 STATES THAT HE REPORTED FOR DUTY ON 3 MAY 1945.

e. PARAGRAPH 2 STATES THAT THOMAS McCREMENS IS AIDE-DE-CAMPE TO ~~ALL~~ ALFREDO S. VELOSO. AIDE-DE-CAMP TO A MAJOR IS NOT A POSITION COMMENSURATE WITH THE RANK OF CAPTAIN.

f. THERE IS NO DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO VERIFY THE "INVALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED WITH 1ST CAN. DIV." WHICH ARE MENTIONED IN THE 2ND IND.

2. IN VIEW OF THE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS AND LACK OF EVIDENCE AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, THIS REQUEST IS NOT FAVORABLY CONSIDERED.

BY COMMAND OF LT. GEN. STYER

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HEADQUARTERS 45<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY REGT.-  
MANILA BARRIONS DIVISION  
c/o Major Domingo T. Bermudez  
( 1227 Lealtad Sampaloc, Manila)

Subject:- Reconsideration, recognition of Captain Thomas Mc Cremens, request for:|

To:- Commander in Chief AFPAC,  
Thru Channels-

1. The name of Captain Thomas Mc Cremens was not included in the inclosure number 3 on ( letter dated July 22, 1945W-3ind.) request was sent for approval, his name was not included because of clerical error but however, in compliance with the instructions of Major Miller officer in charge of the guerilla affairs in your office at that time instructed me to make a duplicate copy of the same including his name.

2. The right of Captain Mc Cremens name to be included for recognition is leased in the following reasons.

(a) Captain Mc Cremens was inducted to the fifth (5) battalion 45 th Infantry Regiment organized by the undersigned and Colonel John E. Hoover USSAFFE who escaped from the battlefield in Bataan after the surrender of Bataan so that Colonel Hoover was not brought in the concentration camp.

(b) Captain Mc Cremens was a second Lieutenant in the Philippine Army : USSAFFE also fought in Bataan.

(c) He was with this unit attached to this cavalry (7th) second brigade under the command of General Hugo Hoffman on February 3rd up to March 24 where he was wounded in action without the knowledge of the undersigned and the 7th cavalry so that at the time the 45 th infantry roster was prepared his name was not included but however his name was registered as missing in the office of the adjutant of the 7th cavalry.

(d) Captain Mc Cremens reported to this unit after he was released from the field hospital in Intramuros.

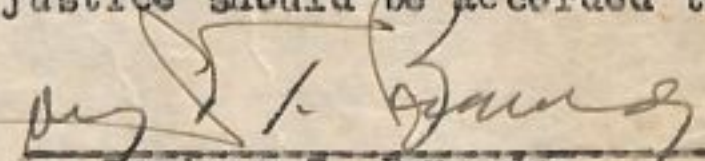
(e) On June 30th by order of General Hoopman this unit became the 4th battalion of the saber force which was organized by the 1st. cavalry division as a patrol guerilla organization to take charge of the remaining unconquered mountainous town of the province of Tayabas of which Colonel Alfredo Velez is Chief of Staff and who signed the 1st. endorsement recommending approval knowing fully then of all the circumstances in his case and also because from the 30th of June 1945 of this date Captain Mc Cremens has rendered services.

(f) Captain Mc Cremens was a commissioned officer second Lieutenant in the Philippine Army which fought in Bataan under General Belmel and Major Helms.

(g) Captain Mc Cremens was also commissioned as Captain and inducted into this unit on April 1943.

3. Captain Mc Cremens has not reported to the USSAFFE or to the Philippine Army on the ground that he was in active service in this unit besides the undersigned understand that all USSAFFE men need not report to the USSAFFE headquarters upon the arrival of the American forces in Manila because he was then in active duty as a commissioned officer ( Captain of this unit attached with the 7th cavalry as stated above.

4. In view of the foregoing explanation Captain Mc Cremens should be recognized in fairness to the service rendered by him like other guerilla officers that justice should be accorded to whom it is due.

  
Domingo T. Bermudez  
Major, Inf. PA., Actg. C.O. 45th Inf. Regt.

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SUBJECT: Inclusion and restoration of ranks of Officers of the 45th Infantry Regiment whose ranks were reduced; and additional Officer attached to the 7th Cavalry Regt., 1st Cavalry Division, not included in the Roster Re-organized.

1st INDORSEMENT

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH CAVALRY REGT.  
APO 201

22 July 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division. APO 201

Approved:

For the Commanding General

ROBERT O. ERWIN  
Major, 7th Cav.  
Adjutant CW/

2nd INDORSEMENT

A G 322  
(22 July '45)

HQS., 1st Cavalry Division, APO 201. 28 July '45

TO: Commanding General, SIXTH ARMY. APO 442

APPROVED: In view of the length of service rendered by this personnel without pay, it is urgently recommended that recognition be accomplished the earliest possible date.

For the Commanding General:

WILLIAM L. KERR  
Lt. Col. AGD  
Adj. Gen.

3rd INDORSEMENT

a/c  
Als. 384-E  
(22 July '45)

Headquarters, 6th Army. APO 442. 31 July '45

TO: Commanding General, XIV Corps. APO 453

APPROVED:

For the Commanding General:

MORLEY R. HARTLEY  
Major, A.G.D.  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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1ST CAVALRY DIVISION  
APO 201

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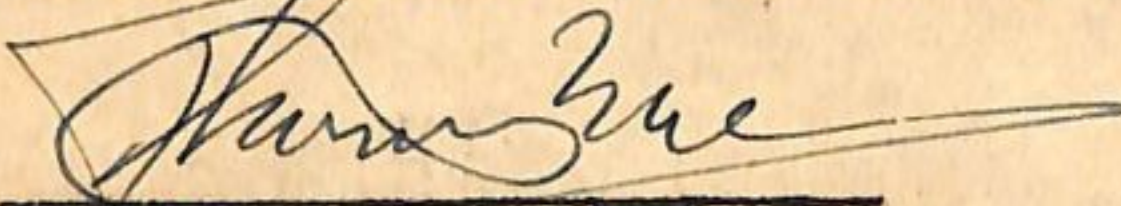

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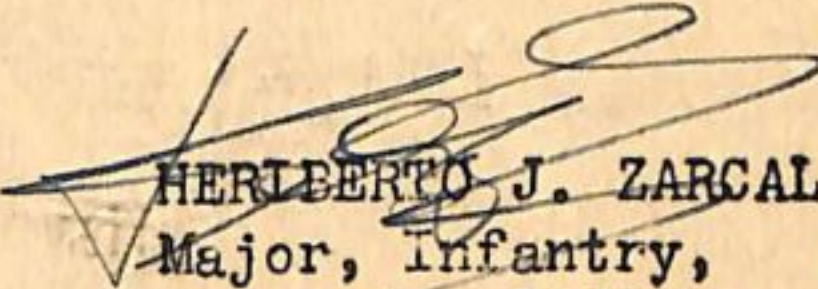
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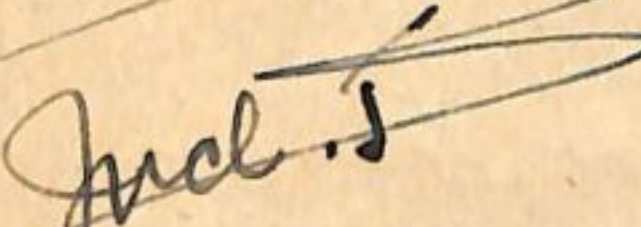
This is to identify that Thomas Mc Crenens  
(Name)

Captain      1ST CAVALRY      4TH. BN. SABER FORCE  
(Rank & branch of service)      (Unit or Organization)

whose signature appears below, is a member of this command.

  
(Signature of  officer)

  
HERIBERTO J. ZARCAL  
Major, Infantry,  
Executive Officer



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4TH BATTALION SABER FORCE  
1ST CAVALRY DIVISION  
APO 201

"O" COMPANY

13 August '45

OFFICERS

1. Capt. Thomas Mc Cremen
2. 2nd Lt. Tirso Joson

ENLISTED MEN

1. T/Sgt Pedro Balmes
2. S/Sgt Augusto Martinez
3. Sgt Jose Mateo
4. " Geminiano Roda
5. Cpl Constantino Cortez
6. " Isidro Etorra
7. Pfc Jose Gallas
8. " Toreno Honorio
9. " Victor Padilla
10. " Quirino Manalo
11. " Simeon Larosa
12. " Celso Delantar
13. " Jose Demetrio
14. " Monico Basilio
15. " Ricardo Abada
16. " Constantino Regner
17. Pvt Alberto Mendoza
18. " Graciano Reyes
19. " Germinigildo de Quina
20. " Ponciano Polina
21. " Estero Lagrosa
22. " Josue Estueta
23. " Delfin Castillo
24. " Honorio Sarajan
25. " Paulo Ricazar
26. " Ramon Quiazon
27. F " Francisco Yatid
28. " Sabino Fabricante
29. " Gregorio Martinez
30. " Dominador Villanueva
31. " Camilo Manalili
32. " Tomas de Chaves
33. " Gregorio Alcoriza
34. " Juan Cocales
35. " Victor Gonzales
36. " Vivencio Palino
37. " Fausto Barcelona
38. " Apolonio Marasigan
39. " Antonio de Luna
40. " Gregorio Navarro
41. " Venancio Dorado
42. " Artemio Castillo
43. " Florentino Vita
44. " Jose Parama

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INF. SABER FORCE  
1ST CAV DIVISION  
AG 201

1 July 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 14

1. CAPT. THOMAS J. MORRIS, 5th Bn., 45th Inf. Regt., Fla. (Paratrooper) M., is relieved from his present duty and is assigned as ORDNANCE OFFICER, 4th Bn., Saber Force, effective this date.

BY ORDER OF THE BATTALION COMMANDER:

CRISTO E. ARRILLO  
Capt., Inf.

OFFICIAL:

*Cristo E. Arrillo*  
CRISTO E. ARRILLO  
Capt., Inf.

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HEADQUARTERS - SABER FORCE  
APO 450

26 Oct. 45

SPECIAL ORDER )  
NO. 80 )

1. Capt. Thomas McClemens, is hereby relieved from his duties with Regimental S-3 and is assigned on Special Duty with the Commanding Officer.

2. He will report to the Commanding Officer for instruction.

By Order of the Commanding Officer:

*Ernesto Llaneza*  
ERNESTO LLANEZA  
Capt. Inf. P.A.  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION  
APO SOI

27 April 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following components of the Manila (Barrion's) Division, 1ST DIV, have served in combat operations with elements of the 1st Cavalry Division:

HEIKER REGT.  
4TH INF.  
SOUTH REGTAR REGT (Cos. "A", "B", & "C").

Service of these units have been of great material assistance to this DIVISION and commendation is hereby offered. On the basis of excellent performance of duty these units have been recommended, through channels, for official recognition by the G-in-C.

The commander and staff of the Manila Division, while not directly attached to the 1st Cav. DIV, have been of particular assistance in supplying the Division guerrilla support, in organizing, administering, and coordinating the various detachments of the Manila Division attached to various elements of the 1st Cavalry Division.

HOF:MAN

OFFICIALS:

SIGNED: GORDON, G-2.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*W. Davis*  
WILLIAM H. DAVIS  
Major, Infantry  
Acting Adj. Gen., G-2

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