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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (PHILIPPINE ARMY)

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
MANILA, P.

IN REPLY REFER TO
C.O.I.

Lieutenant Colonel Curtis Baker, Air Corps, U. S. Army.

The following instructions will govern the induction into the service of the Armed Forces of the United States of the Philippine Army Air Corps units at Maniquia Field, Cebu, P. I.:

1. Acceptance will be accomplished on Friday, August 15th, as follows:
 - a. The Philippine Army Unit Commander will report his organization to you and present the necessary rosters and property records for check.
 - b. You will read the Proclamation of the President of the United States and General Orders No. 5, Headquarters United States Army Forces in the Far East.
 - c. You will administer the oath of allegiance to the United States, the personnel repeating it after you.
 - d. You will accept the unit for service with the United States Army Forces in the Philippines.
2. Full instructions as to your duties in connection with administration and supply functions are contained in information documents inclosed herewith.

By command of Lieutenant General MacARTHUR:

CARL H. SEALS,
Colonel, A. G. O.,
Acting Adjutant General.

- 4 Incls.
Incl #1 - Copy of The President's Proclamation.
Incl #2 - Copy of G. O. #5, this Hq.
Incl #3 - Copy of Oath of Allegiance.
Incl #4 - Copy of administrative instructions, letter to you August 13, 1941.

*Delivered personally to Lt. Col. Parker at
8-15-41*

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July 26, 1941.

PROCLAMATION

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the United States by Section two (1) (12) (of the Philippine Independence Act of March 24, 1934) and by the corresponding provision of the Ordinance appended to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States I hereby call and order into the service of the armed forces of the United States for the period of the existing emergency and place under the command of a General Officer, U. S. Army to be designated by the Secretary of War from time to time, all of the organized military forces of the Govt. of the Commonwealth of the Philippines: provided, that all Naval components thereof shall be placed under the command of the Commandant of the 10th Naval District, U. S. Navy.

This order shall take effect with relation to all units and personnel of the organized military forces of the Govt. of the Commonwealth of the Philippines from and after the dates and hours respectively indicated in orders to be issued from time to time by the General Officer, U. S. Army, designated by the Secretary of War.

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GENERAL ORDERS.
No. 5.

Pursuant to the provisions of the proclamation of the President of the United States dated July 26, 1941, the active organized units of Philippine Army Air Corps are hereby called into the service of the armed forces of the United States in the Philippines, effective 12:01 A. M., August 15, 1941, for the period of the existing emergency. The Philippine Army Air Corps and attached medical personnel, are assigned to the Air Force, United States Army Forces in the Far East. Lieutenant Colonel Charles Backes (G-11201), Air Corps, United States Army, Acting Chief of Air Corps, Philippine Army, is assigned to command of the Air Corps, Philippine Army, and will report to the Commanding General, Air Force, United States Army Forces in the Far East for duty accordingly.

By command of Lieutenant General WEA THUR:

Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

(Signature)
CARL F. SEALS,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Acting Adjutant General.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

"I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the rules and Articles of War." This oath or affirmation may be taken before any officer.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
MANILA, P. I.

August 15, 1941.

REFERENCE - For: Lieutenant Colonel Charles Backus, Office of the
Commanding General, Air Force, U. S. Army Forces
in the Far East, Manila, P. I.

SUBJECT: Induction of the Air Corps of the Philippine Army.

The Chief of Staff directs the following procedure for induction
of the Air Corps on Friday, August 15th.

1. The personnel will assemble in formation at Tablin Field
prior to 9:00 o'clock A. M. The band may play selections while the
are being formed and the official party or parties are arriving.

2. Acceptance will take place at 9:00 A. M. as follows:

a. The Commanding Officer, Tablin Field, will report the
to you.

b. YOU will then read the Proclamation of the President of
United States calling and ordering the Forces of the Philippine
Commonwealth into the service of the Armed Forces of the United
States in the Philippines, and General Orders No. 5, this
quarters, ordering the Philippine Army Air Corps into service
of the U. S. Armed Forces in the Philippines.

c. You will administer the oath of allegiance to the United
States, the personnel repeating the oath after you.

d. You then face about, salute, and report to General Lee:

"Sir, Pursuant to the Proclamation of the President,
United States and General Orders No. 5, Headquarters, United
States Army Forces in the Far East, I report the Air Corps, Philippine
Army, for service with the Armed Forces of the United States in the
Philippines."

3. General MacArthur will then acknowledge the acceptance of
the personnel for service with the Armed Forces.

4. The band will play "The Star Spangled Banner".

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CARL H. SMITH,
Colonel, A. G. S.,
Acting Adjutant General.

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C of S. For concurrence.

Acceptance officers for air corps units other than at Davao Field will be appointed in Orders to issue from Air Force Headquarters as follows:

Maniquis Field
For ~~CAMP TINEG~~, CABANATUAN
Lieut. Col. Charles [unclear], USA

For LANUG FIELD, CEBU, CEBU
2nd Lieut. Raymond A. [unclear], USA

Prepare letters of instructions for these officers substantially as follows:

MEMO for Instruction Officer
The following instructions will govern the assignment into the service of the Armed Forces of the United States of the
1. In compliance with orders, [unclear] Headquarters, Air Force, United States Army Forces in the Far East, you will proceed to the designated station of the Philippine Army Air Corps and formally accept the unit presented for service with the United States Army Forces in The Philippines.

Acceptance will be accomplished as follows:

a. The Philippine Army Commander will report his organization to you and present the necessary registers and property records for check.

b. You will read the Proclamation of the President of the United States and General Orders No. 1, No. 45AFSC.

c. You will administer the oath of allegiance to the United States, if required, and you will

United States Army Forces in the Far East

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