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Manager
Veterans Administration Regional Office
APO 928, San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter, your office, dated 8 June 1956, file reference 3058-SA, requesting verification of the service certification and information regarding character of discharge furnished in the cases of the following individuals:

Adchalan Saloy, C-12 150 302
Dominator A. Malinao, C-19 474 659
Eduardo L. Kapunan, C-18 706 887

There are inclosed Veterans Administration Forms 3101, with inclosures, showing redetermination of military service in the cases of Adchalan Saloy and Dominador A. Malinao.

A review of the records in the case of Eduardo L. Kapunan has been made and it has been concluded that certification of service furnished 1 July 1956 is correct. Accordingly, no change therein is warranted.

Sincerely yours,

2 Incl
1. VA 3101 w/2 incls re:Saloy
2. VA 3101 w/1 incl re:Malinao

DAVID H. ARP
Colonel, AGC
Commanding

Regional Office
APO 928, San Francisco, California

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June 8, 1956

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C- 12 150 302 NO ASN #
SALOY, Adchalan
C- 19 474 659 ASN 90-MG-2-10242
MALINAO, Dominador
C- 18 706 887 NO ASN #
KAPUNAN, Eduardo L.

The Adjutant General
Army Records Center
Recovered Personnel Section
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis 14, Missouri

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the above cases be rechecked to determine whether or not information furnished concerning character of discharge and service data are correct. Since the information furnished in these cases is at variance with that furnished in other cases covering similar circumstances, it will be appreciated if information can be furnished as to whether or not a change of policy is involved.

In the case of SALOY, Adchalan, C 12 150 302, the veteran is shown to have been Beleaguered from 8 Dec 41 to 21 Dec 41; in No Casualty Status from 22 Dec 41 to 14 Aug 45; and Absent Without Leave from 15 Aug 45 to 30 June 46, yet character of discharge is shown as honorable.

In the case of MALINAO, Dominador, C 19 474 659, the veteran is shown in Beleaguered status from 14 Dec 41 to 5 May 42; Missing from 6 May 42 to 9 May 42; Prisoner of War from 10 May 42 to 20 Jan 43; in No Casualty Status from 21 Jan 43 to 15 Aug 45; and AWOL from 16 Aug 45 to 30 June 46. Here the character of discharge is also shown as honorable.

In the case of KAPUNAN, Eduardo L, C 18 706 887, the character of discharge is not given. The veteran is shown to have Pre-war service from 1 Sep 41 to 7 Dec 41; Beleaguered status from 8 Dec 41 to 9 Apr 42; was a Prisoner of War from 10 April 42 to 31 Aug 42; and in No Casualty Status from 1 Sep 42 to 30 June 46. There is no indication that he was Absent Without Leave.

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Your cooperation in verifying the service data and character of discharge in these cases will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. HAY
Adjudication Officer

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APO 928

4 August 1950

The Administrator
U. S. Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D. C.
(Attn: Mr. T. H. Moore
Chief, Foreign Section,
Adjudication Division)

Dear Sir:

As requested by Mr. Chamberlain of your office, there are forwarded herewith the following:

Circular No. 59, Commonwealth of the Philippines Army Headquarters, dtd 3 Jul 45. This is the circular which directs all military personnel to report to military control on or before 15 Aug 45.

Circular No. 211, Headquarters, Army of the Philippines, dtd 5 Nov 46. This circular provides for the formation of straggler boards for processing of military personnel who return later than 15 Aug 45 and for screening of these stragglers to determine whether or not court-martial charges for desertion should be filed.

SOP for Stragglers Processing Team, issued to straggler teams at time of publication of Circular 211, with changes No. 1 thereto, dtd 29 Apr 48.

Extract of Special Orders No. 172, Headquarters National Defense Forces, dtd 27 Jul 49, of which paragraph 16 and 17 refer to details of officers of the PA to the current straggler board which is still in operation.

Neither our files nor those of the Philippine Army indicate that any special straggler boards were constituted prior to 5 Nov 46 by either the U. S. Army or the Philippine Army. Processing of late returnees was done by RPD teams sent out

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to the various islands and provinces who reprocessed those returned USAFFE's and guerrillas not completely processed earlier and who also processed new returnees. Similar teams also existed at RPD Headquarters in Mandaluyong, Rizal and at the various Philippine Army Replacement Centers. There are no extant files of the proceedings of any boards of officers on the desertion status of late returnees.

It is regretted that so little data can be furnished on this matter but it is hoped that what has been furnished will be of some assistance.

Yours Truly,

Wm. M. GOLD
Lt. Col, AGD
Commanding

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
ARMY HEADQUARTERS
APO 500

CIRCULAR)
:
NUMBER 59)

3 July 1945

USAFFE PERSONNEL TO REPORT FOR DUTY

1. Many officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army who were inducted into the USAFFE on or before 7 May 1942 have not yet reported for processing at Philippine Army Replacement Battalions although they have had opportunity to do so. All such personnel are hereby directed to report to the nearest Philippine Army Replacement Battalion or Processing Team for processing on or before 15 August 1945.
2. In the absence of a Replacement Battalion or a Processing Team accessible to the officers and enlisted men wishing to report, such personnel must return to military control on or before 15 August 1945 by reporting to the Commanding Officer of the nearest activated Philippine Army unit. Commanding Officers of activated Philippine Army units are hereby instructed to receive and ascertain the identity of such persons desiring to return to military control. Those who were not inducted into the USAFFE will be refused and those who were will be retained and carried on the unit strength report as attached unassigned for quarters, rations and administration. Report on such officers and enlisted men attached unassigned will be forwarded to this headquarters which will issue further instructions as to their disposition.
3. Any officer or enlisted men of the Philippine Army inducted into the USAFFE who cannot report as directed because of sickness or other causes should inform this headquarters or the nearest Philippine Army unit in writing on or before 15 August 1945. Reasons for failure to report must be stated in the letter. Commanding Officers of all activated Philippine Army units are instructed to forward all such letters received to The Adjutant General, PA.
4. Individuals who fail to report as directed herein will be considered as absent in desertion.
5. PA officers and enlisted men who are active members of guerrilla units recognized by GHQ, SWPA, or GHQ, AFPAC, and not duly discharged therefrom, are exempted from the provisions of this Circular. Membership in such units can be determined by the proper roster of troops on file at HPA.

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Circular No. 59, 3 July '45, cont'd

Circular No. 59, HPA, 3 July 45, subj: "USAFPE Personnel to report for Duty."

6. Philippine Army unit commanders in the field are directed to give this Circular the widest possible publicity.


BASILIO J. VALDES,
Major General, Philippine Army,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Luis Ramos
/t/ LUIS RAMOS
Colonel, AGS
The Adjutant General.

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M.K. ANTHONY
2nd Lt AGD
Asst Adj

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

CIRCULAR)
NUMBER 211)

5 November 1946

UNPROCESSED MILITARY PERSONNEL

1. For the purpose of processing stragglers who are USAFFE personnel and recognized guerrillas who return to military control after 30 June 1946, the following instructions and procedures will govern:

a. The Adjutant General and all District Commanders will each create a processing team, the composition of which shall be:

- 1 Induction & Records Officer
- 1 (Records Officer) separate if necessary
- 1 Medical Officer
- 1 Dental Officer
- 1 Finance Officer

b. Proof of USAFFE or Recognized Guerrilla status will be established as follows:

(1) If a USAFFE, upon presentation of affidavits of two (2) persons who are members of the USAFFE Forces or of the Philippine Army already processed, stating their knowledge that subject person is known by them and are members of specific USAFFE unit during the war.

(2) If a Recognized Guerrilla, upon proper verification of records in the office of the Adjutant General (Attention: Returns Division). Any request for this purpose must indicate the specific unit in order to facilitate the search in the roster.

In order to assist personnel returning to military control in securing the above requirements, the assistance of the Adjutant General may be requested by radiograms as to the location of certain persons whose whereabouts may be unknown at the time.

c. After conclusive proof, of USAFFE or Recognized Guerrilla Status, the following records will be opened or prepared:

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Circular #211, dtd 5 Nov 1946, Cont'd.

For Officers:-

- (1) WDAGO Form 23
- (2) WDAGO Form 22
- (3) WDAGO Form 66-1
- (4) Oath of Office
- (5) WDAGO Form 63 (Record of Physical Examination)

For Enlisted Men:-

- (1) WDAGO Form 24 (Service Record)
- (2) WDAGO Form 20
- (3) WDAGO Form 22
- (4) WDAGO Form 23
- (5) WDAGO Form 38 (Record of Physical Examination)

A detailed inquiry will be made to ascertain the cause why such officer or enlisted men is delayed in reporting to military control. Where there is a reason to believe that court-martial proceedings should be instituted against the individual concerned, a report regarding the facts and together with actions recommended regarding the matter will be made to the District Commander or to the Adjutant General who shall then direct the necessary steps or proceedings in consonance with provisions of the Article of War.

3. Disposition of Personnel:

a. Reserve officers and officers who are civilian volunteers will be demobilized. Enlisted personnel who prefer to be separated from the service after having been duly processed will be demobilized ("discharged" in case of civilian volunteers and the regular enlisted men and "reverted to inactive status" for reservists) on Special Orders issued by the District Commander or the Adjutant General: Provided, however, that personnel who are to be charged in a court-martial will not be demobilized until such time when they shall have been cleared of the charges. Persons, who, in the opinion of the District Commander, should be held in the service for reasons other than already stated will not be demobilized but a radio report together with the attending circumstances will be submitted to the Adjutant General, who shall issue appropriate instructions.

b. All other enlisted personnel desiring to stay in the service together with the following records will be sent to the PA Replacement Pool, Camp Murphy;

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Circular #211, dtd 5 Nov 1946, Cont'd

- (1) Special Orders directing the transfer
- (2) Service Record
- (3) Individual Clothing and Equipment Record
- (4) Soldier's Qualification Card
- (5) Immunisation Register

c. For any claim concerning their arrears in pay, the individual will be required to present themselves for re-processing to the Processing Sections in the District or to the Recovered Personnel Division at Mandaluyong, Rizal.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE:

OFFICIAL:

/s/t/ R. JALANDONI
Major General, PA
Chief of Staff

/s/t/ LUIS FLORENTIN
Colonel, AGD
The Adjutant General


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/s/t/ EULOGIO M DUA
Capt Inf
Chief Operations Sec

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M. K. ANTHONY
2nd Lt AGD
Asst Adj

SOP FOR STRAGGLERS' PROCESSING TEAM

I. GENERAL

1. Processing for current pay performed by the Operations Section based on Cir 211 HAP dated 5 Nov 46 (Copy attached) will apply to regular civilian guerrillas who appear on recognized rosters and who did not receive initial current pay while attached to US Army Units, and to USAFFES who reported late for processing.

The following procedure will be followed by the Operations Section in handling these cases:

a. Request 201 files of claimants concerned from LCS in *case of civilian guerrillas who were processed for arrears in pay but were not initially processed into military control in the PA.*

b. If claimant has no 201 file in LCS, Service Records and Allied Papers as required by Cir 211 HPA dated 5 Nov 46 will be prepared for him by the processing team if and when claimants' identity as a USAFFE or as a recognized guerrilla has been clearly established.

c. Present procedure and policies being used by LCS re-identity of a USAFFE or that of a civilian guerrilla will be followed by Operations Section.

2. Previous processing accomplished by other agencies authorized to do so, wherein current pay has not been settled, due to absence of proper authority to have Finance Office, HNDP or its agencies to make payments, will also be handled by Operations Section.

Following steps will be taken:

a. Request 201 file of claimant from Central Records, HNDP and 201 file from LCS.

b. The case will be adjudicated using the present policy re-current pay of Stragglers, basing the findings upon evidence on file.

c. Documents from the respective files which come from Central Records and LCS, will be reproduced if needed to supply copies for Finance and Auditor HNDP. Borrowed files from said offices will be returned together with the determination sheets duly accomplished.

TYPES OF STRAGGLERS:

II. USAFFE

1. USAFFE Stragglers will be paid current pay from the date they reported to Military Control to the date they were discharged provided there is proof of continuous active service. In no case can payment be made beyond 30 June 1946.

2. Disabled USAFFE Stragglers will be paid current pay from the date they were received by a PA or AUS hospital to date of discharge from hospital but not beyond 30 June 46, provided, proof of non-payment by the

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hospital where patient was confined can be presented, and provided further more, that the identity of the soldier as a member of the USAFFE and proof that disability was service connected has been established beyond reasonable doubt.

3. Disabled USAFFE Stragglers who were never hospitalized after presenting conclusive evidence, that injury or illness prevented returnee from reporting to Military Control and was incurred while in active service and in line of duty and after establishing beyond reasonable doubt their identity as members of the USAFFE and that returnee can present conclusive proofs that he notified HPA in writing reasons why he couldn't return to Military Control on or before 15 Aug 45 will be paid current pay from date injury or illness commenced up to the date they are pronounced physically fit to return to Military Control by the attending physician.
Authority: Cir #59 HPA dtd 3 July 43 (copy attached)

Statements made by private physicians in cases of USAFFE Stragglers who were not hospitalized will be carefully investigated by the board per HAP Cir 211. Decision of this board will be subject to final approval of C, AFPRP Br.

4. The following are required proofs in establishing the fact that injury or illness was incurred in line of duty:

a. Affidavit of Company Commander or Battalion Commander stating clearly facts surrounding the case, or affidavit of any officer in same unit in case Company Commander or Battalion Commander are casualties.

b. Affidavit of any two members of the same company to which claimant belonged stating clearly the facts surrounding the case.

c. Affidavit of the attending physician attesting to fact that illness or injury was contracted as a result of subject's service in the Armed Forces of the USAFFE. (Refer to par 4, USAFFE Adj Memo #8)

d. Certification, where applicable, from records of PA of AUS hospital.

III. Civilian Guerrilla

1. Civilian guerrilla stragglers will be paid current pay from initial date of recognition of the unit or date of induction whichever is later, to the date the unit was ordered demobilized by a U. S. Army unit, provided conclusive proof of non-payment for period claimed can be presented. Under no circumstances will recognized civilian guerrillas be paid current pay for any period they were not on actual active service

2. Disabled recognized civilian guerrillas, not MIA cases, will be paid current pay from date of induction or date of initial recognition of the unit, whichever is later, to date of discharge from military hospital, if and when returnee was hospitalized on or before the date his parent unit was disbanded, or considered under ICS policies to have been paid in full by the organizational commander, or date the unit was or

demobilized by U.S. Army unit, whichever is applicable provided claimant presents proof of his non-payment by a Finance officer of a military hospital where he was confined.

If returnee was hospitalized subsequent to any dates referred to in paragraph 2 above, a summary of the case will be prepared in Check Note form for the signature of the Director RPD to be forwarded to the Guerrilla Affairs Division for individual recognition. No current pay will be authorized to any claimant who was hospitalized subsequent to any of the dates aforementioned, unless Guerrilla Affairs has recognized him individually.

3. Disabled recognized civilian guerrillas, not WIA cases, will be paid current pay from date of induction or date of initial recognition of the unit whichever is later to date subject individual was pronounced able to resume normal active life by his attending physician if said individual was not hospitalized but was under continuous doctor's care in the unit provided that sickness was contracted while in active service and in line of duty and on or before the date the unit was disbanded or demobilized or the date the unit was considered paid in full by organizational commander (LOS policies).

4. Disabled civilian guerrilla returnees who do not appear on WIA rosters, who became sick, were never hospitalized, but went home before processing, must submit an affidavit of their Commanding Officer stating the reasons why they were not processed and why they were not paid, if subject claimant is claiming current pay. In addition to this, claimant will present an affidavit of the attending physician stating therein the period claimant was treated and the type of sickness.

The following required proofs for a civilian guerrilla to establish that injury or illness was incurred while in active service and in line of duty:

- a. Affidavit of CO Comdr of Bn Comdr stating clearly and unmistakably the facts surrounding the case.
- b. Affidavit of any two recognized members with equal or higher rank than the claimant, who actually had personal knowledge of the facts surrounding the case.
- c. Affidavit of the Medical Officer of the unit or attending physician that said illness was contracted as a result of his service with the resistance movement.

IV. All persons executing affidavits for claimants under this category will be made criminally and pecuniarily liable in cases of erroneous payments which may result from their certification.

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES
RECOVERED PERSONNEL BRANCH
Mandaluyong, Rizal

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29 Apr 48

SOP For Stragglers')
Processing Team) Changes No. 1

1. Section Ia of SOP for Stragglers' Processing Team is changed to read as follows:

"1 a. Request 201 file of claimants concerned either from ICS or from Central Records, HNDF to verify if they were processed for arrears in pay or returned into Military Control, PA. In cases when there is no 201 file, the checknote bearing proper notation of ICS or HNDF should be included in the allied papers under Par 1 b."

2. Section III-1 of SOP for Stragglers' Processing Team is changed to read as follows:

"1. Civilian guerrilla stragglers will be paid current pay from initial date of recognition of the unit or date of induction whichever is later, to the date the unit was ordered demobilized by the U. S. Army or to the date the claimant left his unit whichever date is earlier provided conclusive proof of non-payment for period claimed can be presented. Under no circumstances will recognized civilian guerrillas be paid current pay for any period they were not on actual active service.

/s/t/ GENEROSO L. MENDOZA
Major AGS
Chief

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 172

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES
Camp Murphy, Quezon City
27 July 1949

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16. Par 10, SO No 167, this Hq, cs, pertaining to detail of off to compose a Board to meet at such places and dates as the Chairman thereof may direct to study the status of unprocessed military personnel pursuant to Circular No. 211, this Headquarters, dtd 5 Nov 46 is revoked.

17. Pol-named off, HMDF Camp Murphy, Quezon City by OTAG, are, in addition to their other duties, detailed to compose a Board to meet at such places and dates as the Chairman thereof may direct to study the status of unprocessed military personnel pursuant to Circular No. 211, this Headquarters, dated 5 Nov 46 and to determine and resolve the date and character of discharge of PA personnel who do not have a valid discharge from the service:

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

MAJ SANTIAGO I CONCEPCION	0-1499 AGS	- Chairman
CAPT PEDRO B ABRENICA	0-21357 AGS	- Member
1ST LT GENEROSO R MODEQUILLO	0-2044 INF	- Member
1ST LT NICOLAS CAMELLO	0-34225 AGS	- Member

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

OFFICIAL:

M. N. CASTANEDA
Major General, AFP
Chief of Staff

s/t/ J. A. ARAMBULO
Colonel, AGS
The Adjutant General

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NOTE: Par 17 is the last par of SO No 172.

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SMX. Cuentray, mld. AGD

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11 August 1950

The Manager, Manila Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration, USVA Bldg.,
Escolta and David Streets, Manila
(ATTENTION: Mr J E Palmer)

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Reference is made to letter from your office 58R8 dated 26 July 1950 wherein you requested information about the organization and function of "Straggler Boards" and in which you included a copy of a letter from the Central Office, USVA, Washington D. C., dated 6 July 1950.

On 3 July 1945 a directive issued as Circular No. 59 (Incl #1) by the Headquarters Philippine Commonwealth Army required that all officers and enlisted personnel of the Philippine Army who were inducted into the USAFFE on or before 7 May 1942 and who did not yet report for processing would now report for processing at the nearest replacement battalion, processing team, or an active PA unit on or before 15 August 1945. Any of these personnel who could not report because of sickness or other causes were required to inform Philippine Army authorities in writing on or before the deadline date referred to above, setting forth their reasons for failure to report. This directive exempted members of the USAFFE who were active members of recognized guerrilla units.

On 5 November 1946, Headquarters Army of the Philippines issued Circular No. 211 (Incl #2) which contained the procedure for processing personnel who still had not reported for processing at the various Philippine Army installations established to conduct such processing and who returned to military control after 30 June 1946. Processing teams created by this directive were required to make detailed inquiries to ascertain the cause for the delay in reporting to military control. In certain specified cases these processing teams were required to institute charges for eventual trial by court martial, if appropriate. It also contained instructions for the disposition of all personnel affected, which included trials by courts martial, retention in the service, or immediate separation.

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It should be noted that the two directives discussed above were published by Philippine authorities and the administration of these directives was the responsibility of the Philippine Army. After 30 June 1946, when the Commonwealth Army was turned over to the Philippine Government, the U. S. Army ceased to have any control over Philippine Army personnel.

Personnel who returned to military control and who claimed to have been separated from the service but who cannot present evidence of such separation from the Philippine Army are required to be processed in accordance with current Philippine Army directives.

Headquarters, National Defense Forces established a Board of Officers to study the status of unprocessed military personnel as well as to determine and resolve the date and character of discharge of any of these personnel who did not have valid discharges from the service. The present Board was created by orders published by Headquarters National Defense Forces (See Incl #3).

I hope that the information furnished herein will prove helpful.

Sincerely yours,

BURL A. WOOD
WOJG USA
Adjutant

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Major, USA

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The above information is being furnished to you for your information and is not to be disseminated outside your agency. This information is being furnished to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, which provides that information that is not exempt from disclosure under this Act shall be made available to the public. This information is being furnished to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, which provides that information that is not exempt from disclosure under this Act shall be made available to the public. This information is being furnished to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, which provides that information that is not exempt from disclosure under this Act shall be made available to the public.





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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Manila Regional Office
Escolta & David Sts., Manila, P.I.

July 26, 1950

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: 58R8

Major John W. Page
Executive Officer
AGRD, PHILCOM (AF), APO 928

Subj: Straggler Boards

Dear Major Page:

Attached is a copy of letter dated July 6, 1950 received from our Central Office, Washington 25 D. C., on the foregoing subject matter which is self explanatory.

It will be appreciated if a narrative statement disclosing the manner in which the Straggler Boards were organized and functioned be submitted for the general information of our Central Office. Any other data available, as indicated in paragraph 2 of the attached letter, I believe would be material in determining the extent of validity to be given to the decisions of the Boards for VA purposes.

Your usual prompt cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

Encl: VACO letter dtd 7-6-50

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J. P. BRYAN

REGISTRATION OFFICE

It must be understood that a written statement describing the
nature of the work to be done is essential to the proper
administration of the registration process. The
information should be given to the registrant in the form of a
letter. It should state clearly the nature of the work to be done
and the conditions under which it will be performed. It should
also state the date by which the work is to be completed.

The registration process is a continuous one and the
registrant should be kept advised of the progress of his
work. It is the responsibility of the registration office to
keep the registrant advised of the progress of his work.

Very truly yours,

Director, Registration Office

JOHN M. BRYAN (VA) 445 10000
REGISTRATION OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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REGISTRATION OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 6, 1950

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TO: Manager
VA Regional Office, Manila
APO 900, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

ATTN: Adjudication Officer

SUBJ: Straggler Boards

1. At the recent conference between the Officers of the AGRD, Manila, and the Foreign Section, Central Office, the question was asked as to whether veterans who return to military control after resistance had ceased were liable to any penalties. The Army reply to this was to the effect that Straggler Boards were set up and any soldiers returning after a certain date were tried by these Boards.
2. It is requested that the Manila Regional Office ascertain from the AGRD the delimiting date from which action by these Boards took effect and obtain a history of the Boards insofar as operation and activities are concerned.
3. This report should be obtained as promptly as possible and forwarded to Central Office.

/s/ R. J. HINTON
Director
Dependents & Beneficiaries Claims Service





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Dependent & Beneficiary Claims Service
Director
/s/ H. J. HINLOM

to Central Office.
3. This report should be obtained as promptly as possible and forwarded
as concerned.
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5. It is requested that the Manila Regional Office ascertain from the
the date a certain date were filed by these boards.
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SUB: retroactive boards
ATTN: adjudication officer
San Francisco, California
APO 300, c/o Postmaster
AV Regional Office, Manila
LO: Manila

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Major ~~Rinaldi~~; Major Bakew

DATE: 31 Jul '50.

FROM : Major Page

SUBJECT: Attached Correspondence (Shaggler Boards)

1. Have Cuerrero and/or Miss Brint prepare reply.
2. Let's make our answer as general and as brief as possible. I interpret the VA letter as another one of their efforts to evaluate the quality of our certifications (this time in respect to Shaggler Boards) and to find out "how we got our answers". Briefly outline the Board's origin, purpose, jurisdiction size, and dates. Prepare reply for the Adjutant's signature.

Route thru me (SID)

J.P.

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FILE NO: GSXD-V
SUBJECT:

DATE: 21 Jul 49

FROM: Chief, Veterans Branch,
S & C Div

THRU:
TO: Chief, Living Section, Vets Br.

1. Cases of members of the Philippine Army who are classified as stragglers and who have no discharge papers will be submitted for screening to a Board recently created at HNDP. This Board will determine if they should be cleared and given discharge or be tried by court martial.
2. A photostat copy of Form 23 or Form 49, as the case may be, together with photostat copies of such documents which will provide the Board at HNDP with a basis with which to start will be sent to HNDP.
3. It is desired that a list of all individuals whose cases are in suspense for lack of discharge papers be prepared and corresponding documents be readied for transmittal to HNDP with the least practicable delay.

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 SUBJECT: SOP for "Straggler" cases.

DATE: 19 April 1949

FROM: Chief, Veterans Branch THRU:
 TO: Chief, Living Section, Vets. Br.

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b. Inform the Veterans' Administration of the fact of non-return to military control and that case will be adjudicated only upon receipt from individual and/or HNDF of appropriate clearance and release from whatever military status the claimant may have had, if any.

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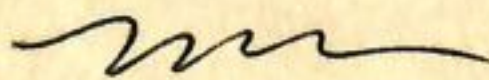
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/s/ P. M. Baken
/t/ P. M. BAKEN

----- Major Inf -----
FROM: Chief, Living Section, Vets Br TO: DISTRIBUTION "B" DATE: 25 Apr 49

Comply with Par 2, above. Get letters out as soon as possible without enterfering with production of adjudicable cases.



----- W. M. MA GEE, JR. -----

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

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5 November 1946

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE:

OFFICIAL:

/s/t/ LUIS FLORENTIN
Colonel, AGS
The Adjutant General

/s/t/ R. JALANDONI
Major General, PA
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s/Eulogio M. Dua
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I/ GENERAL

1. Processing for current pay performed by the Operations Section based on Cir 211 HAP dated 5 Nov 46 (Copy attached) will apply to regular civilian guerrillas who appear on recognized rosters and who did not receive initial current pay while attached to US Army Units, and to USAFFES who reported late for processing.

The following procedure will be followed by the Operations Section in handling these cases:

a. Request 201 files of claimants concerned from LCS in case of civilian guerrillas who were processed for arrears in pay but were not initially processed into military control in the PA.

b. If claimant has no 201 file in LCS, Service Records and Allied Papers as required by Cir 211 HPA dated 5 Nov 46 will be prepared for him by the processing team if and when claimant's identity as a USAFFE or as a recognized guerrilla has been clearly established.

c. Present procedure and policies being used by LCS re-identity of a USAFFE or that of a civilian guerrilla will be followed by Operations Section.

2. Previous processing accomplished by other agencies authorized to do so, wherein current pay has not been settled, due to absence of proper authority to have Finance Office, HNDF or its agencies to make payments, will also be handled by Operations Section.

Following steps will be taken:

a. Request 201 file of claimant from Central Records, HNDF and 201 file from LCS.

b. The case will be adjudicated using the present policy re-current pay of Stragglers, basing the findings upon evidence on file.

c. Documents from the respective files which come from Central Records and LCS, will be reproduced if needed to supply copies for Finance and Auditor HNDF. Borrowed files from said offices will be returned together with the determination sheets duly accomplished.

TYPES OF STRAGGLERS:

II. USAFFE

1. USAFFE Stragglers will be paid current pay from the date they reported to Military Control to the date they were discharged provided there is proof of continuous active service. In no case can payment be made beyond 30 June 1946.

2. Disabled USAFFE Stragglers will be paid current pay from the date they were received by a PA or AUS hospital to date of discharge from hospital but not beyond 30 June 46, provided, proof of non-payment by the

hospital where patient was confined can be presented, and provided furthermore, that the identity of the soldier as a member of the USAFFE and proof that disability was service connected has been established beyond reasonable doubt.

3. Disabled USAFFE Stragglers who were never hospitalized after presenting conclusive evidence, that injury or illness prevented returnee from reporting to Military Control and was incurred while in active service and in line of duty and after establishing beyond reasonable doubt their identity as members of the USAFFE and that returnee can present conclusive proofs that he notified HPA in writing reasons why he couldn't return to Military Control on or before 15 Aug 45 will be paid current pay from date injury or illness commenced up to the date they are pronounced physically fit to return to Military Control by the attending physician.
Authority: Cir #59 HPA dtd 3 July 43 (copy attached)

Statements made by private physicians in cases of USAFFE Stragglers who were not hospitalized will be carefully investigated by the board per HAP Cir 211. Decision of this board will be subject to final approval of C, AFPRP Br.

4. The following are required proofs in establishing the fact that injury or illness was incurred in line of duty:

a. Affidavit of Company Commander or Battalion Commander stating clearly facts surrounding the case, or affidavit of any officer in same unit in case Company Commander or Battalion Commander are casualties.

b. Affidavit of any two members of the same company to which claimant belonged stating clearly the facts surrounding the case.

c. Affidavit of the attending physician attesting to fact that illness or injury was contracted as a result of subject's service in the Armed Forces of the USAFFE. (Refer to par 4, USAFFE Adj Memo #8)

d. Certification, where applicable, from records of PA of AUS hospital.

III. Civilian Guerrilla

1. Civilian guerrilla stragglers will be paid current pay from initial date of recognition of the unit or date of induction whichever is later, to the date the unit was ordered demobilized by a U. S. Army unit, provided conclusive proof of non-payment for period claimed can be presented. Under no circumstances will recognized civilian guerrillas be paid current pay for any period they were not on actual active service.

2. Disabled recognized civilian guerrillas, not WIA cases, will be paid current pay from date of induction or date of initial recognition of the unit, whichever is later, to date of discharge from military hospital, if and when returnee was hospitalized on or before the date his parent unit was disbanded, or considered under ICS policies to have been paid in full by the organizational commander, or date the unit was ordered

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demobilized by U.S. Army unit, whichever is applicable provided claimant presents proof of his non-payment by a Finance officer of a military hospital where he was confined.

If returnee was hospitalized subsequent to any dates referred to in paragraph 2 above, a summary of the case will be prepared in Check Note form for the signature of the Director RFD to be forwarded to the Guerrilla Affairs Division for individual recognition. No current pay will be authorized to any claimant who was hospitalized subsequent to any of the dates aforementioned, unless Guerrilla Affairs has recognized him individually.

3. Disabled recognized civilian guerrillas, not VTA cases, will be paid current pay from date of induction or date of initial recognition of the unit whichever is later to date subject individual was pronounced able to resume normal active life by his attending physician if said individual was not hospitalized but was under continuous doctor's care in the unit provided that sickness was contracted while in active service and in line of duty and on or before the date the unit was disbanded or demobilized or the date the unit was considered paid in full by organizational commander (LCS policies).

4. Disabled civilian guerrilla returnees who do not appear on VTA rosters, who became sick, were never hospitalized, but went home before processing, must submit an affidavit of their Commanding Officer stating the reasons why they were not processed and why they were not paid, if subject claimant is claiming current pay. In addition to this, claimant will present an affidavit of the attending physician stating therein the period claimant was treated and the type of sickness.

The following required proofs for a civilian guerrilla to establish that injury or illness was incurred while in active service and in line of duty:

- a. Affidavit of CO Comdr of Bn Comdr stating clearly and unmistakably the facts surrounding the case.
- b. Affidavit of any two recognized members with equal or higher rank than the claimant, who actually had personal knowledge of the facts surrounding the case.
- c. Affidavit of the Medical Officer of the unit or attending physician that said illness was contacted as a result of his service with the resistance movement.

IV. All persons executing affidavits for claimants under this category will be made criminally and pecuniarily liable in cases of erroneous payments which may result from their certification.

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RECOVERED PERSONNEL BRANCH
Mandaluyong, Rizal

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29 Apr 48

SOP For Stragglers')
Processing Team) Changes No. 1

1. Section 1a of SOP for Stragglers' Processing Team is changed to read as follows:

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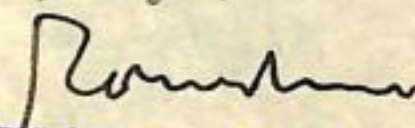
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/s/t/ GENEROSO L. MENDOZA
Major AGS
Chief

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

CIRCULAR)
NUMBER 211)

5 November 1946

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/s/t/ LUIS FLORENTIN
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Disposition of Guerrilla Stragglers
and Guerrilla Patients in Hospitals.

3 FROM: Director, RFD
AFWESPAC

TO: G-3, AFWESPAC
Attn: GAB

13 July 1946
EFF/JRG/HMF/gst

1. Concur in the answers and comments of preceding check notes with the following exceptions and comments:

a. Stragglers from recognized guerrilla units, regardless of category, are now being processed concurrently with Terminal Date Guerrillas at Camp Murphy, Risal, by Rec Pers Div Terminal Date Guerrilla Processing Team No 1. This personnel is being processed regardless of present or previous military status (AWOL, Sk in Hosp, etc) but the final date of payment, with the exception of Terminal Date Guerrillas, will depend on the existence of adequate proof of active duty of the claimant and the date of termination thereof.

b. At present Rec Pers Div has no authority to pay "Terminal Date" Guerrillas, now confined in hospitals, beyond the terminal date of recognition stated in AFWESPAC letters of recognition. Payment is not being made beyond terminal date based on instructions from G-1 to consider this category of personnel discharged as of the day following the terminal date of recognition (Copy inclosed).

c. In discussion with (Col Paschall) PA Div, G-1, it was decided that Terminal Date Guerrilla personnel found in need of hospitalization at the time of processing, as a result of the discharge physical examination, will be completely processed, paid and discharged and that the examining Medical Officer will prepare a letter to the proper PA hospital requesting hospitalization and give same to the individual concerned for delivery.

2. Recommend approval of policy with respect to 1 b and c above.

1 Incl - C/S fr G-1 to Rec Pers
Div, Subj: Disposition of
TD Guerrillas

MORRIS H. MARCUS
Col, AOD
Dir, Rec Pers Div

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Disposition of Terminal Date"
Guerrillas.

FROM: G-1

TO: Rec Pers Div
THRU: Adj Gen

18 February 1946

1. Guerrilla Units as listed in the attached inclosures totalling approximately 36,000 personnel have been given special recognition for specific periods of service in the Armed Forces of the United States. Other such units will subsequently be granted recognition by this headquarters totaling possibly more than 100,000 personnel. The personnel of these units are considered as having been discharged from the Philippine Army as of the day immediately following their final day of active service at which time their units were ordered disbanded and the individuals returned to their home communities as civilian.

2. It is desired that Recovered Personnel Division be charged with final processing and paying of all such Guerrilla personnel of this "terminal date" category. The 86th Division Area Command will be relieved of all further responsibility with reference to these units.

3. To assist in the accomplishment of the mission stated in paragraph two (2) above, qualified personnel will have furnished by Headquarters Philippine Army and certain processing teams released for this duty by the 86th Division Area Command.

4. Roster of each unit recognized in this category will be furnished by Headquarters Philippine Army.

5. As additional "terminal date" guerrillas are recognized, copies of notification of recognition will be furnished Recovered Personnel Division by the Guerrilla Affairs Branch, Philippine Army Division, G-3 Section, this Headquarters.

6. Decision as to the necessity for physical examination in the case of these particular personnel has been requested and will be passed to the Recovered Personnel Division as soon as received.

7. Direct communication with Headquarters Philippine Army and 86th Division Area Command is authorized.

1 Incl:
List of "Terminal
Date" Guerrillas

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E. F. FORSYTHE
Capt, Inf

RUSSEL B. REYNOLDS,
Major General, USC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

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Letter from HPA, "Disposition
of Guerrilla Stragglers and
Guerrilla Patients in Hospi-
tals."

18 June 1946

GSCPG GSXRP
THRU: GSCP

1. Believe this is a matter which pertains more to
your Division.

2. Following is the opinion of GAB:

STRAGGLERS

Question 1 - "Can 31 Dec 1945 be set as an arbitrary
date up to which all unprocessed stragglers from guerrilla
units without limiting dates or inactivation dates can be
paid?"

Answer - No! A. Stragglers should be considered
AWOL unless they can prove otherwise. If the straggler was
not present during processing and demobilization, records
should show when he was last present in the organization
and this should be his termination date. If stragglers are
to be considered military personnel and are to be paid as
such, then they should be subject to military regulations.
Stragglers should not be paid for the time they were not
under military control.

B. A straggler who was not present
when his unit was processed and paid can make a claim to
RPD for pay due him as a member of a recognized unit from
the initial recognition date up to the date he left the
unit and as a member the unit was of no further use to the PA.

C. If the straggler can show a legiti-
mate reason for his absence, he should request RPD to be
paid ~~(up to the time when the rest of the unit was paid; but~~
~~in no case later than 31 Dec 1945.~~ ¹⁹⁴⁵ The decision as to pay-
ment dates would be made by RPD.

DISABLED AND CONFINED IN HOSPITALS

Question 2 - "Will guerrilla personnel belonging to
units with limiting dates now confined in hospitals be

Check Sheet (Continued)

paid beyond the limiting dates of their units and until they are discharged from the hospital?"

Answer - Yes, if injury or sickness was acquired in line of duty. HPA Circular No. 182 dated 3 Dec 1945 clearly states this in Par 5a. However, in the case of a few diseases such as reoccurring pulmonary tuberculosis which clearly was acquired before individual was under military control, only hospitalization should be given. This should be determined by RPD. This is the policy now in effect in the U. S. Army.

Question 3- "Up to when should guerrilla personnel who are confined in hospitals and whose units have already been deactivated be paid?"

Answer - Up to the guerrilla's discharge from the hospital, with limitations as stated in question 2. In order to remove the hospital patient from the rolls of able-bodied men in the army, a procedure should be set up to discharge the patient from the army and turn him over to the Veterans Administration for further payment according to his determined status.

H. L. SHAPTOE
Lt. Col., GSC
Chief, Guerrilla Affairs Branch

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
ARMY HEADQUARTERS
APO 75

VDV:rlp

10 June 1946

SUBJECT: Disposition of Guerrilla Stragglers and
Guerrilla Patients in Hospitals

TO: CG, AFWESPAC, APO 707
(Attn: Guerrilla Affairs Section)

1. Until now there are still stragglers from guerrilla units who report to this Headquarters for processing. Individuals belonging to units with limiting dates do not present a problem, because they are ordered demobilized effective the limiting date of recognition of their unit.


2. However there are stragglers from units without limiting dates who continue to come for processing. For those whose units have already been deactivated the men are paid up to the time their units were deactivated. However, there are still some units without inactivation orders. Can 31 Dec 1945 be set as an arbitrary date up to which all unprocessed stragglers from guerrilla units without limiting dates or inactivation dates can be paid? Most of the guerrilla units were deactivated on 31 Dec 1945 per GO # 290, HPA, s-45.

3. There are guerrilla personnel belonging to units with limiting dates now confined in hospitals. Will these people be paid beyond the limiting dates of their units and until they are discharged from the hospital?

4. Up to when should guerrilla personnel who are confined in hospitals and whose units have already been deactivated be paid?

5. Clarification on these matters is requested to enable this Headquarters to act intelligently on cases of this nature that come up so very frequently.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:


LUIS FLORENTIN
Colonel, AGS
The Adjutant General.

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5. Clarification on these matters is requested so enable this Headquarters to act intelligently on cases of this nature that come up very frequently.

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