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BASIC: Ltr fr General Headquarters, Far East Command, APO 500, Subj: The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-C-106991, Proceeding No. G-8-137, 022-CC-63), dtd 14 Apr 49, File AG 095-18-48)JA

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

John A. Marszal
JOHN A. MARSZAL
1st Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen



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2. Report on Francisco Marcos & Domingo Marquez
3. Report, Subj: "Unknown employee of the Adjustment Section, PHILCOM"
4. Report on Alfredo M. Murillo
5. Report on Felix del Rosario

AG 095 (14 Apr 49)JA

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500 30 JUN 49

TO: Commanding General, Philippines Command, APO 707

1. The attached file has been noted.

2. It is desired that continuing vigilance be maintained and steps taken, when appropriate, to prevent the occurrence of any fraud or collusion in the settlement of claims.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

H. Frazier

H. FRAZIER
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES COMMAND, APO 707 15 JUN 1949

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500

1. There is no copy in the file of Simeon Lim nor in the correspondence file of this office of the letter from Mr. Quirico del Mar, formerly attorney in fact of Mr. Lim.

2. There are attached hereto five reports of investigation of the type mentioned in paragraph 5 of the 3d indorsement referred to in the basic communication.

3. In this connection, Mr. Neil R. Glerum, the subject of report 6268 is now removed from his position and awaiting transportation to the United States. Alfredo M. Murillo, the subject of two reports, number 6246 has been separated.

4. In addition, Porfirio Rivera, who was identified by a claimant as the person who offered to expedite a claim for a 15% consideration and Juan Avila who introduced Rivera to the claimant, have been removed.

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Ltr, General Headquarters, Far East Command, APO 500, AG 095 (8 Oct 48)
JA, subj, "The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-C-106991, Proceed-
ing No. G-8-137,022-CC-65)", 14 Apr 49

FAR EAST COMMAND

AG 095 (8 Oct 48)JA

SUBJECT: The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-C-106991,
Proceeding No. G-8-137,022-CC-65)

TO: Commanding General
Philippines Command
APO 707
ATTENTION: Judge Advocate

1. Reference is made to SA intercom, Davao, Philippines, Far East
Command, GSY03-150, 18 March 1949, to letter, Division of Law, Department
of Justice, subject: The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-C-106991,
Proceeding No. G-8-137,022-CC-65), 8 October 1948. It is noted that
the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, is furnished with copies of the re-
sults of investigations referred to in paragraph 2 above.

2. It is further desired that the Department of Justice be
be advised of what other steps, if any, are being taken to prevent the
occurrence, and to discover the cause, of any fraud or collusion in
connection with the settlement of claims.

AG 095 (14 Apr 49)JA

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H. FRAZIER
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
FAR EAST COMMAND
APO 500

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14 April 1949

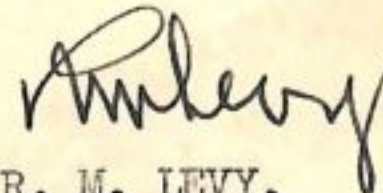
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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:



R. M. LEVY,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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1st Ind
Headquarters, Philippines Command, APO 707

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500

1. There is no copy in the file of Simeon Lim nor in the correspondence file of this office of the letter from Mr. Quirico del Mar, formerly attorney in fact of Mr. Lim.
2. At the time of the receipt of the correspondence the Chief, Adjustment Section, PHILCOM, and turned over to an agent of the CID the letter of Attorney Antonio de Pio. This letter was subsequently returned by the agent with the information that Mr. de Pio was from Cebu City and that the CID could not investigate the case.
3. There are attached hereto five reports of investigation of the type mentioned in paragraph 5 of the 3d Indorsement referred to in the basic communication.
4. In this connection, Mr. Neil R. Glerum, the subject of report 6268 is now removed from his position and awaiting transportation to the United States. Alfredo M. Murillo, the subject of two reports, number 6246 has been separated.
5. In addition, Porfirio Rivera, who was identified by a claimant as the person who offered to expedite a claim for a 15% consideration and Juan Avila who introduced Rivera to the claimant, have been removed.
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9. The principal means to prevent the occurrence of irregularities of this nature is to examine locally employed civilians on their departure to prevent removal of papers or files. Entrance to the AGRD area by claimants is limited to those with permission from branch chiefs or higher headquarters.

10. The existence of alleged irregularities is often reported in signed or anonymous letters, or verbally. Some of these reports are so general that they are of doubtful value and others are made merely to gain admittance to AGRD.

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12. It is requested that when the attached CID reports have served their purpose they will be returned to this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

5 Incls

1. Report on Rizalina San Juan Cosio
2. Report on Francisco Marcos & Domingo Marquez
3. Report, Subj: "Unknown employee of the Adjustment Section, PHILCOM"
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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES COMMAND

GSJA 095 (Lim, SIMEON)

APO 707

14 APR 1949
27 APR 1949

SUBJECT: Transmittal of letter

SUBJECT: The Money claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. S-C-100901,
Proceeding No. G-6-157, 032-CC-85)

TO : Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 900
ATTENTION: Claims Sv Br, Adjustment Section

Enclosed letter is forwarded as a matter pertaining your office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SHEA:

1. Reference is made to 5d intercom, Headquarters, Philippines
Command, CBYC-200, 19 March 1949, to letter, Quirico del Mar, Ateneo
College, subject: The Money claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. S-C-100901,
Proceeding No. G-6-157, 032-CC-85), 8 October 1948. It is desired that

1 Incl: Under-in-Chief, Far East, be furnished a report of the re-
sults of the Ltr fr FEC, APO 500 referred to in paragraph 1 of the re-
f. dtd 14 Apr 49.

FRANK O. GALOYAN, JR.
GWO USA
Asst Adj Gen

2. It is further desired that the Commander-in-Chief, Far East,
be advised of what other action, if any, has been taken to prevent the
occurrence, and to discover the existence, if any, of any fraud or col-
lusion in connection with the settlement of claims in the Philippines
Command.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCGARTHEE:

H. M. LEVY,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General

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PHILLIPS COMMAND

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DATA OF (Am. Simon)

27 APR 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of letter

TO : Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 900
ATTENTION: Claims & Fr. Adjustment Section

Enclosed letter is forwarded as a matter pertaining your office.
BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRBA:

FRANK D. CALOHA, JR.
CWO
USA
Adj Gen

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AG 095 (8 Oct 48)JA

14 April 1949

SUBJECT: The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-C-106991,
Proceeding No. G-8-137,022-CC-63)

TO: Commanding General
Philippines Command
APO 707
ATTENTION: Judge Advocate

1. Reference is made to 3d indorsement, Headquarters, Philippines Command, GSYCS-150, 19 March 1949, to letter, Quirico del Mar, Attorney-at-Law, subject: The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-C-106991, Proceeding No. G-8-137,022-CC-63), 8 October 1948. It is desired that the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, be furnished with a report of the results of investigations referred to in paragraph 5 thereof.

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

R. M. LEVY,
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14 April 1949

AD 025 (8 Oct 48)JA

SUBJECT: The Money Claim of Simon Iam (Claim No. S-0-108921, Proceeding No. G-8-137,022-00-83)

Judge Advocate



Reference is made to the indorsement, Headquarters, Philippines Command, 025-180, 18 March 1949, to letter, Office del Mar, Attorney-at-Law, subject: The Money Claim of Simon Iam (Claim No. S-0-108921, Proceeding No. G-8-137,022-00-83), 8 October 1948. It is desired that the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, be furnished with a report of the results of investigations referred to in paragraph 3 thereof.

It is further desired that the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, be advised of what other action, if any, has been taken to prevent the occurrence, and to discover the existence, if any, of any fraud or collusion in connection with the settlement of claims in the Philippines Command.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MONTAGUE

R. M. LEVY, Colonel, Adj. Adjutant General.



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GSJA 095 (Lim, Simeon)

APO 707
27 April 1949

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TO : Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 900
ATTENTION: Claims Sv Br, Adjustment Section

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SHEA:

1 Incl:
Ltr fr FEC, APO 500
dtd 14 Apr 49.

s/ Frank O. Calohan, Jr.
t/ FRANK O. CALOHAN, JR.
CWO USA
Asst Adj Gen

1st Ind

Headquarters, Adjutant General Records Depository, PHILCOM, APO 900

TO: Commanding General, Philippines Command, APO 707 ATTN: Judge Advocate

For concurrence and transmittal to AG for signature.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
1st Ind w/5 Incls

JAMES C. BILLINGS
1st Lt Inf
Adjutant

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DATE: 14 May 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, AGRD, APO 900

Receipt is acknowledged of the following classified documents:

Description: Ltr, subj: " The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-C-

106991, Proceeding No. G-8-137,022-CC-63 dated 14 Apr 49, w/confidential

reports 6231, 6224, 6268, 6246, 6214.

See AR 380-5, par 26, d, (2), Action
Upon Receipt of Secret Matter: "The
receipt form will be dated, signed,
and immediately returned to the
Sender."

DATE REC'D: 17 May 49

REC'D BY: W. H. [Signature]

RANK: Lt Col

ORGN: JSC

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GSYCS 095 LIM, SIMEON

1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES COMMAND, APO 707 15 JUN 1949

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JOHN A. MARSZAL

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1st Lt., AGD

Asst Adj Gen

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COMMANDING GENERAL
PHILIPPINES COMMAND
APO 707

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GSJA 095 (LIM, Semeon)
TRANSMITTAL OF LETTER

Date 31 MAY 1949

with: 1 inclosure(s)

2 indorsement(s)

Addressee:

COMMANDING OFFICER
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
APO 900

NOTE.—Sheet 2 (addressee's copy) to be retained by
addressee.

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DATE:

~~14 May 1949~~

TO:

~~Commanding Officer, AGRD, APO 900~~

Receipt is acknowledged of the following classified documents:

Description:

~~Ltr, subj: "The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-6-~~

~~106991, Proceeding No. C-9-137,022-00-63 dated 14 Apr 49, w/confidential~~

~~reports 6231, 6224, 6268, 6246, 6214.~~

See AR 380-5, par 26, d, (2), Action
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BASIC: Ltr Hq PHILCOM, APO 707, file GSJA 095 (Lin, Simeon), dtd 27 Apr 49, subj: "Transmittal of Letter".

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21 MAY 1949

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HEADQUARTERS, ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY, PHILCOM, APO 707, 8 June 1949.

TO: Commanding General, PHILCOM APO 707

1. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 of 2nd indorsement complied with.

2. In regards to paragraph 4, these reports submitted are the top five in our files and are furnished as "a report of the investigations referred to in our paragraph 5". These are types only and of recent dates.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl: n/c

JAMES C. BILLINGS

1st Lt Adjutant Inf

Supplemental reports of investigation dated 15 March 1949, subject: Resilino San Juan, file number 6271, are attached as inclosures. If they are to be forwarded to CINCPAC the initial report in that case should also be attached. The same comment would apply to closing reports in file numbers 6271 and 6285.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BEA:

JAMES HARGIS
1st Lt Adjutant Inf

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65VA-095 (LIM, SIMEON) 2nd Ind.

Headquarters, Philippines Command, APO 707

31 MAY 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository, PHILCOM, APO 900

1. In view of the information already transmitted to CINCFE in par 6 of 3rd Ind, 19 March 1949, subject: Money Claim of Simeon Lim, par 2 of the proposed 1st Ind could be deleted. If par 2 is not deleted the first sentence should be reworded.

2. Par 7 should be amended by deleting the words "and in a local court no offense seems to exist" and substituting the following or similar words: "and efforts to obtain prosecution in the local courts have proved futile."

3. It is not believed that the search of local civilians leaving the area should be emphasized by stating that it is the "principal means" of preventing irregularities. Constant surveillance, investigations of complaints and separation of suspected employees would seem to be at least as important.

4. Supplemental reports of investigation dated 4 Feb 1946 and 16 March 1949, subject: Rizalino San Juan COSIO, file number 6231, are attached as inclosures. If they are to be forwarded to CINCFE the initial report in that case should also be attached. The same comment would apply to closing reports in file numbers 6214 and 6246.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SEA:

JAMES HARGIS
MAJOR, AGD
ASST. ADJ. GEN.

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7. In the case of Mr. Thomas, a sufficiently strong case has not yet been built up, though additional investigations have been made by an investigator of the office of the Judge Advocate, PHILCOM.

8. The principal means to prevent the occurrence of irregularities of this nature is to have constant surveillance, investigations of complaints and separation of suspected employees. Assistance to the AGD area by claimants is limited to the branch chiefs of higher headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES COMMAND

GSJA 095 (Lim, Simeon)

APO 707
27 April 1949

SUBJECT: Transmittal of letter

TO : Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 900
ATTENTION: Claims Sv Br, Adjustment Section

Enclosed letter is forwarded as a matter pertaining your office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SHEA:

1 Incl:

Ltr fr FEC, APO 500
dtd 14 Apr 49.

s/ Frank O. Calohan, Jr.
t/ FRANK O. CALOHAN, JR.
CWO USA
Asst Adj Gen

1st Ind

Headquarters, Adjutant General Records Depository, PHILCOM, APO 900

TO: Commanding General, Philippines Command, APO 707 ATTN: Judge Advocate

For concurrence and transmittal to AG for signature.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl

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JAMES C. BILLINGS
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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APO 500

AG 095 (8 Oct 48)JA

14 April 1949

SUBJECT: The Money Claim of Simeon Lim (Claim No. 5-C-106991,
Proceeding No. G-8-137,022-CC-63)

TO: Commanding General
Philippines Command
APO 707
ATTENTION: Judge Advocate

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

s/ R. M. Levy
t/ R. M. LEVY
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MANILA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

March 14, 1949

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Recovered Personnel Branch, AGRD
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Justice - 15 Jan 1949
NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Northern Luzon Branch
Poro, San Fernando, La Union

15 January 1949
NBI Case No. 1733

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Subject: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur (Backpay Claims) of persons who had never rendered military service.

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: On 8 November 1948, the Director of the National Bureau of Investigation, thru the Supervisor, Northern Luzon Branch, assigned the undersigned Agents to investigate the above case in the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.

SYNOPSIS: This case originated as a result of a written petition signed by members of the Philippine Veterans Legion, Amburayan Chapter dated 3 October 1948, stating that certain unscrupulous individuals, in confederation with others have planned, schemed and conspired together to claim moneys for alleged USAFFE and/or guerrilla service, it being common knowledge that these individuals had never for a moment rendered such services. A certified true copy of the petition addressed to the Municipal Council of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, requesting the said Council to take whatever action it may deem proper in the premises is hereto attached. Acting upon the petition, the Municipal Council on motion of Councilor Samson Valdez, unanimously approved what is now known as Resolution No. 115. The Resolution was forwarded to several offices including the National Bureau of Investigation, requesting for an immediate and impartial investigation of all undeserving recipients in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, of Back Pay money, by reason of their having been incidentally or posthumously included in the Roster of some alleged, if not fake guerrilla organization, in justice to others who are real Ex-USAFFE veterans and deserving guerrillas and who have not as yet received their back pay. A true copy of Resolution No. 115 is hereto attached.

DETAILS: On 21 November 1948, Mr. JOSE L. DACIO, of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, one of the signers of the written petition and the one who drafted the same was interviewed and his sworn statement taken.

statement taken. He stated that he was connected with the 11th Infantry, 11th Division P.A. on Ilocos Sur, on or before 4 July 1943, where he joined the Regimental Hqs. 121st Infantry, USAFIP, NL, as Intelligence Officer. That the unscrupulous individuals mentioned in the petition includes PEDRO TRINIDAD, as master-mind; SOLOMON ZABALA, the late MARIANO TRINIDAD and Mr. TEODORO VILLANUEVA, the present Chief of Police of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. That they belong to a supposed guerrilla organization by the name of Cushing's Regiment. That he is positive that none of the above-named persons had ever rendered military service during the enemy occupation nor had any connection with the underground movement. Pedro Trinidad was Municipal Secretary to the Puppet Mayor and Solomon Zabala, a policeman during the enemy occupation. Mariano Trinidad was formerly connected with the 121st Infantry; Teodoro Villanueva acted as Chief of Police for sometime in Tagudin, later he went to work with the Mankayan Mines. That it is a common knowledge in Tagudin that the above-named persons had all received back pay for military services rendered during the enemy occupation. (The written statement of JOSE L. DACIO is hereto attached as Annex "A")

ATTY. SAMSON M. VALDEZ, who fathered resolution No. 115 of the Municipal Council of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, was also interviewed and his sworn statement taken. He stated that thru the connivance of one PEDRO L. TRINIDAD, who has recruited persons to be included in a Roster for a fake guerrilla (1) Teodoro Villanueva, presently Chief of Police of Tagudin, (2) Felix de Salazar, present Municipal Treasurer of Sta. Cruz, (3) Leon F. Lucero, deceased, (4) Porfirio Lucero, deceased and (5) Jose Villanueva, son of the Chief of Police, had all received back pay for military services rendered during the enemy occupation, when he knew that they were not members of a guerrilla organization nor even a follower of an underground movement. That he was all the time in the Municipality of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, during the enemy occupation and did not know the existence of any guerrilla organization except that of the 121st Infantry, USAFIP, NL, under Major Leon Agtara of which he was a member. That he knows that Pedro L. Trinidad, the mastermind of a supposed guerrilla organization by the name of Walter Cushing's Regiment, was a person black-listed by the 121st Infantry, USAFIP, NL, during the enemy occupation. (The written statement of Samson M. Valdez, is hereto attached as Annex "B")

On 22 November 1948, MR. BENIGNO RIDAD LAPITAN of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, was interviewed and his written

viewed and his written statement taken. He stated that at the outbreak of war he was in Tagaytay,

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With the Staff of the 41st Division, P.A., un-
statement taken. He stated that he was connected
with the 13th Infantry, 11th Division P.A. on
Dec. 14, 1941, assigned to 3rd Battalion Aid Sta-
tion, with Vigan to Pangasinan as their area of
operation. That after the 13th Infantry, 11th
Division, P.A., was disbanded at Aritao, Nueva
Vizcaya, by Major Arthur K. Noble, sometime on
29 Dec. 1941, he went to Tagudin, arriving on
2 Jan. 1942, where he joined the 43rd Infantry
Phil. Scout under Col. John P. Moran. On April
9, 1942, the 3rd Infantry, P.S. was redesignated
as F. Company 2nd Bat. 121st Infantry, under Ma-
jor Walter Cushing. That he did not know the exist-
ence of any other guerrilla organization except
their guerrilla organization and that he knows
that Teodoro Villanueva and Jose Villanueva, Fe-
lix D. Salazar and Pedro Trinidad were not at all
members of a guerrilla organization nor rendered
military services during the enemy occupation.
That he knows that after liberation Pedro Tri-
nidad was one of those who tried to organize a
guerrilla organization known as Cushing Lost
Battalion, an organization which he (affiant)
calls fake from the start to the finish. (The
statement of Benigno Ridad Lapitan is hereto
attached as Annex "C")

On 29 November 1948, EMILIO M. NARCISE, of
Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, was interviewed and his writ-
ten statement taken. He stated that at the outbreak
of war he was at the College of Agriculture U.P.
Los Baños, Laguna. He went home to Tagudin on 27
Dec. 1941, and upon arriving he was told to lie
low for sometime. On 5 August 1942 he was induct-
ed with E-6 Co., 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, USAFFE.
That he did not come to know or hear of any guer-
rilla organization, much less of the Walter Cushing's
Regiment. That he knows Pedro Trinidad, who was black-
listed by the USAPIF, NL, during the enemy occupation,
again he met Pedro Trinidad, after liberation soli-
citing membership for the Walter Cushing's Regiment.
That Pedro Trinidad stated that he (Trinidad) was
working for the incorporation of said Unit to the
United States Army stating that it was formerly an
element of the 43rd Cavalry, Phil. Scout. That he
knows that the present Chief of Police Teodoro Vil-
lanueva, his son Jose Villanueva, Solomon Zabala,
Leon Lucero, Felix D. Salazar, are all members of
this supposed organization, and that he had heard
they had received their back pay. That the above named
persons did not render any military service during
the enemy occupation, for sometime in Dec. 1944, he
issued an order requiring all Ex-Servicemen or USAFFE
who had not yet reported to any military organization
to report to him for duty, but none of the above
named persons reported. (The written statement of
Emilio M. Narcise is hereto attached as Annex "D")

On 29 November 1948, MR. JOSE L. BUNOAN, the
present Mayor of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, was inter-
viewed and his written statement taken. He stated
that at the outbreak of war he was in Tagaytay,

with the Staff of the 41st Division, P.A., under Gen. Lim. He joined the forces that defended Batangas, retired to Bataan, and later on was captured and concentrated at Camp O'Donnell. He was paroled on 4 August 1942, and released on 16 March 1943. After his release on 16 March 1943, he came to Tagudin, where he contacted all servicemen. On 16 Sept. 1944, he joined officially the 121st Infantry, USAPIF, NL, as Executive Officer. On 18 Nov. 1944, he issued an order requiring all Ex-Servicemen and disbanded guerrillas to rejoin. That Pedro Trinidad, Jose Villanueva, Teodoro Villanueva, Porfirio Lucero Lapitan, Leon Lucero and Felix D. Salazar, did not report to him nor does he know that the above named persons had ever rendered military services during the enemy occupation. That he was informed by the members of that Veteran Legion of which he is the Commander that these above named persons have already received their back pay. (The written statement of Jose L. Bunoan is hereto attached as Annex "E")

From the statements of the complainants including their witnesses, it appears that the charges consist more or less the following: That one Pedro L. Trinidad, acted as the master-mind in the organization of a supposed guerrilla unit known as Walter Cushing Regiment or Cushing Lost Battalion; that Teodoro Villanueva, the present Chief of Police of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur; Mr. Felix D. Salazar, present Municipal Treasurer of Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur; Jose Villanueva, Solomon Zabala, Leon Lucero, Porfirio Lucero Lapitan and others are members, and that same persons above-named have received their back pay for military services allegedly rendered during the enemy occupation, when in truth and in fact these persons were never for a moment members of a guerrilla organization or followers of an underground movement. It also appears that Pedro L. Trinidad, was even black-listed by the 121st Infantry, USAPIF, NL.

Upon further investigation conducted by the undersigned Agents, it appears that by virtue of General Orders No. 1 (Restricted) Headquarters National Defense Forces, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, issued by order of the Secretary of National Defense, M. N. CASTANEDA, Major General, Chief of Staff, the appointment of 1st Lt. Pedro Trinidad, O-80967 INF (Inactive), Paringao, Bauang, La Union, in the Reserve Force, Armed Forces of the Philippines, to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry, effective as of 23 Nov. 1941, is confirmed by direction of the President. (The said General Orders No. 1 is hereto attached as Annex "F")

The affidavit of one MANUEL L. VERZOSA, O-1146, Lt. Col. Inf. P.A. of which a duplicate original is hereto attached shows that Pedro L. Trinidad, was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve

Force, P.A., on or about 23 Nov. 1941, and assigned to the Reserve Unit. That 2nd Lt. Pedro L. Trinidad was called to active duty on 8 Dec. 1941, assigned as mobilization officer of the 13th Infantry, 11th Division, P.A., USAFFE, and inducted to active service on 11 Dec. 1941 by Major Arthur K. Noble. (The said duplicate original of said affidavit of Manuel L. Verzosa, Lt. Col., O-1146 Inf. AFP is hereto attached as Annex "G")

Also a duplicate original of an affidavit of EUSEBIO T. CALLAO, ASN O-33522, Captain Sig C. AFP, is hereto attached (Annex "H") which shows that Lt. Pedro L. Trinidad, who was then the mobilization officer of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, on 11 Dec. 1941, was inducted into the USAFFE on 11 Dec. 1941, by Major Arthur K. Noble.

On the 25 Nov. 1948, PEDRO L. TRINIDAD, was interviewed and his written statement taken. It appears that at the outbreak of war, he was the municipal Secretary of the Municipal Mayor and as such he was the Ex-officio Military Registrar of the Municipality of Tagudin, and was the custodian of all records of all trainees and other veterans of war, and as early as 8 Dec. 1941, he was receiving orders from the District Commander of the 1st Military District at Camp Henry T. Allen, Baguio, Mt. Prov. for the sending of reservists to active Military Service. That he was responsible in providing transportation for Major Arthur K. Noble, with the elements of the 13th Infantry from Bo, Tagudin, to the town proper on 10 Dec. 1941. He also provided them with food supplies and on 11 Dec. 1941, Major Arthur K. Noble inducted in mass into the service of the USAFFE the affiant and several others among whom were included Teodoro Villanueva, Felix D. Salazar, both as 2nd Lieutenants, Leon Lucero, Porfirio Lucero and several others. That he participated in first battle with the Japs at Bo. Dacutan-Dardarat, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, on 16 Dec. 1941. After the battle they retreated to the second line of defense at Baluro, Bacnotan, La Union. He returned to Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, on 12 Jan. 1942 and joined the forces of Capt. Mauris B. Ordon, known as the 43rd Infantry. On 16 Jan. 1942, he participated in the ambush against the Japanese in the town of Candon, Ilocos Sur, headed by Capt. Mauris B. Ordon and Capt. Walter Cushing. The 43rd Infantry lasted until April 9, 1942, when the 121st Infantry came into existence. He joined the 121st Infantry as Commandant and Supply Officer and at the same time Recruiting Officer until they were dispersed on 31st August 1942 by order of Walter N. Cushing. After that he joined the guerrilla outfit known as Major Walter N. Cushing Regiment under Col. Luis A. de Guzman, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Their area of operation was from the Ilocos Provinces, Central Luzon, Manila and suburbs. That the recognition of this guerrilla organization is still under

consideration by the United States Army authorities. That he has already received as back pay the sum of ₱13,522.83 representing his USAFFE pay as 2nd Lt. from 8 Dec. 1941 to 7 Sept. 1945, as evidenced by voucher No. 15007, abstract No. 301, account No. 3 Prudencio, under AP 360903. (The written statement of Pedro L. Trinidad is hereto attached as Annex "I")

On 3 Dec. 1948, the written statement of TEODORO VILLANUEVA was taken. He stated that on 8 Dec. 1941, he reported to Chief Mobilization Officer Pedro Trinidad and on 12 Dec. 1941, he was inducted into the service of the USAFFE by Major Arthur K. Noble, in the Municipal Hall of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, with the rank of 2nd Lt. assigned as Intelligence Officer, attached to Co. M. 13th Infantry, 11th Division, P.A., USAFFE. That after his induction he never surrendered to the Japanese Forces. For his military services under the USAFFE he had already received the sum of ₱9,516. (The written statement of Teodoro Villanueva is hereto attached as Annex "J")

On 11 Dec. 1948, the written statement of MR. FELIX D. SALAZAR was taken. He stated that he was inducted to the USAFFE as Sergeant by Major Arthur K. Noble, on Dec. 12, 1941, in the Municipality of Tagudin, assigned first as a member of the requisitioning team and later on in the intelligence unit. That his services in the USAFFE was recognized and that he has received the sum of ₱160.00, but that his services under Cushing Regiment is still pending recognition. (The statement of Felix D. Salazar is hereto attached as Annex "K")

AGENTS' COMMENTS:

From the statements of the complainants, the names of Pedro Trinidad, Felix D. Salazar, Teodoro Villanueva, Leon F. Lucero and Porfirio Lucero were mentioned as the "unscrupulous individuals who conspired together to claim money for alleged USAFFE and/or guerrilla service, it being common knowledge that these individuals had never for a moment rendered such services." As Leon F. Lucero and Porfirio Lucero are already dead, these Agents did not investigate the charges against them.

It will be noted that from the statements of complainants they do not only doubt but categorically claim that Pedro Trinidad, Felix Salazar and Teodoro Villanueva never were USAFFE or guerrillas. In the case of Pedro Trinidad, General Order No. 1, NDFP will show that he was a reserved officer before the outbreak of the war. The affidavits of Lt. Col. Verzosa and Capt. Eusebio Callao will substantiate the claim of Pedro Trinidad for his guerrilla services. Said affidavits were passed upon by RPD for appreciation and found to be valid.

In the case of Felix Salazar and Teodoro Villanueva, the validity of their claim for military service rest upon the same authority as that of Pedro Trinidad. Messrs. Dacio, Lapitan, Narcise, Bunoan and Valdez claim that they never heard of the military services of the persons complained of. The lack of knowledge on the part of the complainants of the military services of said persons may be due to the fact that connections with guerrilla organizations then were not the common knowledge of the community. It would have been extreme recklessness on the part of Intelligence Officers to make known openly their identity. The military services of Pedro Trinidad, Felix Salazar and Teodoro Villanueva commenced at Tagudin at a time when the complainants were not at Tagudin. The merit of their individual claim was screened and passed upon by the RPD. Of course, there are informations and other matters which might not have been in the possession of the RPD at the time of the adjudication of the respective claims of the above-named individuals.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The charges contained both in the written petition by members of the Philippine Veterans Legion, Amburayan Chapter, and in the Resolution No. 115 of the Municipal Council of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, are very general in terms and scope. The charges should have been more specific. In the course of investigation conducted by the undersigned Agents, it was found that the complainant's main attack was against Pedro L. Trinidad. It was observed that Pedro L. Trinidad who resides on a ground floor at No. 285 Isabel, Sampaloc, Manila, is daily visited by visitors mostly widows and parents of deceased veterans or guerrillas and who appear to be claimant of some benefits from the Philippine Veterans Board and from the United States Veterans Administration. An investigation should therefore be conducted on the following:

(a) Whether Pedro L. Trinidad is collecting sums of money from these claimants most of whom are widows in exchange of some promise or benefit, knowing that he is not in a position to give such promise or benefit. It should be noted that said Pedro L. Trinidad is married with several children, claims to be a student of Law, National University, and apparently he is financially well provided;

(b) Whether he is also collecting money from persons who want to be included in supposed guerrilla organization with a promise that the said guerrilla will be recognized;

(c) To find out the activities of Pedro L. Trinidad. In this case his confidence should be won so that his connections, if any, may be discovered.

CONCLUSIONS:

With the facts and evidence gathered so far, it appears that no criminal action can be taken against Pedro L. Trinidad, Felix Salazar and Teodoro Villanueva.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the foregoing, it is hereby recommended that further investigation should be conducted, especially on the undeveloped leads regarding the activities of Pedro L. Trinidad. It is further recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Recovered Personnel Branch, AGRD, Mandaluyong, and to the Claims Section, Philippine Army, for whatever action they may deem proper to take.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encls.:

1. A certified true copy of the Petition signed by members of the Phil. Veterans Legion, Chapter, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur;
2. Copy of Resolution No. 115 Municipal Council, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur;
3. Written statement of Jose L. Dacio;
4. " " " Atty. Samson Valdez;
5. " " " Benigno Ridad Lapitan;
6. " " " Emilio M. Narcise;
7. " " " Jose L. Bunoan;
8. Copy of General Orders No. 1 NDFP;
9. Duplicate original of the affidavit of Manuel L. Verzosa;
10. Duplicate original of an affidavit of Eusebio T. Callao;
11. Written statement of Pedro L. Trinidad;
12. " " " Teodoro Villanueva;
13. " " " Felix D. Salazar.

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PHILIPPINE VETERANS LEGION
AMBURAYAN CHAPTER
Tagudin, Ilocos Sur

3 October 1948

The Municipal Council
Tagudin, Ilocos Sur

S i r s :-

The undersigned, members of the Philippine Veterans Legion, Amburayan Chapter, being genuine ex-USAFFE men and recognized guerrillas of deserving service with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and civic spirited civilians of the Municipality;

Being conscious of the principles for they had fought for and for which their fallen comrades-in-arms have sacrificed and died for;

Being mindful that certain unscrupulous individuals of this municipality, in confederation with others have planned, schemed and conspired together to claim moneys for alleged USAFFE and/or guerrilla service, it being common knowledge that these individuals had never for a moment rendered any such service to the cause for which we fought for;

Being honorably conscious that these moneys represent the blood, sweat and tears sacrificed in the alter of freedom, so that we may live as free and righteous men;

We therefore hereby request and petition the Honorable Council to take whatever action it may deem proper in the premises.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd.) B. R. Lapitan
" G. L. Valencia
" Felicidad L. Mina
" Faustino Somera
" Felisberto Lamorena
" Eriberto Elveña
" Ignacio Oreiro
" Pacifico Mina
" Roberto Leygo
" Mariano Lorenzana
" F. Morena
" H. Sarmiento
" Celestino Andaya

(Sgd.) J. L. Bunoan
" Jose L. Dacio
" C. M. Somera
" Lauro L. Bunoan
" Honesto Visque
" Samson Valdez
" Jose S. de Jesus
" Generoso L. Villanueva
" Modesto Lardizabal
" Florentino Somera
" Jose Valdez
" Jaime Sarmiento
" Pablo Lamorena

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

October 25, 1948

(SGD.) JOSE S. DE JESUS

Municipal Secretary

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Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGUDIN
Ilocos Sur

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF TAGUDIN, ILOCOS SUR, HELD AT TAGUDIN, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1948.

Present:

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| Mr. Jose L. Bunoan | Mayor |
| Miss Romana Ramirez | Vice Mayor |
| Mr. Graciano Bunoan | Councilor |
| Atty. Samson Valdez | Councilor |
| Mr. Aniceto Lallana | Councilor |
| Mr. Anatalio Bassi | Councilor |

Absent:

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| Mr. Constancio P. Batac | Councilor |
| Mr. Honesto Aherrera | Councilor |

Resolution No. 115

On motion of Councilor Samson Valdez, seconded by Councilor Anatalio Bassi, the Council -

RESOLVED, that this Body will request for an immediate and impartial investigation of all undeserving recipients in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, of back pay moneys, by reason of their having been incidentally or posthumously included in the Roster of some alleged, if not fake, guerrilla organization, in justice to others who are real Ex-USAFFE veterans and deserving guerrillas and who have not as yet received their back pays.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this request be directed to the Commanding General, Philcom, Apo 707, copies thereof be furnished His Excellency, the President of the Philippine Republic, the Honorable, the Secretary of National Defense, the National Bureau of Investigation, the Commanding General of the Philippine Army, Colonel Russel W. Voeckmann, the Chairman of the Philippine Veterans Board and the U. S. Veterans Administration, Manila.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copy of the petition of the Ex-USAFFE veterans and deserving guerrillas be hereto attached and made a part thereof.

Approved unanimously.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted resolution.

(SGD.) JOSE S. DE JESUS
Municipal Secretary

(A TRUE COPY)

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STATEMENT OF MR./ JOSE L./ DACIO, TAKEN THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1948,
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGUDIN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR,

- Q. Please state your name, age and other personal circumstances ?
- A. Jose L. Dacio, single, 31 years of age, graduate of the College of Law, and at present residing in the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.
- Q. Were you a member of any Guerrilla organization during the Japanese Occupation, if so, what Unit?
- A. We were member of the 34th Infantry Division USAFFEE, in Manila, and later with the 121st Infantry, USAPIF NL.
- Q. Where were you assigned when you were with the 121st Infantry USAPIF NL?
- A. I was assigned with the Hqs. Battalion as Intelligence Officer thereof and my area of operation was the area of said Battalion comprising the town of Tugudin, Sudipen, Bangar, Balaoan, Luna, Alililem, Sugpon and Suyo.
- Q. As Intelligence Officer, what was your rank then and the nature of your work?
- A. I was a 2nd Lt. and my job included the monitoring of information about the enemy, enemy movements and concentration of troops and materials. The safety of friendly troops and operation,
- Q. Can you remember the dates more or less when you were connected with the 121st Infantry USAPIF NL?
- A. I rejoined the outfit on or about September 16, 1944, and then in 1945 April, I was assigned to the Military Police Battalion USAPIF NL.
- Q. Before September 16, 1944, with what Guerrilla organization were you connected?
- A. I was connected with the 34th Guerrilla Division, operating around Manila.
- Q. When did you actually arrived in the province of Ilocos Sur and particularly in the town of Tugudin? during the enemy occupation?
- A. Before July 4th, 1943. Although I think I was already here before July 4th, but it is that date that I remember,
- Q. When you arrived in the Province of Ilocos Sur, before July 4th, 1943, was there already a Guerrilla organization operating in the province?
- A. When I arrived before July 4th, 1943, there was already one, known as the "F" Company 2nd Battalion 121st Infantry, USAFFEE.
- Q. Why did you not joined the F Company 2nd Battalion 121st Infantry USAFFEE, upon your arrival in the province of Ilocos Sur?
- A. Because it was already dispersed, with the capture of all its officers, particularly Captain Narciso Lofrades, who was the last officer thereof.
- Q. Where did you rejoined the Guerrillas organization on or about Sept. 16, 1944?
- A. At Tugudin, Ilocos Sur.
- Q. What was the name of that organization?
- A. Regimental Hqs. 121st Infantry. USAPIF NL.
- Q. Who was the CO?
- A. Captain Melchor Relloroza.
- Q. Aside from the Regimental Hqs. 121st Infantry, under Captain Melchor Relloroza, do you know of any unit of any Guerrilla organization that was in existence at that time? particularly in Tugudin?
- A. None that I know.
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- Q. Was the Unit or the Guerrilla organization to which you were a member recognized?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. As a result of that recognition, have you received your back pay?
A. I received my back as a member of the USAFFE Forces at Bataan.
- Q. Do you know anything about the PHILIPPINE VETERANS LEGION AMBURAXAN CHAPTER, Tugudin, Ilocos Sur?
A. Yes, because I am one of the officers thereof.
- Q. Do you remember of having signed a sort of a petition sometimes in October, 1948, addressed to the Municipal Council of Tugudin, Ilocos Sur wherein you and several others have signed?
A. Yes.
- ~~Q. In the case of the Jose L. Dacio,~~
Q. Are you the Jose L. Dacio, whose name appears in the petition?
A. Yes.
- Q. In the petition there ^{is} mentioned the statement "that certain unscrupulous individuals of this municipality, in confederation with others have planned, schemed and conspired together to claim moneys for alleged USAFFE and/or guerrilla service" can you mentioned the names of this certain unscrupulous individuals?
A. Pedro Trinidad, of barrio Paringay, Bauang, Ia Union; is my suspect as the master-mind of such an organization.
Solomon Zabala, Tugudin, Ilocos Sur.
The late Mariano Trinidad, Tugudin, Ilocos Sur, who engineered this fictitious organization, I supposed in order to built up his defense in his case then pending before the People's Court.
I also suspect the present Chief of Police, Teodoro Villanueva, as included with them.
- Q. Do you know the name of this fictitious organization?
A. I am not sure of the name but some of the Veterans have told me that it is Cushing Regiments.
- Q. Do you have any idea as to who is the Commanding Officer of this Regiment?
A. It is said to be Cushing but I am not sure.
- Q. Do you know of this supposed Cushing Regiments was recognized?
A. I do not know.
- Q. ~~Mr.~~ Do you know if any of the person you have mentioned above had received any back pay or any benefit in connection with their recognition?
A. I do not know if any one of them received I am not sure, but although it is ~~known~~ rumored that the three of them who are alive have already received something.
- Q. Aside from the persons you have mentioned above, namely Pedro Trinidad, Solomon Zabala, Mariano Trinidad and Teodoro Villanueva, do you know of any other persons who are recipient of any back pay or benefit from the result of such recognition?
A. I do not know of any particular person but the veterans have incessantly complained to the officers of the Legion, about such matters.
- Q. Do you know where Pedro Trinidad was during the Japanese occupation and what was his activities?
A. He stayed in Tugudin, Ilocos Sur, and was the Secretary of the Mayor of the Puppet Government. He acted as Secretary until the Mayor was taken by the Guerrillas in 1944, late.
- Q. Do you know if Pedro Trinidad had any connection with any underground movement against the enemy during the occupation?
A. Positively he had no connection with the underground movement.
- Q. What about Solomon Zabala, do you know where he was during the Japa-

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nese occupation and what was he doing?

A. He was a member of the Police Force of the puppet government, Tagudin Ilocos Sur, for which services he was wanted by the guerrillas, so that with the collapse of the puppet Mayor's government he had to leave town in the later part of 1944. I finally had occasion to locate him again about the later part of March 1945, when he was at Paringao, Bauang, La Union, at the place of Pedro Trinidad, who was also blacklisted by the guerrillas.

Q. About Mariano Trinidad, do you know where he was during the Japanese occupation and what was he doing?

A. He was formerly with the 121st Infantry at the outbreak of the war operating about the Tagudin area. Later he broke faith with his comrades in arms and surrendered to the enemy. In the later part of the occupation he led the enemy forces in raids against his former comrades and their families, for which activities he was wanted by the guerrillas.

Q. You stated that he engineered this fictitious organization. How do you account for that?

A. I must state that he is the most hated of the enemy collaborators in town and responsible for many of the atrocities committed by the enemy garrisoned here during the occupation. For these nefarious activities a case was built up by the CIC against him which case was later transferred to the Peoples' Court. He being an attorney at law, he calculated that in order that he may claim the benefits of the Amnesty Act he had to have an organization by the use of which he could justify his actions during the occupation, since he could not count on his old and true organization which had already wanted him to account for his treasonous activities. Hence, that with his brother Pedro Trinidad, they came back to Tagudin when coming back was already safe, in order to build up such a semblance of an organization, promising their would-be members recognition and veterans benefits.

Q. About Teodoro Villanueva, do you know where he was during the Japanese occupation and what was he doing?

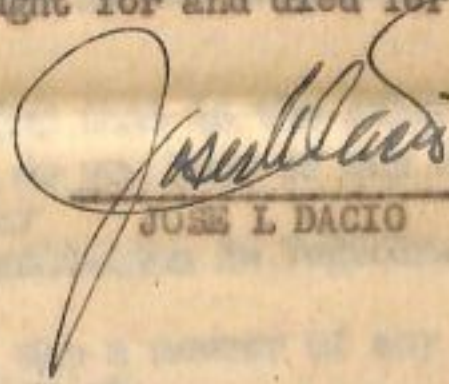
A. He continued for some time as Chief of Police of the Puppet government until he was changed. Then he worked with the Mankayan Mines.

Q. Do you know if he was a member of any underground movement during the Japanese occupation?

A. To my honest belief, he was not connected with any resistance movement nor had he any activity as such.

Q. Do you have anything more to say regarding this matter?

A. I wish to state that this investigation has not been asked by the veterans because they are envious of the anomalous recipients of backpays, but that they wish these matters rectified in order that the ideals for which the genuine veterans fought for and died for be justified.


JOSE L. DACIO

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November, 1948, in the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.

Agent no. 6

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STATEMENT OF ATTY. SAMSON VALDEZ, TAKEN THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1948,
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUGUDIN, Province of ILOCOS SUR.

- Q. Please state your name, age and other personal circumstances?
A. Samson M. Valdez, married, 31 years of age, Attorney at Law, at present a Municipal Councillor, of the Municipality of Tugudin, Province of Ilocos Sur and residing in the same Municipality.
- Q. Are you a present Councillor of Tugudin, Ilocos Sur?
A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know of Resolution No. 115 of the Municipality of Tugudin, Ilocos Sur, if so what is your participation in this resolution?
A. Yes, I do, because I personally fathered this resolution.
- Q. In this resolution must it is stated that an immediate and impartial investigation of all undeserving recipients in Tugudin, Ilocos Sur, of back pays, by reason of their having been incidentally or posthumously included in the Roster of some alleged, if not fake guerrillas organization, will you mention of those undeserving recipients?
A. To mention some; (1) Teodoro Villanueva, presently the Chief of Police. (2) Felix de Salazar, now Municipal Treasurer of Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur. (3) Leon F. Lucero, now deceased. (4) Porfirio Lucero, now, deceased. (5) and Jose Villanueva, son of the Chief of Police abovementioned.
- Q. Roster of some alleged, if not fake Guerrillas, is also mentioned do you know the existence of such Roster?
A. The said Roster is obviously in existence for the reason that the person therein mentioned have already received their back pay.
- Q. Do you have any idea as to the name of the Guerrillas organization to which these person belongs?
A. To my honest belief and conviction I think it is the 43rd Infantry Regiment of the Walter Cushing Guerrilla organization.
- Q. Where were you during the Japanese occupation?
A. I was all the time in the Municipality of Tugudin.
- Q. Were you a member of any Guerrilla organization during the Japanese occupation?
A. Yes I was.
- Q. What organization, give the name, the CO, and your rank?
A. I was a Sgt. of the Hqs. and Hqs. Battalion 121st Infantry, USAPIP NL, under the late Major Leon Agtarap.
- Q. Was the Guerrilla organization of which you are member above mentioned ever recognized?
A. Yes it is recognized.
- Q. Have you received your back pay?
A. I did not care to received it because it was only \$6.71 and hence I donated it to the Red Cross.
- Q. Aside from the Guerrilla organization that is the 121st Infantry, USAPIP NL under Major Leon Agtarap, do you know of any Guerrilla organization then existing in Tugudin?
A. I do not know of any guerrilla organization in Tugudin.
- Q. Do you know if Teodoro Villanueva, was a member of any resistance movement during the Japanese occupation?
A. No, I am positively sure that he was not even a follower of any resistance movement organization.
- Q. Do you know if where was Teodoro Villanueva residing during the Japanese occupation and what was he doing?
A. I know where he was residing then. First he was an employee of the

Mankayan Mines, then operated by the Mitsui, then he was acting Chief of Police of Suyo, Ilocos Sur.

- Q. Do you know if Teodoro Villanueva had received any back pay or any benefit as a result of any connection with the Guerrilla?
- A. My honest belief he received which I supposed it is around eleven thousand.
- Q. Do you have any idea of how Teodoro Villanueva, was to ^{able} collect as back pay the sum of eleven thousand, knowing as you know that he was never a member of any Guerrilla organization?
- A. Yes, he received in connivance with one Pedro Trinidad who is the master-mind of this organization.
- Q. Do you know the rank of Teodoro Villanueva?
- A. He was a Captain.
- Q. Where is this Pedro Trinidad now?
- A. I think he is presently in Manila, Calle Isabel, Sampaloc.
- Q. Do you know where ~~the~~ Felix Salazar, resided during the Japanese occupation and what was he doing?
- A. First of all he evacuated to his home town in Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur, later on he came back to Tugudin, and acted as Municipal ~~Executive~~ Treasurer during the Japanese occupation, then he again left Tugudin and evacuated to Vigan, Ilocos Sur.
- Q. Do you know if Felix de Salazar was ever connected with any Resistance organization against the enemy?
- A. Not at all.
- Q. Do you know if Felix de Salazar collected any back pay and the means how he managed to collect the same?
- A. To my honest belief he was able to collect and that was thru the connivance of Pedro Trinidad, the Master-mind.
- Q. What makes you believe that he was able to collect?
- A. I believe it because his companions who followed their papers at the RFD and later at the Finance Section, Camp Murphy, told me that he did receive back pay but he was not contented.
- Q. Do you remember the names of his companions who followed their papers at the RFD and later at the Finance Section, Camp Murphy?
- A. One of them was Felicisimo Vergara, of Tugudin, Ilocos Sur, and Mr. Mauro Andaya, also of Tugudin, Ilocos Sur.
- Q. Do you know if where was Leon F. Lucero, during the Japanese occupation and what was he doing?
- A. He was in Tugudin, Ilocos Sur, and was a mere civilian.
- Q. Where is he now?
- A. He is already dead, he died of natural illness sometime in Feb. 1945.
- Q. Do you know if Leon F. Lucero was a member of any Guerrilla organization?
- A. Not of I know.
- Q. Do you know if Leon F. Lucero ever received any back pay or benefit from ~~the~~ any Recognized Guerrilla organization?
- A. I believed so.
- Q. What benefit and how do you know?
- A. Back pay money, I know it because I saw his wife requested for death records of her late husband which she attached to her application for arrears in pay by reason of the alleged military services of her hus-

band.

- Q. What about Porfirio Lucero, do you know where he was during the Japanese occupation and what was his activities?
- A. He was all the time in Tugudin, and I do not know of any military activities he had rendered in any Guerrilla organization real or unreal.
- Q. Do you know if he also received any back pay or benefit as a result of a supposed military services in any recognized guerrilla?
- A. I think he did also received.
- Q. How do you know?
- A. I know it from some reliable information.
- Q. By whom and how did you come to know that reliable information?
- A. I know it from my town-mate Mr. Pelagio Rola.
- Q. Do you know where Jose Villanueva was residing during the Japanese occupation and what was he doing?
- A. He used to reside here in Tugudin, sometimes he was out of Tugudin, but I do not know of any Guerrilla connections he had, except for a very short period of service which he rendered with the USAPIP NL. ~~which was after liberation.~~
- Q. Do you know if Jose Villanueva, also received any back pay or benefit for any military service which he rendered during the occupation?
- A. To my honest belief he did.
- Q. How do you know it?
- A. Pelagio Rola told me.
- Q. Do ~~you~~ you have anything more to say?
- A. I may add Pedro Trinidad the master mind was black listed by the 121st Infantry USAPIP NL and that he fled from Tugudin area and I only saw him at Tugudin, when he came to recruit men to file up vacants spaces for his roster of his Guerrilla organization.


SAMSON M. VALDEZ

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of November,
1948, in the Municipality of Tugudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.


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STATEMENT OF MR. BENIGNO RIDAD LAPITAN, TAKEN THIS 22nd day of NOVEMBER, 1948, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGUDIN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR.

Q. Please state your name, age and other personal circumstances?

A. Benigno Ridad Lapitan, 32 years of age, widower, Ex-Staff Sgt, Inf. Army S-No. 226170, and presently residing in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.

Q. Since when were you connected with the Army?

A. 14 December 1941, under the 13th Infantry, 11 Division P.A.

Q. During the Japanese occupation were you connected with the 13th Infantry, 11 Division P.A.?

A. Yes, I was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, ~~Headquarters~~ Aid Station, 13th Infantry, 11th Division P.A.

Q. Where was the area of your operation?

A. The area of operation was from Vigan to Pangasinan.

Q. Did you stay in the Town of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, during the Japanese occupation?

A. Yes, I stayed in the Tagudin Area, from Jan. 3rd, 1942 to July 9th 1943.

Q. What activities did you have in the Tagudin Area, particularly with your connection with the Military organization?

A. The activities of the Military organization, from the time I was separated from the 13th Infantry, 11 Div. P.A., that was after we were disbanded sometimes on 29th Dec. 1941, by Major Arthur K. Noble, at Aritao, N. Viscaya, we arrived in Tagudin on 2nd Jan. 1942, and joined the ~~Philippine~~ Resistance movement.

Q. What is the name of that Resistance Movement you joined, your state your rank and the activities to which you were assigned?

A. It is called the 43rd Infantry, Phil. Scouts, under the Overall command of Col. John P. Moran. I was a Platoon Sgt. 3rd Platoon, F Company 2nd Battalion, under the 43rd Infantry, under the Unit command of Captain Luis F. Centeno, and assigned in ambushing the enemy and policing the civilian population to forestall their tendency to cooperate with the enemy.

Q. Did you stay continuously in the town of Tagudin from the time you arrived in Jan. 2, 1942?

A. I stayed in the Tagudin Area, but not continuously in the Town.

Q. During your connection with the 3rd Platoon F. Company 2nd Bat. 43rd Inf., did you come to know of any guerrilla organization that was in existence and in operation in the Tagudin Area?

A. No except our organization. On April 8, 1942, the said F Co. 2nd Bat. 43rd Inf. PS. was redesignated as F Company 2nd Bat. 121st Infantry,

Q. under the Overall Command of Major Walter Cushing, assigned ~~Headquarters~~ on the same area of operation Tagudin area.

Q. Do you know Mr. Teodoro Villanueva?

A. Yes, I know him very well.

Q. Why do you know him, was he a member of any resistance movement during the ~~the~~ enemy occupation?

A. I know him because he was the Chief of Police of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur during the outbreak of war and during the early part of 1942. He did not joined the resistance movement in our area.

Q. After the early part of 1942, do you know what Mr. Teodoro Villanueva doing, or in short do you know his activities?

A. After the early part of 1942, he evacuated to Ambulayat, barrio of Tagudin, hiding from the Japanese.

Q. Do you know if Mr. Teodoro Villanueva had rendered any military service of ~~any~~ any sort during the Japanese occupation?

A. I know he did not render any military service in connection with the

Guerrilla, but instead he worked for the Japanese at Mankayan Mines and Suyo a part of the said Mankayan Mines in the capacity as Civilian.

Q. Do you know if Mr. Teodoro Villanueva, has received any back pay or benefit from the Army in connection with military services rendered during the enemy occupation?

A. I had not seen him actually received any but it is a common knowledge in the town of Tagudin, that he had received.

Q. In your own opinion do you believe whether he had received and why?

A. Yes, because I know that he has financial improvements not to mention the house he is actually building in Manila.

Q. What about Felix de Salazar, do you know him and why?

A. Yes, because he was the Municipal Treasurer before and during the Japanese occupation.

Q. Do you know if Felix de Salazar has joined any organization in connection with the resistance movement during the enemy occupation?

A. No. He was all the time the Treasurer of Tagudin and came to the barriers only to collect Taxes which activities I nearly shot him, and due

Q. to his insistence in making collection he added to misery of the people.

Q. Do you know if Mr. Felix de Salazar has received or collected back pay or benefit for military service he rendered during the enemy occupation?

A. I know he claimed for ~~back pay~~ arrears in pay in connection with an alleged military service during the Japanese occupation, but when the Back Pay Law was approved he rejected his back pay from the Army, which was smaller than his back pay under the Civil Government.

Q. Do you know Pedro Trinidad and if so do you know his activities during the Japanese occupation?

A. Yes I know him, because he was the Municipal Secretary of Tagudin, and as such he was the Military Registrar of the Reservists of the same Municipality before the war and in the early part of 1942 he was food collector for the "F" Company 2nd Bat. 121st Infantry. Then when he was wanted by the Guerrilla for ~~some~~ anomalies he committed in the collection of foodstuffs which marred the good name of the Army, he evacuated to the Province of Ilocos Norte.

Q. Do you know if Pedro Trinidad has received any back pay or benefit for Military services rendered during the enemy occupation?

A. No, but ~~immediately~~ after liberation I know that he was the one who organized a military organization known as Cushing Lost Battalion, and one by the name of Constancio Batac, and another by the name of Juan Ramirez showed to me the induction papers duly prepared ~~and~~ ready ~~to~~ for filing up for those who wanted to join the organization above mentioned given by Pedro Trinidad.

Q. Did you joined the organization? known as Cushing Lost Battalion?

A. No, because that organization did not exist during the enemy occupation.

Q. Did Constancio Batac and Juan Ramirez, explained to you the purposes, its ~~main~~ aims and the names of its commanding officers and the names of its officers?

A. Yes, it was for the purpose of collecting back pay. They named Pedro Trinidad, as its Commanding Officer. Mariano Trinidad, brother of Pedro Trinidad, as a supposed Captain. ~~James~~ James Carter, a native born Nestiso, also of Tagudin, ~~James~~ as Captain; Tomas Hernandez, as 1st Lt. of Garrigan, Tagudin, Teodoro Villanueva, 1st Lt.; Mr. Solomon Zabala, as 1st Sgt.

Q. Do you remember what was contained in the induction papers for the Cushing Lost Battalion, that they wanted to join?

A. It was a mimeograph paper allegedly signed by ~~Major~~ Major Walter H. Cushing, in ~~the~~ blank form ready to be ~~signed~~ filled entitled Induction Papers.

duction papers.

Q. Do you know if Constancio Batac and Juan Ramirez joined the said Cushing Lost Battalion?

A. No, for I advised them not to join for they will be fighting against the Government, the said organization was a fake from the start to the finish.

Q. Why do you say that the said organization was a fake from the start to the finish?

A. Because that organization did not exist from the defense up to the liberation of North Luzon.

Q. Do you know if the said organization known as the Cushing Lost Battalion was submitted to the proper authorities for recognition?

A. It must have been submitted because the members who joined the organization, ~~xxxx~~ I mean some of them have already received back pay.

Q. Can you mention the names of the person whom you know to have received back pay?

A. Ricardo Lorenzana, deceased; Leon Lucero, deceased.

Q. Do you know if Ricardo Lorenzana and Leon Lucero ever rendered military services during the enemy occupation?

A. No, not even for a moment.

Q. Do you ^{KNOW} the reason then why the above named persons were able to receive ~~xxxx~~ back pay?

A. I know that it was the scheme used by Pedro Trinidad for the purpose of filling the Roster by approaching the widows of persons who died during the occupation and those who wanted to join the organization by promising that if they joined and their names included in the Roster they will receive their back pay. In some cases Pedro Trinidad collects an advance payment from the widows and persons who want to join that organization. Pedro Trinidad collected from ₱25.00 up to ₱100.00.

Q. Can you mention the names of persons whom you know to have given an advance money to Pedro Trinidad?

A. From Rafael S. Lardisabal, who was approached by Pedro Trinidad, that if he wanted his brother in law to be included in the Roster, his brother in law must advance or pay the sum of ₱100.00. From Cipriano Larrosa, he was approached by Pedro Trinidad also to give an amount of ₱100.00 if he wants his daughter to be included in the Roster and later on to receive back pay. Both Rafael S. Lardisabal and Cipriano Larrosa, refused to pay and were not included in the Roster.

Q. Do you know where Pedro Trinidad is now living at present?

A. He is now in Manila but I do not know his address, he only comes to Tagudin, once in a while.

Q. Do you know Leon F. Lucero, if so why, and where is he now?

A. Yes I know him, because he was a ~~xxxxxx~~ Teacher in the Elem. School Tagudin, and during the occupation up to October 1944. He is already dead and I know he died of sickness.

Q. Do you know if Leon F. Lucero, was a member of any underground movement during the enemy occupation?

A. No. He was never a member.

Q. Do you know if Leon F. Lucero or his heirs ever received any back pay or benefit for a supposed military service in connection with the resistance movement, that he rendered during the Japanese occupation?

A. Yes, I know that the widow received back pay ~~in xxxxxxxx~~ which I know corresponds to the back pay of Leon F. Lucero.

Q. Do you know Porfirio Lucero?

A. Yes, because he is my personal acquaintance, he is from this place, and a native of this place. If you are referring to Porfirio Lucero Lapitan.

Q. Do you know if Porfirio Lucero ^{Lapitan} was a member of any resistance movement during the Japanese occupation?

A. No. He was not a member of any military organization in connection with the resistance movement during the enemy occupation.

Q. Do you know what he was doing during the Japanese occupation?

A. Buying and selling Basi in the town of Tagudin.

Q. Did he received any back pay or benefit from the Army in connection with a supposed military service during the enemy occupation?

A. Yes, I know that Porfirio Lucero or Porfirio Lucero Lapitan, has also received back pay.

Q. Do you know Jose Villanueva of this town?

A. Yes, I know him, if you are referring to the son of the Chief of Police. He was my co-student of the St. Agustin School.

Q. Do you know if Jose Villanueva, the son of the Chief of Police of this town ever rendered any Military service during the Japanese occupation?

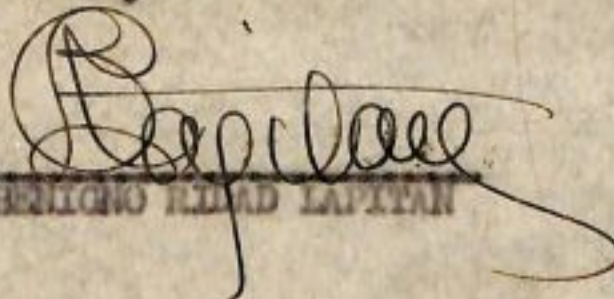
A. He did not render any military service during the Japanese occupation, but during the fight for liberation he joined us in the USAPIP NL, sometimes in the early part of 1945.

Q. Do you know if Jose Villanueva, received any back pay or benefit for a supposed military service he rendered during the Japanese occupation?

A. May be he had received, but I do not know from my personal knowledge.

Q. Do you have something more to say?

A. No more, that I remember.

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BENIGNO RIDAD LAPITAN

WITNESSES:

Agent No. 39

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of November,
1948, in the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.

Agent No. 6
INVESTIGATOR

STATEMENT OF EMILIO M. NARCISE, TAKEN THIS 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1948, AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGUDIN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR.

1. Q. State your name and other personal circumstances.
A. Emilio M. Narcise, married, of legal age, resident of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.
2. Q. Where were you at the outbreak of the war, on December 8, 1941?
A. At College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines Los Banos, La-Guna, up to December 27, 1941, when I came home in Ilocos.
3. Q. Will you state briefly your activities when you arrived in the Ilocos during the Japanese occupation?
A. Immediately I reported to the late Capt Felipe Rodriguez at Balaoan, La Union, but I was told to lie low for a time; On August 5th 1942, I was inducted with the E-6 Co., 2nd Bn, 121st Inf, USAFFE, and was later commissioned 2nd Lieut, on 1st Sept 1942 and assigned Platoon Leader of the 1st Pltn, C Co., 121st Inf, with area of operations at Northern La Union including the towns of Sudipen, Bangar and environs. Later I was assigned Executive Officer of the L Co., 3rd Bn, 121st Inf, operating at southern Ilocos Sur and western Bontoc, including the town of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur; promoted to 1st Lieut. on May 24, 1944, and assigned Commanding Officer of the same company, stationed at Cervantes, Angaki, Baugen, Concepcion, Sigay, Sta Lucia Candon, Santiago, San Esteban, Banayoyo, Sta Cruz, and Tagudin, all in southern Ilocos Sur; all these during the years 1943 and 1944.
4. Q. Who was the overall commander of the 121st Inf.?
A. When I reported on 1942, it was Major Walter M. Cushing succeeded by Capt Periam and later by Col George M. Barnett.
5. Q. Who was your Unit commander?
A. First it was Capt Mariano Laxamana; then Major Leon N. Agtarap; later I came under Major Borge. During the operations, I served under Major Rigor Conrado.
6. Q. Were your services during the enemy occupation recognized, and under what unit; and were you paid for the above mentioned services?
A. Yes, I am recognized as Captain, L Co., 3rd Bn, 121st Inf under Major Rigor; I was paid from the time I joined on 5 Aug 1942 to the time I was reverted to inactive status, on 19 Jun 1946.
7. Q. Where were you on Nov 18, 1944, if you remember?
A. I was at Baugen as Commanding Officer of the L Co. 3rd Bn, in actual operation against the enemy, under Capt Borge.
8. Q. Do you know the present Mayor of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur?
A. Yes, I know him, he was formerly Capt Jose L. Bunocan.
9. Q. Did you come to know of the order issued by him on Nov 18, 1944, requiring all ex-servicemen to report for duty or to make contact with any guerrilla organization or units?
A. I came to know about it latter on or about Jan 11, 1945, at Castro, Sudipen, La Union, when I had occasion to meet him thereat.
10. Q. Was it possible for guerrilla units in existence at that time (enemy occupation) to have contact with each other?
A. Yes, it was possible, because the resistance forces were in control of all facilities of communications, like receivers and transmitters, and in the event of their failure we had the runners system established by the military, message centers, something like our post office, to receive and dispatch letters.

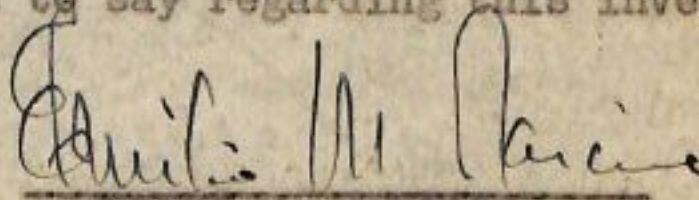
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11. Q. Did you ever hear the name of an officer Luis A de Guzman, any time, during the Japanese Occupation?
A. No, I never heard of such an officer.
12. Q. Did you ever hear of such organization in existence at any time during the enemy occupation known as the Walter Cushing Regiment?
A. No, I never heard of such an organization, as the Walter Cushing Regt., but I have known of Walter Cushing as formerly the Commanding Officer of the 121st Inf, to which I later belonged.
13. Q. Do you know Pedro L. Trinidad? if so do you know if he had any guerrilla activities during the occupation?
A. I know him for during the Japanese occupation he was being dreaded by the loyal civilians and was in the blacklist of the guerrillas of the USAFIP, NL; and after liberation I came to meet him personally when he was soliciting membership for a certain guerrilla unit which is the Walter Cushing Regt. I have not heard of any guerrilla activities of his during the occupation or during the liberation drive.
14. Q. Did you not question him as to the genuineness of such unit known as the Cushing's Regt, for which he was soliciting membership?
A. I did, and he even told me that he is working for its incorporation with the Army of the United States, stating that it was formerly an element of the 43rd ~~Inf~~ Cavalry PS.
15. Q. Do you know if Pedro Trinidad has received any back pay or other benefit from his supposed military services during the enemy occupation?
A. I have heard of his receiving already such back pay.
16. Q. Do you know of any other members of such regiment who are from this municipality? If so, name them.
A. Yes, I know namely: the present chief of police, Mr. Teodoro Villanueva, his son, Jose Villanueva, Solomon Zabala, formerly of police force under the puppet government of Tagudin, and wanted by the guerrillas; the late Leon Lucero, who died in his evacuation place at the eastern part of Tagudin municipality; Feliz Salazar, the then Municipal treasurer during the occupation, and many others in Barrio Caritan who were formerly only Bolomen of my unit during my operations in the Tagudin area.
17. Q. Do you know if the persons named by you had any military activities during the enemy occupation?
A. No, I am positive because, sometime in December 1942, I even issued an order as Commanding Officer of the L Co, 121st Inf, requiring all ex-servicemen or USAFIP's who had not yet reported to any other military organization to report to me for duty, but the above named people did not show up nor showed any interest to the cause, but they remained in their evacuation camps or in their places of hiding.
18. Q. Do you know if the above named persons received any back pay or benefits for their supposed military service during the enemy occupation?
A. I have heard of the present chief of police and his son to have already received; also Solomon Zabala, the late Leon Lucero pension as being received by the widow. I also learned that out of their back pay, the Chief of Police is presently building his house in Manila.

I have also heard of the treasurer Felix Salazar as having already refused to receive, for one reason or another. Of Solomon Zabala, I am sure he has received already because he told me that he is very grateful to a certain officer by the name of Major Lucero who can help people from Tagudin (referring to the above persons) to get their money.

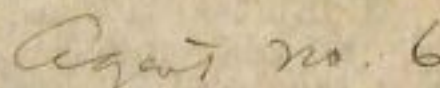
19. Q. Who is this Major Lucero, from where is he, and where is he presently working?
A. He is Major Aurelio Lucero, formerly a high school teacher of the Tagudin High School and now with the Adjutant General HNUF.
20. Q. Do you know if Pedro L Trinidad, in soliciting membership to his supposed guerrilla unit, had asked advance considerations for the inclosure into his supposed roster?
A. It is commonly known in town that he had collected P50 for every enlisted man, and I understand that it is much more for an officer, this money to be given to certain persons who are helping him in Manila for the early release of their money supposed to be their back pay.
21. Q. During the period of your operations during the enemy occupation, do you know of any other guerrilla unit in existence in your area aside from that to which you belonged?
A. None, except elements of the USAFIP, NL, the overall command, such as the operatives of the 14th Inf, 15th Inf, 11th Inf, and 66th Inf, all of the USAFIP, NL.
22. Q. Do you believe it was possible for the people named by you to have rendered military service to some other unit aside from the elements of your organization during the enemy occupation?
A. No, because there was no other unit or command in operation in these areas, except those mentioned above, and they could not have rendered service to any other because they were in utter seclusion in their evacuation places.
23. Q. Do you have anything more to say regarding this investigation?
A. None.


EMILIO M. NARCISE

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1948, in the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.



NBI-Agent

Republic of the Philippines

STATEMENT OF MAYOR JOSE L. BUNOAN TAKEN THIS 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1948, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGUDIN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR.

1. Q. Please state your name and other personal circumstances.
 A. Jose L. Bunuan, widower, of legal age, at present Mayor of the municipality of Tagudin, province of Ilocos Sur.

2. Q. Where were you at the outbreak of the War on Dec. 8, 1941?
 A. I was at Tagaytay, with the Staff of the 41st Div, PA, under Gen. Lin. From Tagaytay, we defended the coast of Batangas, then we retired for the defense of Bataan on 24 Dec 1941; I was captured in Bataan on 9 Apr 1942, and reached Camp O'Donnell Concentration Camp from where I was released on 4 Aug 1942.

3. Q. From the time you were released from Concentration Camp, will you give a brief account of your activities during the Japanese occupation?
 A. We were only paroled on 4 Aug 1942 as sick POW; we were sent to Manila for treatment; we were released only on 16 Mar 1943, under Proclamation No. 8; Upon my release I came to Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. After my arrival at Tagudin, I contacted all ex-servicemen of the USAFFE, and I was able to contact Lt. Narciso Lofrades, now deceased, Sgt. Jeremias Batac, Cpl. Federico Leal, now with the Everett Steamship lines, Lt. Jose L. Dacio, now in Tagudin, Lt. "Lleser" Lepitan, also at Tagudin, Sgt. Federico Lasaga, presently teaching with the St. Augustines's School, Tagudin, Sgt. Federico Somera, also at Tagudin, Sgt. Generoso Somera, Tagudin, Lt. Gerardo Lucero, at present on active service with the Armed Forces, and others. After I had contacted them, I instructed them to be very careful with the Japanese spies and that they must be ready for mobilization any time upon notice and to keep the morale of the people and apprise them of the return of America, but only to those people to whom they can confide and trust. I also instructed them to decline any services with the Jap sponsored government. Then on 16 Sept 1944, I joined officially the 121st Inf, USAFIP, NI, being assigned as the Executive Officer of the Hq and Hq Bn, under the command of the late Major Agtarap, the zone of operations being northern Ia Union and southern Ilocos Sur, including Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. Upon joining Major Agtarap, I organized the Hq & Hq Bn, according to the PA TO; I was also assigned in-charge of the safety of the movements of arms and ammunitions between the different units of the USAFIP, NI. On or about 18 Nov 1944 I also issued a Special Order requiring all ex-servicemen whether of the USAFFE or of the disbanded guerrillas to rejoin. I also appointed field agents to watch for and report on enemy activities and movements as well as their spies and collaborators within my area. I actively participated in the liberation drive against the enemy from D-Day in north Luzon 9 Jan 1945, until the final surrender of the enemy at Lao Valley. I was discharged from further service with the armed forces on 10 June 1946.

4. Q. When you issued the order on 18 Nov 1944 requiring all ex-servicemen to report, who complied with said order, and will you give their names?
 A. Sgt. Jose Aguilar, Sgt. Fermin Pagaduan, Pvt. Lorenzo "Aberinto", Sgt. Eugenio Ulpindo, Pvt. Marcelo Leal, Sgt. Generoso Somera, Sgt. Dominador Villanueva, Sgt. Guillermo Valencia, Sgt. Loricca, and others of which I have a list, and I may furnish a copy if required by the investigator.

5. Q. Do you know a certain officer by the name of Luis de Guzman, and if so state an account of his activities.
 A. I do not know, neither have I heard of him or his activities as a guerrilla activities.

6. Q. What about Pedro L. Trinidad, did you hear of any military service that he had rendered during the enemy occupation?
 A. I know him personally for he was once a resident of this municipality and was formerly the Secretary of the Mayor during the Japanese occupation, but I have not heard of any military activities of his from

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the time I arrived at Tagudin upon my release until the end of the liberation drive against the enemy. On the contrary, I know that he was among those wanted by the guerillas, including his brother the late Atty Mariano Trinidad.

7. Q. Do you remember if the following persons : Jose Villanueva, Teodoro Villanueva, Porfirio Lucero, alias Porfirio Lapitan, Leon Lucero and Felix D. Salazar, reported to you, or in some way or another made contact with your unit when you issued the order requiring all ex-servicemen to report on Nov 18, 1944?
- A. No.
8. Q. Do you have any idea if the above named persons might be members or connected with any other unit aside from the then unit to which you belonged, that is the Hq Bn, 121st Inf, USAFIP, NL?
- A. None, I have no idea to there being members of any other unit, except Jose Villanueva who latter joined the USAFIP, NL, during the fight for liberation.
9. Q. Who was the overall commander of the 121st Inf, and what is the area of its operations?
- A. George H Barnett, and the area of operations was the whole province of La Union, the whole of Ilocos Sur, and Abra.
10. Q. Do you know if Pedro Trinidad, Teodoro Villanueva, Porfirio Lapitan Leon Lucero, and Felix Salazar, have received any backpay or benefits in consideration of their supposed military services rendered during the Japanese occupation?
- A. That was what I was informed by the members of the Veterans Legion of this locality of which ~~you~~ ~~am~~ the commander
11. Q. Do you have anything more to say regarding this investigations of fake claims for military services of which you have signed as ~~signed~~ as Mayor in Resolution No. 115, dated Oct 4, 1948?
- a. No more.

JOSE L. BUNOAN

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1948, in the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.

Agent no. 6

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HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 1

4 January 1948

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER IN THE
RESERVE FORCE, ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES . . . I
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS II

1. Confirmation of Appointment of Officer in the Reserve Force.
Armed Forces of the Philippines. By direction of the President, the
a pointment of 1ST LT PEDRO TRINIDAD O-80967 INF (Inactive), Paringao,
Bauang, La Union in the Reserve Force, Armed Forces of the Philippines,
to the rank of 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, effective as of 23 November 1947
is confirmed.

II. Amendment to General Orders. 1. So much of General Orders
Number 605, this Headquarters, dated 23 December 1948, pertaining to the
reversion of Reserve Officer from his temporary rank to his recommended
readjusted permanent rank, as reads "By direction of the President, the
reversion of following-named officer, Armed Forces of the Philippines, to
his permanent rank of Captain is announced, effective 24 December 1948:

MAJOR GENEROSO L MENDOZA O-45892 AGS"

is amended to read "By direction of the President, the reversion of
MAJOR GENEROSO L MENDOZA O-45892 AGS to his recommended readjusted per-
manent rank of Captain is announced, effective 24 December 1948".

2. So much of General Orders Number 358, this Headquarters, dated
28 June 1946, pertaining to the Roster of the 10th CIC Det (PA) (inac-
tivated) (Reserve) as reads "CAPT GERMAN WAMBANGCO O-33478 PA FA" is
amended to read "CAPT GERMAN W SEVILLA O-33478 JAGS". This amendment
corrects all previous orders issued pertaining to the correct name of
subject officer.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE:

OFFICIAL:

M. N. CASTANEDA
Major General
Chief of Staff

(SGD.) LUIS FLORENTIN
Colonel, AGS
The Adjutant General

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AFFIDAVIT

I, MANUEL L. VERZOSA, Lt Colonel, O-1146, Infantry, AFP, of legal age, married, and presently assigned commissioner, Philippine War Crimes Commission, Headquarters National Defense Forces, upon being duly sworn states:

1. That at the outbreak of the war in the Pacific, I was District Commander of the 1st Military District with Headquarters at Camp T. Allen, Baguio City and with military jurisdiction over the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Abra, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and Mountain Provinces;

2. That I know personally 2nd Lieut. PEDRO TRINIDAD who was commissioned as such in the Infantry Reserve Force, Philippine Army on or about 23 November 1941 and that I subsequently assigned him to reserve unit;

3. That on or about 8 December 1941 in compliance with directive from Headquarters Philippine Army in Manila, I sent telegraphic message to 2nd Lt. PEDRO TRINIDAD, then military registrar in the Municipality of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, Philippines, calling him to active duty and assigning him Mobilization Officer of the 13th Infantry;

4. That upon his call to active duty, I directed him to report to the first available American Officer of the 13th Infantry for induction into the USAFFE and that on the 11th of December, I remember having a telegraphic report of his induction into the USAFFE by Major ARTUR K. NOBLE of the 13th Infantry;

5. That in addition to his duties he was appointed Recruiting Officer of the 13th Infantry, 11th Division with specific instructions to open recruiting offices in order to collect all available reservists who have not been reported to active duty and to send them as they become available to places that I directed;

6. That his duty as Mobilization Officer and Recruiting Officer of the 13th Infantry, 11th Division, PA, USAFFE, were rendered by him continuously up to the time when direct communications were cut off between my headquarters and his operating areas, and that the last time I heard from him was on the 16th day of December 1941, just after the first battle against the invading Japanese was fought in the Municipality of Tagudin, province of Ilocos Sur, Philippines;

7. That all pertinent papers to corroborate the above statement were taken to Bataan when my unit evacuated the City of Baguio on the 23rd day of December 1941. The fall of Bataan spelled the

eventual loss of all said pertinent papers.

That the affiant further sayeth none.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto sign this instrument in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 13th day of December 1948.

(SGD.) MANUEL L. VERZOSA C-1146
Lt-Colonel, Inf, PA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of December 1948 at Headquarters National Defense Forces, Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

(SGD.) AURELIO L. LUCERO
Major, ACS
Chief, Adm. Serv. Br, OTAG

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
HQ NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES)
Camp Murphy, Quezon City)

A F F I D A V I T

I, EUSEBIO T. CALLAO, ASN 0-33522, Captain, Sig O, AFP, of legal age, married, Filipino and presently assigned as Repair and Maintenance Officer, PGF, Floridablanca, upon being duly sworn, states on oath as follows:

1. That at the outbreak of the Pacific War in the Philippines, I was the Commanding Officer of the Company "L" of the 13th Infantry, 11th Division, PA, USAFFE, with operating areas covering the provinces of La Union and the souther part of Ilocos Sur;

2. That I can certify to the fact that on our arrival in the Municipality of Tagudin, province of Ilocos Sur, Philippines, on the 11th day of December, 1941, LT. PEDRO TRINIDAD, who was then the Mobilization Officer in the said Municipality joined our forces under order from our Overall Commanding Officer, Major ARTHUR K. NOBLE USA, who inducted him into the USAFFE on 11 December 1941, at Municipal Building, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur and assigned him as Transportation Officer of the Motorized Unit of the 13th Infantry, 11th Division, PA, USAFFE, (the Commandeered Santiago Sambrano Transportation).

3. That he was the one who requisitioned foodstuffs and other military supplies needed in the operations of the war against the enemy in that sector of the war;

4. That the said LT. PEDRO TRINIDAD also joined in the first operations against the enemy in barrio Dacutan-Dardarat in the same Municipality, where the Japanese were annihilated, the encounter took place on the 1315 hours, 16th day of December 1941, and;

5. That further, said LT. PEDRO TRINIDAD conducted the transportation of all the Japanese casualties under order from Major ARTHUR K. NOBLE, USA, for exhibitions in the south as the first Japanese casualties of the war in the Philippines that fall into the hands of Philippine Army in the service of United States Army in the Far East.

That the affiant further sayeth none.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto sign this instrument in Camp Murphy, Quezon City, Philippines, this 13th day of December 1948.

(SGD.) EUSEBIO T. CALLAO 0-335
Captain, SigC, AFP

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of December 1948 at Headquarters National Defense Forces, Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

(SGD.) AURELIO L. LUCERO
Major, AGS
Chief, Adm. Serv. Br,
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STATEMENT OF MR. PEDRO TRINIDAD, TAKEN THIS 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1948, IN THE CITY OF MANILA, BY AGENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Q. Please state your name, age, and other personal circumstances?

A. Pedro Trinidad, Married, 41 years of age, Student, College of Law, National University and presently residing at No. 285 Isabel, Sampaloc, Manila.

Q. Were you a member of any resistance movement during the enemy occupation?

A. Yes.

Q. Give the name of the organization to which you were a member and please give in details your activities?

A. At the outset of the war I was the Military Registrar and Mobilization Officer of the 13th Infantry, 11th Division Phil. Army USAFFE. From 8th December, 1941, to 11th Jan. 1942. Having been cut off from Bataan, I joined the 43rd Infantry under Captain Mauris B. Ordon, assigned as Hqs. Commandant and Supply Officer of the Garitan Hqs. Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. And again on the 10th day of April 1942, I was designated as Headquarters Commandant and Supply Officer of the Garritan Hqs. of the 121st Infantry, Phil. Army, USAFFE. After our dispersed I joined the Guerrilla Outfit of Col. Luis de Guzman, known as the Major Walter N. Cushing Regiment Guerrillas, assigned as Bat. Commander of the 6th Bat. with the rank of Lt. Col., which I hold or commanded until the 15th day of March, 1946, after our demobilization, ordered by our overall Commander, Col. Luis A. de Guzman.

Q. Where were you assigned as the Military Registrar and Mobilization Officer of the 13th Infantry, 11th Div. at the outbreak of war? And state the nature of your work?

A. In the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos. At the outset of the war I was receiving mobilization order from the District Commander of the 1st Military District at Camp Henry T. Allen, Baguio Mt. Province, for the sending of Reservists to active military service in the war. On the 13th of December 1941, I was assigned as Requisitioning Officer for all supplies and Foodstuffs needed by the USAFFE in the prosecution of the war, the authority emanated from Higher Hqs. the District Commander of the 1st Military District, Major Manuel L. Versozo, now a Lt. Col. of the Army.

Q. Do you have any appointment as the Military Registrar and Mobilization Officer of the 13th Infantry, 11Div.?

A. Yes Sir, Being the Municipal Secretary in the Mun. of Tagudin, Prov. of Ilocos, at the outset of the war, I was also an Ex-Oficio Military Registrar, of the Municipality having the custody of all Records of all Trainees and other Veterans of War. So that at the outset of the war I was receiving orders directly from the District Commander of the 1st Military District for the sending of Reservists asks to report to active duty in the war. I was also designated to open recruiting offices in my Province and to recruit volunteers for Military Service for the war immediately at the outbreak of War on Dec. 8, 1941, as authorized in a Telegram which I received from the District Commander of the 1st Military District Dated Dec. 9. 1941.

Q. When you were designated to open recruiting offices in your province by virtue of the above stated telegram, did you comply and if so state briefly what you have done?

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A. As the Telegram specified; Open recruiting offices in your province and recruit volunteers for military service in the war from ages 20 to 40. stop send them Baguio Ward. I have complied with such orders and have recruited civilians volunteers in the Municipality and those recruited were no more send to Baguio but were taken by Major Arthur K. Noble, Commanding Officer of the 13th Infantry, who came and quartered in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur on the 11th day of December, 1941. They got their assignment from our Commanding Officer our formal induction for service in the war. The inducting was conducted ~~xxxxxxx~~ en masse in the Municipal Building of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, beginning on the 11th day of December, 1941 to the 15th of Dec. 1941 After which the first battle against the jap was fought between us in barrio Dagutan Dardarat, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, on the 16th day of Dec. 1941.

Q. Do you still have the copy of the Telegram?

A. The telegram was lost in the Garitan Hgs. when we were attacked by the Japs. from the Vitalag Garrison.

Q. Under what circumstances were you contacted by Major Arthur K. Noble?

A. Major Arthur K. Noble, upon arriving at Bio, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, with the elements of the 13th Infantry under his command, asked thru the telephone in Bio for the Military Registrar in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. The Municipal Police Guard on duty in the Mun. Building on the 10th day ~~xxxxxx~~ P.M. of Dec. 1941 came and asked me to answer the Major in the phone. When the Major came to know my authenticity I was ordered to take all the trucks and available means of transportation to meet them in Bio for the purpose of bringing them North. I at once requisitioned and commanded the transportation belonging to the Santiago Sambrano Transportation using all the transportation personnel and volunteers to take the Army from Bio, Tagudin. I was successful to bring in to the Municipality until 8:00 O'clock in the morning of the next day. Said Army occupied the houses around the municipal Building, the munc. Build. and the Market Building. And at this juncture I was asked to take foodstuffs and other supplies needed by the Army because they so arrived without anything except their rifles and ammunition. I employed the municipal Treasurer after having been inducted into the Army with the Chief of Police after having been also inducted in the Army and also members of the municipal Council of Tagudin in receiving and counting all foodstuffs and supplies requisitioned by me from the Chinese stores in the town and in the locality and also from the individuals that contributed to the needs of the Army.

Q. Under what authority did you make the requisitioning of foodstuffs and supplies, and if you have were your acts of requisitioning confirmed by the Army?

A. From the Commanding Officer of the 13th Infantry, and also an authority that came from Major Versozo, District Commander of the 1st Military District. The original of this authority is attached with the claims of the Santiago Sambrano Transportation now in file with the claim service of the Philcom. And that a true copy of the same could be furnished the investigator.

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Q. Will you give in detail what happened after the battle of barrio Daguta/n Dardarat in 16th Dec. 1941?

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- Pedro Trinidad*
- A. After the battle we retreated to the second line of defense which was in Baluro, Bacnatan, La Union. I acted in the same capacity as Requisitioning Officer in charge of foodstuffs and at the same time designated as the transportation officer of all Commanded Transportation under my authority. We participated in the battle of Baluro, by hauling army supplies and ammunition until we retreated to Bauang where we again participated in the battle at that area until I was cut off from my main unit at Damortis, La Union. I retreated to the Mt. East of Damortis and went Northward to Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. All the supplies and trucks and other transportation facilities that were not brought to Bataan and which were in our track in our retreat were destroyed and demolished so as to prevent them in falling into the enemy hands.
- Q. When you reached Tagudin after your retreat did you continue your activities with the Army? How?
- A. Yes Sir. I joined the 43rd Infantry under the Command of Capt. Mauris B. Ordon, in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur and was assigned, as Hqs. Commandant and Supply Officer of the Garitan Hqs., of the 43rd Infantry. On the strength of my papers and authorities which I showed to the Commanding Officer of the 43rd Infantry, I was designated to continue on the same authority for the purpose of taking supplies, ammunitions, foodstuffs, housing facilities for the Army quartered in Garitan, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. This began in the 12th day of January, 1942, so that by the 19th of January, 1942, an ambushade was done against the enemy in the very heart of town Gandon, where the Japanese were annihilated in their advance for the Battle of Bataan. This ambushade was lead by Captain Mauris B. Ordon and Captain Cushing, with our men who were the remnant of the 43rd Infantry and also recruited civilians volunteers. The 43rd Infantry lasted until April 9, 1942, when the 121st Infantry came into existence under authority from Higher ups.
- Q. Did you join the 121st Infantry and if so what was your assignment?
- A. Yes, under the same assignment as Hqs. Commandant and Supply Officer and at the same time Recruiting Officer until we were dispersed on 31st August 1942 on order by our Commanding Officer Walter N. Cushing, U.S.A..
- Q. After you were dispersed on 31 August 1942, what did you do?
- A. I joined the guerrilla outfit of Col. Luis A. de Guzman, overall Commander of the Major Walter N. Cushing Regiment Guerrillas, with operating areas from the Ilocos Provinces, the Central Luzon, and Manila area and suburbs. I was designated as the Commanding Officer of the 6th Bat. with the rank of Lt. Col.
- Q. How long did this Guerrilla outfit last and what was its activities?
- A. It began in the early part of 1942, until our demobilization in 15 March 1946, when a Roster of Troops was submitted to the Afweafac. The activities as rendered were sabotaging of enemy communication, supply depots, and military installation. We also kept the morale of the ~~sama~~ people on continuous belief and sympathy for the cause of American and for the Commonwealth of the Philippines, that at the end a sure victory will be achieved.
- Q. Do you mean to say that the guerrilla organization that you

have joined was duly recognized and under what proof?

A. Up to the present the question of recognition is under consideration by the US Army authorities and up to the present there is no official recognition.

Q. Have you received any back pay or benefit from the Army in recognition of your military services during the enemy occupation?

A. Yes Sir, I received the amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO PESOS AND EIGHTY EIGHT CTS. (P13,522.88) representing my USAFFEE pay as 2nd Lt. from 8 Dec. 1941 to 17 Sept. 1945, as evidenced in my voucher No. 15007, abstract No. 301, account No. 3, Prudencio, under AP 360903.

Q. Do you ^{know} a person by the name of Teodoro Villanueva, and if so why?

A. Yes Sir, He was the Chief of Police before the outbreak of war ~~war~~ in the Municipality of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur and whose service was commanded by me as Mobilization Officer, he being inducted into the USAFFEE as 2nd Lt. on 12th day of December 1941 by Major Aurthur K. Noble, Commanding Officer of the 13th Infantry. On the nature of his work as Chief of Police before the war he was assigned as Intelligence Officer in the Intelligence Corps of the 13th Infantry, 11th Div. PA. USAFFEE. All the Municipal Police men under his command were also inducted into the services of the war and were assigned under his unit.

Q. Do you know if the services of Teodoro Villanueva was recognized and received any back pay or benefit from the Army?

A. Yes Sir, he has taken also his back pay as 2nd Lt. in the USAFFEE.

Q. Under what circumstances was the services of Teodoro Villanueva recognized?

A. He was recognized under the strength of his induction as civilian volunteer into the Army and confirmed by Major Aurthur K. Noble on the 12 day of Dec. 1942.

Q. Do you know Felix D. Salazar and if so why?

A. Yes Sir, he was the Municipal Treasurer before the outbreak of the war in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. He was also inducted as 2nd Lt. by Aurthur K. Noble, on the 12 day of Dec. 1941 and was the detailed as Officer in Charge of Supplies which I requisitioned from the public.

Q. Was his services into the Army recognized and if he received bank pay or benefit from whom?

A. He received his USAFFEE Back pay as 2nd Lt. but not in full as evidenced by his vouchers which could be found in the Finance Section of the Armed Forces in the Philippines.

Q. What about Leon F. Lucero, do you know him and if so why?

A. Yes Sir, He was a Reserve Officer as Training Teacher at the Tagudin, Elementary School, and upon order from Higher Hqs. he was asked to report for active military service in the war, where upon when Major Noble came in this Municipality he utilized his services with the 13th Infantry 11th Div. PA. USAFFEE. As Mobilization Officer I was actually the person who went to his house and serve him the order for his active service in the war.

Q. Do you know if his services was recognized and has also received his back pay or has received any benefit from the Army?

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- Pedro Trinidad*
- A. Yes Sir, his services was recognized on the strenght of his induction conducted by Major Aurther K. ~~Hoble~~ on the 12th day of Dec. 1941. ~~His~~ The heirs received the back pay of the deceased.
- Q. Do you know Porfirio Lucero, if so why?
- A. Yes Sir, he is also a native of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur and a member and component of the USAFFE.
- Q. Did he render services in connection with the Military organization and if so, did he also received any back pay or benefit?
- A. Yes Sir, but as to back pay I do not know the final outcome. He was one of those civilian volunteers in the war.
- Q. Do you know Jose Villanueva, the son of the Chief of Police of Tagudin, if so why?
- A. Yes Sir, he was before the outbreak of war a driver and he drove one of the trucks which I commandered for military service in the war. He joined the army as the outset of the war and that he participated from the first battle of Dacutan Bardarat area to Baluro Area.
- Q. Was his services recognized and did he received by back pay or benefit from the army?
- A. His services was recognized and he rejoined the liberation army and as to his back pay he was asked to pay back.
- Q. Do you know the existence of any guerrilla organization in the municipality of Tagudin, during the enemy occupation?
- A. During the enemy occupation I was residing in the municipality of Tadugin, Ilocos Sur, because I was assigned to stay in Manila Area.
- Q. Did you ever heard or know of the Cushing Lost Battallion?
- A. Yes Sir, this might refer to the 6th Bat. of the Major Walter M. Cushing Regiment under the overal command of Col. Luis de Guzman.
- Q. Have you something to do with the organization or the supposed recognition of this outfit?
- A. Yes sir, being the Battallion Commander of the 6th Bat. of this Command. The recognition up to the present has not as yet been given.
- Q. Is it true that you approached one Rafael S. Lardizabal to sign an induction paper in A certain barrio of Tagudin, and in consideration of the induction of said Rafael S. Lardizabal, you wanted to collect the sum of One Hundred Pesos?
- A. No Sir, I do not have any knowledge of such fact.
- Q. Did you also approached one by the name of Cipriano Larrosa for the purpose of inducting him, and that you also wanted to collect the sum of one hundred pesos?
- A. No Sir. Cipriano Larrosa, was the one who came to me and asked me for the services of his daughter Monica Larrosa, who was then a member of the Medical Service of the 121st infantry and barrio Garitan, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.
- Q. For what services of Monica Larrosa, did Cipriano Larrosa wanted to asked from you?

A. Monica Larrosa was inducted in the Medical Services of the 121st Infantry by Major Walter M. Cushing, Com. Officer of the 121st Infantry at Garitan. She being executed by the Japs. on account of her Guerrilla activities in connection with the USAFFEE her father approached me to testify on the veracity of her induction into the USAFFEE. Being then the Hqs. Commandant and Supply Officer of the Garitan Hqs. where inductions of men into the USAFFEE were conducted I was then actually present at the time of her induction and that I have vouched for her.

Q. Do you know of person by the name of Benigno Ridad Lapitan, if so why?

A. Yes Sir, he was one of the Bhesé who finally joined the unit command of the late Lt. Lardizabal of the 121st Infantry PA. USAFFEE. Lt. Lardizabal was a remnant of the 13th Infantry who fought with us in Baloro and when cut off from Bataan he joined the Command under Cushing and was assigned under Capt. Centeno. I was the Hqs. Commandant at Garitan at the time of his assignment.

Q. What is the reputation of this person in Tagudin, if you know, is he worthy to be believe?

A. The reputation of this person is highly commendable because he is a veteran of the war as myself, but when I learned that he was boosting as being alone who survived under Cushing then I began doubting his good reputation. Many are still alive who fought in the colos under the command of Cushing, and that it would be improper for any veteran to commit himself as being the lone survivor who survive as alone as a hero.

Q. What guerrilla organization are you a member?

A. I am a member of the Major Walter M. Cushing Regiment Guerrilla under the overral command of Col. Luis A. de Guzman, being designated as Commander of the 6th Bat.

Q. Do you have a brother who had been indicted of treason by the People's Court?

A. Yes Sir, he was the late Mariano Trinidad.

Q. Was the late Mariano Trinidad, also included as a member of the Major Walter M. Cushing Regiment Guerrilla under the overral command of Luis A. de Guzman?

A. Yes Sir, he was a member of that Guerrilla organization and at the same time a member of the 13th Infantry 11 Div. PA. USAFFEE, also a member of the 13rd Infantry when ~~cut~~ cut off from Bataan and also the 121st Infantry PA. USAFFEE. He received also his back pay as USAFFEE with a rank of 1st Lt.

Q. Is the guerrilla organization to which Mariano Trinidad a member, already recognized?

A. Not yet recognized.

Q. Do you have something more to say?

A. Yes Sir, on the strenght of my recognized services in the USAFFEE and in conformity with the rank I occupied in them it is my duty to vouch for the real USAFFEE who really rendered services in the Army. That I give this service to all that deserve it without money consideration. Those people who have legitimate claim know of my authenticity to approve their claims naturally came to me for the proper filling of the same irrespective of whether he or she is my enemy or nor I have to do it squarely with them.

Pedro Trinidad

- Q. What Guerrilla organization of which some people of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur are members and of which they are presently waiting for its recognition?
- A. It is the Major Walter M. Cushing Regiment Guerrillas. To which up to the present it is not yet officially recognized.

Q. Have you something more to say?

A. No more.

Pedro Trinidad
PEDRO TRINIDAD

Witnesses.

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Luis Lucero

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November, 1948, in the City of Manila.

Agent No 6
NBI-AGENT

STATEMENT OF TEODORO A. VILLANUEVA GIVEN
THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1948 IN THE OF-
FICE OF THE NORTHERN LUZON BRANCH, NATIONAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, PORO, SAN FERNANDO,
LA UNION

Q: Please state your name and other personal circumstances.

A: Teodoro A. Villanueva, married, of legal age, and at present Chief of Police, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, and residing at the same municipality.

Q: Where were you at the outbreak of the war in December 8, 1941?

A: Before the outbreak of the war, I was the Chief of Police in the Municipality of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur but on December 8, 1941, I reported to the mobilization officer, Mr. Pedro Trinidad, for active duty, to help in calling the military reservists to active duty.

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Q: Where did you report and what was your rank?

A: I reported to Chief Mobilization Officer, Pedro Trinidad, in the Municipal Hall of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. I had no rank but when I was inducted into the USAFFE, by ~~Mr.~~ Maj. Arthur K. Nobel, I was given the rank of 2nd Lt., 13th Inf., 11th Div., P.A., USAFFE.

Q: When were you inducted as 2nd Lt.?

A: I was inducted on December 12, 1941 and I was assigned as intelligence officer, attached to Co. M of the 13th Inf., 11th Div., PA, USAFFE.

Q: Did you render actual military service and if so, please give in detail your activities?

A: I participated in the first battle against the enemy at barrio Dacutan, Dardarat, on Dec. 16, 1941, and I participated in the second battle at Baluro, Bacnotan, and after the battle of Baluro, we withdrew to the mountains because the Japanese were advancing south. From the mountains, I managed to reach Tagudin and again in Tagudin, I joined the 121st Inf. under Maj. Walter Cushing. I was assigned as an intelligence officer under said unit with the rank of 2nd Lt. I participated in all combat and sabotage ordered by the then Maj. Cushing up to Feb. 26, 1942 at Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. As a result of our operation, a Japanese general by the name of "Gen. Hara" was killed east of Tagudin. On Aug. 30, 1942, Maj. Walter Cushing ordered our unit to be disbanded because of the Fall of Bataan. We were disbanded and I learned later on that Maj. Cushing met his death.

Q: What happened to Capt. Arthur K. Nobel?

A: I also learned that he died sometime in the month of Sept. 1942 so I joined the guerrilla unit under Col. Luis de Guzman, known as Walter Cushing's Regiment, with the rank of 1st Lt. assigned as intelligence officer. My area of operation was from Tagudin to Manila including Mt. Prov.

Q: Did you ever surrender to the Japanese Imperial Forces?

A: No, I did not surrender.

Q: Was your military service mentioned above recognized and who recognized it?

A: My services under the USAFFE after my induction in Dec. 12, 1941 was recognized but my services under the Walter Cushing's Regiment is still pending recognition.

Teodoro A. Villanueva

Re Statement of Teodoro A. Villanueva - 3 Dec. 1948.

Q: Did you receive any arrears in pay or benefit by virtue of your services under the USAFFE and what time does it cover?

A: Yes, I receive back pay as 2nd Lt. for my services under the USAFFE from Dec. 8, 1941, ~~until~~ but I do not know the exact date when it terminated, my voucher wherein I was paid the sum of ₱9,516. will show the exact date of my services which may be found in the Office of the Finance Section, Camp Murphy, Quezon City. I also attached said voucher to my application for educational benefit in the Office of the Veterans Administration Board which is still pending.

Q: After your disbandment, and with your joining the Cushing's Regiment under Luis de Guzman, did you render any other service aside from your assignment as intelligence officer?

A: Yes, I was ordered by ~~my~~ Col. Luis de Guzman and Pedro Trinidad, who was my C.O. to observe and make reports as to enemy movement at Mangkayan. For the successful achievement of my mission, I even entered as a laborer in the Mangkayan Lines which was under operation by the Japanese.

Q: Did you not render service in the Municipality of Tagudin during the Japanese occupation?

A: I did not.

Q: Have you something more to say?

A: No more, except that after liberation, I was called again to my pre-war job as Chief of Police of the Municipality of Tagudin, which I am presently occupying.

Teodoro A. Villanueva
TEODORO A. VILLANUEVA

WITNESSES:

[Signature]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 3rd day of December, 1948 in the Municipality of San Fernando, Province of La Union. Affiant exhibited to me his Res. Cert. No. A-2026726 issued at Tagudin, Ilocos Sur on Feb. 1, 1948.

Agent No. 6
FBI AGENT

STATEMENT OF MR. FELIX D. SALAZAR, TAKEN THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1948, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA CRUZ, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR

- Q. Please state your name age and other personal circumstances?
A. Felix D. Salazar, married, 53 years of age, and the present municipal Treasurer of the Municipality of Santa Cruz, and residing in this Municipality.
- Q. Where were you on the 8th of December, 1941, or immediately preceding the War?
A. In Tagudin.
- Q. What were you doing in Tagudin?
A. I was then the Municipal Treasurer of the Municipality of Tagudin at the outbreak of war.
- Q. Did you ever render any military service immediately at the outbreak of war of any time during the Japanese occupation?
A. Yes.
- Q. In what way and will you give in details your service?
A. I joined the USAFFE, I was inducted as Sergeant, in the Municipality of Tagudin, on Dec. 12, 1941. I was inducted into service by Major Arthur K. Noble.
- Q. How was your induction done, were you alone?
A. It was an induction in mass.
- Q. Can you remember the names, of some of your companions who ^{were} inducted with you in masse on Dec. 12, 1941, and if so will you tell this investigator their present address?
A. Mr. Teodoro Villanueva, the present Chief of Police of Tagudin; Saturnino Orallo, Postmaster of Tagudin; Mauro Andaya, Sgt. of Police Tagudin; Bruno Lizardo, Police of Tagudin; Pedro Trinidad, in Manila; Marieno Trinidad, now deceased. Those are the persons I can remember now.
- Q. After your induction on Dec. 12, 1941, will state in details the service you rendered?
A. I was a member of the requisitioning Team of foodstuffs for the supplies of the Army up to the end of January, 1942. After that date or sometimes in September 1942, I returned as the Municipal Treasurer of Tagudin, I was planted by 1st. Lt. Pedro Trinidad, in that job, for I was assigned in the intelligence unit. I also rendered services in various forms to help our comrade in arms, altho my work was done in secret.
- Q. To whom did you report during the time you were planted as Municipal Treasurer in the Municipality of Tagudin?
A. I made report to Lt. Trinidad.
- Q. Where was the Hqts. of Lt. Trinidad in 1942?
A. He was in barrio Geritan, Tagudin, then he moved ^{to} the province of La Union.
- Q. How long or up to what time did you act as the Municipal Treasurer of Tagudin, during the enemy occupation?
A. Up to September 1942, then when conditions were no longer safe, I left my work sometime in September 10, 1944.
- Q. Where did you go then?
A. I went to Vigan, Ilocos Sur, where I contacted a Guerrilla Officer by the name of Inacio Alconis, who ^{was} then operating in that section. There I continued my work ~~as a member of the intelligence~~ as intelligence officer.
- Q. Did you ever surrender yourself to the Japanese Imperial Forces?
A. No.
- Q. Were your military services rendered during the Japanese occupation recognised?
A. My services as being inducted in the USAFFE was recognised.

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Q. What about your services in any guerrilla organization was it recognized?
A. Not yet.

Q. What is the name of the guerrilla organization to which you belong and what is your rank?

A. Cushing Guerrilla, under 121st Infantry, USAFIP, NL.

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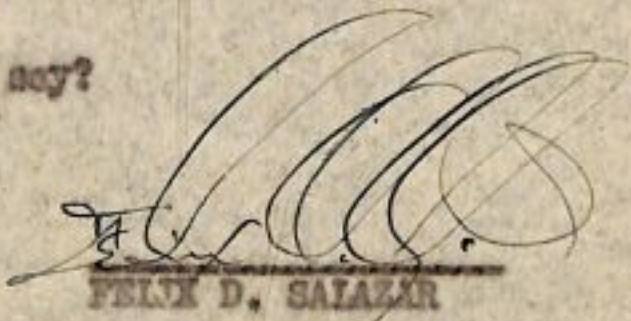
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Q. During the time you were in Tagudin, during the enemy occupation, do you ^{know} if there was any guerrilla organization in existence?

A. There was but it was a different guerrilla organization to which I belong, so I did not joined.

Q. Do you have something more to say?

A. No more.



FELIX D. SALAZAR

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of December,
in the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.

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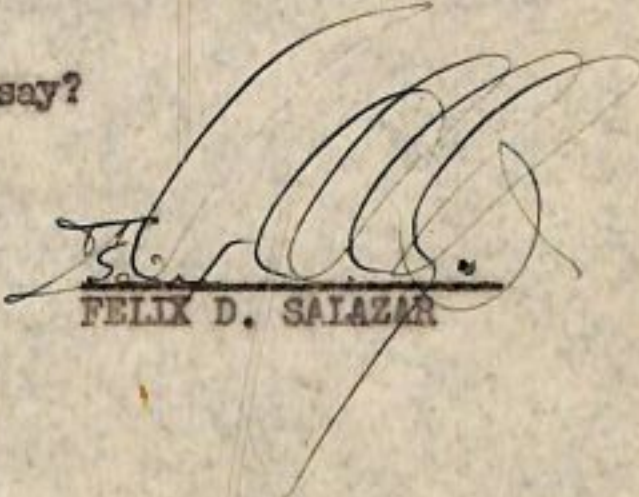
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FELIX D. SALAZAR

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of December,
in the Municipality of Tagudin, Province of Ilocos Sur.

Agent no 6
NBI-AGENT

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INTELLIGENCE FIELD OFFICE NO. 1
11th CIC Detachment

AGRD-JV 201 ARKHANGELSKY, Sergei A. 2nd Ind, California
(29 May 51)

SUBJECT: Claim for Guerrilla Services

HEADQUARTERS, 8133D ARMY UNIT, AG RECORDS DEPOSITORY APO 928 3 JUL 1951

TO: Commanding Officer, Records Administration Center, AGO
St. Louis 20, Missouri
4800 Goodfellow Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

1. Only information concerning subject this Headquarters had, was that contained in his 201 file which was forwarded your Center in Box 263. No Philippine Army, guerrilla, or archival information could be found concerning any military affiliation of subject. It is assumed as subject waived any rights he might have had to guerrilla recognition that anti-Japanese activities performed during the occupation, were on a volunteer basis.) Warrant ()

2. The subject alleges that he has in his possession a certificate accepting him for service with the 61st Infantry in December 1941. It is suggested this certificate be obtained to ascertain its contents and value regarding subject's military status.

Date & type of last discharge:

Date of birth: 16 December 1903, Simferopol, Russia

3. Guerrilla recognition has been closed in this Headquarters and no authority exists to accept any new claims. blue eyes, under lt eye, appendectomy scar, scar lt side of body.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

3. It is further requested that any information contained in the above records which reflects adversely upon SUBJECT's character, loyalty or discretion, be noted upon, or forwarded as an inclosure with this form.

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[Signature]
BURN A. WOOD
Capt AGC
Adjutant

[Signature]
JOHN H. ARKEY
Capt RICHARD EVANS
Office WOJG Char USA
Asst Adj

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EXCERPT FROM SUBJECT'S PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

INTELLIGENCE FIELD OFFICE NO. 1

115th CIC Detachment

Presidio of San Francisco, California

...offered my services to the Headquarters of American-Philippine Troops in the island of Negros, Philippines. On 17 December 1941, I was accepted for service with 51st Infantry for the duration of war. The certificate signed by the Accepting Officer

SUBJECT: ARKHANGELSKY, Sergei Alexis

Before the surrender of the American-Philippine Troops in Negros, I did the work of supplying the troops, and afterwards, being a Philippine citizen and therefore left by Japanese out of prison, but ordered to stay.

TO : The Adjutant General
4300 Goodfellow Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

ATTENTION: Military Personnel Records Branch

I started intelligence work, giving to the local guerrillas the garrisons and their movements, and supplying those guerrillas which could be snatched from Japanese in the factories; due to this I was able to establish in the mountains; that enabled guerrillas of Negros to get into contact with the American troops outside of the Philippines. When this contact was established I regularly sent any kind of information to the American troops including the copies of Japanese orders about retreating American troops in my district to the landed American troops (both Division 1 and 2) and evacuation into the United States by the military authorities (to Leyte, 28th Replacement Depot), I officially waived any right to any part of other compensation for the above mentioned services; may be on account of that I was forgotten at discharge; neither I thought that it may be important.

1. It is requested that the records indicated below be checked regarding SUBJECT's Military Service:

Enlisted (x) Commissioned () Warrant ()

2. Background Information: See attached sheet

Serial number (s):

Date Inducted: 17 December 1941

Date & type of last discharge:

Date of birth: 16 December 1883, Simferopol, Russia

Description: White, male, 6'2", 215 lbs, white hair, blue eyes, married, slight scar under lt eye, appendectomy scar; scar lt side of body.

Court martial: Forces in the Philippines.

3. It is further requested that any information contained in the above records which reflects adversely upon SUBJECT's character, loyalty or discretion, be noted upon, or forwarded as an inclosure with this form.

s/t/ JOHN H. STARKEY
Captain, Infantry
Officer in Charge

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EXCERPT FROM SUBJECT'S PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

"Division #37-A. Immediately after the beginning of the last war I offered my services to the Headquarters of American-Philippines Troops in the island of Negros, Philippines. On 17 December 1941, I was accepted for service with 61st Infantry USAFFE, for the duration of war. The certificate signed by the Accepting Officer Captain Richard I. Jones, is in my possession now. Before the surrender of the American-Philippines Troops in Negros, I did the work of supplying the troops, and afterwards, being a Philippine citizen and therefore left by Japanese out of prison, but ordered to stay in Manapla Sugar Factory, I started intelligence work, giving to the local guerillas the information about Japanese garrisons and their movements, and supplying those guerillas by anything which could be snatched from Japanese in the factory; due to ~~that~~ one radio-station was established in the mountains; that enabled guerillas of ~~Manapla~~ as to get into contact with the American troops outside of the Philippines. When this contact was established I regularly sent any kind of information through the guerillas to the American Troops, including the copies of ~~Japanese~~ plans of their airfields. My service finished after I have given the information about retreating Japanese troops in my district to the landed American troops (40th Division), in April 1945. During my (and my wife's) evacuation into the United States by the military authorities (in Leyte, 28th Replacement Depot), I officially waived to the representative of an American Consul in Manila any right to any pay or other compensation for the above mentioned services; may be on account of that it was forgotten to give me a formal discharge; neither I thought that It may be important.

Therefore there are some contradictions: 1) I was not enlisted, 2) but was inducted (and have a certificate); at the same time 3) never was discharged. The above mentioned can be confirmed by the persons whose names are given above as references (Division 41); some of them know the whole story, some- part of it; four of them were members of the American Forces in the Philippines."

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AGRS-DC-S 201 Arkhangelsky, Sergei A. 1st Ind
(29 May 51)

S-31 Jul 51

SUBJECT: Claim for Guerrilla Services

AGO, Department of the Army, Records Administration Center, St. Louis 20,
Missouri, 19 June 1951

TO: Commanding Officer, 8133rd Service Unit, Adjutant General Records
Depository, APO 928, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

1. Forwarded for information upon which to base a reply.

2. No record has been found to show that Sergei Alexis Arkhangelsky,
served in the Army of the United States or Philippine Scouts. However,
there are inclosed copies of affidavit of Civilian Repatriates, dated
26 April 1945, with supplement thereto, and certificate, dated 31 July
1945, concerning subject's guerrilla service.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

s/ A. T. Nay
Adjutant General

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1. Afdvt, 26 Apr 45
2. Supplement, 28 Apr 45
3. Certificate, 31 Jul 45

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ADDRESSEE:

Honorable Julian F. Harrington
American Minister
American Embassy
Manila, Philippines

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[Signature]
(Signature of officer) (Rank and organization)

(Date received)

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APO 928

AGRD-CR

16 May 51

Honorable Julian F. Harrington
American Minister
American Embassy
Manila, Philippines

Dear Mr. Minister:

Further reference is made to your letter dated 27 April 1951 and to informal conference by representative of this headquarters on 11 May 1951 at your office regarding the "Wah Chi Guerrilla Unit". The inclosed photostat copies, in duplicate, of Philippine Army, Adjutant General's Office, Form No. 23, "Affidavit of Philippine Army Personnel", is the only information this headquarters has pertaining to the individuals mentioned in above letter.

It must be pointed out that this Form No. 23 is the statement of the individual and has not been validated in any way by this headquarters. Further, that there has been no attempt to collect arrears in pay or veterans' benefits by any of the individuals mentioned above, even though the following are shown on the recognized guerrilla roster, "Philippine Chinese Anti-Japanese Volunteers, Wah Chi Unit":

| | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Chung Kuang | listed as: | Kuang, Chang |
| Chang Pac Fung | " " | Fung, Chang Pac |
| Fong Ko | " " | Ko, Fong |
| Sia Ching | " " | Ching, Sia |
| Lao Chat | " " | Chat, Lao |
| Leong Pac Fung | " " | Fung, Leong Pac |
| Chai Chien Wha | " " | Wha, Chai Chien |
| Chua Ching Yee | " " | Yee, Chang <u>Chi</u> |

There are no records (Form 23 or 201 File) for the following:

Chung Hio Seng
Co Tiam
Fong Ko
Huang Chieh
Lee Chung Yen
Lee Huan Chai
Dy Sioc Ga
Lim Ki Chin
Co Yiok Sing

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Honorable Julian P. Harrington
continued -

16 May 1951

Po Lian Chuan
Ping Hong
Tan Bun Hue
Chai Chien Wha
Chua Ching Yee
Wei Chang Hon
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It is hoped this information will be of some benefit, and that you will feel free to call upon me for any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

- 27 Incls:
Form 23 (in duplicate)
pertaining to:
1. Que Kuok Cho
 2. Co San
 3. Chua Teng S.
 4. Dy Suy Kom Si
 5. Dy Hon Y.
 6. Tiu Ching Hong Go
 7. Ting Ah S.
 8. Tee Hong M.
 9. Tek Guan
 10. Tan King Leong
 11. Tan Hong Ping
 12. Sig Ching W.
 13. Chang Pac Fung
 14. Chang Kuang
 15. Ang King Chi
 16. Chu Giok Liong
 17. Chua Boon King
 18. Siong Ong Se
 19. Lee Ying Ka
 20. Tan Jose T.
 21. Ong Bun Tun
 22. Ong Hua Chu
 23. Lim Tai Chong
 24. Lim Beng K.
 25. Leong Pac Fung
 26. Lao Chat
 27. Ko Po C.

GRADEN C. WATERS
Colonel Inf
Commanding

RC
R C RUDELL
CAPT INF
ASST ADJUTANT

2
E. RINALDI, MAJOR, AGC
DIRECTOR S & C DIVISION

Note: "Infernal conference" referred to in first para, was held in Mr. Harrington's office at 1130 hrs 11 May 51 - Mr. Harrington - Mr. May (investigator handling this case) and Capt Rudell were present.

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FILE NO. _____ SUBJECT "WHA CHI" Guerrilla List

TO Director S & C Division FROM Records Branch DATE 8 May 51 COMMENT NO. 1

1. Following named individuals are shown on recognized guerrilla roster, Philippine Chinese Anti-Japanese Volunteers Corps, Wah Chi Unit, approximate strength 108 men, date of recognition, 5 March 1945:

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| ① | 1. Chung Kuang | listed as: | Kuang, Chang |
| * | 2. Chang Pac Fung | " " | Fung, Chang Pac |
| | 3. Fong Ko | " " | Ko, Fong |
| | 4. Sia Ching | " " | Ching, Sia |
| | 5. Lao Chat | " " | Chat, Lao |
| | 6. Leong Pac Fung | " " | Fung, Leong Pac |
| | 7. Chai Chien Wha | " " | Wha, Chai Chien |
| | 8. Chua Ching Yee | " " | Yee, <u>Chang Chi</u> |

2. Following named individuals were processed for return to military control and there is a PA AGO Form 23, "Affidavit for Philippine Army Personnel":

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. | Que, Kuok Cho | 113013 |
| 2. | Co, San | No ASN |
| 2 | 3. Chua, Teng S. | 0-42292 |
| | 4. Dy, Suy Kom Si | 112390 |
| | 5. Dy, Hon Y. | 112395 |
| | 6. Tiu, Ching Hong Go | 112170 |
| | 7. Ting, Ah S. | 112657 |
| | 8. Tee, Hong M. | 042309 |
| | 9. Tek, Guan | 112969 |
| | 10. Tan, King Leong | 112076 |
| | 11. Tan, Hong Ping | 112014 |
| | 12. Sig, Ching W. | 0-42201 |
| | 13. Chang, Pac Fung | 111989 |
| | 14. Chang, Kuang | 0-22385 |
| | 15. Ang, King Chi | 112059 |
| | 16. Chu, Giok Liong | 111992 |
| | 17. Chua, Boon King | 111988 |
| | 18. Siong, Ong Se | 042289 |
| | 19. Lee, Ying Ka | 115951 |
| | 20. Tan, Jose T. | 112713 |
| | 21. Ong, Bun Tun | 042234 |
| | 22. Ong, Hua Chu | 111971 |
| | 23. Lim, Tai Chong | 042310 |
| | 24. Lim, Beng K. | 112916 |
| | 25. Leong, Pac Fung | 112178 |
| | 26. Lao, Chat | 112038 |
| | 27. Ko, Po C. | 112351 |

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Comment No. 1 cont'd.

201 file of Major Chai Chien Wha, O-42287, contains only a Special Order re: discharge.

201 file of Huan Chai Lee, 112086, contains personal record and physical examination papers.

3. As of this date, there has been no adjudication made to determine what valid service any may have.



R. C. RUDELL
Capt Inf

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
Manila, April 27, 1951

Noted in Files of the Guerrilla Affairs Division,
Phil-Reserve Command, 2-3-1945; also Service No.

Dear Colonel Waters:

The enclosed list, compiled by the Department of State, contains names of individuals who were formerly connected with the Wha Chi guerrillas and who are at present possibly engaged in communist activities.

As the Embassy has been requested by the Department to have this list checked against the files of your office, we are forwarding it to you. It would be appreciated if your office will undertake this check and furnish the Embassy with whatever information you have on each of the individuals listed.

Sincerely,

Julian F. Harrington
Julian F. Harrington
Minister.

Enclosure:

List of names.

Colonel Graden C. Waters, Commanding Officer,
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The enclosed list, compiled by the Department of State, contains names of individuals who are currently engaged in communist activities.

In the event you have been requested to provide information regarding the names of your relatives, one or more of whom are included in your list, you will understand that such information is being furnished to you for your own use and is not to be disseminated to any other person.

[Handwritten signature]
Special Agent in Charge



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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Sir:

The enclosed list, compiled by the Department of State, contains names of individuals who are currently engaged in commercial activities.

The names have been selected from a list of individuals who have been identified as having been active in the field of international trade and commerce. It would be appreciated if you would indicate to the Bureau whether you have any information regarding these individuals.

Sincerely,

John F. Hartigan
John F. Hartigan
Director

Very truly yours,

John F. Hartigan



Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the list of individuals who are currently engaged in commercial activities.

Very truly yours,
John F. Hartigan

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*Mr Donald Thurnau,
MAPO
APO 928*

Receipt for communication(s) described above is hereby
acknowledged by:

Donald O. Thurnau

(Signature of officer) (Rank and organization)
ACTV PERS OFFICER

29 Dec 1951

(Date received)

W.D.,A.G.O. Form 996-1 December 1944

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|-----|-----------------|
| 38. | Kabir Singh |
| 37. | Pakhar Singh |
| 36. | Ramesh Singh |
| 35. | Dalla Singh |
| 34. | Kal Singh |
| 33. | Sachin Singh |
| 32. | Ratan Singh |
| 31. | Gurdev Singh |
| 30. | Jeet Singh |
| 29. | Karn Singh |
| 28. | Arijan Singh |
| 27. | Sachin Singh |
| 26. | Kabul Singh |
| 25. | Zarbene Singh |
| 24. | Gurbachan Singh |
| 23. | Chhejja Singh |
| 22. | Moher Singh |
| 21. | Harj Singh |
| 20. | Jaget Singh |
| 19. | Ram Singh |
| 18. | Smaran Singh |
| 17. | Nayyan Singh |
| 16. | Gokul Singh |
| 15. | Gurjit Singh |
| 14. | Gyan Singh |
| 13. | Hardev Singh |
| 12. | Jarwant Singh |
| 11. | Jagar Singh |
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| 1. | Hardev Singh |

Personnel Data

CO, 8133d AU (AGRD)
APO 928

29 Dec 51

AAL/SGC/mpm

MAPO
Attn: Mr. Thurnau

Pursuant to telephone request of 21 December 1951, requesting the ICR NO. and AGR NO. of certain personnel, this headquarters, a roster is furnished herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

| Date of Issue | ICR NO. | AGR NO. | Date of Issue |
|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Oct 7, 1949 | A-247094 | June 20, 1950 | |
| Dec 2, 1949 | A-27082 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Oct 5, 1949 | A-216025 | Jan 18, 1951 | |
| Aug 15, 1948 | A-9409 | July 8, 1950 | |
| May 16, 1946 | A-2786 | July 15, 1950 | |
| Aug 15, 1949 | A-27111 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Mar 8, 1950 | A-8535 | Jun 2, 1951 | |
| Oct 20, 1949 | A-27058 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Aug 8, 1949 | A-3986 | Aug 31, 1950 | |
| Oct 26, 1949 | A-9496 | July 12, 1950 | |
| Aug 12, 1949 | A-3053 | July 14, 1950 | |
| Nov 29, 1949 | A-8196 | Oct 3, 1950 | |
| Oct 29, 1949 | A-9585 | Sept 6, 1950 | |
| Jan 18, 1950 | A-27167 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Jan 18, 1950 | A-27118 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Dec 16, 1948 | A-27110 | " | |
| Jan 11, 1948 | A-8117 | Nov 14, 1950 | |
| Aug 2, 1948 | A-27054 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Apr 4, 1949 | A-3643 | July 19, 1950 | |
| June 18, 1948 | A-8190 | Oct 5, 1950 | |
| Nov 9, 1948 | A-27142 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Dec 29, 1948 | A-3603 | Aug 5, 1950 | |
| Aug 28, 1950 | A-27109 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Apr 9, 1949 | A-3951 | Aug 25, 1950 | |
| Oct 5, 1949 | A-3642 | July 19, 1950 | |
| June 9, 1949 | A-3650 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Apr 29, 1948 | A-27149 | " | |
| July 17, 1948 | A-2708 | July 13, 1950 | |
| June 30, 1948 | A-8195 | Oct 4, 1950 | |
| Feb 3, 1949 | A-3158 | " | |
| Nov 3, 1948 | A-27094 | " | |
| Dec 16, 1948 | A-27110 | " | |
| Dec 1, 1948 | A-9413 | July 9, 1950 | |
| Oct 29, 1949 | A-8535 | Oct 23, 1950 | |
| Feb 3, 1949 | A-27077 | July 17, 1950 | |
| Feb 2, 1949 | A-9496 | Oct 5, 1950 | |
| Dec 1, 1948 | A-8117 | July 8, 1950 | |

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Roster

S. G. COOK
Capt AGC
Adjutant

Present: ...

28-A Alejandro T. Sempayo

907-A Trinidad Sempayo

1541 O. Sempayo, Jr.

350-C Trinidad Sempayo

32 A Int. Sempayo, Q.C.

204 Agordo, Manila

2124 Ave. Laurel, Bismarck

11 Aib st. Q.C.

202 Agordo, Otago

196 Calderon, Los

110 N. Acosta

204 Agordo, Q.C.

72 R-C 1st st.

107 Bardswell

2048 Int. B. B.

38 Dated

352-C Trebajo

52a Elewa, Manila

88 Alajalino

38 Dated

894 P. Bardswell

1004 1st st.

72 C 1st st.

27 Bardswell

38 Bardswell

713 P. Bardswell

119 F. Bardswell

202 Agordo, Otago

1205 Bardswell

96 Bardswell

1107 Artagel

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|------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Harbhajan Singh | 38908 | Oct 7, '49 | A-247093 | June 30, '50 | 88-A Alejandro VI, Sampaloc |
| 2. | Sagar Parkash | 41153 | Dec 2, '49 | A-27082 | July 17, '50 | 907-A Trabajo, Sampaloc |
| 3. | Surjan D. Singh | 38887 | Oct 5, '49 | A-216025 | Jan 10, '51 | 1541 C. Sison st., Paco |
| 4. | Hazura Singh | 30635 | Aug 16, '48 | A-9409 | July 8, '50 | 352-C Trabajo, Sampaloc |
| 5. | Ram D. Singh | 7996 | May 16, '46 | A-2786 | July 15, '50 | 52 A Int. Santol, Q.C. |
| 6. | Ram Chand | 2316 | Aug 15, '49 | A-27111 | July 17, '50 | 204 Aguado, Manila |
| 7. | Mani Singh | 40963 | Mar 8, '50 | A-8635 | Jan 2, '51 | 2124 Ave. Rizal, Blumentritt |
| 8. | Karnail Singh | 39085 | Oct 20, '49 | A-27058 | July 17, '50 | 11 Aib st. Q.C. |
| 9/ | Gujjar Mall | 37932 | Aug 8, '49 | A-3981 | Aug 30, '50 | 202 Aguado, Quiapo |
| 10. | Talok Singh | 39446 | Oct 26, '49 | A-9496 | July 12, '50 | 136 Calderon, Sta Ana |
| 11. | Ujagar Singh | 2315 | Aug 12, '49 | A-3053 | July 14, '50 | 110 M. Acosta, Pasay |
| 12. | Jaswant Singh | 40697 | Nov 29, '40 | A-8136 | Oct 3, '50 | 204 Aguado, Quiapo |
| 13. | Hardev Singh | 39727 | Oct 29, '49 | A-9585 | Sept 4, '50 | 72 K-C 1st st; Kamuning, Q.C. |
| 14. | Gian Singh | 42773 | Jan 18, '50 | A-27167 | July 17, '50 | 107 Lardzbabal, Sampaloc |
| 15. | Gurmit Singh | 33827 | Jan 18, '49 | A-27118 | July 17, '50 | 2668 Int 6 Herran st., Sta Ana |
| 16. | Gokal Singh | 33954 | Dec 16, '48 | A-27110 | " " " | 38 Driod Rd; Cubao, Q.C. |
| 17. | Mayyan Singh | 32481 | June 11, '48 | A-8417 | Nov 14, '50 | 352-C Trabajo, Sampaloc |
| 18. | Swaran Singh | 30697 | Aug 2, '48 | A-22054 | July 17, '50 | Sta Elena, Makina, Rizal |
| 19. | Ram Singh | 35921 | Apr 4, '49 | A-3643 | July 19, '50 | 88 Alejandro VI, Sampaloc |
| 20. | Jagat Singh | 30185 | June 18, '48 | A-8190 | Oct 5, '50 | 38 Driod Rd., Cubao, Q.C. |
| 21. | Hari Singh | 33881 | Feb 3, '49 | A-27152 | July 17, '50 | 894 P. Margal, Sampaloc |
| 22. | Mehar Singh | 34991 | Nov 9, '48 | A-3603 | Aug 5, '50 | 1004 Isaac Peral, Paco |
| 23. | Chhajja Singh | 34185 | Oct 29, '48 | A-27109 | July 17, '50 | 72 C 1st st. Kamuning, Q.C. |
| 24. | Gurbachan Singh | 57099 | Aug 28, '50 | A-3951 | Aug 25, '50 | 27 Blobo Beoro, Quiapo |
| 25. | Harbans Singh | 35985 | Apr 9, '49 | A-3642 | July 19, '50 | 38 Driod Rd; Cubao, Q.C. |
| 26. | Kabul Singh | 38885 | Oct 5, '49 | A-3530 | July, 17, '50 | 713 P. Florentino, Sampaloc |
| 27. | Sadhu Ram | 37028 | June 9, '49 | A-27153 | " " " | 133 K st; Kamuning, Q.C. |
| 28. | Arjan Singh | 32410 | Apr 29, '48 | A-2798 | July 15, '50 | 202 Aguado, Quiapo, Manila |
| 29/ | Karm Singh | 30563 | July 17, '48 | A-8175 | Oct 4, '50 | 1315 Harrison, Pasay |
| 30. | Jeet Singh | 30220 | June 30, '48 | A-27032 | July 17, '50 | 96 Blumentrit, Manila |
| 31. | Gurdev Singh | 33882 | Feb 3, '49 | A-3350 | " " " | 1107 Arlegui, Quiapo |
| 32. | Rattan Singh | 34174 | Nov 3, '48 | A-27098 | " " " | 133 K 1st st. KAMUNING, Q.C. |
| 33. | Sadhu Singh | 33955 | Dec 16, '48 | A-27123 | " " " | 1004 Isaac Peral, Paco |
| 34. | Mal Singh | 33913 | Dec 1, '48 | A-9418 | July 8, '50 | 352-C Trabajo. Sampaloc |
| 35. | Dalip Singh | 34157 | Oct 29, '48 | A-8293 | Oct 23, '50 | 713 P. Florentino, Sampaloc |
| 36. | Naranjan Singh 32241 | 32241 | Feb 3, '48 | A-22077 | July 17, '50 | 352 - C Trabajo, Sampaloc |
| 37. | Pakhar Singh | 33874 | Feb 2, '49 | A-8189 | Oct 5, '50 | 1004 Isaac Peral, Paco |
| 38. | Kehar Singh | 33914 | Decl, '48 | A-9411 | July 8, '50 | 352 C Trabajo, Sampaloc |

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>ICR No.</u> | <u>Date of Issue</u> | <u>ACR No.</u> | <u>Date of Issue</u> | <u>Present Address</u> |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 39. | Pritam Singh | 34175 | Nov 3, '48 | A-27151 | July 17, '50 | 133 K 1st st. Kamuning, Q.C. |
| 40/ | Balbir Singh | 42700 | Jan 4, '50 | A-27114 | " " " | 2814 Herran st, Sta Ana |
| 41. | Kartar Singh | 35679 | Mar 29, '49 | A-27130 | " " " | 1315 Harrison, Pasay |
| 42. | Jagdip Singh | 38340 | Aug 29, '49 | A-3350 | " " " | 1107 Arlegui, Quiapo |
| 43/ | Mastan Singh | 55184 | Aug 4, '50 | A-3699 | Aug 3, '50 | 29 Sto Nino, Marikina, Rizal |
| 44. | Azquilino Singh | 32239 | Mar 31, '48 | A-27095 | July 17, '50 | 1178 Miguilin, Sampaloc |
| 45. | Sardara Singh | 38854 | Sept 30, '49 | A-32835 | July 17, '50 | 56B Gen. Clington, Manduluyong |
| 46. | Ram B. Singh | Native born. | | | | |
| 47. | Banta Singh | 35955 | Apr 6, '49 | A-9021 | July 1, '50 | 1029 Trabajo, Sampaloc |

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BASIC: Ltr fr Major General J. W. Anderson, USA, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, PHILRYCOM, dtd 9 April 1948, Subj: Retention by the United States of Philippine Commonwealth Army records.

AG 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, Camp Murphy, Quezon City
13 April 1948

TO : Commanding General, PHILRYCOM, APO 707

This Headquarters will have no objection to let the Headquarters, PHILRYCOM or any other Agency of the United States retain the records of the Philippine Army, which have been compiled by the Recovered Personnel Division during the past three years, beyond 1 July 1948 for use in the certification of military information until all claims of Philippine Army veterans will have been adjudicated by the United States Veterans Administration, under the following conditions agreed upon on this date by your representatives (your Adjutant General and others) and myself:

a. That the said records will be kept in a United place within easy access of this Headquarters;

b. That this Headquarters will have access to the said records whenever its official transactions require reference to the said records;

c. And that the said records will be turned over to this Headquarters after that Headquarters or any other Agency of the United States shall have no more need for their use in the certification of military information in connection with the adjudication of claims of Philippine Army veterans by the United States Veterans Administration.

/s/ R. Jalandoni and
/t/ R. JALANDONI
Major General
Chief of Staff

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

JAMES W. HILL
Lt. Col., AGD
Adjutant General

UNITED STATES ARMY
PHILIPPINES RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

APO 707
9 Apr 1948

SUBJECT: Retention by the United States of Philippine Commonwealth Army records.

TO: Chief of Staff
Armed Forces of the Philippines
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. Instructions have just been received from the United States Department of the Army, Washington D. C., which require a complete change in the present plan of this headquarters to turn over on 1 July 1948, to your jurisdiction, the records of the Philippine Commonwealth Army which have been compiled by the Recovered Personnel Division during the past three years.

2. In order to place in effect the plan outlined in these instructions, it will be necessary for an agency of the United States to retain these records for use in the certification of military information until all claims of Philippine Commonwealth Army veterans have been adjudicated by the United States Veterans Administration.

3. Details as to the method of certifying this information and the organization which will be set up to certify it are to be furnished by the Department of the Army within the near future, at which time you will be informed in order that appropriate changes may be made in your personnel planning for this activity.

/s/ J. W. Anderson
/t/ J. W. ANDERSON
Major General, USA
Deputy Commander and
Chief of Staff

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

JAMES W. HILL
Lt. Col., AGD
Adjutant General

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ADDED _____ PHILRYCOM DIST 17 MAY

TOO: VA U 122223 Z ACTION: RPD

RECD: 0815/H 15 MAY 48 INFO AG: C/S

FROM: DA (AGOM) IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER, OPINION IS AG

TO : PHILRYCOM G-1
CINCFE OF PHIL ARMY PERS IN CUSTODY OF RECOVERED PERS DIV. FILE NO

RECEIPT OF JAG OPINION, DESIRE NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN
CITE: W 81663

WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PHIL GOVT REGARDING ULTIMATE DIS-
REURAD GX 60067 AND PHILRYCOM RAD SX 48952 GSXRP.

POSITION OF RECORDS IN QUESTION.
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES TRANSFER IN BULK
OF RECORDS OF PHIL ARMY PERS TO CUSTODY OF MANILA VETERANS
AND RECOVERED PERS DIV WILL BE CALLED TO WASH IN NEAR FUTURE
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. ACCORDINGLY, IT WILL BE NECESSARY
TO DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURES FOR
FOR PHILRYCOM TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND SV THESE RECORDS.

HANDLING VA CASES
FURTHER STUDY IS BEING MADE TO SIMPLIFY PROCEDURES
R/C NOTE: G-1 ADDED TO INFO PER CAPT BILBE, AG-PERS/USA
HANDLING VA CASES. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO PROCEDURE

WHEREBY ENTIRE FILE OF A PHILIPPINE ARMY VETERAN WOULD BE
TURNED OVER TO VA ON REQUEST WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE THE NE-
CESSITY OF EXTRACTING DATA FROM FILES AND OF SUPPLEMENTARY
REQUESTS. FILE WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN VA CASE FOLDER AS
INTEGRAL PART OF VA RECORDS, WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT RETURN
OF FILE TO PHIL ARMY.

IF NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM PHIL GOVT FOR RETURN
OF FILES WERE SMALL, ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE WHEREBY

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THE VA UPON REQUEST WOULD MAKE PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS OF PERS FILES WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THAT AGENCY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER, OPINION IS BEING OBTAINED FROM THE JAG AS TO THE LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF RECORDS OF PHIL ARMY PERS IN CUSTODY OF RECOVERED PERS DIV. PENDING RECEIPT OF JAG OPINION, DESIRE NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PHIL GOVT REGARDING ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF RECORDS IN QUESTION.

ANTICIPATE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF VA MANILA OFFICE AND RECOVERED PERS DIV WILL BE CALLED TO WASH IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING VA CASES

R/C NOTE: G-1 ADDED TO INFO PER CAPT BILBE, AG-PERS/VSA PROCESSING CLAIMS OF PHIL PERS. INFO AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED IN RADS REFERRED TO ABOVE STILL UNDER STUDY.

"TRANSMISSION OF PLAIN TEXT OF THIS MSG AS CORRESPONDENCE OF THE SAME CLASSIFICATION IS AUTHORIZED. PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE PARS 311 & 60A (4), AR 380-5".

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CITE C 59707
 DA (AGCZ) RAD WAR 98674 DTD 31 MAR 48 IS QUOTED FOR
 YOUR NECESSARY ACTION: "REURAD CX 59083 AND TO PHILRYCOM RAD
 S 48487. DESIRE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE WITH PHIL GOVT FOR UNITED
 STATES TO RETAIN FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD PHIL COMMONWEALTH ARMY
 RECORDS COMPILED BY RECOVERED PERS DIV, AS INFO CONTAINED IN
 THESE RECORDS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN
 PROCESSING CLAIMS OF PHIL PERS. INFO AND RECOMMENDATIONS
 SUBMITTED IN RADS REFERRED TO ABOVE STILL UNDER STUDY." RE-
 QUEST THAT REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BE SUBMITTED TO CINCFE
 WITH INFO TO DA CITING ABOVE QUOTED RADIO.

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BASIC : Ltr fr Commanding General, PHILRYCOM, APO 707, dated 26
July 1948, Subject: Procedure to be Used in Connection
with Philippine Commonwealth Army Records. a manner with
your Headquarters and the Veterans Administration for the speedy
AG adjudication and payment of 1st Ind due Philippine Army veterans,
HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, Camp Murphy, Quezon City
28 July 1948

TO : The Commanding General, PHILRYCOM, APO 707

1. This Headquarters is very grateful for the sympathetic interest being taken by you and the U. S. Veterans Administration towards the speedy adjudication and payment of benefit claims of Filipino Veterans.

Chief of Staff

2. In a conference held this morning in my Office with your representatives, Colonels Hill and Gilbert, the following agreements have been reached regarding requests of the Veterans Administration for the transfer of the entire files of certain Philippine Army Veterans from the RPD, PHILRYCOM to the Veterans Administration:

a. That in the cases of deceased Philippine Army veterans whose adjudication and pertinent supporting papers of their claims for arrears in pay have already been forwarded to the Finance Service and the Officer of The Judge Advocate General of this Headquarters, these files can be transferred outright to the Veterans Administration upon their request;

b. That in the cases of deceased Philippine Army veterans not falling under a above and in the cases of living Philippine Army Veterans, the RPD, PHILRYCOM, before transferring any of said files to the Veterans Administration, will first allow an officer of this Headquarters to compare the said files with the files of this Headquarters with the aim in view of copying whatever papers there are in the RPD's files which are not in the files of this Headquarters in order to complete the latter. This Headquarters will see to it that this will not cause any delay in the transfer of requested files to the Veterans Administration;

c. That this Headquarters will, upon request, be furnished by the Veterans Administration photographic reproductions or true copies of files transferred to them;

d. And that whatever records that will not be transferred from the RPD, PHILRYCOM to the Veterans Administration will be turned over to this Headquarters when no longer needed by the RPD, PHILRYCOM as previously agreed upon.

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3. It is hoped that the above arrangements will be satisfactory to all concerned. This Headquarters will continue exerting every effort to cooperate in every possible manner with your Headquarters and the Veterans Administration for the speedy adjudication and payment of benefits due Philippine Army veterans, their widows and orphans.

PROCESSED AS PER ORDER IN CONNECTION WITH
Philippine Commonwealth Army Records.

The Chief of Staff

Armed Forces of the Philippines
Camp Murphy, Cebu City

/s/ R. Jalandoni
/t/ R. JALANDONI
Major General
Chief of Staff

1. Reference is made to letter this Headquarters of 9 April 1948, subject, Retention by the U. S. of Philippine Commonwealth Army Records, to Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines and last memorandum thereto to this Headquarters, copies herewith marked inclosure number 1.

2. Every effort is being made by the United States Army to provide military information to the U. S. Veterans Administration with reference to Philippine Commonwealth Army veterans for use in the adjudication made of these cases prior to payment of benefits. Due to the difficulties being encountered in furnishing this information, caused principally by lack of complete service data, payments are not being made as rapidly as could be desired by all concerned.

3. With a view to the establishment of policies and procedures for the efficient and expeditious handling of claims of Philippine Army veterans, a conference was held here at Washington D. C. on 11, 12 and 13 August 1948. This conference will be attended by representatives from this Headquarters and the Manila Regional Office. **A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:** Conference will leave for the United States on or about 20 July 1948. As a result of this conference it is hoped that the adjudication and payment of benefits to Philippine nationals will be greatly expedited.

JAMES W. HILL
Lt. Col., AGD
Adjutant General

UNITED STATES ARMY
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General

AFO 707 section
26 Jul 1948

SUBJECT: Procedure to be Used in Connection with
Philippine Commonwealth Army Records.

TO : The Chief of Staff
Armed Forces of the Philippines
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. Reference is made to letter this Headquarters of 9 April 1948, subject, Retention by the U. S. of Philippine Commonwealth Army Records, to Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines and 1st indorsement thereto to this Headquarters, copies herewith marked inclosure number 1.

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4. In connection with the Washington conference, the following is quoted from a preliminary letter of instructions just received from the Department of the Army:

" * * * consideration is being given to a procedure whereby the entire file of a Philippine Army veteran would be turned over to the Veterans Administration on request, which would eliminate the necessity of extracting data from files and of supplementary requests. Files transferred under this procedure would be incorporated in VA case folder as an integral

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part of Veterans Administration records. In this connection reference is made to agreement reached between the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and representatives of PHILRYCOM regarding ultimate disposition of records pertaining to Philippine Army personnel in the custody of the Recovered Personnel Division. * * * because of the valid interest which the Philippine Government has in these records, it is requested that further negotiations be undertaken with that Government with a view to securing an agreement to permit the above-mentioned procedure to be placed in effect. If possible, this action should be accomplished prior to the conference. If the number of requests from the Philippine Government for return of files were small, it is possible that arrangements could be made whereby the Veterans Administration would upon individual request furnish photographic reproductions of personnel files which had been transferred."

5. In order to permit representatives of this command to possess, at the conference in August, the necessary concurrence from your Headquarters to work out the simplest procedure which can be devised for processing claims for U. S. Veterans Administration benefits, it is urgently requested that you furnish written concurrence to the above described procedure prior to 29 July 1948.

6. I know how strongly you feel that payment of benefits pertaining to Philippine Army veterans, particularly to their widows and orphans, should not be hampered and am therefore confident that you will go along with any simplification of procedures devised.

/s/ J. W. Anderson
/t/ J. W. ANDERSON
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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Lt. Col., AGD
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8133D ARMY UNIT
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
APO 928

AGRD-SC 201- MEDINA, Ramon E.
C-15 892 599

C-15 892 599 29 March 1951
MEDINA, Ramon E.

Brig Gen R. B. Lovett, USA-RET.
Manager, Manila Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration, USVA Bldg.,
Escolta and David Streets
Manila

Dear General Lovett:

Reference is made to letter from your office dated 13 March 51 regarding mishandling of classified data.

As requested by you I have attached hereto a copy of a letter from your office dated 27 March 51 (Incl 1) together with a copy of a classified letter from the Commanding Officer, Records Administration Center, St. Louis, Mo., dated 30 October 50 (Incl 2), which was received in this headquarters on 28 March 51 in the clear.

I feel confident that you agree that the need for protection of classified material cannot be over-emphasized. Current Department of the Army regulations require strict protection measures so as to prevent receipt of classified material by an unauthorized person.

Necessary action is being taken on the matter presented in the basic letter and your office will be informed of the results thereof in the near future.

It is my hope that appropriate action will be taken so as to preclude future recurrence as well as the necessity to bring such matters to your personal attention.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. M. GOLD
Lt Col AGC
Commanding

2 Incls:

1. cy, ltr dtd 27 Mar 51
2. cy, ltr dtd 30 Oct 50

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Adjudication Officer
United States Veterans Administration
Manila Regional Office
APO 928, c/o Postmaster

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MEDINA, Ramon E.

Major Eugene Rinaldi
Director, S & C Division
AGRD, PHILCOM (AF)
APO 928

Attention: Major P. Baken

Dear Sir:

VA Form 3101 executed on April 19, 1950 shows that the correct date of discharge of the above-captioned individual was 31 August 45. However, VAB Form 32, Item 8, shows that the basis for his recognized guerrilla service is the Casualty Roster (Killed in Line of Duty).

The veteran filed a claim for disability compensation with this office on Jan 10, 1950 alleging that he first entered service on Jan. 1, 1943; that he was wounded on Oct. 10, 1944; that he was a 2nd Lt., USAFFE, Guerrilla Armed Forces, ECLGA; that he did not receive a discharge from such service.

Attached is a letter that has been received from DPRB, AGO, ST. Louis, Mo. dated Oct. 30, 1950 which gives certain information pertaining to the service of the above captioned individual which may aid in determining the subject individual's true period of service. It does appear that the determination that this individual was killed in line of duty may warrant correction.

Your cooperation in furnishing a report on this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

s/t/ J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

Encl: a/s

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(9 Aug 50)

30 October 1950

Adjudication Officer
United States Veterans Administration
Manila Regional Office
APO 928, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated 9 August 1950, addressed to the Veterans Administration Liaison Officer, Records Administration Center, requesting information concerning the guerrilla service of Ramon E. Medina, Claim number 15 892 599.

The guerrilla records on file at this office reveals the following information pertaining to the recognition and guerrilla service of one Ramon Medina:

Casualty Report - Status, KILD, (Killed In Line of Duty), 2nd Regiment, Bataan Military District (Bataan MD), East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area, ECLGA, shows: "2nd Lt Ramon Medina; SN not shown; Date of Induction 1 Jan 43; Date of Casualty 10 Oct 44 and Name of Beneficiary-Virginia Villafuerte, wife, Orani, Bataan." The three asterisks "***", as used in the following paragraphs, will indicate that the portions of the letters that are not applicable to the recognition of 'Ramon Medina' have been omitted.

Letter, Headquarters, AFWESPAC, dated 26 December 1946, Subject: "Recognition of Guerrilla Casualties", shows the following recognition criteria:

- "1. The inclosed casualty roster of the ECLGA has been investigated and approved."
- "2. This roster is in three parts, Killed in Action, Killed in Line of Duty, and Died in Line of Duty. The period of recognition for each individual will extend from date induction or the date unit was recognized whichever is later, to the date individual died, both of these dates inclusive." ***
- "5. This roster will constitute the only official casualty roster: Killed in Action, Killed in Line of Duty, and Died in Line of Duty of the ECLGA Command." (As indicated in the aforementioned paragraph the name 'Ramon Medina' appears in the portion shown as "Killed in Line of Duty.")

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(8 Aug 50)
Adjudication Officer

Letter, Headquarters, AFWESPAC, dated 10 December 1946, Subject: "Revision of Recognition Dates for ECLGA", shows the revised recognition date of ECLGA as 15 May 1943. Paragraph 2d of this letter shows that, "By 30 June 1943, ECLGA had expanded or reorganized into the additional below non-standard Philippine Army Units: *** The 2nd Regiment, Bataan Military District, ECLGA ***".

Letter, Headquarters, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, dated 19 June 1948, Subject: "Recognition of Guerrilla Units, ECLGA," shows in part, "All recognitions granted units of the East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area by the Army are herewith rescinded except for units listed below which are recognized as having been authorized elements of the Philippine Army, serving with the Armed Forces of the United States from dates and strength as shown" *** "Company E, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Bataan Military District was recognized as of 12 February 1945 and Service Company, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Bataan Military District as of 20 February 1945." ***

The Reconstructed roster of "E" Company, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Bataan Military District, ECLGA, approved 17 June 1948, lists one "Captain A. Manalo", service number and period of service not shown, and one "2nd Lieutenant A. Abundia", service number and period of service not shown. ("Captain A Manalo and 2nd Lieutenant A. Abundia", may or may not be the persons referred to in the affidavit submitted with your letter of 9 August 1950.)

After a thorough search of the guerrilla records on file at this office, the foregoing data was the only information found pertaining to the guerrilla recognition and service of 'Ramon Medina'.

It is requested that the foregoing information be used only by authorized persons for official purposes.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. DONOVAN
Colonel, AGC
Commanding

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DATE: 13 May 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, AGRD, APO 900

Receipt is acknowledged of the following classified documents:

Description: 1st Ind, with letter, dated 13 May 49, subj: "Loyalty Status of

Concordio M. Yap.

See AR 380-5, par 26, d, (2), Action
Upon Receipt of Secret Matter: "The
receipt form will be dated, signed,
and immediately returned to the
Sender."

DATE REC'D: MAY 16 1949

REC'D BY: John M. Weston

JOHN M WESTON, JR

RANK: 1st Lt.

AGD

ORGN: OIC, Awards & Decorations

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BASIC: Ltr fr Hq PHILCOM, APO 707, to Commanding Officer, AGRD, APO 900, dtd 10 May 1949, Subj: "Request for Loyalty Status".

GSXDI 201-YAP, Concordie M. (O) 1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS, AG RECORDS DEPOSITORY, PHILCOM, APO 900, 13 May 49

TO: Commanding General
PHILCOM, APO 707
(ATTN: AGAD)

1. Records this headquarters reveal subject individual appeared before a Loyalty Status Board and was discharged from the service under conditions other than honorable.

2. Loyalty Board proceedings may be reviewed at Central Records Branch, Hq National Defense Forces.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl
n/c

JAMES C. BILLINGS
1st Lt Inf
Adjutant

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GSXAD 201-YAP, Concordio M. (O)

MAY 10 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Loyalty Status

TO: Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 900

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement, Headquarters Adjutant General Records Depository, dated 26 April 1949, copy attached.

2. Request this headquarters be furnished with the information contained in your headquarters in order that an investigation may be initiated by the Commanding Officer, 229th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment to determine whether or not subject individual is identical with the person on whom derogatory information exists in your headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SHEA:

1 Incl:
Copy 1st Ind HQ ACRD
26 Apr 49

JOHN M WESTON, JR
1st Lt. AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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