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TO: THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, MANILA

FROM: Dept of State

SUMMARY: Subject: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF PHILIPPINE SCOUTS
UNDER PUBLIC LAW 217 (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Press Release

Chief, Admin Serv Div, TAGO
ATTN: Mr. Belnap
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CO, ARGEN, TAGO
St. Louis 14, Missouri

Mr. Iorio/cc/755

1. Inclosed is a proposed press release concerning Bill, HR 5807, as it pertains to Philippine Scouts.
2. Use of the following points brought out in the proposed release is contingent upon the results attained by Mr. McCool in coordination with the appropriate offices in Washington:
 - a. Use of letter applications in lieu of printed form.
 - b. Submission of claims to The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines.
3. It is recommended that advance clearance be obtained for the immediate transmission of this release by wire to a United States agency in the Philippines for local release.

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Draft of proposed
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DAVID H. ARP, Colonel, AGC
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PROPOSED NEWS RELEASE -- HR 5807

President Eisenhower, on _____, signed into law the Act of the United States Congress, which amends the Missing Persons Act to provide additional payments to many former members of the United States Army Philippine Scouts.

In previous settlement of claims of former members of the United States Army Philippine Scouts under the Missing Persons Act, payment was limited to periods of active military service or while as a prisoner of war. The new law permits the United States Army to continue the Philippine Scout on full pay status during enemy occupation of the Philippine Islands unless the claimant voluntarily performed actions or duties of an active military nature hostile to the United States.

When claims for arrears in pay were originally processed, ^{those of} many Philippine Scouts who performed military duties or recognized military duties between the outbreak of World War Two on December 8, 1941 and the liberation of the Philippine Islands in 1944 and 1945, were settled in full and therefore they are not entitled to receive any additional pay under the new Act.

Those cases of former members of the Philippine Scouts whose prior claims were settled on the basis that there was a period of non-casualty status during which they could receive no pay will be reviewed in order that payment may be made under this law. Each former member of the Philippine Scouts who has not already received full pay for the period of enemy occupation should submit a letter to the Commanding Officer, United States Army Records Center, Office of the Adjutant General, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis 14, Missouri, giving complete name, service number, present address, and the address to which the

Dispatched to McNeal

check should be mailed. Where the former Philippine Scout is deceased, the individual domiciled in the Philippines who is entitled to file a claim for the decedent's arrears in pay should submit the claim to The Judge Advocate General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, Philippines. That official will publish necessary instructions relative to submission of claim and information or supporting documents required. The Judge Advocate General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, or his authorized representative will submit the claim to the United States Army.

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<p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">REMARKS</p> <p>1. Attached is a redraft of a proposed press release on H.R. 5807. This version was worked up with representatives of Department of State who are forwarding it to U.S. Embassy in Manila for comment. We hope to have Embassy's comments by Monday - 26 Aug 57. Any comments ARGEN may have on press release should be sent in by TWX as soon as possible.</p> <p>2. Also attached for your use and information are copies of Report No. 970 on H. R. 5807 and copy of roster of retired Philippine Scouts. The latter list only those individuals who were retired as Philippine Scouts.</p>			
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Proposed Press Release

Public Law ^{U.S. Congress} 85-217 Amending Further and Making Permanent the

Missing Persons Act, as Amended, was signed by President Eisenhower on 29
August 1957.

A provision of this law permits the payment of pay and allowances to former Philippine Scouts who were not paid for their entire period of World War II service. About 6,000 Philippine Scouts or their heirs are eligible for benefits under this law. Those Philippine Scouts who were paid for their entire period of service are not entitled to receive additional pay and allowances under this law.

Each former Philippine Scout who has not received full pay and allowances for his World War II service should submit a letter to the Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis ³² ~~Mo~~, Missouri, U. S. A. The letter should contain the individual's complete name, service number, date of birth, present address and address to which the check should be sent.

The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, ~~Luzon~~, will receive, process, and forward to the United States Army all applications on behalf of eligible survivors of deceased Philippine scouts. Instructions for submitting applications will be released by the Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

WASH. VERSION

US Senate Nods To PI Oil Tax Repeal

Stock Trends

Market Declines

The stock market's five-day climb halted today as most mining issues registered minus signs.

Losers were Atlas, off P.15, and Lepanto, 2-1/2 points. Of the 16 issues traded, only United Paracale managed to stay on the plus side; 10 on the minus side and five others remained steady.

The other downmovers were
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Would Pay Scouts Paroled in War; Orphans Bill OK'd

By SPENCER DAVIS

WASHINGTON, (AP).—A long legislative battle for \$2,640,000 in back pay for 6,000 captured Philippine Scouts paroled during World War II was won Tuesday.

The house approved senate amendments and sent to the White House for signature a measure for that purpose.

The bill by Rep. Olin Teague (Democrat-Texas), chairman of the veterans affairs committee, provides that pay and allowances shall not be denied any member of the Philippine Scouts who was captured during World War II solely on the grounds that he was paroled and permitted to return home before the end of the Japanese occupation.

The Manila Post of the American Legion and the national headquarters of the veterans organization long had urged congress to rectify what they considered an injustice to the Scouts who played a leading role in the defense of Bataan. The Scouts were disbanded after Philippine independence in 1946.

Philippine Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo hailed the action by US congress as "another recognition of the loyalty of the Filipinos who defended the democratic way of life."

He said it was among a number of bills the Philippines had fought for and "I am happy they have met the approval of the US congress."

Lavern R. Dilweg, former Wisconsin congressman and legal

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representative for about one-third of the Scouts testified in senate hearings that the army had refused to pay its own Scouts for the period they were on forced parole. He said the army used the "fallacious pretext that they were not in a casualty status forgetting all about the contractual obligation between our government and its soldiers."

Former Ambassador Emmet O'Neal and others joined in the fight for redress to the Scouts. They said the US navy had paid Filipino naval personnel under the Missing Persons act from the time it was officially determined a missing status began until their return to navy jurisdiction.

"The mere fact that such members were paroled was not a basis for denying them the active duty pay and allowances to which they were otherwise entitled," the navy judge advocate ruled on June 15, 1954.

The US army had held that the Scouts were civilians from the moment of their release on parole.

In approving the measure the house accepted minor senate amendments limiting fees of attorneys who represent the scouts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21—(AP)—The U.S. house of representatives Tuesday approved and sent to the senate a bill authorizing the U.S. Veterans Administration to assist financially in the education of war orphans in the Philippines.

The legislation by Rep. Olin Teague (Democrat-Texas), chairman of the house veterans affairs committee, amends the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 and the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act of 1956 to include the Philippines.

Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo commented:

"My fellow veterans in the Philippines should take this as another evidence of the fact their sacrifices during World War II have not been forgotten by the American people but are remembered with gratitude."

He gave thanks to Teague and the house leadership for giving the measure right away for its adoption without dissent.

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Editorials:**A JOINT ACCOMPLISHMENT**

AFTER A LONG, HARD FIGHT A BILL granting backpay to 6,000 captured Philippine scouts paroled during World War II was finally passed by the US congress. A little more than P5 million is involved, an amount which will no doubt be a boon to the beneficiaries.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Olin Teague of Texas, chairman of the veterans affairs committee, and provides that pay and allowances shall not be denied any member of the Philippine Scouts who was captured during the last war solely on grounds that they were paroled and permitted to return home by the Japanese before the war ended.

With President Eisenhower's signature expected to be affixed to the new measure momentarily, it may be presumed that victory in the long fight is complete. But the success which climaxed the effort of years is less significant than the fact that the struggle itself was motivated by a deep understanding and a common belief in fairness and justice and that its subsequent passage was doubtless made possible by a congressional awareness of the deep-seated urges that brought the issue about.

The bill's passage was the result of Fil-American endeavor. The Manila Post of the American Legion and the local veterans' organization joined hands in the fight. Philippine officials and friends of the Philippines, most prominent of whom was former Ambassador Emmet O'Neal also contributed their utmost to present the Philippine side.

All told it was a fight participated in by friends who had faith that friendship and loyalty between their two countries could be further strengthened by acts of fairness and goodwill.

**Editorial Digest**

The 70,000 public school teachers who will be recruited for election work are enjoined by the *Manila Chronicle* not to evade the duty of supervising the election because under their supervision it can be free and honest. These teachers, says the paper, "will merit the gratitude of the people only if they answer this call to duty and discharge their duty honestly and courageously."

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The decision of the social security commission to launch a nationwide information drive to "sell" the government social security program is welcomed by the **Philippine Herald**. "The sooner such an effort is started," says the paper "the better for the peace of mind of the countless workers in the country who, by virtue of the compulsory nature of their participation in the program, are entitled to a full explanation of the manner it is intended to work out."

Holding that the letter of Commissioner Capagas to the shipping people promising relief of cargo congestion at the piers does not solve the problem of surcharge, the **Manila Daily Bulletin** offers a proposal: "The best suggestion would be, we think, for the shipping people and the government to get together on common ground not yet explored."

The suspension of the three-cents-a-pound tax on Philippine coconut oil and the backpay for Philippine Scouts approved by the United States congress, according to the **Manila Times**, "further attest to the friendly relationship existing between two countries." The paper finds it a "pleasure to add that Ambassador Romulo played, and still is playing, an essential role in the successful consideration of these measures."

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<p>REMARKS</p> <p>Attached are 2 Philippine Scout cases received by the Retired Activities Unit.</p> <p>I noted that both of these were originally received by your center. Looks like your mail room slipped up on sending them here.</p> <p>✓ Also attached are two copies of the latest Retired Army Personnel Bulletin which has an article on PL 85-217.</p> <p>We have a DF ready to go to you all authorizing all 'clean' cases <i>to be processed on to L.C.</i></p> <p>Best regards.</p>			
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Retired Army Personnel BULLETIN



DA PAMPHLET 600-1 HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

NOVEMBER 1957

RECENT LEGISLATION

This month's BULLETIN deals largely with legislation enacted by the 85th Congress. While no important legislation affecting all categories of retired personnel was approved, many individual members will be affected by the different laws discussed below. Therefore we suggest that all members consider carefully those laws which may pertain to their particular category.

BACK PAY FOR OFFICERS PROMOTED IN 1932-1934

Public Law 85-255, approved by the President on 2 September 1957, will benefit many officers who were promoted in grade between 1 July 1932 and 30 June 1934.

The Economy Acts of 1932 and 1933 suspended *automatic* increases in pay for all military and civilian officers and employees of the Government during the fiscal years of 1933 and 1934. These laws were interpreted to include pay increases for officers who were promoted in grade. The new law provides for the payment to officers who were promoted in grade during the period 1 July 1932 to 30 June 1934 of the difference in pay which they received during that period and the increased pay they would have received had it not been withheld from them by the interpretation which was placed upon the Economy Acts.

The provisions of Public Law 85-255 apply *only* to those officers who were on *active duty* and who were *promoted in grade* between 1 July 1932 and 30 June 1934 (inclusive) and who would normally have received a resultant increase in pay. The law does *not* authorize back pay to officers who were denied pay increases for length of service ("longevity pay") by the Economy Acts nor to officers who actually were receiving the pay of the higher grade at the time of their promotions.

Payments may also be made to the widows or legal representatives of eligible deceased officers. Retired members can perform an act of kindness to

widows who may be entitled to payments by giving them this information.

Retired officers who think they may be entitled to payments should apply by letter to the General Accounting Office (Claims Division), Washington 25, D. C. Applicants should state that they are making application for payments due under the provisions of Public Law 85-255; give their full name, service number, the grade to which they were promoted during the period covered by the law, and, if known, the date of the promotion; and include the address to which they wish the payment to be mailed. Widows and legal representatives must make application on Standard Form 1175 (Claim for Unpaid Pay and Allowances) which may be obtained from the General Accounting Office. Applications should be accompanied by a copy of the death certificate or the official notification of death of the officer on whose service the claim is based.

All applications must be submitted to the General Accounting Office before 2 September 1959. Payment of claims will be delayed pending the appropriation by Congress of specific funds as required under the provisions of Public Law 85-255.

BACK PAY FOR PHILIPPINE SCOUTS

Public Law 85-217, approved by the President on 29 August 1957, contains a provision which authorizes back pay and allowances for Philippine Scouts who were captured and paroled in the Philippine Islands during World War II and who did not receive pay and allowances for the period of parole.

Retired military personnel who were members of the Philippine Scouts during World War II and were not paid for the period of parole should submit letter requests for back pay to the Commanding Officer, U. S. Army Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis 14, Missouri. Requests should contain the individual's full name, service number, place and date of birth, address, and the address to which the check should be sent.

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DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Public Law 85-168, approved by the President on 27 August 1957, raises the amount of most disability compensation payments made by the Veterans Administration. Many retired members have found it to their advantage to receive at least a portion of their pay in the form of disability compensation. The following discussion is designed to help each eligible member decide whether he would benefit by filing a claim for disability compensation with the Veterans Administration.

Disability compensation should not be confused with disability retired pay. The Army and the Veterans Administration do not necessarily give an individual the same disability rating and they do not make the same payments for the same percentage of disability.

Disability compensation may be paid to persons who served in the active military, naval, or air forces and were separated under conditions other than dishonorable; and

who suffer from a disability incurred in or aggravated by active military, naval, or air service in line of duty.

Public Law 85-168 increases most monthly compensation payments for service-connected disability by approximately 10%. Payment for total disability is increased by 24.3%. As the table below shows, payments for disabilities incurred during a time of war are higher than for peacetime-incurred disabilities. Here are the new monthly rates of disability compensation payments:

Disability	Wartime	Peacetime
10%	\$ 19	\$ 15
20%	36	29
30%	55	44
40%	73	58
50%	100	80
60%	120	96
70%	140	112
80%	160	128
90%	179	143
100%	225	180

Thus, a person being compensated for a 60% service-connected disability incurred during wartime would receive payment of \$120 a month.

Further monthly payments are made for specific conditions, such as \$47 for the wartime loss of a foot, hand, or eye. In addition, specific statutory rates in excess of those payable for total disability are provided for more serious disabilities or combinations of serious disabilities. Most of these statutory rates have also been raised by Public

Law 85-168. The maximum total payment which a person may receive for service-connected disabilities has been raised from \$420 to \$450.

Persons whose service-connected disabilities are rated at 50% or more are entitled to additional compensation for dependents. The table below shows the monthly payments which may be made for the dependents of persons with service-connected disabilities rated at 100%.

Dependency	Wartime	Peacetime
Wife and:		
No children	\$23	\$18
1 child	39	31
2 children	50	40
3 or more children	62	50
No wife and:		
1 child	15	12
2 children	27	22
3 or more children	39	31
Dependent parents:		
1 parent	19	15
2 parents	38	30

Compensation for disabilities of less than 100% is made in proportion to the percent of the disability. For example, a person being compensated for a 60% wartime service-connected disability with a wife and two children would receive an additional \$30 for his dependents. Since his basic compensation would be \$120 a month, his total payments would amount to \$120 plus \$30, or \$150 a month.

To receive disability compensation from the Veterans Administration, a retired Army member must either relinquish all his retired pay or waive the same amount of retired pay he will receive as compensation. For example, a member entitled to \$125 monthly retired pay must relinquish all his retired pay in order to receive \$150 monthly disability compensation. A member entitled to \$400 monthly retired pay must waive \$150 and have his retired pay reduced to \$250 a month in order to receive \$150 monthly disability compensation.

Under present law, any retired Army member may elect to relinquish all his retired pay in favor of Veterans Administration compensation when the latter is the greater. Only retired members of the Regular Army and members of the reserve components who were retired for disability may waive part of their retired pay to receive an equal amount of Veterans Administration compensation. Legislation has been proposed, however, to enable reservists who were retired for reasons other than disability to waive a part of their retired pay.

If a member elects to receive compensation from the Veterans Administration, his status on the Army retired rolls remains in effect and he may, at any future time, reelect to receive retired pay in lieu of benefits from the Veterans Administration.

Not all retired members are aware of certain advantages they may gain from receiving at least a portion of their pay in the form of disability compensation. Here are a few points which those members who are qualified to receive disability compensation might well consider:

A retired member does not sacrifice any of his rights by relinquishing all or waiving a part of his retired pay. If otherwise entitled, he may still receive medical care at facilities of the Army, Navy, Air Force or US Public Health Service.

Members receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration are given priority in admittance to Veterans Administration hospitals for treatment of service-connected disabilities. They may also receive out-patient treatment for these disabilities from the Veterans Administration.

Some members are entitled to higher payments for disability compensation than they can receive in the form of Army retired pay. Normally these members should relinquish their retired pay in favor of disability compensation.

Payment received from the Veterans Administration as compensation is exempt from Federal taxation, whereas Army retired pay, except for disability pay, is subject to taxes. Some (but not all) retired members can effect a tax saving by receiving part of their pay in the form of disability compensation. This aspect of Federal taxation will be discussed in the forthcoming December issue of the BULLETIN.

Dependency and indemnity compensation is paid to the eligible survivors of retired members who die from service-connected disabilities. Payment may be made to survivors whether or not the deceased member was receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration or disability pay from the Army. However, if the Veterans Administration has a complete record of *all* the member's service-connected disabilities, it may help facilitate a determination that the member's death resulted from a service-connected cause.

A person who is adjudged totally and permanently disabled by the Social Security Administration and who has earned a sufficient number of social security wage credits may receive social security disability payments at age 50. These payments must be reduced by disability retired pay received from the Army, but are not reduced by

compensation from a service-connected disability received from the Veterans Administration. An eligible person may receive the full amount of both social security disability payments and compensation from the Veterans Administration.

Not all retired members will benefit from receiving disability compensation. Each eligible member should consider his own circumstances carefully and decide whether it would be to his advantage to receive all or part of his pay from the Veterans Administration. Members may obtain application forms for disability compensation from the nearest Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Members who have already elected to relinquish all Army retired pay in favor of disability compensation will be paid at the new rates established by Public Law 85-168, effective 1 October 1957. Higher payments will be made to these members automatically and they need make no application.

Members who have waived a portion of their Army retired pay in favor of disability compensation will have their retired pay further reduced by an amount equal to the increase in payment they receive from the Veterans Administration under Public Law 85-168. This adjustment will *not* be effected automatically. A Veterans Administration Regional Office will mail each member a VA Form 8-651 showing the increased amount of retired pay which the member now must waive. Members should complete this form and return it promptly to the appropriate Veterans Administration Regional Office. The Veterans Administration will then contact the US Army Finance Center to make the proper pay adjustment. No member will be penalized by this adjustment, since any reduction in retired pay will be offset by an equivalent increase in disability compensation.

INCOME EXEMPTIONS

Public Law 85-311, approved by the President on 7 September 1957, provides that any payment of veterans' bonus by a State, Territory, possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, based on service in the Armed Forces of the United States, need not be computed as annual income in determining the eligibility of dependents for the survivors' pension payable by the Veterans Administration. The law also provides that such bonus payments need not be computed as annual income in determining the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation which eligible parents may receive for the service-connected deaths of their children.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Previous issues of the BULLETIN have reported that after 1 January 1958 it will be necessary for dependents of retired personnel to possess the new Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) in order to obtain medical care at military facilities and other privileges.

Some applications for DD Form 1173 must undergo a rather lengthy process of verification. Secondary dependents (parents, parents-in-law) and some primary dependents (such as children over 21 and under 23 years of age) may not be issued the Card until the application has been verified by the Finance Center, U. S. Army, which has responsibility for determining the eligibility of such dependents. Often the Finance Center must obtain a Parent Dependency Affidavit from the dependent, and verification may require from six to eight weeks.

It is important that retired members and the eligible dependents of deceased members submit applications for DD Form 1173 as soon as possible and that Parent Dependency Affidavits, when requested, be returned promptly in order that dependents may be assured of obtaining the benefits to which they are entitled without undue hardship or delay.

ADDRESSES WANTED

We would like to send the RETIRED ARMY PERSONNEL BULLETIN to *every* officer and enlisted person who is receiving or entitled to receive Army retired pay. Have you any friends or acquaintances who have been placed on the United States Army Retired List, the Army of the United States Retired List, or the Temporary Disability Retired List and who are not receiving the BULLETIN? If so, you can help us reach our goal by asking them

to send their addresses to The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: AGPS-AR.

ERRATA

A printer's error distorted one sentence in the October BULLETIN. The next to the last sentence in the second paragraph of the item entitled "Retired Army Personnel Handbook" should have read: "*It is anticipated that the Handbook will be revised periodically to incorporate these changes.*"

A news item in the September BULLETIN spoke of aviation training facilities at "Camp Gary, Indiana." As a number of readers have taken the trouble to inform us, Camp Gary is still located in Texas!

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The American Legion was correcting an earlier press statement to the effect that former AUS and regular components of the U.S. armed forces could also apply for back pay and allowances authorized by Public Law 85-217. *Phil. Herald 1/22/58*

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PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR FORMER PHILIPPINE SCOUTS

1. Public Law 85-217, an act "To amend Further and Make Permanent the Missing Persons Act, as Amended," was approved by the President on 29 August 1957. A provision of this law authorizes back pay and allowances for Philippine Scouts who were captured and paroled in the Philippine Islands during World War II, and who did not receive pay and allowances for the period of parole.

2. Military personnel who were members of the Philippine Scouts during World War II and were not paid for the period of parole may submit letter requests for back pay to the Commanding Officer, U. S. Army Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis 14, Mo. Requests should contain the individual's full name, service number, place and date of birth, present address, and address to which check should be sent.

3. The contents of this circular will be brought to the attention of all personnel who were members of the Philippine Scouts during World War II.

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