

PERSONNEL FILES

INDIVIDUAL

VALERA, JOSE V.

IN THE FIELD  
NORTHERN LUZON, PHILIPPINES

November 30, 1944

SUBJECT: Static Report  
To: COMMANDING GENERAL, SWPA

1. The Party under my command landed near Mairaira Point in Caunayan Bay, Northern Luzon at 9:00 p.m. on August 27, 1944, four hours after three bombs were dropped on the Sub. We were at that point since morning of that date. It was a bright moonlight and big waves was then commencing. We had three rubber boats of small capacity carrying and agregate load of 400 lbs.each. The party was on high moral though most members got seasick. The Sub was about 700 yards to the shore.

2. S/Sgts Agren, Giren, Sgt, Taluban, Pfc. Balunes and myself went ashore first direct to a small light. Sgt. Taluban and myself reconnaitered the area and found the light a place for making salt without anybody. Two houses were found inland where Mr. Paulino Lorenzo "teniente del barrio" and his nephews, three of them were kind enough in giving their helping hand.

3. About 11:00 p.m. a convoy of 9 ships, one aircraft carrier, two destroyers and freighters sighted from the east towards the west and passed around 500 yards from the Sub. Then between the Sub and the shore of landing. One of our rubber boat nearly collided with the first barge which caused delay of unloading. Simulatneously a small sailing boat from Bangui town stopped and landed 500 yards to our landing point, 6 Jap infantry soldiers and two Milatary Filipino Police. Then another sailing boat from the east, probably from Claveria, was very near and the Captain of the Sub shouted to hold the boat to be used for unloading; not knowing that it was an enemy. The sail boat went ashore at once and reinforced the first landed enemy, making a total Japs of 46. However unloading continued.

4. With the above circumstances unloading stopped at about 2:00 a.m. and the Captain of the Sub informed us that unloading for the next night can not be continued for the presence of enemy. Out of the 8 tons load we were about to unload over tons of our equipments.

5. On the northern half part of Ilocos Norte there was no guerilla unit ner Bolo battalion existing. Bangui is occupied by Japs and some nearby barrios and the people are afraid to move as spies are found every where according of Mr. Lorenzo.

6. We were able to hide all theequipments in the bushes early dawn and rubber boats were cut into pieces and buried. Footprints on shore removed when that early morning the Japs were walking on the shore tracing any footprints and tried to locate what they suspected that night. The enemy were



afraid to penetrate inside the bushes where we were only 100 yards from them with the scattered load.

7. Later the enemy went away westward to three kilometers distance where the Japs from the barges that night landed. We were able to hide our equipments in different places half kilometer from sea shore camouflaged and some were buried.

8. On the 29th the party went inland two kilometers in the jungle, as a runner came and informed us the arrival of many Japs to reconnoiter the area. On 1st September we started evacuating our equipments and at 10:00 p.m. we incidentally met 8 Jap patrol, 50 yards away, our native advance guard was not aware of their presence. The enemy fired at us three times but however return fire was not made and we were able to escape unharmed.

9. On the 8th September we were in MT. Peio Lore in Patapat mountain ranges, 9 air miles from landing point through hills and mountains of no path or trail and crossed the National road at 3:00 a.m. Carried with us cryptographic papers, maps, crystals, our arms, jungle pack with ration.

10. Carrying our equipments was our difficulty, so we reconnoitered nearby barrios and secured reliable Agents. Food was hard to find for it was just about harvest time and people's hidden rice were all taken by the Japs. Our Aussie Ration can not be used as the sizes are different and most of those in circulation are of different kinds. Also the places where our Agents can buy wished the correct currency and food cost extremely very high. Taking and gathering intelligence informations was then in progressed.

11. Agents were sent to find Governor Roque Ablan and called for his henchmen. Atty. Primo Lazaro, the Provincial Board Member under Gov. Ablan was contacted but was not able to locate his whereabouts. He claimed that he is the right hand man of the Governor and claimed that they have still their unit and layed low since January, 1944. Mr. Juan Ablan, the brother of the Governor was contacted and promised to find the Governor. The where abouts of the Governor can not be located up to the time I left Ilocos Norte.

12. On the 14th September, 268 Radio set was installed and tried to communicate to you via any relay stations but no call can be made. We continued calling for four days but of no result. The 3BZ set was found to be out of order, no sulphuric acid for the battery and no gasoline. My radio men do not know maintenance, and so with the help of our Agents we were able to kidnaped Mr. Leon Mayor, who has just arrived from Manila to Laoag on the 23rd September. The securing of sulphuric acid and gasoline was slow and when we were able to secure, the motor charger was not functioning. Mr. Furtonato Villanueva, mechanic of North Lutrán Bus Transportation was again kidnaped.



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14. Through the long travel accrosse mountains the radio sets was again repaired and installed communication was ready on the 25th October. We were then able to establish a station.

15. S/Sgt Agron was sent to the Hq of Lt. Col. R.W. Volckmann on the 28th October. On the 29th, Captain John O' day received order from Lt. Co. Colckmann to bring the party to his Hq. I delayed the transfer for we want to have a communication to you which we were successful. The pressure of the order forced us to move on 3rd November without clearing messages of intelligence information secured.

16. In Nueva Era, I.N. T/5 Selmo Saladine and Pfc. Anselmo Moscoso were left with a 288 radio set as a sub-station.

17. Arrived in the Hq. of Lt. Col. Volckmann on 20th November, and all sets taken used and distributed.

18. Up to present date our men are being assigned to different districts for intelligence work and help the Hq in their purpose and as well as furtherance of our mission.

/s/ Jose V. Valera,

/t/ JOSE V. VALERA  
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IN THE FIELD  
NORTHERN LUZON, PHILIPPINES

Nov. 28, 1944

SUBJECT: Personnel and Equipments.  
TO: Commanding General, SWPA

1. The Party was under my command, abiders of democratic principles, soldiers of Uncle Sam whom you sent on suicide landing without anybody to meet them on the shore; to gather informations that would help in the prosecution of the war and to establish radio communications, submits a report of what happened since your last message dated October 31.

2. We have established our Radio Station in Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte and received your first message dated October 29th informing us the different relay stations for our messages to KAZ. On October 29th, Captain John O' Day, Executive Officer 121st Inf. received order from Lt. Col. R.W. Volckmann to take the Party to his HQ. As we wanted to report our landing and safety and to clear intelligence information gathered. I delayed to move as it is hard to establish communication to you. On the 2nd November, I received your message dated October 31, a copy of which is hereby attached - meaning that our station, DKI is to function and to continue our mission. The pressure of the order as being told by Capt. O' Day, we left Nueva Era, Nov. 3rd.

3. I left two radio men, T/5 Selmo Saladino and Pfc Anselmo Moscoso with one 288 radio set in Ilocos Norte then to establish a radio sub-station.

4. On the way, November 11th, met Major Barnett, C.O. of the 121st Inf. in Manobo, Abra and gave me a copy of the order of Lt. Col. Volckmann to him for our "arrest and equipments into custody". The reason was that our station DKI interfering with the communication net throughout Luzon and persons operating the set are incompetent. Attached a copy of the order.

5. Having the same frequency, our radio set 3BZ seems stronger signal than what they have, and to establish a communication from the farthest north of the Philippines we were on the air every twenty four hours a day as the relay stations you told us on your first message had ignored us which are said to be on guard. Further more we discovered that the ARMY RADIO PROCEDURE less important than commercial which not a single of my signal men knew - therefore we can not understand one another on the air.

6. Again abiders and not to resist to forces fighting for the same cause we moved to where they wanted through Major Barnett's HQ in San Emilio, Ilocos Sur, and left two 288 radio sets as ordered as we were then under arrest and equipments under custody. Most of the members of the Party were sick but forced to walk under pressure in order not suffer any trouble under the hands of brothers to whom we wanted to help

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7. Arrived in the HQ of Lt. Col. Volckmann on November 20th but the Colonel was away on a certain mission. Major Murphy, G-2, who was then in charge of the HQ ordered all our radio sets to be given to his signal men and not allowing my men to touch our sets. Not even allowed to send message to you using our code and our call sign. Major Murphy do not believe all your instructions to us, do now want to use our sub-station codes you authorized and our code for DKI, thus prefer codes made by them for their sub-station and the needless use of ARMY RADIO PROCEDURE at present in the Islands. I wanted to clear all matters but I found out that he would not hear reasons and explanations of a poor Malayan race and laugh at me. But however, I was able to convinced him send a message to you that I can not disposed off any of my radio sets without any good arrangement to me or authority from you, though he had already taken and distributed before sending the message.

8. On the 26th November, the Lt. Colonel arrived with my contact man, S/Sgt Fred Agron, whom I sent as my personal envoy to him on the 28th October, a day before Capt. O'Day received the order to take us. S/Sgt Agron met the Colonel on the 7th November.

9. Lt. Col. Volckmann, a West Pointer and the most refined Officer I ever met in Luzon, told me not to worry about the order of arrest. I explained to him of our mission and we are willing to coordinate to his unit but told me to wait for the new commers for they might have brought new orders or procedure. When Capt. Vaughan arrives he told me that he was instructed by GHQ, SWPA, that my party ought to work under Lt. Col. Volckmann which I accepted with willingness but on the understanding that a message must be sent to you to that effect and to know what will be done to DKI station and codes.

10. However, my party started working since our arrival my signal men teach army radio procedure and assisting their radio men, my weather man started his duty and messages sent four times a day through their Station, and rest of us working. All records available are at their disposal for use and reference.

11. In conclusion, we request your kindness to let Lt. Col. Volckmann withdraw his order of our arrest - clear off papers to that effect, for the real reason that we gathered is that: they want to utilise all our radio sets and to let us work under them. We want good understanding and coordination without friction of what had happen as we are all fighting for the same cause.

12. Lastly, we ask apology and forgiveness that the bright future of our mission which you expected when we left Australia was curtailed of the above circumstances, most of the time on travel controlled by them and now working under them. However, we are sending some informations we were able to take on those time we were alone.

/s/ Jose V. Valera  
/t/ JOSE V. VALERA  
Lieutenant, AUS.



Enclosed:-

- 1 Copy of the order of arrest of personnel & equipment.
- 1 Copy of my intended message to you pertaining the above which we are not able to send.
- 1 Copy of your message on the 29th October
- 1 Copy of your message on 31st October.
- 1 Copy of my letter to Lt. Col. Volckmann sending my contact man.

HEADQUARTERS,  
USAFIP NORTH LUZON

20 November 44

SUBJECT: Report On Area South of USAFIP,NL.  
TO : C.G. SWPA

1. The area of the former 2nd Military District south of the general east-west line, (S. Jose, N.E. - Lingayen, Pang.) is from all reports reaching this Headquarters, very much disorganized and in a state of constant turmoil. As explained in previous reports, I have made no effort to organize or control this area for the reason that it was my understanding and instructions from Col. Martin Moses that the area jurisdiction extended only as far south as a general east-west line (S. Jose, N.E.-Lingayen, Pang.).

2. I believe the following factors existing in above mentioned area are the underlying causes for the existing conditions:

a. Unlike the area of USAFIP,NL there is no central recognized commander or leader. Units under independent leaders are not willing to cooperate with one another, but on the other hand, fight each other for little or no reason.

b. The Hukbulajap, outgrowth of the former Socialista Party, is the strongest organization in the area, but because they are not recognized by USAFIP personnel, they are continually against USAFIP units. Recent reports indicate that they have successfully disarmed USAFIP units of new equipment supplied through Tayabas.

3. If Higher Headquarters so desires, I am confident that I can consolidate and organize the entire 2nd Military District into a unified organization similar to the organization of USAFIP,NL. The extent and effectiveness that this could be accomplished would depend on, first, definite orders to the undersigned clearly setting forth area and command jurisdiction over the 2nd Military District, and second, notifying existing units in said area of these orders by means of the existing radio stations at present set up in said area. I believe that I can bring the most disturbing factor, the Hukbulajap, under control in a short time. This organization has recently contacted me and expressed their desire to operate under my command. I could not accept their offer, because I was sure, unless given definite area and command jurisdiction over the area, I would be unable to bring the other independent units of the area under control and, therefore, could in no way influence the unity of the area.

s/s R. W. Volckmann  
R. W. Volckmann  
Lt. Col. Infantry  
Commanding.



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HEADQUARTERS  
USAFIP, NORTH LUZON

16 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Explanation of Delay in Carrying Out Orders Re  
Valera and Party  
To : C.G. SWPA

1. Attached hereto find letter received by this headquarters from Lieut. Valera.

2. Copies of the radiograms from Headquarters SWPA to this headquarters to the effect that Lieut. Valera was to contact Headquarters USAFIP, N.L. and establish a communication net in North Luzon were duly forwarded to Lieut. Valera. The orders referred to in par. 2. of Lieut Valera's letter are apparently in conflict with radiograms received by this headquarters re Lieut Valera's assignment and orders. Request clarification and orders as to disposition of Lieut. Valera and party.

3. I recommend that Lieut. Valera and party be attached to this command. If this request is granted the assignment of personnel and equipment can be coordinated with units of this command throughout North Luzon so as to efficiently cover North Luzon. I can assure Higher Headquarters that any personnel and equipment assigned to this command will be able to operate much more efficiently than would be possible if they are ordered to operate independently of USAFIP, N.L.

*R. W. Volckmann*  
R. W. VOLCKMANN  
Lt. Col. Infantry  
Commanding



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Message No. 1, Dated 20th Oct., 1944 from  
Lt. Valera, C.O. Landing Party.

IN THE FIELD  
NORTHERN LUZON, PHILIPPINES

23rd November, 1944

SUBJECT: EQUIPMENTS  
TO : COMMANDING GENER L, SWPA

1. The following are the equipments we were able to bring down from the Sub and nothing was lost or went to the hands of the enemy.

RADIO EQUIPMENTS

- 2 Sets 3BZ (one set without loud speaker & power cord).
- 5 Sets 288 (four without legs of generator)
- 2 Sets ATR-4 (without crystals)
- 1 Set Boston transmitter only (no other parts)
- 1 Set NEI generator & power only (no transreceiver)
- 12 Boxes dry cell battery for ATR-4 (24 batteries in all)
- 7 6-volt wet battery.
- 1 Battery Charger Johnson
- 1 Hand Charger
- 2 Handy Talkie (now out of commission)
- 1 Meter and radio extra accessories (tubes & spare parts)

ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS

- 15 .45 Cal. Pistols (one for each member of party)
- 15 Carbine rifle (one for each member of party)
- 24 Sub Machine Gun M-3 (one without barrel) (9SMG incl. the one without barrel handed to Capt. O'Day, Ex. Off.) (Rest used for attached personnels to us)
- 3,000 Rds. Carbine Ammo.
- 3,600 Rds. .45 Cal. Pistol Ammo. (1,800 rds handed to Capt. O'Day)
- 91 SMG. M-3, magazines (46 handed to Capt. O'Day)
- 50 hand grenades (25 handed to Capt. O'Day)
- 1,500 rds. .30 cal. rifle ammo (all handed to Capt. O'Day)
- 500 rds. shot gun ammo. (all handed to Capt O'Day)
- 105 Magazines for TSMG M-2 (to be handed to Lt. Col. Volckmann)

DEMOLITION EQUIPMENTS

- 8 Limpets (to be handed to Lt. Col. Volckmann)
- 20 Clamps ( " " " " " " " )
- 200 Detonators (handed to Capt. O'Day)
- 50 Electric detonators (handed to Capt. O'Day)
- 50 Composition Explosive (CE) primers.

WEATHER EQUIPMENTS

- 1 Set complete set weather equipments.



MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- 3 c/s Medical unit from Darwin (handed to Capt. O'Day)
- 3 c/s Medical supplies for party's use taken from Brisbane  
(2 cases handed to Capt. O'Day)

PROPAGANDAS

- 2 c/s matches "I SHALL RETURN" (handed to G-2, Major Murphy)
- 1 box stencils, maptalk and Free Phil. Mag. (handed to G-2).

2. Food rations brought down consumed.

/s/ Jose V. Valera  
JOSE V. VALERA  
Lieutenant, AUS.



OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER 121st INF.N.L.  
In The Field

Msg.#1

29th Oct. 1944.  
12.35 p.m.

SUBJECT: Message  
TO : 1122 thru EB-7

Sir:

1. Capt. John O'Day informed me that you have an order to bring the party to your place. Your kind attention and cooperation on this matter is gratefully appreciated but the importance of my presence now on the coast for the present time is necessary in the execution of my mission.

2. Our orders from Gen. MacArthur to report as much intelligence work as we can gather from reliable sources from places within the perimeter of our assignment must first be done and in as much that we are now in this area I would like that nothing of the kind would be left undone.

3. The protection and security of my party under the command of Capt. John O'Day affords us an opportunity to work freely and I am greatly indebted in his initiative in this matter.

4. I have sent a trusted member of my party to contact you just before Capt. John O'Day received your order to bring the party down to your place. Any information you may ask from him will be answered on my behalf.

5. I expect that in a few days my intelligence reports from Ilocos Norte shall be finished and then I shall proceed to the next province then to your place.

6. KEE P EM FLYING.

(SGD) V-1  
C.O. Landing Party

Certified True Copy  
/s/ R. W. Volckmann  
R. W. Volckmann  
Lt. Col. Inf.



NOTE: 1122 -- C.O. USAFIP, N.L. (Lt. Col. Volckmann)  
EB-7 -- C.O. 121st Infantry (PA)  
Capt. J. O'Day -- C.O. 15th Inf. (PA) Il Norte  
V-1 Lt. Valera, C. O. Landing Party

Auth:             
Init: AMH  
Date: 7 Aug 44

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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AFG 501  
7 Aug, 1944

FHXO 201-Valera, Jose V

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : 2ND LT JOSE V VALERA 8888893 AUS, 5217th Recon Bn, APO 923.

1. CG directs necessary mil serv above-named C WF at proper time fr Brisbane Qld to such places outside the continental limits of Australia as necessary on temp dy purpose carrying out instructions. Completion temp dy return proper sta.

2. TCNT TRN. Travel by mil, Naval or commercial aircraft (par 3b, AR 55-120) is directed for accomplishment of ENM. Army or Naval T, balligerent vessel or aircraft, commercial steamship, or any other means of T authorized if necessary. Personal baggage not to exceed 50 pounds authorized while traveling by air.

3. In lieu of subs flat per diem \$6.00 authorized while traveling and temp dy if Govt billets or shelter not provided and messing facilities not furn; or in lieu of subs flat per diem \$2.25 authorized if Govt billets or shelter provided but messing facilities not available. During period both Govt billets or shelter provided and messing facilities furn per diem also is susp. No per diem authorized while traveling or on temp dy beyond the mainland of Australia. 65-444 7-32-02 03 A 212/50425.

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Thru: AG, USAFFE  
AG, GHQ

8 August 1944

1. For the performance of a secret mission approved by the C in C it is requested that secret letter orders be issued for the following named officer, of the organization indicated, to proceed from this headquarters to points outside the continental limits of Australia on or about 12 August 1944, and return at an indefinite date:

2nd Lieut. VALERA, Jose V., 0888893, AUS, 5217th Reconnaissance Bn.

2. Travel by any or all types of usual transport should be authorized.
3. Military and naval transportation outgoing has been arranged.
4. Request that orders be delivered to Colonel Courtney Whitney, G-3, GHQ, APO 500.

S.J.C.



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S.R.D. - Projects - PYTHON.

Controller, AIB.

AC/S, G-2, GHQ.

11 July, 1944.

1. In October, 1943, Captain Chester was introduced with a S.R.D. party into N.E. Borneo. Shortly after arrival he made contact with a Filipino named VALERA whom he had known previously and who had been for 15 years in forestry in British North Borneo. Valera volunteered to join his party and was of great help to him. The matter was to some extent regularized in the field by an arrangement by which Valera acted as Colonel Suarez's liaison with Captain Chester's party. When Major Jenkins of Captain Chester's party was brought out on a submarine supply trip to TAWI TAWI, Valera was unintentionally but necessarily evacuated at the same time owing to the submarine having to submerge due to enemy action when he was on her.

2. After Valera's evacuation, S.R.D. on advice of Major Jenkins who realized his value to the party, asked whether Valera could be made available to them for future work in North Borneo. At that time Captain Chester's party was in difficulty owing to increased Japanese activity in the TAWI TAWI area. The enemy had obtained possession of his stores and he was unable to move to an area where he could have lived on the country. His survival was extremely doubtful. It was decided that Valera, who expressed preference for work in the Philippines rather than with Captain Chester, should be allotted to P.R.S.

3. The following factors have arisen since:

a. Captain Chester has been evacuated and it is hoped that in a few months it will be possible to introduce him into N.W. Borneo in an area where he can largely live off the country.

b. British North Borneo has been placed third on the approved list of secondary priorities, after MENADO and AMBON.

c. Captain Chester advises that it is essential for the white party to have with it a good Filipino, Malay, or Chinese who knows the country and people living there to make first contact with loyal elements. Valera is the only man available who is known to possess this capability and Captain Chester is of the opinion that his inclusion in any future party is essential.

d. Valera, meanwhile has been commissioned and has been training with a party for introduction into the ILLICOS AREA of LUZON for which he is particularly suited as he was born and has relatives there. Col. Whitney naturally considers that this arrangement cannot be disturbed and that the earlier decision should stand.

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Controller, AIB.

AC/S, G-2, GHQ.

11 July, 1944.

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4. In view of the factors set out in the previous paragraph, particularly the unique value of Valera to future penetration of N. BORNEO, the decision of G.H.Q. is requested whether the previous decision should stand or Valera should be made available to S.R.D.

*[Signature]*  
C. G. R.

Copy to: Colonel Whitney.

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TELEPHONES:  
LA 1537-8

SERVICES RECONNAISSANCE DEPARTMENT

39 Acland Street,

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No. 123/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

26th June 1944

Dear Colonel Whitney,

1. I have in the past spoken to Colonel Roberts about a man named Valera, and I believe Campbell also spoke to you about him when he was last in Brisbane.
2. I know that you have a use for Valera but I would be most grateful if you would before sending him out of the country reconsider whether he cannot be most usefully used with my North Borneo Section. As you know he was working with Major Chester's party at the time he was brought out by chance. He is an old friend of Chester's and is I believe personally as anxious to work with Chester as Chester is to have him. Valera has spent 12 or 15 years in the Forestry Dept. of British North Borneo and he knows this territory better than any other. By his peace time occupation he is ideally qualified for the work we are doing there and speaks not only Malay but the local languages of Dusun and Bajau. It is extremely difficult for me to find operatives with these qualifications.
3. Major Chester has only just returned and it is quite clear from what he tells me that there is work of great importance to be done in British North Borneo and it is my intention to return a party there and reopen our contacts at a very early date.
4. If in the circumstances you could possibly agree to let us have Valera I can assure you that he will be the most valuable single enlistment we can obtain. While I should not allow this to outweigh any intrinsic consideration of valuation for the war effort, I feel we have some ~~small~~ <sup>small</sup> claim as he was working for several months with Chester's party and it was, as you probably know, only by accident that he got away at the time he did.



Yours sincerely,

*John Chapman Walker*  
Colonel

Colonel Courtney Whitney,  
G-3  
G.H.Q.

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Matter taken care of*

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For remark and recommendation.

1 Incl:  
Ltr, CO, 5217th Recon Bn, (Prov),  
USAFPE, 12 May 44, sub "Orders",  
w/1 incl thereto.

B. H. F.

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AG, GHQ

22 May 1944

Recommend approval.

1 Incl:  
Ltr, CO, 5217th Recon BN, (Prov),  
USAFPE, 12 May 44, sub "Orders",  
w/1 incl thereto.

C. W.



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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APO 501  
27 Apr, 1944

FEKO 201-Valera, Jose V.

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : 2ND LT JOSE V. VALERA 0888893 AUS.

Above-named O, Misc Gp USAFFE, on DS with 5217th Rcn Bn, is placed on temp dy with AIB for period 27 Apr 44 to 10 May 44. Completion temp dy return proper sta. No T involved. It being impracticable to subsist with troops or at an officers mess, per diem \$2.25 and billets authorized while on this temp dy. 91-2 P410-01 A 212/40102.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

C. J. ENGLE,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Ass't Adjutant General

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OFFICERS' DATA SHEET

Name in full Jose V. Valera Serial No 0-888893  
 (Printed)  
 Rank 2nd Lt. Arm or Service Infantry  
 Component (RA, NG, RES, AUS): AUS Date of Birth 5 March 1909

Date of Rank 10 Apr 1944 Residence in Brisbane:  
 Office phone number Beaudessert 190 Residence phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office room number \_\_\_\_\_ Duties in Tabragalba

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Date of and grade in which called to Active Duty 10 April 1944 2nd Lt.  
 Promotions, if any, and date and source of order: None

Service During Past Year:  
 Station or Assignment Specific Period  
 (Division, etc., and Unit) Duty Performed (Day, month, and year)  
Tawi, Tawi, Sulu, PI. 125th Inf Regt Intelligence (3rd Lt) 2 June 43 to 30 Sept 43  
 10th MD Philippine Army  
Tawi, Tawi, Sulu, PI. 125th Inf Regt Co. Comdr Eng Co 1 Oct 43 to 5 Dec 43  
 10th MD Philippine Army  
British North Borneo, British Liaison Officer (2nd Lt) 6 Dec 43 to 9 Apr 44  
 Intelligence Army

Service Schools Attended:  
 Name of School Course Period  
University of the Philippines Mil Science and Tactics 1930 to 1932  
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Military Specialties: Reconnaissance and engineering

Civil Experience

Occupation (Give details as to specialties, etc.)  
Municipal teacher 1929 to 1930 Davao, Davao, Philippines.  
District forest officer 1932 to 1941, British North Borneo. Inspector of rubber  
1934 to 1935 British North Borneo.

Languages Spoken: English, Tagalog, Malay, Ilocano

Civil Schools Attended  
 Name of school Course Period  
Badoc Elementary School Elementary course 1918 - 1925  
Ilocos Norte High School Secondary course 1925 to 1929  
Forestry University of the P. Forest Ranger and surveyor 1930 to 1932  
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Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency: Mrs. Cipriana V. Valera (wife) Badoc, Ilocos Norte, Philippines

(OVER)



Source and date of original commission SO No. 101 Hq USAFFE dated 10 Apr 1944

Service as an enlisted man, if any, giving dates enlisted and discharged,  
principal duties, and highest grade attained None

Date Departed U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Arrived Australia: 11 March 1944  
Religious Preference, if any: Roman Catholic

Signature Jose V. Valera

What part of the 5217th Rec Bn are you on duty with 5218th Rec Co.



QUESTIONNAIRE\*

Date 20 April 1944

1. NAME JOSE V. VALERA

ASNO 88893

Present Rank 2nd Lt AGE 35 Yrs old

Marital Status Married

II. MILITARY HISTORY:

A. When in the Philippine Army? 2 June 1943 ROTC 1930-1932

B. Grade 2nd Lt Specialty Intelligence Officer

C. Where served? 125th Inf. Regt., 10th Military District,  
Tawi-Tawi, Sulu Philippines

III. PERSONAL HISTORY:

A. Born Filipino Where? Badoc, Ilocos Norte When? 5 March/1909

B. Father's Name Demetrio Valera Mother's Name Dominga V. Valera

Wife's Name Cipriana V. Valera

C. How many brothers? Three How many sisters? One

Where are they now? Ilocos Norte

Are they married? One brother married

To whom? Mrs. Alfonsa Valera

D. Where are other relatives? Badoc, Ilocos Norte

E. What are their political connections as far as is known? Nacionalista

Are there any Sakdalistas? None

F. What part of the Islands do you know best? Tawi-Tawi, Sulu

Where would you prefer to be? Ilocos Norte

Any part where you wouldn't want to be? None

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

G. When did you leave P.I.? 5 March 1944

\* Answer all questions definitely; where NONE or NO is applicable use either answer.





IV. CIVILIAN HISTORY:

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A. Give brief history of (a) education (b) civilian occupation:

(a) Graduate School of Forestry, University of the Philippines

(b) District Forest Officer, British North Borneo

V. What dialects can you speak flawlessly? Ilocano, Tagalog and Malay

VI. Are your fingerprints or identification pictures on record any place in the islands?

Yes, Manila

VII. Can You:

- (a) Swim? Yes
- (b) Navigate small boat? Yes
- (c) Sail small boat? Yes
- (d) Operate boat engine? No Gas? \_\_\_\_\_ Diesel? \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Repair boat engine? No Gas? \_\_\_\_\_ Diesel? \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Operate radio equipment? No
- (g) Read any other kind of signalling? No
- (h) Operate an automobile? No
- (i) Operate typewriter? Yes
- (j) Act as aerial observer? No
- (k) Act as houseboy? No Gardner? Yes Lavandero? Yes  
Miner? No
- (l) Operate Machine Gun? No Pistol? Yes Rifle? Yes



VIII. Are You:

- (a) Pistol marksman? Yes
- (b) Expert in balisong? Yes
- (c) Wrestler? No
- (d) Expert in anything else? Yes What? Bladed Weapons

IX. Do you know any influential Filipinos or Spaniards or Mestizos? Yes

Who? Ulpiano Arzadon (Assemblyman)

Where? Ilocos Norte

X. Do you know any Sakdalistas? No

Who? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

XI. Are you a member of any unions or political parties? Yes

What? Nacionalista party

How long? 2 yrs.

In what capacity? Member

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A.P.O. 501  
10 April 1944


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1. DP and under prov Cir 220 WD 1942 announcement is made of the temp apmt of 3RD LT KONGLAM TEO Inf Reserve, Philippine Army, as 2D LT AUS with rank fr 10 Apr 1944. His serial number is 0888892. 2D LT TEO is ordered to AD this date and asgd to Misc Gp USAFFE and placed on dy with AIB.
2. By auth of the President of the Philippine Commonwealth announcement is made of the temp apmt of Jose Valle Valera as 2D LT Inf Reserve, Philippine Army, with rank fr 10 Apr 1944. 2D LT VALERA is ordered to AD this date.
3. DP and under prov Cir 220 WD 1942 announcement is made of the temp apmt of 2D LT JOSE VALLE VALERA Inf Reserve, Philippine Army, as 2D LT AUS with rank fr 10 Apr 1944. His serial number is 0888893. 2D LT VALERA is ordered to AD this date and asgd to Misc Gp USAFFE and placed on dy with AIB.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,  
Lieutenant General, United States Army,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
L. S. OSTRANDER,  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,  
Adjutant General.

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Deputy Chief of Staff

5 April 1944

1. Jose V. VALERA in reference was on the MARNHAL at TANITANI when vessel had to crash dive to avoid enemy action. As a consequence he came out as an involuntary passenger.

2. He has done some excellent work with the British (PYTHON) party in North BORNEO where he has been stationed for some years in the Forestry Service of the Philippine Government. I understand that the former are ready to commission VALERA in the Australian Army if we will release him to their future use.

3. VALERA speaks fluently the Malayan language and is desirous of enlisting in the direct service of the Philippine people. He is quite obviously a superior type of Filipino and I contemplate using him in connection with a party I may dispatch to the TALAUD Islands (where Malayan only is spoken) or to ILOCOS Norte of which Province VALERA is native.

4. This matter has not been previously referred to the Chief of Staff.

5. No original documents are available to furnish USAFFE.

C.W.

Incls:

App. for apmt  
Basic C/N  
C/N fr AG



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AG, USAFFE

20 March 1944

It is recommended that Jose V. VALERA be commissioned a 2nd Lieut. in the Phil. Army, and transferred to the AUS so that he may be assigned to the 5217th Reconnaissance Battalion or that he be commissioned in the AUS direct, if feasible, and assigned for duty with the 5217th Reconnaissance Battalion.

It is believed that he possesses all the requirements for the commission recommended.

He is a graduate of the University of Philippines School of Forestry, 1932, member of ROTC, qualified for commission in P.A. Reserves upon graduation but did not perfect the commission as he was sent to Borneo by the Director of Forestry for a tour of duty with the British Government's Department of Forestry & Agriculture at Sandakan.

Valera has remained in Borneo since 1932, and is proficient in the Malayan dialects.

In June 1943 he joined the guerilla forces in SULU, Philippines, and was commissioned 2nd Lieut. by the commander of the 10th Military District, Colonel Fertig, and has rendered excellent service.

He arrived in Brisbane, 13 March 1944, from Sulu, and it is desired to dispatch him on a secret mission abroad, for which he will require commissioned status.

C. W.



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