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HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

APO 707
19 June 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of Claims

SUBJECT : Claims in Lanao Province, Mindanao

1. Lt. Max Rosenn gave the following account of the situation that existed in Lanao Province between 23 September 1943 when the Maranao Militia Force was activated by the 10th Military District, and 15 August 1945 when the 10th Military District was deactivated:

a. There were 7 regiments and 4 separate battalions composing the Maranao Militia Force (guerrilla), the Commanding Officers of each of the separate battalions and regiments being directly responsible to the Commanding Officer of the 108th Division, 10th Military District, USFIP.

b. Each Commanding Officer of the separate battalions and regiments was authorized to draw a cash allowance of 50 centavos for each man per day in lieu of rations. This arrangement was made from time to time by the Commanding Officer of the 10th Military District with the battalions and regiments as they were activated during the above period.

c. Some cash allowances were paid to battalion and regimental commanders, but the larger amounts remain unpaid. When the allowances were not forthcoming as agreed upon, the Commanding Officers of the regiments and separate battalions requisitioned foodstuffs, for which they issued receipts. Numerous holders of such receipts have presented their claims to Claims Service.

d. Obviously, such claims of individuals cannot be processed by Claims Service for the reason that there is no contractual relationship between them and the 10th Military District. The Maranao Militia Force and its elements had no authority to procure foodstuffs, except through duly authorized procurement officers of 108th Division or with specific approval of division commanders, the arrangements having been made in the first instance, between the 10th Military District and the Maranao Militia Forces that the latter be given a cash allowance in lieu of rations.

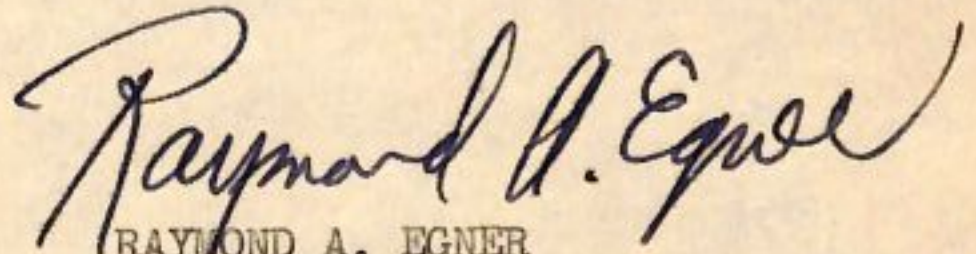
2. Lieutenant Rosenn has, therefore, been instructed that upon inquiry by any of the commanders of the separate battalions or regiments, he should inform the Commanding Officer of such separate

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battalions and regiments that each may file his claim for the unpaid balance of his cash allowance, i.e., 50 centavos per day per man, and that the obligation of paying the individual claimants rests entirely upon such battalion or regimental commander.

3. The above arrangement is adopted not as a matter of expedience, but for the reason that as stated above, there is no privity of contract between the individuals and the Philippine Army.

4. In view of the fact that many of such claims of individuals have already been passed to Commissions, Central Control and all Commissions have been instructed to turn all such claims in Lanao Province over to DCC for transmittal to Team 4, to be processed in accordance with the above arrangements. Central Control has also been instructed that any other such claims received by them will hereafter be turned over to the Director of Claims Commissions for transmittal to Team 4 for necessary action in accordance with the above arrangements.



RAYMOND A. EGNER
Lt. Colonel, JAGD
Director of Claims Commissions

Copy given Lt Roseum. by Col. F.
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 CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS
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25 May 1946

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HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
Team 4
THRU: DEL MONTE AIRSTRIP

Cagayan, Misamis Oriental
Mindanao Island
20 May 1946

SUBJECT: Claims of Maranao Militia Force, 108th Division, 10th MD.

TO : Chief of Claims, AFWESPAC
APO 707.

1. Many claims involving large sums of money have been presented by Moros residing in Lanao Province for supplies and property requisitioned by Maranao Militia Force, a unit of 108th Division, 10th Military District.
2. After long and extensive investigation, it is our conclusion that MMF had no authority to procure supplies or property, either under normal procurement methods or under emergency authority. Because of difficulties of checks and control over procurement by MMF, an independent unit subject only to direct command of CO of 108th Division, a system of cash allowances in lieu of rations was devised. Unfortunately, funds were often unavailable and cash allowances were not always paid. MMF Unit Commanders claim to have either requisitioned property or personally advanced funds to maintain their men, some of which advancements are claimed to be as much as $\text{P}187,000.00$ by one Unit Commander.
3. Denial of claims of third parties for supplies alleged to have been requisitioned from them by units of MMF has been recommended for reasons stated in paragraph 2 above, and it is believed that these accounts, the investigation of all of which depend upon the integrity and veracity of each of the MMF Unit Commanders, should be settled and paid by the Unit Commanders alleged to have incurred them, and that the Unit Commanders in turn should be paid the cash allowances in lieu of rations as originally agreed upon. Attached hereto are certificates of Major Abellanosa, Quartermaster of 108th Division, Major Bala, Adjutant for said Division, and Lt Barba in substantiation of the foregoing.
4. Denial of claims of Unit MMF Commanding Officers for alleged advancements made by them to secure subsistence supplies has also been recommended because it is believed that these are matters, not for Claims Service, but for the Accounting and Disbursing Officer of PA.
5. The payment of balance due elements of MMF for cash allowances

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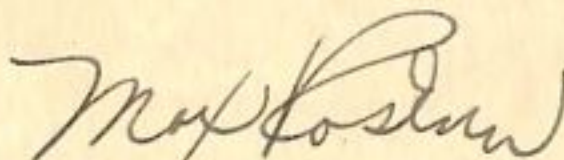


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would dispose of claims of unit Commanding Officers for re-imbursement, and the responsibility for settlement of accounts alleged to have been incurred by them for subsistence supplies, most of which are suspicious and investigation exceedingly difficult because of the peculiar nature of the organization, would properly be placed upon them.

6. If the policy hereinbefore referred to meets with your approval, request immediate advise so that all claims in said categories may be returned to claimants, without forwarding to Commission, with appropriate explanations in accordance with foregoing.

7. Further request is made in view of increasing restiveness of Moros in Lanao Province that notice to Moro claimants of denial of their claims be withheld for present until completion of our work in that province.



MAX ROSENN
1st Lt, JAGD
Director, Team 4

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APO 159
8 April 1946

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, RICARDO U. ABELLANOSA, Major, Philippine Army, do certify that the following statements are true and correct:

I am presently G-4 for the 6th Inf Division, (PI), APO 159. I was G-4 and quartermaster of the 108th Division, 10th Military District, USFIP, from the time of its recognition, September 1943, until said division was deactivated 14 August 1945.

The Maranao Militia Force was a separate unit of said division and consisted of seven regiments, two battalions and six companies, each operating separately.

No one in said Maranao Militia Force had any authority to procure or requisition rations, supplies and equipment for said Force or Quartermaster of the 108th Division. Where cash rations were not paid, supplies were or should have been secured by said Maranao Militia Force from Quartermaster 108th Division. Officers of said Maranao Militia Force had no authority to separately procure or requisition for themselves. It may be that 108th Division is indebted to some officers for unpaid cash allowances, but, nevertheless, the officers had no authority to procure or requisition in behalf of the Maranao Militia Force or 108th Division.

Before deactivation of 108th Division, all regimental, battalion and company Commanders of said Maranao Militia Force were directed to submit their accounts for clearance and all cash ration accounts submitted and authorized were paid.

At the time that I was with the 108th Division I authorized only one officer, Lt. Alfredo Barba, to procure rations and supplies for said Maranao Militia Force. No other officer was authorized to procure or requisition anything for said Maranao Militia Force without approval from Lt. Barba.

During the emergency, certain loans for currency were accepted from civilians, but these loans required approval by the Division Commander and the money was disbursed through and the loan reported to the Finance Officer of said Division. At no time were officers of the division authorized to accept or make loans personally or in behalf of the Division or its units without approval of Division Commander.

In my opinion, claims involving procurement or requisition of rations, supplies and currency for said Maranao Militia Force without written evidence of approval by Commanding Officer of 108th Division, Division Quartermaster, or Lt. Barba and other officers authorized, should not be allowed.


RICARDO U. ABELLANOSA
Major, Q'3. PA

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Team 4

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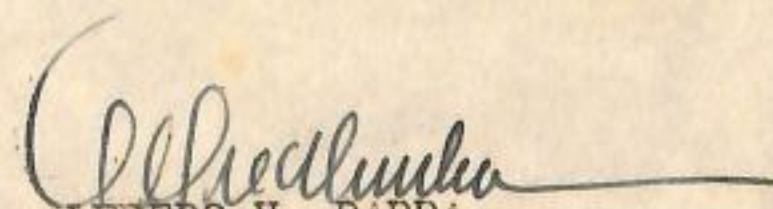
I, ALFREDO V. BARBA, 2nd Lieutenant, QMS, presently on duty with Claims Service, Team No. 4, AFWESPAC, do hereby certify:

That I was authorized procurement officer for the Division Quartermaster, 108th Division, 10th Military District, USFIP, between 16 September '43 to 14 August '45 when it was deactivated.

That I was also appointed procurement officer for the Maranao Militia Force consisting of seven regiments, two battalion, and six separate companies. Although, said Maranao Militia Force was a separate unit of the 108th Division, none of them were authorized to procure or requisition supplies or equipment, unless specifically authorized by the Division Commander or the AC of S, G-4 thru the undersigned.

The units were given cash rations for monthly subsistence thru their unit commanders or their duly authorized representative as funds were made available. However, there might be months where they are unable to draw cash ration allowance and the 108th Division is indebted to some officers for unpaid cash ration allowance, but, nevertheless, officers of said units had no authority to procure or seek cash loan in behalf of their respective unit.

During the Malabang campaign, the undersigned was designated S-4 and Supply Officer in addition to his other duties. Cash rations allowance was usually given the Maranao Militia units operating therein thru their unit commanders or their duly authorized representative, approved by Major REX BLOW, Chief of Staff, 108th Division, who was then in command of the Malabang campaign. None of these units are authorized to procure supplies on account, unless otherwise, paid out of their cash rations allowance they usually draw monthly.


ALFREDO V. BARBA
2nd Lieut., QMS, PA
On Dy w/CS, AFWESPAC
Team 4, APO 159

HEADQUARTERS 6TH INFANTRY DIVISION PA
APO 159

8 April 1946

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, REGULO D. BABA, Major, AG, do herewith certify:

I am Assistant General for the 6th Inf Division (PA)
APO 159.

I was Assistant General for the 108th Division, 10th
MD, USFIP, between 3 March 1943 to 14 August 1945 when it
was deactivated. Prior thereto, I was Regimental Adjutant
for 103rd Infantry, 102nd Division (PA) USAFFE between 19
December 1941 to 10 May 1942, date of surrender.

The Maranao Militia Force consisted of separate com-
panies, battalions, and regiments, all an integral part
of said 108th Division. There were seven regiments. The
regimental commanders were:

Major Baguinda A. Andago, 124th Inf
Major Busken Kuluw, 126th Inf
Major Manalao Mhuilano, 127th Inf
Capt Arumpas, 128th Inf
Capt Ibrahim Mendi, 129th Inf
Capt Macarmon Benasing, 1st Prov Regt
Capt Monsuogyan Osmena, 2nd Prov Regt

There were two separate battalions, commanders of
which were:

Capt Decarung Jomo, 2nd Sep Bn
Capt Bantua Sani, 4th Sep Bn

There were also six separate companies.

The units were given cash rations for subsistence
thru their unit commanders or their duly authorized repre-
sentative as funds were made available. None of them were
authorized to procure or requisition supplies or equipment,
unless specifically authorized by the Division Commander
in writing. Lieut Alfredo Barba was appointed procurement
officer for said force and only he had authority to procure
or requisition for said Maranao Militia Force. However,
Major Rex Blow, C of S, 108th Div Guerr was giving blanket
authority on matters of foodstuff procurements, when he
commanded the Malabang Campaign. He may have also given
procurement authority to other officers in the field.

All cash loans required specific approval of the Di-
vision Commander and it was required that they be reported
to or disbursed through Division Finance Officer.

The Maranao Militia Force were given either cash
ration or supplies. If they did not receive supplies or
cash rations allowance, they would have claims for unpaid

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cash ration allowance but they had no authority to procure or requisition for themselves, their organization or 108th Division.

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REQUILO D. BALA
Major, AGS

CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC, DAVAO BRANCH
C/O MP COMMAND, MINDANAO ZONE, DAVAO
APO 159

11 April 1946

SUBJECT: Claims in Mati, Davao Area.

TO : Chief of Claims, Claims Service, AFWESPAC, APO 707

Attention of Director of Investigating Service

1. At a period beginning with the end of December 1945 to about 1 March 1946, 29 procurement claims for a total amount claimed of ₱154,280.30 have been filed in this office for guerrilla activities during 1942 - 1944 in the Mati, Davao area. These claims have been presented in groups and appeared to be all set in motion at approximately the same time for presentation here.

2. While there are miscellaneous items comprising the various claims, the bulk of the subject matter is for foodstuffs, particularly livestock, palay, rice and corn. Likewise a total of 7 motor vehicles have been the subject matter of the claims. Included are 1,320 heads of cattle, 900 kilos of dressed beef, 111 heads of carabaos, 46 horses, 872 chickens, 108 pigs, 1,450 kilos of dressed pork, 795 sacks of palay, 322 sacks of corn, inter alia.

3. The coincidence of the time of presentation of the claims together with other circumstances have aroused my suspicions with respect to the validity and accuracy of the claims. The bulk of the claims fall into a similar pattern and suggest a singleness of plan which is not characteristic of claims generally. Receipts have been submitted which bear a similar pattern and suggest that they were prepared at a contemporaneous time. Certificates which accompanied the receipts have the same prepared appearance and contain a similarity of language. The bulk of these items are receipted for by Lt. Jovito B. Pedraya, Cpl. Efren Dominguez and Sgt. Jaime Barrientos. To a lesser degree appeared isolated signatures of Capt. Florentino de Asis, 3rd Lt. Eduardo Abo and Lt. Eusebio Trinidad. The majority of the claims are likewise presented by the same Attorney, to wit: Atty. Jose M. Kimpo of Rizal Street, Davao. His office is located directly below the office which we occupy for Claims Service here. A sidelight on this is the fact that Kimpo is related to Romualdo Quimpo, puppet governor of the province and collaborator during the Jap occupancy here, who was confined to the stockade and presently awaits trial.

4. The facts outlined herein have caused me to exercise a more than ordinary scrutiny in the examination of these claims. On 28 February 1946 I forwarded to Manila to Mr. Geronimo Rodriguez, civil investigator for Claims Service, a request for information, copy of which is herewith annexed, as well as the report received in reply by way of Col. Wade. The organization to which the commandeering officers belonged has a rather curious origin. Lt. Pedraya was a former 1st Sergeant of the 3rd Davao Co. Philippine Constabulary at the outbreak of the war. The Company's particular assigned area was in the East Coast of Davao Province including a number of barrios which are the locale of the present claimants. His commanding officer was Capt. Florentino de Asis. Following the Jap occupation of Davao, remnants of the 3rd Davao Co. under Capt. de Asis remained in the Mati area and organized guerrilla activities against the enemy. Sometime in December 1942, Capt. de Asis and other officers were killed by a force of men led by Pedraya, then 1st Sergeant, for surrendering to the Japs and actively collaborating with them. Following de Asis' death, Pedraya claims, that pursuant to orders of the refugee Government via GHQ, to have augmented his force with ex-PC men, PA men and civilian volunteers to approximately a group of 300 in number. After considerable inquiry and discussion with Lt. Pedraya, I have prepared an affidavit, setting forth his official army activity from the outbreak of the war to the present date, copy of which is herewith annexed and to which attention is respectfully invited as to details.

5. Lt. Col Kangleon (PA) is alleged by Pedraya to have been overall commander of the sector. He is presently assigned to Manila Headquarters, Philippine Army, APO 501. I have subjected Cpl. Efren Dominguez to a lengthy inquiry and have reduced his story to affidavit form likewise, a copy of which is herewith annexed. Other officers who have had any part in identifying or otherwise have been interviewed. As a precautionary measure, I have asked for a CIC check on each claimant. Four of the claimants, to wit: Salvador Lopez (deceased), Mary Lopez, Patricio Cunanan and Santiago Cua Hiong are labeled collaborators by the CIC. Other claimants had been described by CIC as of doubtful loyalty although not definitely labeled collaborators. This office is in receipt by mail of an anonymous letter, copy of which is herewith annexed. While not much credence can be placed in this, it is a circumstance subsequent in time to the suspicions which I had entertained prior to its arrival.

6. I have heretofore examined a confidential G-2 report submitted to GHQ dated 25 January 1946 covering guerrilla activities on Mindanao. To a large degree various factual narrations of Lt. Pedraya are corroborated in the report including the circumstances of Capt. de Asis' death.

There appears to be no doubt of Pedraya's official status nor the recognition of the guerrilla unit on 21 October 1943. Pedraya was duly commissioned on 1 January 1944 and is presently on active duty in the Philippine Army. It is likewise evident that his unit maintained communications and received orders from Col. Fertig, recognized guerrilla commanding officer on Mindanao.

7. The files appear prima facie, to establish valid claims but in view of the circumstances set forth herein, I have with reluctance given approval and recommendation for payment in various claims. It is my opinion that there is no remaining avenue of inquiry which we may pursue in this office. The only other activity which may draw light on the situation would be for an on the scene investigation in Mati by at least several investigators. In view of the fact that Lt. Horst and I are the only personnel here, it has been impracticable for either of us to leave on such an extended mission, the success of which is problematical. The crux of the situation as I see it, resolves itself into one proposition, i.e., whether or not Pedraya and Dominguez and to a lesser degree Barrientos have conspired with the various claimants to present fraudulent claims. Both Pedraya and Dominguez for the record, have a clean bill of health and other than the circumstances recited herein there is presented no tangible evidence of a fraud. Lt. Pedraya explains the similarity and pattern of the receipts and certificates in his affidavit submitted herewith. It is possible, of course, that the explanation is true. Record evidence as per Mr. Rodriguez's affidavit and inclosure does not contain any helpful information which I did not have before. It is suggested, however, that Lt. Col. Kangleon be interviewed by an officer from Manila Headquarters, at Kangleon's present post in Manila, Hqs. Philippine Army and that as fully a detailed narration be obtained from him as possible. It is likewise suggested that before any of these claims be passed upon by the Commission that a team of investigators handling the data herewith inclosed, conduct an on the scene investigation at Mati and surrounding areas. As a suggestion it is pointed out that Lt. Rosenn now on Mindanao has a considerably larger staff than I have and it may be feasible for him to assign such a detail.

8. The list of claimants and pertinent data inclosed indicates a number of claims thereof which have been already sent to Manila Headquarters either directly by me as Team Director No. 12, or via Team No. 4 at Base K. In the absence of instructions I shall continue to complete these claims and forward them to Manila Headquarters so that the overall picture may be presented. But it is requested that the claims be not finally passed upon nor paid until further inquiry as recommended here be obtained.

CHARLES J. KLYDE
1st Lt., JAGD
Officer in Charge
Claims Service, AFWESPAC, Davao Branch

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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JOVITO B. PEDRAYA being duly sworn deposes and says:

That I am a duly commissioned officer in the Philippine Army holding the present rank of 2nd Lieutenant. My Army Serial Number is 026356 and I am presently assigned to the Casual Camp at Alae, Bukidnon.

At the outbreak of the war, I was on active duty as First Sergeant of the 3rd Davao Company, Philippine Constabulary stationed at Mati, Davao under the command of Capt. Florentino Asis; the other company officer was 1st. Lt. Geronimo Lizardo.

In the early stages of the war, our company consisted of 42 men. We had been originally assigned to the Mati sector covering the East Coast of Davao and included such locations as Panambon, Javilar, Zaragoza, Manay, Caraga, Baganga and Cateel. The Japanese penetrated to the Mati area in April 1942. Our organization at that time retreated to Javilar barrio a point about 30 miles east of the Municipality of Mati. At about this time we received a radio message from the provincial governor to continue organized resistance so far as possible and to reorganize and to add to our strength by inducting as many ex-PC soldiers and able bodied volunteer civilians to join our forces. Acting under this instructions, we increased our organization to approximately 300 men about April 1942. Groups of men were assigned and given posts and patrol assignments. The Japanese were not in the area in great strength but maintained their headquarters at Mati. About November 1942, Capt. Asis, Lt. Lizardo and 4 men left our headquarters and surrendered to the Japanese at Mati. When Capt. Asis left I assumed command as the ranking non-com and reorganized the company. Intelligence report thereafter established that Capt. Asis and Lt. Lizardo and the men who had accompanied them were actively collaborating with the Japs. Sometime in the early part of December 1942, a force of men under my command contacted Capt. Asis and Lt. Lizardo, 3 officers and several enlisted men, all of whom were Jap collaborators. Capt. Asis and the officers with him were killed. Some of the enlisted men escaped and went back to the Japanese headquarters. This occurred in the vicinity of San Ignacio, Manay, and was duly reported thereafter to Col. Fertig, in charge of guerrilla activities in Mindanao. Shortly after Capt. Asis' death, I organized a force of our men and attacked the Jap garrison at Panambon killing 11 Japanese and 22 collaborators. I installed a detachment at Panambon of 3 squads and at various locations in the Mati area including Javilar, Zaragoza, Manay, Caraga, Baganga and Cateel, installed other detachments for a total approximate number so engaged of 120 men. We then proceeded from that point on to cover a territory along the east coast of approximately 160 miles which conformed to a fair degree the original sector assigned to the 3rd Davao Company at the outbreak of the war. We continued our operations during all of 1943. Effective 1 January 1944 we were in communication with Col. Fertig, commanding officer of all organized guerrilla resistance on Mindanao and on that date we became a part of the 111th Provisional Bn. of the 10th Military District, and I was commissioned a 3rd Lieutenant and named as Executive Officer of the Battalion. The outfit remained in the Mati area with headquarters at Caraga, Davao until by order of the 10th Military District I was transferred to the 130th Inf. PA headquarters at Maguapo, Davao in May 1945. I remained with this organization

in May 1945. I remained with this organization assigned as company officer of "I" company. I was then ordered to Sasa, Davao in the newly formed 62nd Inf. Regt. of the 6th Inf. Division, PA under Major Pedro Aquino. I was later assigned to my present assignment.

During all of the time enumerated herein spent in the Davao area, our organization had no supply line nor ready means of supply. Our only source of supply and maintenance were those items of food and supply which we could commandeer from civilian sources in the area. Since our organization of approximately 300 men were scattered in a fairly large territory, I authorized my officer and non-coms to commandeer and requisition as needed for official use such food and supplies as were obtainable. I also made arrangement with the municipal mayors of various barrios throughout the area to arrange for supply and maintenance of my men. These included Mayor Emilio Mapayo of Manay, Mayor Primitivo Gambon of Free Mati, Mayor Jose Pichon of Caraga, Mayor G. Nova of Baganga, and Mayor D. Dacuycuy of Cateel. Among my officers who were authorized were Lts. Molina, Aguilar, R. Arisola, and L. Alonzo who were then company commanders of the 4 companies. I likewise authorized non-commissioned officers in charge of small detachments operating at various points to commandeer food and supplies. These included Mess Sergeants of the various companies and in addition, so far as I can recall, Cpl. Efren Dominguez at Pancmbon, Cpl. Barrientos at Dawan, Sergeant Aldaba of "C" company and others.

The food and supplies so furnished from civilian sources were given to my organization and a receipt was issued in each instances. In the early part of our activity, we had no particular form of receipt or requisition and used any paper which was available. Later we issued form receipts for what we had obtained. In recent months I had been sought out by a number of civilians who supplied food and other necessities and in those instances where they produced individual receipts which I could recognize or if they had no receipt but I had personal knowledge of their supplying us with food, I would issue certificates to be used by them in the presentation of their claims. My force during this period for the greater time consisted of approximately 300 men and large quantities of beef, carabao, cattle, chickens, pigs, eggs, palay, corn, rice, and other food items were requisitioned under my orders. All of these items were for official use of the Armed Forces and were not for the private or personal gain of myself or any of my personnel. In every instance where a certificate of my signature has been issued it has been for the supplies enumerated therein which were actually received by personnel of my organization for official use and are true and accurate.

JOVITO B. PEDRAYA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March 1946.

CHARLES J. KLYDE

1st Lt., JAGD

Officer in Charge, Claims Service

Davao Branch

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Charles J. Klyde

/t/ CHARLES J. KLYDE

1st Lt., JAGD

Officer in Charge, Claims Service

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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C I T Y O F D A V A O)

EFREN G. DOMINGUEZ being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am of full age and a resident of Mati, Davao.

At the outbreak of the war I resided in Mati, Davao. During activities in the area, a military organization composed of the 3rd Davao Co. Philippine Constabulary and other elements who joined these forces was engaged in operations against the enemy following the withdrawal of American forces from the City of Davao and vicinity.

At the present time I am 33 years of age. In July 1943 I volunteered as a soldier and was accepted as such by the commanding officer, Lt. J. B. Pedraya of the 3rd Davao Co. Philippine Constabulary. From that point on I was on active duty as a soldier and because of my familiarity with the territory as I was a native of that region, I was placed in charge of a detachment belonging to Lt. Pedraya's command known as "Suicide Detachment." Our organization was engaged for a continuous period following July 1943 in contact with enemy Jap patrols and we were constantly engaged in carrying on an organized resistance to the enemy. Before my joining, the organization had been commanded by Capt. Florentino Asis who had been killed in action. In order to maintain and equip our organization because of inadequate and non-existent supply lines, we were required to commandeer and requisition food and supplies as needed from civilian sources in the area. Acting under orders of my superiors, I commandeered for official army use various quantities of food-stuffs of all kinds from local civilian plantation owners, ranchers, and others. Mostly the things I commandeered were food and to a limited extent other supplies as needed. I did not commandeer any motor vehicles but did commandeer carts and carretons for the purpose of carrying our supplies. In some instances I likewise commandeered wood, lumber and parts of iron roofing for official use. In every instance that I took supplies for the Army, I issued a receipt signed by me setting forth what the articles were that I received. In some instances I fixed prices for the supplies taken which prices I was told to do my superior officers in accordance with a list of prices which were issued by the government.

On 1 April 1944 our company became a part of the 111th Provisional Bn. 107th Division, 10th Military District, (PA) and we continued to operate as such until hostilities ceased. My commanding officer from 1 April 1944 on was Lt. Owen P. Wilson, a United States Army officer in the Signal Corps who had been given command.

On 31 August 1945 while holding the rank of private first class by Special Order No. 110 Headquarters 107th Division (PA) dated 31 August 1945 paragraph 2 thereof, I was released from active duty and honorably discharged and was issued an honorable discharge dated 31 August 1945 given at Tagum, Davao, signed by Major P. S. Aquino, commanding, issued for the 107th Div. of the 10th Military District. My Army serial number is 064327.

In no instance were any of the supplies taken by me for my personal or private use or gain. I did so in each instance acting under superior orders for official army use.

EFREN DOMINGUEZ

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February, 1946.

CHARLES J. KLYDE, 1st Lt., JAGD
Claims Service, Davao Branch

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Charles J. Klyde
/t/ CHARLES J. KLYDE, 1st Lt., JAGD
Claims Service, Davao Branch

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
CPG

6 February '43

Subject: TRANSFER OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

To : All Division and Regimental Commdrs.

1. It has been acted that transfer of enlisted personnel from one unit to another is rampantly practised.
2. The attention of all concerned is enjoined that transfer of enlisted men is seriously discouraged by this headquarters.
3. Request for transfer of enlisted personnel from unit to unit should deserve utmost investigation of Commanding Officers concerned before it is officially routed to military channels.
4. The Army wants to emphasize its rules and regulations that they should not be used as subservient tools to their unreasonable wishes.
5. Request for transfer must be militarily reasonable. Transfer based upon family reason or personal convenience is contrary to the policy of this headquarters and should be given minimum consideration.

By command of Brigadier General FERTIG:

(SGD) F. C. MORIA
Lt-Col inf-USFIP
Adjutant General

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All concerned:
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Subject: Branch Office, Claims Service, Cagayan.

FROM: Exec Off

TO: COC

20 May 1946

1. Team 4, Branch Office, Claims Service, Cagayan, is charged with the investigation of claims in the following provinces in the island of Mindanao:

a. Northern half of Zamboanga (Dipolog). At present, 1 US Army officer, (Lt. Kavanaugh) and 5 PA officers are on duty.

b. Province of Misamis Occidental - 1 US Army officer, (Lt. Dixon) and 1 PA officer are on duty. This Team at present is completing cases which have been filed during the period 1 November 1945 to 15 January 1946, when a Sub-Team was located at Oroquieta (provincial capital) and Jimenez. All of these cases have been processed except certain details which are presently being cleared up, and the work of this Team should be completed not later than the first week of June.

c. Surigao Province - A Sub-Team in Cagayan proceeded to Surigao about 13 May 1946, to work on pending cases. All of the claims in Surigao have been cleared up except a few from the east coast. A Team was located in Surigao City and Placer, from 19 August to 19 September 1945, and it is estimated that the majority of claims to be filed have already been received by the Team working in that area and should be able to complete the processing of these claims by the first week of June.

d. Lanao Province - A Team was located in this province since 5 July 1945 until 15 January 1946, and it is estimated that all claims to be filed have been received. Some of these have not been completely processed, but sufficient officers proceeded to this province about 13 May and will remain for a period of 2 weeks to complete the processing of pending cases.

e. Agusan Province - A Team was located in this province 19 August to 1 November 1945, and no further claims remained to be processed.

f. Cagayan, Misamis Oriental - Practically all claims in this province have been filed and the majority of them have been completely processed.

File Off: Team 4 - Cagayan

Chk Sht fr Exec Off to COC dtd 20 May 46, subject: Branch Office, Claims Service, Cagayan (contd).

2. The following areas have not been reached as yet by Claims Service due to their inaccessibility, but it is estimated that a number of claims exist which should be received and processed: Midsayap, Pikit, Kabacan and Kidapawan. These areas can be reached by road, but it is a difficult trip. They are accessible, however, by L-5 and if sufficient personnel are placed on duty, the areas could probably be cleared up in two to three weeks. It is estimated that the majority of cases are for subsistence furnished guerilla units and are under ₱200.00.

3. With the personnel presently on duty in this Branch Office, provided no unforeseen obstacles arise, it should be possible to close the activities of Claims Service in that area of Mindanao by 30 June 1946.

4. It is recommended that an officer of the grade of Capt. be sent to Cagayan for the purpose of relieving officers presently there from the burden of command and administrative duties which now fall to them. The only US forces in this area are one battalion of the 86th Infantry Division located at Del Monte, approximately 25 miles south of Cagayan; representatives of the Real Estate Division and CIC. The latter two are quartered and subsisted with Claims Service personnel. CIC representatives will be called out not later than the end of May. The 86th Infantry Division will probably move out of this area about 15 June 1946.

5. Two one-man Contract Claims Commissions are functioning: Lt. Rosenn and Lt. Grevenberg. They are working independently and have about equal number of cases. With the present backlog of cases of investigating service, they should have no difficulty in keeping abreast of completed investigations.


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Team 4-1

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c/o Hq 6th Inf Div (PA)

APO 159

MR/8-3
20 March 1946

SUBJECT: Procurement Records of 105th, 106th, 108th, 109th, 110th Divisions, 10th Military District, USAFIP.

TO : Commanding Officer
6th Infantry Division, PA
APO 159

1. It is requested that procurement records of 105th, 106th, 108th, 109th, and 110th Divisions, 10th Military District, USAFIP, and their subordinate elements, be secured and made available to this Headquarters.

2. Since 10th Military District has recorded outstanding obligations amounting to over \$5,000,000.00, it is believed that records evidencing the same are in possession of the former Division Quartermasters.

MAX ROSENN
1st Lieut, J.A.G.D.
Officer-in-charge.

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1st Lt, CWS

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SUBJECT: Information received from 100th, 100th, 100th
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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC

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FILE NO. SUBJECT: Records of 10th M.D., USFIP

(1) FROM: G-3, GSCPG TO: Recovered Personnel
 Guerrilla Affairs Branch Division.

Forwarded herewith as requested are records on the 10th
Military District, USFIP.

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Chief, Guerrilla Affairs Branch

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Guerrilla Affairs Branch

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Lt. Col., SAC
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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
"A" CORPS, WESTERN MINDANAO, 10th MO
HQ 2ND BN 105TH INF
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27 Feb '44

SUBJECT: Officers Occupy Quarters Near the Barracks of their Units, Certification that

TO : The Adjutant, 105th Infantry CPU

1. This is to certify that all Officers in this Command are living in quarters near the barracks of their units.

2. It is further certified, that all Officers in this Command were furnished copies of the MEMO on the above subject.

Marcelino J. Apura

MARCELINO J. APURA
1st Lieut Inf
Commanding

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