



HISTORY OF THE 2ND LEYTE COMPANY

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HISTORY OF THE 2ND LEYTE COMPANY, PC

(Deduced from a special study of thirty-three (33)
2nd Leyte Company, PC cases)

The 2nd Leyte Company, Philippine Constabulary was stationed in Ormoc, Leyte at the outbreak of war. The unit was one of the Philippine Constabulary companies in Leyte which subsequently became a component of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion of the Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE.¹

1st Lt Marcos E. Nolasco was the Company Commander of the 2nd Leyte Company until about February 10, 1942 when he was transferred to the 1st Leyte Company also as Company Commander.² 1st Lt Blas E. Miranda of the 1st Leyte Company was assigned Company Commander of the 2nd Leyte Company from February 11, 1942 until the surrender of the USAFFE forces in May 1942.³

Change in assignment of Junior Officers of the unit is also noted. 1st Lt Urbano C. Francisco was the Junior Officer of the unit from November 8, 1941 to on or about January 10, 1942 when he was transferred to the 3rd Leyte Company vice 1st Lt Apolinar B. Qustulio, Junior Officer of the 3rd Leyte Company, who was transferred to the 2nd Leyte Company. Both officers served in their new assignments until the surrender in May 1942.

Members of the 2nd Leyte Company allege to have been inducted into

¹ History of the 1st Leyte Company, PC.

² Affidavit of Arturo A. Reyes, 19 Dec 51.

³ Extract of Form 23 of Blas E. Miranda, 3 Sep 47.

the USAFFE on December 29, 1941 at Camp Downes, Ormoc, Leyte by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco. These allegations are supported by affidavits, and in some cases, by original copy and true copy of certificates of induction signed by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco.⁴ On the basis of these documents, it is believed that Capt Nolasco actually inducted the 2nd Leyte Company into the USAFFE on December 29, 1941 as alleged.

While Capt Manuel O. Nolasco was on active duty with the Philippine Army as Camp Commander, Censor, Procurement and Construction Officer at Camp Downes on the date he inducted the members of the 2nd Leyte Company, he himself was inducted only on December 30, 1941 by Lt Martin.⁵ The validity of the induction by this officer of members of the 2nd Leyte Company on 29 December, has therefore, been questioned on the ground that Capt Nolasco was not himself a USAFFE when he performed the induction. However, on the basis that the induction was performed upon instruction of Capt Whitehurst, and on the basis of the decision of the Judge Advocate General wherein it has been held that an officer, not himself inducted into the Army of the United States, may make valid inductions, provided: "(1) He is a Commissioned Officer in unobstructed possession of his office and discharges his duties in full view of the public in such manner as not to appear to be a usurper; (2) the individual to whom the oath is administered does not know that

⁵Certificate of Induction of Dionisio Gala and Norberto Vega.

Certificate of Manuel O. Nolasco, 10 Jul 52.

the officer concerned does not hold his office de jure."6, it has been determined that induction by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco of the members of the 2nd Leyte Company on December 29, 1941 is valid USAFFE induction.7

Some members of the unit appear listed in special orders of promotion issued by Philippine Constabulary Headquarters, District of the Visayas in January and February 1942,8 which indicate that the unit served and was under USAFFE control.

Members of the unit also effected the transfer of members of the Philippine Constabulary companies in Masbate island to Leyte on or about February 27, 1942.9 The Masbate PC companies upon arrival in Leyte, became the fourth Philippine Constabulary unit of the Constabulary battalion in Leyte.10

In some of the 201 records examined there are copies of application for National Service Life Insurance (VA Insurance Form 350)11 and authorization for deduction in pay for NSLI (WD AGO Form No. 29-3).12 However, a check of NSLI records in this headquarters reveal no NSLI

6 Ruling and reference to decisions of courts on which the ruling is based may be found in files of 11th Infantry Project.

7 Memo for Record, 24 Oct 52, subject: "Inductions Performed by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco.

8 Copy of Special Orders in History of the 1st Leyte Company, PC.

9 Affidavit of Blas E. Miranda, 14 Mar 46 and Extract of Form 23 of Apolinar B. Quetulio, 13 Feb 46.

10 History of the 1st Leyte Company, PC.

11 Application for NSLI of Dionisio Gala.

12 Authorization for Deduction in Pay, NSLI of Dionisio Gala, 1 Apr 42.

data for these persons. Regarding applications for NSLI of members of the 2nd Leyte Company, Lt Blas E. Miranda states:¹³

That all matters pertaining to National Service Life Insurance Premiums, including payroll deductions were authorized and processed by the Leyte Provisional Finance Officer (USAFFE), whose name I remember as Capt. RAYMUNDO CANTARA. This fact is known to me because I was the Disbursement Officer for the 2nd Leyte Company, PC-USAFFE;

That, on or about 1 April 1942, I distinctly remember assembling the personnel of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC-USAFFE and having the men accomplish a WD AGO Form for their National Service Life Insurance and I further remember that DIONISIO C. GALA was among the personnel of my unit who accomplished the form on that day.

Also in connection with the National Service Life Insurance, Capt Manuel O. Nolasco states:¹⁴

That, sometimes during the month of April 1942, I distinctly remember authorizing the transmission by radio to Australia the names of men and Officers of the SAMAR-LEYTE PROVISIONAL BRIGADE who had subscribed to National Service Life Insurance and I know the radio message was received in Australia because we received confirmation for the Radio Message that took nearly one full day to transmit;

The fact that this headquarters has no NSLI record on members of the unit who have filed application for NSLI could have been due to the fact that their application may not have reached the agency which takes custody of these records. However, notwithstanding negative NSLI data in this headquarters, copy of application for NSLI and Authorization for Deduction in Pay for NSLI, if available, should be accepted as evidence of USAFFE service, because NSLI application

¹³Certificate of Blas E. Miranda, 12 Dec 50.

¹⁴Certificate of Manuel O. Nolasco, 20 Dec 50.

was authorized only to USAFFE personnel and only USAFFE personnel could have filed the applications.

The unit remained stationed in Ormoc, Leyte until on or about May 24, 1942 when order to surrender was received. The unit was disbanded and members thereof did not surrender in May 1942, except for Pvt Guillermo D. Abano and Pvt Luis C. Monieza, who allegedly surrendered on May 31 and 11, 1942 respectively and became prisoners of war. Some members of the unit, however, surrendered at later dates, possibly when USAFFE soldiers were rounded up by Japanese authorities.

C O N C L U S I O N

On the basis of the foregoing facts and findings the following conclusions have been drawn:

1. The 2nd Leyte Company, PC was stationed in Ormoc, Leyte on December 8, 1941. Officers of the company were:

- 1st Lt Marcos E. Nolasco - Company Commander until 10 Feb 42
- 1st Lt Blas E. Miranda - Company Commander from about 11 Feb 42 until disbandment of unit
- 1st Lt Urbano C. Francisco - Junior Officer until 10 Jan 42
- 1st Lt Apolinar B. Quetulio - Junior Officer from 11 Jan 42 until disbandment of unit

2. The 2nd Leyte Company, PC was inducted into the USAFFE by Captain Manuel O. Nolasco on or about December 29, 1941 at Camp Downes, Ormoc, Leyte. Members of the unit who allege USAFFE status by virtue of this induction must prove USAFFE identity in the same manner as any Philippine Army USAFFE cases.

3. The induction of members of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC on December 29, 1941 by Captain Manuel O. Nolasco is valid USAFFE in-

duction.

4. The unit became a component of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion, Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE.

5. Some members of the unit are listed in special orders of promotion issued by Philippine Constabulary Headquarters, Visayas-District in January and February 1942.

6. The Philippine Constabulary units on Masbate were evacuated to Leyte on or about February 27, 1942 by members of the 2nd Leyte Company.

7. Some members of the unit have filed application for NSLI on or about April 1942, however, no insurance data can be found in NSLI records this headquarters. NSLI application and/or Authorization for Deduction in Pay for NSLI, if any, may be accepted as evidence of USAFFE service.

8. The unit was last stationed in Ormoc, Leyte. It was disbanded on or about May 24, 1942. However, two of its members, Pvt Guillermo D. Abano and Pvt Luis C. Monieza, allegedly surrendered and became prisoners of war on May 31 and 11, 1942. Some members of the unit surrendered at later dates, possibly when USAFFE soldiers were rounded up by Japanese authorities.

ARCHIVES RESEARCH

A thorough check of available archives on the 2nd Leyte Company, PC has been made at Records Branch and at Project "J" Section. This revealed that:

1. There are no historical records pertaining to the unit.
2. A majority of members of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC appear in some Philippine Army and Philippine Constabulary special and general orders dated prior to December 1941.
3. a. The "Alphabetical Casualty Listings of Officers and Enlisted Personnel who were in the Philippine Island Area as of 7 December 1941" shows:

Collin B. Whitehurst, Captain, ASN O-21351
Service Company, 45th Infantry (PC)
Killed in Action on 24 October 1944

b. Paragraph 2, Special Orders # 35, 23 December 1941, Headquarters, Visayan-Mindanao Force, USAFFE, indicates Capt Collin B. Whitehurst, Jr., O-21351, to have been appointed Depot Commander at Quartermaster Sub-Depot at Navigation Heads and as Class A Agent Finance Officer at Catbalogan, Samar for Troops on Leyte and Samar.

Capt Whitehurst was the US Army Officer who allegedly gave Capt Manuel O. Nolasco verbal instruction to induct the 2nd Leyte Company, PC.

4. Notes on the Leyte Provisional Regiment "(Reference to the 94th Infantry Regiment, extracted from Historical Div Acc No F-33 of the 'GUERRILLA RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN LEYTE')" cites briefly the organization of the USAFFE force in Leyte.

5. There are no other records which would of value in the preparation of this history.

KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE 2ND LEYTE COMPANY, PC

Nolasco, Marcos E., 1st Lt
Company Commander until 10 Feb 42

Miranda, Blas E., 1st Lt
Company Commander from 11 Feb 42 up
to surrender

Francisco, Urbano C., 1st Lt
Junior Officer until 10 Jan 42

Quetulio, Apolinar B., 1st Lt
Junior Officer from 11 Jan 42
until disbandment

First Sergeant

1. Maguikay, Vitaliano L.

Sergeant

2. Cao, Candido C.
3. Fido, Juan C.
4. Tabar, Mariano G.

Corporal

5. Ayuban, Inigo V.
6. Ibarra, Moises O.
7. Lavictoria, Jose B.
8. Sulla, Alfredo D.

Private First Class

9. Barte, Apolonio L.
10. Butlig, Vivencio F.
11. Kasela, Sotero C.
12. Mercedes, Quintino G.
13. Toncolete, Loreto Y.
- 14.

Private

14. Abano, Guillermo D.
15. Alloro, Emilio V.
16. Arradaza, Abundio F.
17. Elique, Agustin C.
18. Gala, Dionisio C.
19. Gallego, Mariano A.
20. Geneston, Escolastico L.

21. Galvez, Hipolito G.
22. Gonzalo, Antonio G.
23. Gonzalo, Aurelio G.
24. Hanopol, Sergio G.
25. Miralles, Benigno
26. Misagal, Ventura D.
27. Monieza, Luis G.
28. Rapas, Vicente V.
29. Vega, Norberto G.

Victor L. Shumaker

VICTOR L. SHUMAKER
Reviewer

Ernesto A. Rivero

ERNESTO A RIVERO
Claims Examiner

The following documents were used as aid in arriving at the above history:

1. History of the 1st Leyte Company, FC.
2. Affidavit of Arturo A. Reyes dated 19 December 1951
3. Extract, Form 23 of Blas E. Miranda dated 3 September 1947
4. Certificate of Induction of Dionisio Gala
5. Certificate of Induction of Norberto Vega
6. Certificate of Manuel O. Nolasco dated 10 July 1952
7. Memorandum for Record, subject: "Inductions Performed by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco" dated 24 October 1952
8. Affidavit of Blas E. Miranda dated 14 March 1946
9. Extract, Form 23 of Apolinario B. Quetulio dated 13 February 1946
10. Copy, application for NSLI of Dionisio Gala
11. Copy, Authorization for Deduction in Pay, NSLI of Dionisio Gala
12. Certificate of Blas E. Miranda dated 12 December 1950
13. Certificate of Manuel O. Nolasco dated 20 December 1950
14. Ruling and Decisions of the Courts on the validity of inductions by an officer not himself inducted into the Army of the United States, on file with 14th Infantry Project

1951, affixed his Philippine Certificate No. _____
 issued at Cavite City on Jan. 19, 1951

A F F I D A V I T

I, ARTURO A. REYES, O-1162, Lt. Col. (Retired), Inf., of legal age, married, a resident of 31 Juan Luna St., Cavite City, having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, do hereby depose and say:

That I was the P.C. Provincial Commander of Leyte and have subsequently been inducted into the USAFFE by Col. Carter at Tacloban, Leyte on December 15, 1941 and remained as Provincial Commander and Provost Marshal of the same Province until I surrendered and taken prisoner of war on 23 May 1942 at Tacloban, Leyte;

That as Provost Marshal and Provincial Commander of Leyte before and during the war, I came to know personally the late 1st Lt. Marcos E. Nolasco, who was then assigned as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Leyte Co., and subsequently assigned to 1st Leyte Co. on February 11, 1942 under my command until all of us surrendered;

That Lt. Nolasco was inducted in my presence by Capt. Manuel O Nolasco, by order of Col. Carter, into the USAFFE on 28 December 1941 together with his men in the 2nd Leyte Co. at Ormoc, Leyte where he served efficiently and faithfully as commanding officer, until he surrendered to the Japanese Army on 26 May 1942 and we with many other officers were imprisoned at Tacloban, Leyte;

That my knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the services and induction of the late Lt. Nolasco into the USAFFE is based not only on my records as Provincial Commander but also as co-prisoner of war at Tacloban, Leyte and until we were both released on 3 April 1943;

That this affidavit is executed for the purpose of supporting the USAFFE status of the late Lt. Nolasco.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affixed my signature this 19th day of December, 1951, at Cavite City, Philippines.

s/ Arturo A. Reyes
 t/ ARTURO A. REYES
 Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 19th day of December, 1951, affiant exhibiting his Residence Certificate No. A-4657594, issued at Cavite City on Jan. 19, 1951.

s/ Deogracias S. Solis
t/ DEOGRACIAS S. SOLIS
City Attorney
Cavite City

A TRUE COPY:

Paul Curd
PAUL CURD
1ST LT AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

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1. a. MIRANDA BLAS ENCARNACION 1st Lieut, CE 0-21067
 (Last Name) (First) (MI) (Gr & Br Sv) (ASN)

b. OPERATIONS SECTION, LCS, TDG Team # 2 Mandaluyong, Rizal
 (Present Organization) (Mailing Address)

2. CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF ACTIVITIES (Per 2c):

- 1. 1 Jul'41- 7 Oct '41 J.O. 1st Leyte Co PC Tacloban, Leyte Maj. Arturo Reyes
- 2. 8 Oct '41-26 Dec '41 C.O. 1st Leyte Co PC -do- -do-
- 3. 27 DECEMBER 1941 INDUCTED INTO THE USAFFE -do- 1st Lt. Juan C. Torres, MC
 (Auth: Par. 1, GO #24, Hq USAFFE
 dtd 7 Nov '41)
- 4. 28 Dec '41-10 Feb '42 C.O. 1st Leyte Co, PC -do- Maj. Arturo Reyes
- 5. 11 Feb '42-24 May '42 C.O. 2ns Leyte Co PC Ormoc, Leyte Maj. Eustaquio Abay
- 6. 25 May '42- 2 Dec '42 C.O. Western Leyte Guer. Warfare Unit -do- Lt. B. E. Miranda
- 7. 3 Dec '42-29 Dec '44 C.O. Western Leyte Guer. Warfare Forces -do- Brig. Gen. B. E. Miranda
- 8. 30 DECEMBER 1944 PROCESSED, 1st Repl Bn. PA Tacloban, Leyte Maj. M. Martin
 4th Repl Depot US Army

5. CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF WOUNDS AND ILLNESS INCURRED FROM 8 DEC 41, TO DATE OF RETURN TO MILITARY CONTROL. SHOW ALL WOUNDS AND ILLNESS INCURRED.

From	To	Unit	Geographic- al Location	By Whom Treated	Nature of Injury of Illness	Permanent Disabilities Incurred, if any
NONE						

(Dates listed above must agree with those shown in par 2c above)

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

AGRD
 VB Form #58
 (Revised 27 Nov 51)

Paul Curi
PAUL CURI
 1ST LT AOC
 1ST ADJUTANT

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES OF THE FAR EAST

BANAR-LIKTE PROVINCIAL BRIGADE

December 28, 1941

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT Manisio S. Sela
(Name)

Pvt. (SG) S. Sela Co., 10. Comm. Force was inducted
(RANK) (UNIT)

by me into the service of the United States Army Forces
in the Far East on 27th Dec 1941 in
(Day, Month & Year)

compliance with Par. 1, G. O. #34, H. Q. USAFFE, dated
November 7, 1941.

[Signature]
Acceptance Officer
1st Lieutenant, USAFFE.

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DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (if any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Authentication of Induction paper of Dionicio C. Gala, signed by Manuel O. Nolasco 29 Dec 1941

TO

FROM

DATE

COMMENT NO. 1

OIC, Deceased Section
Veterans Branch, AGRD

Magdaleno R. Morales
Document Examiner
Inv. Br. - A. O. R. D.

21 Feb 1951

FINDINGS:

1. This induction paper is a carbon copy which the date, name, of Dionicio C. Gala, rank, unit, day month, and year had been filled by the same typewriter used in making this carbon copy.
2. Under the typewritten name of Manuel O. Nolasco, was first typewritten the name of Manuel Martin all in capital letters.
3. The words "1st Lieutenant, USAFFE," under Acceptance Officer, had been typewritten in another typewriter, separate and distinct from the typewriter used in the rest of the entries.
4. On examination of the Form 23 of Manuel O. Nolasco, he stated all his military activities, but never mentioned being an inducting officer of the USAFFE. Besides, in all the supporting papers of his induction to the USAFFE such affidavits stated, that he, Manuel O. Nolasco was inducted by Lt M. Martin on 30 December 1941. So that, this is a very clear point that Nolasco was not a USAFFE then on 29 December 1941; and therefore, have no legal authority to induct anybody into the USAFFE, the fact that he was not yet inducted on that date into the USAFFE, the fact that he was granted that he really inducted said Dionicio C. Gala on the 29th of December 1941, the fact that he has no legal authority as such, is tantamount that his action of inducting anybody is null and void.
5. So that, based on the above cited facts I honestly conclude that this induction paper of Dionicio C. Gala is not a legitimate document and therefore, recommend that this induction paper be treated as null and void.

Magdaleno R. Morales
MAGDALENO R. MORALES
Document Examiner
Inv. Br. - A. O. R. D.

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1 JUL 50

REPLACES FORM 96, 1 JUL 50, WHICH MAY BE USED

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, MANUEL O NOLASCO, 46 years old, married, residing at 237 Nakar, San Andres, Manila, hereby declare that I understand my rights under the Constitution and laws of the Philippines; that I also understand that my statements will be used to prove material facts in support of a claim for veterans benefits from the United States Government and that I make these statements voluntarily and freely:

That I was formerly a member of the USAFFE, having been inducted on 30 December 1941 at Camp Downes, Ormoc, Leyte by Lt. Mamel Martin, the District Engineer of the 9th Military District Headquarters, Tacloban, Leyte. I was inducted as a 1st Lt and shortly after my induction, I was assigned as the Battalion Commander of the 2d Bn, Leyte Provisional Regiment. Lt. Martin came to Ormoc from Tacloban for the purpose of inducting personnel at Camp Downes who had not been previously inducted into the USAFFE. I and seven key men under me were inducted by Lt. Martin at the same time. I don't remember the names of all seven men but five of them were: Sergeant Colminas (Fnu), Sgt Jesus Tan (later commissioned), Cpl Salvador Pader, Cpl Munesa (Fnu) and Pfc Butlig (Fnu).

That previous to my induction into the USAFFE, I was assigned to the Philippine Army Training Center, Camp Downes, Ormoc as Camp Commander, being in this capacity from July 1940 up to my surrender on 26 May 1942. I was the Camp Commander when the officers and men of the 91st Infantry Regiment and the officers of the 92nd and 93rd Infantry Regiments left Ormoc. I was not inducted into the USAFFE as Col Carter informed me that I was not considered a member of these units. After these personnel left, I was assigned duties as Procurement, Construction and Censor Officer of the Western Leyte Sector (north to San Isidro and South to Malitbog), in addition to being Camp Commander.

Although I had not been inducted into the USAFFE, I was given verbal instructions by Capt Charles Whitehurst, Western Sector Quartermaster, to induct others and to procure materials for the USAFFE.

When the elements of the 91st Division left Camp Downes, there were few troops remaining. I remember that I and three other officers were left behind together with the 2d Leyte PC. One of these officers was Lt. Marcos Nolasco (no relation to me) of the 2d Leyte PC. I cannot remember the names of the other two officers. About one (1) week after all the 91st troops moved out, our headquarters was moved to the Central School in Ormoc where it remained until about around the 1st week of May 1942. The 2d Leyte PC remained at Camp Downes.

In acting upon the verbal instructions of Capt. Whitehurst, I inducted the 2d Leyte PC intact into the USAFFE on or about the last week of December 1941 (before my induction by Lt Martin). I inducted these men who were commanded by Lt. Nolasco, in their headquarters at Camp

Downes. In addition to this PC unit and on various dates (after my induction) I inducted about fifty (50) civilians into the USAFFE. Some of these were personnel of the Ormoc air field and some were officers aboard inter-island ships which I commandeered for the USAFFE. Those I can remember from the Ormoc Airfield were: Eduardo Lopez, Crisologo Ablin, Luis Carrillo, Clemente Luague, Pedro Perez and Vicente Mendoza. The ship officers were: 1st Mate Demetrio Tabonera of the "Princess of Cebu", 1st Mate Alfonso Penalosa (boat not remembered), Capt Tomas Bromola and Engineer Inigo Maupas of the "MB Tagbilaran". Before my induction I did not induct any Philippine Army personnel. After my induction I did induct some PA personnel but the only one I can remember at this time is Lt. Gregorio Yrastorza. I also inducted Father Niceforo Pongos (Priest) who was assigned to the Censor section.

After my induction into the USAFFE on 30 December 1941, my assignment as Bn Comdr of the 2d Bn, Leyte Provisional Regiment was in addition to my duties previously stated. On 28 April 1942 I was promoted to Captain and on or about 1 May I was given the rank of Brevet Lt. Colonel and designated as the Executive Officer of the Leyte Provisional Regiment. Shortly thereafter we were ordered to move to interior positions in the vicinity of Lake Danao. Together with A Sgt Ramirez, I surrendered to the Japanese on 26 May 1942 at Ormoc. We were concentrated at Camp Downes for about two or three weeks then moved to the Concentration Camp At Leyte High School in Tacloban. This high school had a wire fence around it and the prisoners were quartered inside the school rooms. There were no Japanese guards in the Building, but the guard house was located at the main entrance to the school. There were about twelve (12) guards and they were rotated in shifts of four, one guard being placed at each corner of the fence surrounding the school building. While I was there, I believe there were about three or four hundred prisoners of war, imprisoned with me.

While I was a POW, I was an eyewitness to the execution of one Lt. (j. g.) Bullock who was beheaded on or about July 1942 by the Japanese at the Cemetery in Tacloban. Lt. Bullock was executed because the Japanese learned of his plan to escape from prison. There was one other Filipino soldier executed at the same time, but I cannot remember his name. I was the only officer other than the Japanese to witness this execution and I was there because Lt. Hirayama (Japanese officer) ordered me to accompany the party. There were civilians who witnessed this execution, but I do not know them.

I escaped in August 1942 and went to Manila, arriving there about the end of September 1942. About a week after my arrival I joined President Quezon's Own Guerrillas, serving therein until the liberation of the Philippines. I heard from Capt Robert Taberrah, whom I met in Manila in late 1943, that the POW camp at Tacloban had been closed about May 1943 and all the prisoners released. I was also informed that prior to May 1943, some of the prisoners had been taken to Cebu.

CERTIFICATE OF MANUEL O. NOLASCO, COMTD:

Other persons in a position to support some of the foregoing testimony are: Col Juan Causing, Col Eustaquio Abay, Lt Jesus Tan, Lt Slane (American).

I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing statements; that they are made by me as true and correct with full knowledge of the fact that severe penalties involving fines and imprisonment are prescribed by Act No. 2567, Philippine Legislature, Enacted February 3, 1916 and still in force and effect (Article XV, Philippine Constitution and Art. 366 Revised Penal Code).

s/ Manuel O. Nolasco
t/ MANUEL O. NOLASCO

Witnessed by the undersigned on 10th day of July 1952, at Palma Hall, Padre Faura, Manila, Philippines.

s/ J. G. Slagle
t/ J. G. SLAGLE

A TRUE COPY:


PAUL CURL
1ST LT AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

DISPOSITION FORM

FILE NO. AGRD-VA 201	SUBJECT Induction Performed by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco
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TO Chief Vets Br	FROM	DATE 24 October 1952	COMMENT-NO. 1
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

1. - The purpose of this Memorandum is to resolve the question of the validity or legality of inductions performed by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco on or about 29 December 1941 at Camp Downes, Ormoc, Leyte.

2. Facts of the case are as follows:

- a. Members of the 2nd Leyte Company PC allege to have been inducted into the USAFFE on or about 29 December 1941 at Camp Downes, Ormoc, Leyte by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco. Aside from affidavits, some members of the unit have presented original copy and true copy of certificates of induction dated 29 December 1941 signed by this officer.

The 2nd Leyte Company subsequently became a component of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion of the Leyte Provisional Regiment (PA) of USAFFE's Samar - Leyte Sector under the over-all Command of Col Cornell.

An indication that the unit served and was under USAFFE control is shown by the fact that a few of members thereof appear listed in Special Orders of promotion issued in January and February 1942.

- b. The inducting officer of the unit, Capt Manuel O. Nolasco, was himself inducted on 30 December 1941 by Lt. Manuel Martin. Regarding inductions performed, Capt Nolasco states:

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Although I had not been inducted into the USAFFE, I was given verbal instructions by Capt Charles Whitehurst, Western Sector Quartermaster, to induct others and to procure materials for the USAFFE.

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In acting upon the verbal instructions of Capt Whitehurst, I inducted the 2nd Leyte PC intact into the USAFFE on or about the last week of December 1941 (before my induction by Lt Martin). I inducted these men who were commanded by Lt Nolasco, in their headquarters at Camp Downes.....

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Within the period 16 July 1941 to 9 December 1941, Capt Nolasco alleges to have been the Camp Commander and Mobilization Officer of the 91st, 92nd, and 93rd Inf Regiments; and from 10 December to 15 May 1942, in addition to his being Camp Commander, he was assigned as Procurement, Censor and Construction Officer. After his induction he was assigned CO of the 2nd Bn, Leyte Provisional Regt stationed in Ormoc.

That Capt Nolasco was on active duty status with the Philippine Army, as alleged, is substantiated by the fact that his name appears in Par. 17, SO #144, Army Hq, Manila, dated 25 June 1941, extending his active duty service with the 9th Military District up to and including 31 December 1941.

Conclusive proof that Capt Nolasco subsequently became a USAFFE is the fact that his name appears in Par 2, SO #35, Hq, USAFFE dated 28 April 1942.

Capt Collin (Not Charles) B. Whitehurst, Jr. O-21351, the officer who gave Capt Nolasco verbal instructions to induct, was killed in action on 24 October 1944, as indicated in War Department Casualty Listings at Project "J". Our records (SO #35, USAFFE, Visayan-Mindanao Force, 23 December 1941) show Capt Whitehurst to have actually been in the service with the Samar-Leyte Sector as Depot Commander of QM Sub-Depot.

3. There is no doubt, therefore, that Capt Nolasco was a bona fide USAFFE, as evidenced by his USAFFE promotion to Captain and by his own allegation that he was inducted by Lt. Martin on 30 December 1941; and that Capt Nolasco was a Commissioned PA Officer on active duty before 30 December. However, the validity or legality of the induction of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC by this Officer has been questioned, on the ground that Capt Nolasco was himself not a USAFFE when he inducted the unit.

4. As a general rule, a requisite to the acquisition of USAFFE status is acceptance "by an Officer of the US Army" or by "Officers in the service of the United States Army in the Philippines." It is true that Capt Nolasco lacked this requisite when he inducted the 2nd Leyte Company, however, the induction was initiated on instruction of Capt Whitehurst. In inducting the 2nd Leyte Company, PC, Capt Nolasco acted in good faith as an agent of Capt Whitehurst, a US Army Officer - an authorized inducting officer. Under this circumstance this induction should merit favorable consideration. In this connection it should be noted that the Judge Advocate General has held that an officer, not himself inducted into the Army of the United States, may make valid inductions, provided: "(1) He is a Commissioned Officer in unobstructed possession of his office and discharges his duties in full view of the public in such manner as not to appear to be a usurper; (2) the individual to whom the oath is administered does not know that the officer concerned does not hold his office de jure." The ruling, and reference to the decisions of the Courts on which the ruling is based may be found in the files of the 14th Infantry Project.

5. On the basis of the merits of the case and in conformity with the precedent set by the Judge Advocate General in its decision aforesaid.

24 October 1952

recommended that the induction of members of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC by Capt Manuel O. Nolasco on or about 29 December 1941 at Ormoc, Leyte be considered valid USAFFE inductions.

s/ Ernesto A. Rivero
t/ ERNESTO A. RIVERO
Claim Examiner

s/ Victor L. Shumaker
t/ VICTOR L. SHUMAKER
Reviewer

APPROVED:

s/ W A Johnson
t/ W A JOHNSON
Captain, AGC

31 October 1952

A TRUE COPY:

Paul Curl
PAUL CURL
1ST LT AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

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I, BLAS E. MIRANDA, O-21067, 1st Lieut. CE, of legal age, married and temporarily residing at Camp Murphy, Rizal, after being duly sworn to according to law depose and say:

That I was the Commanding Officer of the 1st Leyte Co, PC, from September 1941 to 10 Feb. '42 and C.O.; 2nd Leyte Co., PC, Ormoc, Leyte, from 11 Feb. '42 to 24 May '42.

That I was the Commanding Officer of the WESTERN LEYTE GUERRILLA WARFARE FORCES from June 1942 to 28 July 1945, with headquarters at Ormoc, Leyte.

That I know 1st Lt. HILARION S. AYALIN, O-27623, QMS, personally to be the C.O., 1st Masbate Co., PC, Masbate, Masbate, from 3 Dec. '41 to 26 Feb. 1942, and C.O., of the same unit when it was transferred to Tacloban, Leyte, until the 1st week of April 1942, when he was relieved by Capt. V. Donato, Inf. PC. This transfer was effected by the Patrol Boat RADIO from Masbate to Tacloban, Leyte, under my supervision. The movement was in compliance with the radiographic instructions from the Commanding General, Visayan-Mindanao Forces, USAFFE.

That 1st Lt. H. S. Ayalin, O-27623, QMS, was inducted into the USAFFE on 26 Feb. '42 at Masbate, Masbate by Capt. B. Reyes, Inf. PC.

That 1st Lt. H. S. Ayalin, was assigned Supply Officer, 2nd Bn, IPR, at Ormoc, Leyte on or about the first week of April 1942.

That I have personal knowledge of the fact that he was last paid to include 15 May 1942 at Ormoc, Leyte.

That 1st Lt HILARION S. AYALIN, O-27623, QMS, served under my command at Ormoc, Leyte, as Intelligence Officer, GHQ, WESTERN LEYTE GUERRILLA WARFARE FORCES, from 1st May '43 to 28 April '45.

That during the entire period of his service with the WLGNF, I have found him to be loyal, honest and trustworthy. His intelligence reports regarding enemy movements and military installations were accurate and proved useful and helpful in our plan of operations against the enemies at Ormoc, Leyte.

That in the performance of his duties, many times he risked his life regardless of the cost provided it was in the interest of the service. When he was assigned to Negros and Iloilo to contact the guerrilla forces thereat and to gather intelligence informations, he underwent several hardships, crossing Japanese infested territories in order to accomplish his mission. Due to the heavy Japs reinforcements in LEYTE and the surrounding islands, he was not able to return to his unit immediately. All sea lanes were then guarded by patrol boats and submarines.

That 1st Lt. H. S. Ayalin, was not paid any salary or allowances for the entire period of his guerrilla service.

That through clerical error, the name of 1st Lt. HILARION S. AYALIN O-27623, QMS, was not included in the roster submitted to AFPAC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name this 14th day of March, 1946, at Camp Murphy, Rizal.

s/ Blas E. Miranda
t/ BLAS E. MIRANDA, O-21067
1st Lt. CE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 14th day of March 1946
at Camp Murphy, Rizal.

s/ E. E. Hopkins
t/ ELZA E. HOPKINS
1st Lieut. Inf.
Summary Court Officer

A TRUE COPY:


PAUL CURL
1ST LT AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

1. a. QUETULIO APOLINAR BITANGA 1st Lt., CE 0-29882
 (Last Name) (First) (MI) (Gr & Br Sv) (ASN)

b. S-2 2nd Engineer Combat Bn., 2nd Inf. Div. APO 70 Sarrat, Ilocos Norte
 (Present Organization) (Mailing Address)

2. CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF ACTIVITIES (Par 2c):

1.	1 Jul 41-29 Dec 41	Called to active Duty	Malitbog Leyte	(SO # 142 Par14 HPA)
2.	29 December 1941	Inducted to USAFFE	Malitbog Leyte	Lt. Juan C. Torres
3.	30 Dec 41-10 Jan 42	3rd Leyte Co. PC	Malitbog Leyte	Lt. Alejandro
4.	11 Jan 42-24 May 42	2nd Leyte Co. PC	Ormoc, Leyte	Lt. Miranda
		Western Guer. Leyte Warfare	Mt. Ormoc	
5.	25 May 42- 2 Dec 42	Forces-Hq Co.	Leyte	Lt. Quetulio

REMARKS

Re-line 1. Called to active duty on 1 July 41, and reported to the HPA#HPC, Manila. Assigned to 3rd Leyte Co. PC.

Re-line 2. Inducted into the USAFFE on 29 Dec 41.

Re-line 3-4. Arrived at Leyte and reported to the unit. Unit operated at the west coast Leyte. Patrolling those areas to see if there is an enemy landing. Unit evacuated the Masbate PC Co. to Leyte, by means of Launches. On 23 May 41, we received an order of surrender of the whole unit from our Commanding Officer, Col. Colonel (AUS).

Re-line 5-6. Unit did not surrender instead it became the nucleus of the WESTERN LEYTE GUERRILLA WARFARE FORCES, operating in the Hills of Ormoc and un-occupied towns of the West Coast of Leyte. Unit ambushed and harrassed the Japs Patrols along the Hill and Highways. Due intensive attacks of the Japs in our area, they were able to penetrate in our Hq. Thereby capturing some of our men and co-officers including myself.

5. CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF WOUNDS AND ILLNESS INCURRED FROM 8 DEC 41, TO DATE OF RETURN TO MILITARY CONTROL. SHOW ALL WOUNDS AND ILLNESS INCURRED.

From	To	Unit	Geographic- al Location	By Whom Treated	Nature of Injury of Illness	Permanent Disabilities Incurred, if any
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None

(Dates listed above must agree with those shown in par 2c above)

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(Revised 27 Nov 51)

Paul Gure
PAUL GURE

1st Lt AGC

ASST ADJUTANT

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2nd Lt. Lyle O. Gale
1000 1/2 E. 1st St., St. Louis, Mo.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Insurance Form No. 350

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE

Under Sec. 602 (a) National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940 and Regulations of the Veterans Administration without Report of Physical Examination.

1. Name in full: First Middle Last name

2. Home Address: No. St. or rural route County, city, town state or Post Office

3. I was born at City, town or State Day Month Year (go nearest Post Office Birthday)

4. Date of Entry into present tour of active duty: 5. Present Organization: 6. Material Rank, gr. or rating Org. regt. station etc.

7. Date of Separation From Last Tour: 8. Are you now disabled on active duty, (if no previous active duty, state "None" state details.

9. I hereby apply for: 10. I will pay Premiums as indicated below: Insurance on the 5-yr: level prem. term plan induction in the

11. Are you now carrying Government Life Insurance? (answer "Yes or No") If "Yes" give amount of Insurance and Policy number if available.

Amount: Policy No.

13. Full Name of Beneficiary: (If married woman, her own first, middle name & husband's last name.) Relation: amount for each beneficiary: Post Office address: (R.O. Lt., city or town.

PRINCIPAL BENEFITARY: WIFE: 1,000.00

CONTINGENT BENEFITARY: DAUGHTER

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I request that the effective date of this Policy be made on the 1st day of April, 1942.
 The U.S. is not liable for death occurring prior to the effective date of this policy.

14. I request the policy be mailed to: -

W. H. [unclear] U. S. Army - San Francisco, CA, 20, Quantico, Va

15. I will authorize an (authorization for deduction from pay) effective 1st April, 1942 to cover the monthly premium of 1.75 on the 1st April, 1942 hence applied for.

SIGNED BY Orlando J. [unclear] on the 1st day of April, 1942.

Witnessed by: [Signature]
1st Lieut., U.S. Army

Information as to Service furnished by:

[Signature]
1st Lieut., U.S. Army

Company Officer

[Signature]
 (Insured's Signature here)

MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR EACH \$1,000 OF INSURANCE
 Five Year Level Premium Term Plan

Age	Monthly Premium	Age	Monthly Premium	Age	Monthly Premium	Age	Monthly Premium	Age	Monthly Premium
15---	0.25	25---	0.67	35---	1.06	45---	1.52	55---	2.05
16---	.34	26---	.68	36---	1.07	46---	1.53	56---	2.10
17---	.44	27---	.70	37---	1.08	47---	1.54	57---	2.15
18---	.54	28---	.72	38---	1.09	48---	1.55	58---	2.20
19---	.65	29---	.74	39---	1.10	49---	1.56	59---	2.25
20---	.75	30---	.76	40---	1.11	50---	1.57	60---	2.30
21---	.85	31---	.78	41---	1.12	51---	1.58	61---	2.35
22---	.96	32---	.80	42---	1.13	52---	1.59	62---	2.40
23---	1.06	33---	.82	43---	1.14	53---	1.60	63---	2.45
24---	1.17	34---	.84	44---	1.15	54---	1.61	64---	2.50

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR DEDUCTION OF PAY
NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE**

GALA HIGUCHI G. HW (MID) 2nd Leyte Co., PC Ormoc
(Last name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Assn) Grade, Co., R., or Arm or S

The enlisted man named above hereby authorizes a Class N deduction from his pay in the amount of \$0.75 per month for the period of 60 months, commencing April 1, 1942 and expiring March 31, 1947 to the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. for payment of monthly premium on \$1,000.00 National Service Life Insurance.

Date of enlistment: Constabulary - March 15, 1941

Date of Induction to USAFFE - ~~1/1~~ December 29, 1941.

Higuchi G. Gala
HIGUCHI G. GALA
Pvt. (MID) 2nd Leyte Co., PC USAFFE
(S. Nature of Applicant)

PLACE: Ormoc, Leyte, P.I. DATE: April 1, 1942.

ENTERED IN SERVICE RECORDS THIS DATE: APRIL 1, 1942.

H. E. Miranda
H. E. MIRANDA
1st Lieut., CE (PC-Res)
Commanding Officer
2nd Leyte Co., PC
Ormoc

W.D.A., G.O., Form No. 29-3

(Signature of Commanding Officer
or Personnel Officer, w/grade)

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I, BLAS E. MIRANDA, Major, ASN O-21067, CE, now assigned as Commandant, ROTC Unit, Mapua Institute of Technology, Manila, Philippine Islands, hereby declare that I understand my rights under the Constitution and laws of the Philippines; that I also understand that my statements will be used to prove material facts in support of a claim for veterans benefits from the United States Government, and that I make these statements voluntarily and freely:

That, I formerly served as the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC - USAFFE during the period 10 February 1942 until the Liberation of Western Leyte during December 1944;

That, I remember DIONISIO C. GALA as a Medical Aid Man attached to the 2nd Leyte Company, PC - USAFFE from the date I became the Commanding Officer of the Unit on 10 February 1942 until such time as he (GALA) became a POW in June of 1942;

That, I cannot remember the date DIONISIO C. GALA was inducted into the USAFFE, but presume it was during the month of December 1941 because all PC Units in Leyte were inducted into the USAFFE during the month of December 1941 and DIONISIO C. GALA was an old-timer in the PC;

That, all matters pertaining to National Service Life Insurance Premiums, including payroll deductions were authorized and processed by the Leyte Provisional Regiment Finance Officer (USAFFE), whose name I remember as Capt. RAYMUNDO CANTARA. This fact is known to me because I was the Disbarment Officer for the 2nd Leyte Company, PC * USAFFE;

That, on or about 1 April 1942, I distinctly remember assembling the personnel of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC - USAFFE and having the men accomplish a WD AGO Form for their National Service Life Insurance and I further remember that DIONISIO C. GALA was among the personnel of my unit who accomplished the form on that day.

I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing statements; that they are made by me as true and correct with full knowledge of the fact that severe penalties involving fines and imprisonment are prescribed by Act No. 2567, Philippine Legislature, Enacted February 3, 1916 and still in force and effect (Article XV, Philippine Constitution and Art. 366 Revised Penal Code).

s/ Blas E. Miranda
t/ BLAS E. MIRANDA

Witnessed by the undersigned on the 12th day of December 1950, at the Office of the PMS & T, ROTC Unit, Mapua Institute of Technology, Manila, Philippine Islands.

... I solemnly declare that I understand my rights under the Constitution and laws of the Philippines and that I also understand that my statements will be used to provide support of a claim for veterans benefits from the United States and that I make these statements voluntarily.

s/ Robert J. Hills
t/ ROBERT J. HILLS
Field Investigator, US Army

A TRUE COPY:

... I received on 10 October 1941 I indicated ...
... **PAUL CURL** ...
... **1ST LT AGC** ...
... **ASST ADJUTANT** ...

... I served as the Executive Officer of the ...
... I was assigned to the ...
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I solemnly declare that I have read all of the foregoing statements and that they are true and correct with full knowledge of the facts and circumstances involving them and that I understand the provisions of Act No. 1567, Philippine Legal Code, Section February 2, 1954 and still in force and effect Article IV, Philippine Constitution and Art. 366 Revised Penal Code.

TRUE COPY:

[Signature]

Witnessed by the undersigned on the 12th day of December 1950, at ROTC Annex Street, Mapua Institute of Technology, Manila, P.I.

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I, MANUEL O. NOLASCO, 45 years old, married, residing
237 Nacar Street, Singalong
at Sub-Division, Manila, hereby declare that I understand my rights

under the Constitution and laws of the Philippines; that I also understand that my statements will be used to prove material facts in support of a claim for veterans benefits from the United States Government, and that I make these statements voluntarily and freely:

That, following the outbreak of World War II in December 1941, I served as the Acceptance Officer of the SAMAR-LEYTE PROVISIONAL BRIGADE;

That, on or about 29 December 1941 I inducted DIONISIO C. GALA and other personnel of the Second ^Leyte Philippine Constabulary Company into the USAFFE at Camp Downes, Ormoc City, Leyte;

That, I served as the Commanding Officer of Camp Downes, Ormoc City, Leyte prior to the outbreak of World War II in December 1941 and remember DIONISIO C. GALA as a Medical Aid Man (PA) assigned to my Camp and also as a member of our Softball Team;

That, sometime during the latter part of the year 1942 or the early part of the year 1943, I heard from persons, whose names I have now forgotten, that DIONISIO C. GALA had been killed by the Japanese while serving with the Guerrilla Organization;

That, sometime during the month of April 1942, I distinctly remember authorizing the transmission by radio to Australia the names of men and Officers of the SAMAR-LEYTE PROVISIONAL BRIGADE who had subscribed to National Service Life Insurance and I know the Radio Message was received in Australia because we received confirmation for the Radio Message that took nearly one full day to transmit;

I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing statements; that they are made by me as true and correct with full knowledge of the fact that severe penalties involving fines and imprisonment are prescribed by Act No. 2567, Philippine Legislature, Enacted February 3, 1916 and still in force and effect (Article XV, Philippine Constitution and Art. 366 Revised Penal Code).

A TRUE COPY:


PAUL CURL
1ST LT AGC

Witnessed by the undersigned on the 20th day of December
ASST ADJUTANT 1950, at 237 Nacar Street, Singalong Sub-Division, Manila, P.
Islands.

s/ Manuel O. Nolasco
t/ MANUEL O. NOLASCO

s/ Robert J. Hills
t/ ROBERT J. HILLS
Field Investigator, US Army

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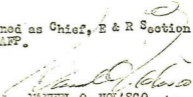
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C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that I inducted into the service of USAFFE on 29 Dec 1941 at Camp Downes, Ormoc, Leyte all officers and enlisted men of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC. Vitaliano Maguikay was the first sergeant of the above unit and was one of those inducted as stated. I further certify that I was the Executive Officer of the Leyte Provisional Regiment, USAFFE with the rank of Lt Colonel as of 2 May 1942; my Regimental CO was Lt Colonel J. Causing and my Sector CO was Col T. W. Cornell, USA. I further certify that authority to induct the full complement of the 2nd Leyte Company, P.C. emanated from Sector HQ, Samar-Leyte.

I am presently assigned as Chief, E & R Section Philippine Ground Force, AFP.


MANUEL O. NOLASCO
Major, Inf

*Rec'd via 0707 Mar 62
From Colonel L. Carroc,
SN 101 871
Samar-Leyte*

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