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PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY

(Deduced from a special study of forty-seven (47) 1st
and 2nd Masbate P.C. cases)

At the outbreak of war there were on Masbate island two Philippine Constabulary companies, the 1st Masbate Company and the 2nd Masbate Company, both units under Major Eustaquio A. Abay, the P.C. Inspector for Masbate province. The PC units on Masbate were components of the District of Southern Luzon under Colonel Arsenio Natividad, the District Inspector, whose headquarters was in Manila.

The 1st Masbate Company, commanded by 1st Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin, was stationed in Masbate, Masbate, while the 2nd Masbate Company, under Captain Bernardino Reyes, was stationed in Rio Guinobatan, Aroroy, Masbate. Major Abay had his provincial headquarters at Masbate, Masbate.

With the occupation of Southern Luzon and the subsequent occupation of Manila by Japanese forces, the Philippine Constabulary units on Masbate were isolated from Headquarters, District of Southern Luzon. There is no recorded activity of these units subsequent to December 8, 1941. However, it would be safe to presume that these units continued with police duties until January 7, 1942. On or about January 7, 1942, when Japanese forces landed at Masbate, Masbate, members of the 1st Masbate Company and personnel of the office of the Provincial Inspector under Major Abay left their station and evacuated to barrio Tugbo.¹ Records examined made no mention of the

¹Joint affidavit of Marcos A. Cardino and Jose Alcantara, 9 May 46.

disposition of the 2nd Masbate Company at Aroroy, Masbate subsequent to the Japanese landing. The Japanese landing and occupation of Masbate, Masbate were effected without opposition from the Philippine Constabulary units. It should be noted that not one among the cases studied claims casualty (WIA, KIA, POW) as a result of the Japanese landing and occupation. Members of the units remained in hiding until about the second week of February 1942 when funds for their maintenance were exhausted. Major Abay then directed Captain Bernardino Reyes to proceed to Leyte by sailboat to appraise the authorities thereat of the conditions obtaining on Masbate and to request for funds for the maintenance of the FC units.² Captain Reyes arrived in Leyte on or about February 17, 1942 and was allegedly inducted into the USAFFE by Colonel Cornell on February 18, 1942. Colonel Cornell then directed Captain Reyes to return to Masbate to order the transfer of the Philippine Constabulary complements on Masbate to Leyte. It is alleged that Colonel Cornell's order of transfer was in compliance "...with the telegram of instructions of General SHARP, the Commanding General, USAFFE, Visayas-Mindanao Zone..."³

The Philippine Constabulary units on Masbate were transferred to Leyte on or about February 27, 1942.⁴ The transfer was effected by

²Affidavit of Eustaquio Abay, 2 Feb 46.

³Affidavit of Eustaquio Abay, 2 Feb 46.

⁴Affidavit of Eustaquio Abay, 13 Jul 48.

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members of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC under the supervision of its company commander, Lt Blas E. Miranda on board the patrol boat "RADIO".⁵ With this transfer, the Masbate Philippine Constabulary units, isolated from their district headquarters, the Department of Southern Luzon, came under USAFFE control and disposition.

Upon arrival in Leyte the 1st and 2nd Masbate Companies were fused into one command, the Masbate Company. Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin, the company commander of the 1st Masbate Company was designated to command the new unit. Captain Bernardino Reyes was assigned Sector Headquarters Commandant and Commanding Officer of the Military Police Company of the Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE.

The Masbate Company (1st and 2nd Masbate companies), together with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Leyte Companies, became an element of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion of the Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE with Major Eustaquio A. Abay as Battalion Commander.⁶ Records fail to show the exact date of the constitution of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion in Leyte. However, Major Abay being the first and only commanding officer of this battalion, it is believed that the unit was organized subsequent to the transfer of the Masbate PC units to Leyte.

From Tacloban, Leyte, the Masbate Company, PC was transferred to Baybay, Leyte. Lt Ayalin was relieved as commanding officer by

⁵Affidavit of Blas E. Miranda, 14 Mar 46.

⁶a. Affidavit of Eustaquio A. Abay, 23 Nov 45
b. Affidavit of Urbano C. Francisco, 11 Sep 47.

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Captain Venusto F. Donato on or about the first week of April 1942. Lt Ayalin was assigned supply officer of the 2nd Battalion of the Leyte Provisional Regiment.⁷ Captain Donato, prior to his designation as Commanding Officer of the Masbate Company, was the assistant Provincial Inspector of Leyte. This officer made no mention of his designation as company commander of the Masbate Company in his 201 file. However, members of the Masbate Company alleged that Captain Donato was their last company commander. From Baybay, Leyte the unit was transferred to barrio Patag, Burauen, Leyte where orders to surrender were received. It is alleged that the unit was disbanded by Captain Donato on or about May 27, 1942. However, the following members of the Masbate Company allegedly surrendered or were captured and became prisoners of war at Tacloban, Leyte on dates indicated:

Captain Venusto F. Donato	-----	May 26, 1942
1st Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin	-----	May 26, 1942
Cpl Basilio V. Almoete	-----	May 27, 1942
Pfc Benito C. Burabod	-----	May 31, 1942
Sgt Simeon L. Laguerta	-----	June 4, 1942

Members of the Headquarters, Philippine Constabulary Battalion (formerly personnel of the office of the Provincial Inspector of Masbate under Major Abay) who allegedly surrendered and became prisoners of war at Tacloban, Leyte, are the following:

Major Eustaquio A. Abay	-----	May 27, 1942
Cpl Jose M. Diano	-----	June 16, 1942

The majority of cases studied allege induction on February 26,

⁷Affidavit of Eustaquio Abay, 13 Jul 48.

1942 and some claim induction on various dates in March 1942 (12th, 15th and 20th). These inductions were allegedly performed by Captain Bernardino Reyes or by Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin at Masbate or at Tacloban. It has been noted that some of those who claim induction on February 26 state that the induction took place at Tacloban. On the other hand, there are a few who allege induction in March, 1942 at Masbate. On the basis of statements of persons who, because of the position they occupied, are best qualified to know that the "whole constabulary units of Masbate were transferred to Leyte" on February 27, 1942,⁸ it is not possible that inductions by either Captain Reyes or Lt Ayalin took place in Masbate in March, 1942, nor is it likely that the same officers inducted their men on February 26 at Tacloban. It could be possible that some members were left on Masbate when the unit moved to Leyte and that these personnel later rejoined their unit in Leyte in March, 1942, hence their inductions on these later dates. It is believed that personnel who were transferred to Leyte on February 27 were inducted prior to departure from Masbate on February 26 by Captain Bernardino Reyes, and those who have rejoined their unit in Leyte later, were inducted on various dates in March by either Captain Bernardino Reyes or Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin in Leyte.

A few cases allege automatic induction into the USAFFE on December 17, 1941 and actual induction on February 26, 1942 by Captain Bernardino

⁸ Affidavit of Eustaquio Abay, 13 Jul 48.

Reyes.⁹ In the case of Domingo Feruslo who died on February 15, 1942, only automatic induction is alleged.¹⁰ It has been determined that alleged automatic induction of Philippine Constabulary units on December 17, 1941, or on any other dates for that matter, are not valid USAFFE inductions.¹¹

Captain Bernardino Reyes was allegedly inducted into the USAFFE by Colonel Cornell, the Commanding Officer of the Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE on or about February 16, 1942. By virtue of this induction Captain Reyes acquired USAFFE status and authority to induct. Further proof of the USAFFE identity of Captain Reyes is evidenced by the fact that his promotion to Major as of April 5, 1942 has been confirmed per paragraph 10, Special Orders No. 194, Headquarters Philippine Army dated 30 July 1945.¹²

While Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin alleges to have been called to active duty in the Philippine Constabulary on November 27, 1941, as supported by Paragraph 17, Special Orders No. 268, Army Headquarters, Manila dated November 17, 1941, calling him to a six-months tour of active duty,¹³ his name appears listed in Project "J"'s "Alphabetical Casualty Listing of Officers and Enlisted Personnel who were in the Philippine Island Area as of 7 December 1941" in the grade of Corporal,

⁹Affidavit of Estanislao Dalimot and Ricardo Polinag, 10 Dec 46.

¹⁰Affidavit of Jose Diano, 1 Aug 47 and Felix Salvacion, 30 Jul 47.

¹¹See HISTORY OF THE HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, Dept of North Luzon.

¹²Extract copy, Par 10, SO # 194, HPA, dtd 30 Jul 45.

¹³Par. 17, SO # 268, Army Hq, Manila, 17 Nov 41 at Archives Section.

QMC, ASN: 6739200, organization: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12th QM Regiment, FS, as "Missing in Action". The Project "J" record would indicate that Lt Ayalin was still a Philippine Scout on December 7, 1941. However, "it was held by the Department of the Army on 29 March 1949 that Hilarion Ayalin 6 739 200 was discharged from the Philippine Scouts 27 November 1941 to accept a commission in the Philippine Constabulary and that he had no subsequent service in the Philippine Scouts or Army of the United States until 28 August 1946, the date he entered on active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army of the United States."¹⁴ Lt Ayalin, therefore, has rendered valid service with the Philippine Constabulary, and has acquired USAFFE status and authority to induct by virtue of his induction by Captain Bernardino Reyes on or about February 26, 1942.

C O N C L U S I O N

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

1. The 1st Masbate Company and the office of the Provincial Inspector were stationed in Masbate, Masbate. The 2nd Masbate Company was at Rio Guinobatan, Aroroy, Masbate.

2. The following were officers of the Masbate PC units:

Major Eustaquio A. Abay - Provincial Inspector of Masbate;
later became CO of the PC Battalion,
Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE.

¹⁴ 1st Ind, AGO, Dept of the Army, Records Adm Center, St Louis 20, Mo., dtd 19 Feb 52 to basic letter this Hq dtd 26 Sep 51.

1st Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin - CO of the 1st Masbate Company; designated CO of the Masbate Company (fused 1st & 2nd Masbate Companies); and later assgd S-4, 2nd Battalion, Leyte Provisional Regiment, USAFFE.

Captain Bernardino Reyes - CO of the 2nd Masbate Company; later assigned Sector Hq Commandant and CO, MP Company, Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE.

Captain Venusto F. Donato - Last CO of the Masbate Company. Prior to this assignment he was Asst Provincial Inspector of Leyte

3. Upon invasion and occupation of Masbate, Masbate by Japanese Forces on or about January 7, 1942, the 1st Masbate Company and Office of the Provincial Inspector withdrew to barrio Tugbo, Masbate, Masbate. Japanese invasion and occupation of Masbate were effected without opposition from Philippine Constabulary units.

4. On or about the 2nd week of February 1942 Major Eustaquio Abay ordered Captain Bernardino Reyes to proceed to Leyte to appraise the authorities thereat of the situation obtaining in Masbate and to secure funds for the maintenance of the Philippine Constabulary units. Captain Reyes arrived in Leyte and was inducted into the USAFFE by Colonel Cornell on February 18, 1942. Captain Reyes was directed to return to Masbate with orders for the transfer of Philippine Constabulary units on Masbate to Leyte.

5. The units on Masbate were transferred to Leyte on or about February 27, 1942. The transfer was effected by members of the 2nd Leyte Company, PC under the supervision of Lt Blas E. Miranda on board the patrol boat "RADIO".

6. The 1st and 2nd Masbate Companies were fused into one unit--

the Masbate Company-- upon arrival in Leyte, and together with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Leyte Companies, became a component of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion, Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE, attached to the Leyte Provisional Regiment.

7. Major Eustaquio A. Abay was assigned Commanding Officer of the Philippine Constabulary Battalion, Samar-Leyte Sector, USAFFE subsequent to arrival in Leyte.

8. The Masbate Company, PC was last stationed in barrio Fatag, Burauen, Leyte under Captain Venusto F. Donato where order to surrender was received. Except for a few who surrendered, the majority of its members went into hiding, alleging that the unit was disbanded by Captain Donato.

9. It has been determined that the alleged automatic induction into the USAFFE of Philippine Constabulary personnel on December 17, 1941 or on any other dates by virtue of Office Memorandum No. 233 dated October 6, 1945 does not constitute valid USAFFE induction. Automatic induction therefore, cannot be the basis of USAFFE status for members of the PC units on Masbate, particularly one Cpl Domingo Feruelo who allegedly died of pneumonia on February 15, 1942 at Dimasalang, Masbate.

10. Members of the Masbate Philippine Constabulary units may be accorded positive USAFFE status by virtue of the inductions by Captain Bernardino Reyes or Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin, if evidence acceptable under Section III, Veterans Branch Adjudication Policy, as amended by Section I, Branch Memorandum No. 3, dated February 3, 1950, is presented.

A thorough check of available archives on the Masbate FC units has been made at Records Branch and at Project "J" Section. This revealed that:

1. There are no historical records pertaining to the units.
2. A majority of members of the Masbate FC units appear listed in General and Special Orders dated prior to December 8, 1941.
3. The "Alphabetical Casualty Listings of Officers and Enlisted Personnel who were in the Philippine Island area as of 7 December 1941" shows the following:

- a. Cornell, Theodore M., Lt Col, Infantry
ASN: 07279, Headquarters, Philippine Department
Prisoner of War

Colonel Cornell allegedly inducted Captain Bernardino Reyes into the USAFFE at Tacloban, Leyte on February 18, 1942.

- b. Ayalin, Hilarion, Cpl, QMC
ASN: 6739200; Organization: Headquarters & Headquarters
Company, 12th QM Regiment, F8

Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin was the company commander of the 1st Masbate Company. He was discharged from the Philippine Scouts on November 27, 1941 to accept a commission in the Philippine Constabulary.

4. Notes on the "Leyte Provisional Regiment" (Reference to the 94th Infantry Regiment, extracted from Historical Div. Acc. No. P-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 be of value in the preparation of this history.

KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS, PC, MASBATE

Abay, Bustaquito A., Major
Originally Provincial Inspector of
Masbate PC; later assigned CO of the
PC Battalion, Samar-Leyte Sector

Master Sergeant

1. Baguisi, Panfilo B.

Sergeant

2. Salvacion, Felix J.

Corporal

3. Diano, Jose M.

Private First Class

4. Hollon, Fortunato A.

KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE 1ST MASBATE COMPANY, PC

Ayalin, Hilarion S., 1st Lt
CO 1st Masbate Co; asgd CO of Masbate
Company (fused 1st & 2nd Masbate Cos;
lastly, designated S-4, 2nd Bn, Leyte
Provisional Regiment, USAFFE

Sergeant

1. Alcantara, Jose M.
2. Dorotan, Jose A.
3. Sola, Jose R.

Corporal

4. Almoete, Basilio V.
5. Cayabyab, Saturnino U.
6. Peruelo, Domingo

Private First Class

7. Andaya, Tiburcio M.
8. Burabod, Benito C.
9. Garcia, Jose L.
10. Generoso, Mario V.

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11. Surigao, Macario R.
12. Tabug, Eusebio A.

Private

13. Almario, Francisco B.
14. Cabiles, Enrique A.
15. Carmen, Pedro B.
16. Castillo, Andres B.
17. Cioco, Rosalio
18. Frivaldo, Juan G.
19. Hubilla, Juan E.
20. Huevos, Victor R.
21. Juntilla, Segundo
22. Rivera, Solomon N.
23. Tajuna, Juan G.
24. Yanson, Marcos P.

KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE 2ND MASBATE COMPANY, PC

Reyes, Barnardino, Captain

Originally CO, 2nd Masbate Company;
later assigned Sector Hq Commandant
and CO MP Company, Samar-Leyte Sector

Sergeant

1. Favila, Francisco V.
2. Laguerta, Simeon L.
3. Leyco, Eufronio

Corporal

4. Cardino, Marcos A.
5. Espedillon, Juan E.

Private First Class

6. Polinag, Ricardo E.


Private

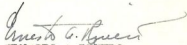
7. Bisonsa, Abito A.
8. Cabug, Dioscoro L.
9. Gonzales, Crispolo
10. Hapal, Domingo L.
11. Lupango, Isaias G.
12. Merioles, Juan C.

13. Ocsing, Miguel L.
14. Tugbo, Flaviano M.
15. Tumbaga, Ramon V.
16. Villamor, Jose V.

Donato, Venusto F., Captain

Originally Assistant Provincial Inspector, Leyte PC; assigned CO of the Masbate PC Company and served in this capacity until surrender.


VICTOR L. SHUMAKER
Reviewer


ERNESTO A RIVERO
Claims Examiner

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

1. Joint affidavit of Marcos A. Cardino and Jose Alcantara, 9 May 46
2. Affidavit of Major Eustaquio A. Abay, 2 Feb 46
3. Affidavit of Major Eustaquio A. Abay, 13 Jul 48
4. Affidavit of Blas E. Miranda, 14 Mar 46
5. Affidavit of Major Eustaquio A. Abay, 23 Nov 45
6. Affidavit of Urbano C. Francisco, 11 Sep 47
7. Affidavit of Estanislao Dalimot, 10 Dec 46
8. Affidavit of Ricardo Polinag, 10 Dec 46
9. Affidavit of Jose Diano, 1 Aug 47
10. Affidavit of Felix Salvacion, 30 Jul 47
11. History of the HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON, PC
12. Extract, Par. 10, SO # 194, HPA, 30 Jul 45

13. Par. 17, SO # 268, Army Headquarters, Manila, 17 Nov 41

14. 1st Ind, AGO, Dept of the Army, Records Adm Center, St Louis
20, Mo., dtd 19 Feb 52

/s/ General Carrizo
MARCOS A. CARRIZO
M/Col, WPC (PA)
Bq. Marikina, Province

/s/ Jose Alcantara
JOSE ALCANTARA
Sgt. WPC (PA)
Bq. Marikina, Province

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 9th day of
May, 1966 at Marikina, Marikina.

/s/ Illegible
/s/ JAMES T. SMITH
Municipal Mayor
Marikina, Marikina

A F F I D A V I T S

We, JOSE ALCANTARA and MARCOS A. CARDINO of legal ages, and both citizen of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, with residence and postal address at Masbate, Masbate, after being duly sworn to in accordance with law, depose and say:

That we know personally Corporal DOMINGO PERUELO, P.C., long time ago; and that we belong to same company, - 1st Masbate Company, P.C., stationed at Masbate, Masbate;

That he served as a Corporal in the Philippine Constabulary together with us until the war broke out;

That when Japanese Forces have landed in Masbate, Masbate, on or about January 7, 1942. All the members of the Philippine Constabulary, 1st Masbate Company, under the Command of Major Abay and Lt. Hilarion S. Ayalin, CO., had evacuated from the town to the barrio of Tugbo, Masbate.

That after several days and months stay in the evacuation place, Cpl. DOMINGO PERUELO, P.C., got sick and could hardly render efficient service anymore. In view of which, the Commanding Officer, sent him home to contact with his families at Nabañgig, Dimasalang, Masbate.

That in his stay in Nabañgig, Dimasalang, Masbate, while he was sick, he was not able to recover his sickness and died on February 15, 1942.

FURTHER, Affiant sayeth not.

Date at Masbate, Masbate, on 9 May 1946.

/s/ Marcos A. Cardino
/t/ MARCOS A. CARDINO
S/Sgt. MPC (PA)
Hq. Masbate, Province

/s/ Jose Alcantara
/t/ JOSE ALCANTARA
Sgt. MPC (PA)
Hq. Masbate, Province

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 9th day of May, 1946 at Masbate, Masbate.

/s/ Illegible
/t/ LORETO T. REYES
Municipal Mayor
Masbate, Masbate

A TRUE COPY:


PAUL CURO
1st Lt AOC
ASST ADJUTANT

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A F F I D A V I T

I, EUSTAQUIO A. ABAY, Major, Infantry, PA, married and of legal age, after having been duly sworn to in accordance to law depose and say:

That I know MAJOR BERNARDINO REYES, then Captain, as CO of the 2D Masbate Co., P.C.;

That about the second week of February 1942, when Masbate province was subjugated by the Japanese forces and inasmuch as there was no more funds to support and maintain the two (2) Philippine Constabulary companies in Masbate, I directed Major Reyes to proceed to Leyte by sailboat or by any other means and report our condition in the island and to request for instructions from higher authorities especially for funds for the maintenance of the forces thereat;

That Major Reyes arrived in Leyte or or about 17 February 1942 and was inducted into the USAFFE by Colonel T. W. Cornell, Sector Commander, USAFFE, Samar-Leyte Sector on February 18, 1942;

That Major Reyes was instructed by Colonel Cornell in compliance with the telegraph of instructions of General SHARP, the Commanding General, USAFFE, Visayas-Mindanao Zone, to return to Masbate province in order to get all the arms and ammunition and effect the transfer of all officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Constabulary and Philippine Army from Masbate to Leyte. That this mission was fully complied with and all the members of the P.C. Masbate companies with all their arms and ammunitions were brought to Leyte.

FURTHER affaint sayeth not.

/s/ Illegible
/t/ EUSTAQUIO A ABAY
Major Infantry

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2d day of Feb. 1946,
at HPA, APO 35, Manila.

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ Luis S. Bernabe

1st Lt. JAGS


PAUL CURL
1st Lt. AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

A F F I D A V I T

I, the undersigned, EUSTAQUIO A ABAY, Lt-Col, AFP, after having been sworn according to law, depose and say:

That I was the Provincial Inspector of the Philippine Constabulary at Masbate, Masbate, P. I. when 1st Lt. Hilarion S Ayalin was assigned Commanding Officer of the First Masbate Company (PC) on 3 December 1941;

That on the 27th day of February 1942, per Radiographic Instructions from the Commanding General, Visayas, Mindanao Forces, USAFFE, the whole constabulary Units of Masbate were transferred to Leyte:

The First and Second Masbate Companies (PC) were put under the command of Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin;

That on or about the first week of April 1942 the two Masbate Companies (PC) were stationed at Baybay, Deyte and Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin was relieved Commanding Officer of said Companies by Capt V Donato;

That after 1st Lt Hilarion S. Ayalin, PC was relieved he was assigned as Supply Officer of the 2d Battalion, Leyte Provisional Regt up to the surrender to the enemy on 26 May 1942.

In testimony hereof, I have hereunto affix my signature this 13th day of July 1948.

s/t/ EUSTAQUIO A ABAY
Lt-Colonel, AFP

WITNESS:

s/ illegible

s/ illegible

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of July 1948 at HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

A TRUE COPY:

Paul Curo
PAUL CURO
1ST LT AGC
1ST ADJUTANT

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s/ C. R. Quimpo
(Administering Officer)
1st Lt JAGS

A F F I D A V I T

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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, LPR, 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 WLGWF, 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/ illegible
t/ ELAS E. MIRANDA, O-21067
1st Lt. CE

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

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

A TRUE COPY: ~~X~~

Paul Curd
PAUL CURD
1ST LT AGC
1ST ADJUTANT

I, Eustaquio A. Abay, Major, Infantry, CO, Hq. Bn, PA, after being duly sworn on oath, do hereby declare the following:

That I know personally Sgt. Joaquin E. Pable. He had been under my command during my incumbency as Battalion Commander, Headquarters Constabulary Battalion, Leyte Province sometime in February, 1942.

That Sgt. Pable joined the 1st Leyte Company, PC, at Tacloban, Leyte on May 19, 1941 and inducted into the USAFFE on 27 December 1941.

That during the beginning of the guerrilla days in Leyte Province, Sgt. Pable showed an active participation for which he was rewarded with the guerrilla rank of Major by their guerrilla Commander. He served as Regtl. Adjutant of the so called 96th Infantry Regt., 92nd Division.

Sgt. Pable attended the Officers' Service School at Carigara, Leyte of which I was the Commandant. He had passed successfully.

In testimony hereof, I hereunder affix my signature on the 23rd day of November, 1945, at Manila, Philippines.

s/t/ EUSTAQUIO A. ABAY
Major, Infantry
CO, Hq. Bn., PA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN To before me this 23rd day of November, 1945, at Manila, Philippines.

s/ illegible

Capt Inf

TJA- GEN, HPA

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Paul Curd
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1ST LT AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

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A F F I D A V I T

I, Major URBANO C. FRANCISCO, O-21500, Inf, of legal age, married and presently assigned as Zone S-3, VZ HQ MPC (AFP), Cebu City on oath hereby declare the following:

(a) That I know Capt. Sergio G. Nuique, Inf before the Second World War set as Traffic Officer of the 18th Traffic District, comprising the provinces of Leyte, Samar and Masbate with his Headquarters at Tacloban, Leyte.

(b) That on March 1942, he became the Executive Officer of the Constabulary Battalion, comprising the four Constabulary companies stationed in Leyte Province distributed as following: 1st Leyte Co. PC-Tacloban; 2nd Leyte Co. PC-Ormoc; Masbate Co. PC-Baybay and 3rd Leyte Co. PC-Malitbog.

(c) That on 19 May 1942, Capt Sergio G. Nuique went to Malitbog, Leyte with instruction from Col. Theodore M. Cornell, Sector Commander, Leyte-Samar Sector, that we of the Third Leyte Company, Philippine Constabulary (I was then Junior Officer of this Company) must occupy immediately interior possession, fortify it and fight any invader.

(d) That at noon of same day (19 May 1942) he received telegram from our Battalion Commander, now Lt. Col. Eustaquio Abay ordering him to return to Tacloban to attend the important conference called by Col. Theodore M. Cornell, USAFFE, our Sector Commander.

(e) That on 24 May 1942 (Sunday) Capt. Sergio G. Nuique returned to Malitbog, Leyte and after both officers and men of the 3rd Leyte Company, PC were assembled, he informed us that our Sector Commander, Col. Theodore M. Cornell, decided to surrender.

(f) That I know Capt. Sergio G. Nuique did not surrender for in his lecture to our Company at about 9:30 AM, 24 May 1942, his advice to our command was not to surrender, but lay off, keeping all our arms until better times.

(g) That his Guerrilla Unit was responsible in three major encounters from 28 May 1942 to Dec. 1942 against the Japanese, Japs Spies and suppression of banditry and also this was the Guerrilla responsible for the kidnapping during the latter part of 1942, of Col. R. R. Kangleon who was then on the concentration camp at Butuan, Agusan.

(1) That when Col. Kangleon took command of all Guerrilla Units in southern Leyte (including that of Capt. Nuique's and mine) Capt. Nuique occupied various assignments as Commanding Officer "B" Co. Executive Officer, 94th Inf Regt and also in Operation and Intelligence Work and he was in the latter capacity when the American or Liberation Forces landed at Tacloban, Leyte on 20 October 1944.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand on this 11th day of September 1947 at Cebu City.

/s/ U C Francisco
/t/ URBANO C. FRANCISCO
Major, Infantry
Zone S-3, Hq VZ MPC AFP

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th day of September 1947 at HQ VZ MPC (AFP), Cebu City, Philippines.

DRY SEAL

/s/ Illegible
/t/ S. J. ARCEÑO
Captain, AGS
Adjutant

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(Rank and Organization)

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A F F I D A V I T

I, ESTANISLAO DALIMOT, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, ASN-000930 married and at present assigned with the 31st Military Police Company, Philippine Army, Sorsogon, Sorsogon, after having been duly sworn to in accordance to law hereby depose and sayeth:

1. That I know personally Sgt DOMINGO HAPAL, ASN 185168, Infantry, who was with me in the Philippine Constabulary stationed at Syndicate, Aroroy, Masvate before and after the outbreak of the Pacific War (8 December 1941)
2. That said Sgt DOMINGO HAPAL, was a member of the regular enlisted men in the 2nd Masbate Company, Philippine Constabulary.
3. That said Constabulary unit was inducted into the service of the USAFFE on 17 December 41 by a radiogram received by our Headquarters and later on was personally inducted by Major Bernardino Reyes on 26 February 1942.
4. That said Sgt DOMINGO HAPAL, was last paid to include 15 December 1941.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NONE:

/s/ Illegible
/t/ ESTANISLAO DALIMOT
Staff Sergeant., Inf

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10 day of Dec 1946 at HQ 31st MP Company, PA., Sorsogon, Sorsogon.

/s/ Illegible
(Administering Officer)

1st Lt Inf
(Rank and Organization)

A TRUE COPY:


PAUL CURD
1st Lt AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

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A F F I D A V I T

I, RICARDO POLINAG, Staff Sergeant, ASN 004266, Infantry
Married and at present assigned with the 31st Military Police
Company (PA) Sorsogon, Sorsogon after having been duly sworn
to in accordance to law hereby depose and sayeth:

1. That I know personally Sgt DOMINGO HAPAL, ASN 185168,
Infantry, who was with me in the Philippine Constabulary sta-
tioned at Syndicate, Aroroy, Masbate, before and after the out-
break of the Pacific War. (8 December 1941)

2. That said Sgt DOMINGO HAPAL was a member of the regular
enlisted men in 2nd Masbate Co., Philippine Constabulary.

3. That said Constabulary unit was inducted into the Ser-
vice of the USAFFE on 17 December 41 by a radiogram received by
our Headquarters and later on was personally inducted by Major
Bernardino Reyes on 26 February 1942.

4. That said Sgt DOMINGO HAPAL, was last paid to include
15 December 1941.

FURTHER AFFLIANT SAYETH NONE:

s/ R Polinag
t/ RICARDO POLINAG
Staff Sergeant, Inf
ASN - 004266

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10 day of December
1946 at 31st MP Company, Sorsogon, Sorsogon.

A TRUE COPY:

s/ illegible
(Administering Officer)

1st Lt Inf
(Rank and Organization)

Paul Curo
PAUL CURO
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A F F I D A V I T

I, S/Sgt JOSE M DIANO, MPC-046401, Inf of legal age, married, presently assigned to Hq, MPC, PA, 55th MP Co, Masbate Province, after having been sworn to in accordance with law do hereby depose and say:

That I know personal ly late Cpl DOMINGO PERUELO who was a member of the 34th Company, Philippine Constabulary long before the war broke out, we being together in the same unit.

That when Masbate Province was occupied by the enemy in 1942, he was among us who evaded capture and unfortunately he got sick while so doing.

That as a result of his illness, he died on 15 Feb 42, at Dimasalang, Masbate.

That as per true copy of the telegram hereto at tached, all members of the Philippine Constabulary were automatically inducted to the USAFFE on 17 Dec 1941.

In truth hereof, I sign my name below.

s/t/ JOSE M DIANO
Staff-Sergeant, Inf
MPC (AP)55th MP Co.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 1st day of Aug 47 at Masbate, Masbate

s/t/ GENEROSO R MODEQUILLO
2nd Lieut, Inf
Administrative Officer

A TRUE COPY:


PAUL CURO
1ST LT AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

A F F I D A V I T

I, Sgt FELIX J SALVACION, MPC 472618, of legal age, married, presently assigned to Hq, MPC, PA, Masbate Province, after having been sworn according to law, declare the following facts to be true:

That I know personally late Cpl DOMINGO PERUELO who was a member of the 34th Company, Philippine Constabulary long before the war broke out, we being together in the same unit.

That when Masbate province was occupied by the enemy in 1942, he was among us who evaded capture and unfortunately he got sick while so doing.

That as a result of his illness, he died on 15 Feb 42, at Dimasalang Masbate.

That as per true copy of the telegram hereto attached, all members of the Philippine Constabulary were automatically inducted to the USAFFE on 17 Dec 1941.

In truth hereof, I sign my name below.

/s/ Illegible
/t/ FELIX J SALVACION
Sergeant, Inf MPC
Hq, Masbate Province

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 th day of July, 1947 at Masbate, Masbate.

/s/ Godofredo F Mendoza
/t/ GODOFREDO F MENDOZA
Captain, Infantry
Provincial Commander, MPC
Masbate Province.

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PAUL CURL
1st Lt AGC
Asst Adjutant

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 APO 501 - 30 July 1945

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10. WA CINCAFFAC and DP, the temporary promotions of following-named officers to the ranks and effective dates as indicated, are hereby confirmed.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
**	CAPT BERNARDINO REYES O-1374 INF	MAJOR	5 April 1942
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By order of the Secretary of National Defense:

BASILIO J. VALDES,
 Major General, Philippine Army,
 Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Luis V Ramos
 /t/ LUIS RAMOS,
 Colonel, AGS,
 The Adjutant General.

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AGRS-DG-C 201 Ayalin, Hilarion 1st Ind
6 739 200 (26 Sep 51)
SUBJECT: Philippine Army 201 File

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AGO, Dept of the Army, Records Administration Center, St. Louis 20, Mo.,
19 February 1952

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

1. There is inclosed the Philippine Army File of Hilarion Ayalin,
O-27623, which was located in the file of Hilarion Ayalin, 6 739 200
and O-1 896 968.

2. With reference to the statement contained in paragraph two (2)
of basic communication, it may be stated that available information
in this office indicates that Hilarion Ayalin O-27623 and Hilarion
Ayalin 6 739 200 and O-1 896 968 are one and the same person. In this
connection, it was held by the Department of the Army on 29 March 1949
that Hilarion Ayalin 6 739 200 was discharged from the Philippine
Scouts 27 November 1941 to accept a commission in the Philippine
Constabulary and that he had no subsequent service in the Philippine
Scouts or Army of the United States until 28 August 1946, the date he
entered on active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army of the United
States.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

1 Incl
Philippine Army File

s/ illegible
Adjutant General

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AGRD-VA 201 AYALIN, Hilarion
0-27623.

26 SEP 1951

SUBJECT: Philippine Army 201 File

TO : Commanding Officer
Records Administration Center
4300 Goodfellow Boulevard
St. Louis 20, Missouri

1. Records in this headquarters indicate that the 201 file of HILARISON AYALIN, ASN 6139200 (PS) was shipped to your headquarters on 13 February 1950 in Box 328, (Project "J" Records). It is believed that 201 file of HILARION AYALIN, O-27623, 1st Lt, was inadvertently consolidated with such Project "J" record.

2. It is requested that pertinent 201 file be screened and all records of Lt AYALIN be returned to this headquarters or that the 201 file be loaned to this headquarters for segregation and disposition. It has been conclusively determined that Lt Ayalin, 027623, is a Philippine Army officer and an entirely different individual than the Philippine Scout in question.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ M. K. Anthony
/t/ M. K. ANTHONY
1st Lt AGC
Asst Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:



PAUL GURD
1ST LT AGC
ASST ADJUTANT

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY
MASBATE

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February 26, _____, 1942

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT Hilarion S. Ayalin
(Name)

1st Lieutenant 1st Masbate Co., PC was inducted
(Rank) (Unit)

by me into the service of the United States Army Forces
in the Far East on 26 February 1942 in
(Day) (Month & Year)
compliance with Radiographic instruction of the Com-
manding General, Visayan-Mindanao Force, USAFFE dated
February 18, 1942.

(SGD) BERNARDINO REYES
Captain, Inf (PC)
Acceptance Officer

A TRUE COPY:

s/ Kenneth W. Bradfield s/ ~~Hilarion S. Ayalin~~
Capt FA t/ ~~HILARION S. AYALIN~~
Summary Court Officer 1st Lt. - QMS

A TRUE COPY OF A TRUE COPY:


PAUL CURL
1st Lt ABC
ASST ADJUTANT