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STUDY - BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR PHILIP, INC. 36661 VA PROGRAM

ANNEX 2

~~STUDY-DETERMINATION UNDER THE MISSING PERSONS ACT ANNEX 2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION~~
~~KOD BUITDRINE SCHEI VA PROGRAM~~

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FILE NO: AGAZ

SUBJECT: Policy of DA regarding the reopening of
"Status Determinations" made under the
"liberal" interpretation of the Missing
Persons Act

TO: CO, PAC, AGO
St. Louis 20, Mo.

FROM: Adm Svs Div, AGO

DATE: 25 Aug 50

COMMENT NO. 4
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Attention is invited to Comment No. 3.

FOR WACEN, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION:

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/s/ S. Rubinton
FOR: /t/ E. F. PROGAN, Major, AGO
Executive Officer

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ACFS-DE 220.717 (17 Jul 50 SUBJECT: Policy of DA regarding the reopening of
"Status Determinations" made under the
"Liberal" Interpretation of the Missing
Persons Act

TO: Chief, Pers Act Br FROM: Adm Svs Div, AGO DATE: 21 Jul 50 COMMENT NO. 2
ATTN: Casualty Sec Major Pegrum/73913

Request comment, attention being invited to Comment No. 1.

FOR: Chief, Administrative Services Division:

7 Incls
n/c

/s/ E. F. Pegrum
/t/ E. F. PEGRAM, Major, AGO
Executive Officer

TO: CO, Rec Adm Cen, AGO FROM: Chief, Pers Act Br, AGO 17 Aug 50 COMMENT NO. 3
St. Louis, Mo. Im 1E 728 Col Marcus/74585
THRU: Chief, Adm Svs Div, AGO

1. The determinations made in Project 'J' cases prior to December 1945 were made under an established policy of an authorized headquarters, and a decision has been rendered that they will not be redetermined to conform with a policy which was established at a later date. They are, therefore, the true and correct determination of the individual's status as maintained in the Department of the Army files.

2. It is not believed that the Department of the Army should make redeterminations of an individual's status under the Missing Persons Act merely to conform to Veterans Administration policies or to ease the work of the Veterans Administration adjudicators in adjudicating these cases under the Veterans Administration policies.

3. It is therefore recommended that the Veterans Administration be advised that the determinations as made are the official determination of the Department of the Army and any determination of veterans benefits should be based upon these determinations combined with whatever additional information the Veterans Administration has at hand.

7 Incls
n/c

/s/ Morris H. Marcus
/t/ MORRIS H. MARCUS, Colonel, AGO
Chief, Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

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AGRS-DE 220.717

Policy of DA regarding the reopening of "Status Determinations" made under the "Liberal" Interpretation of the Missing Persons Act

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TO Chief, Adm Svs Div, AGO FROM CO, Rec Adm Cen, AGO 17 Jul 50 COMMENT NO. 1
Rm 1A 881, The Pentagon Maj Leary/705

1. PROBLEM - The concurrence of your office is requested in the proposed reply of Demobilized Personnel Records Branch to the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Manila, P.I., in the case of Aniceto Mateo, SN 6 735 333 (Inclosure #1).

2. CASE BACKGROUND - A report of Death, WD AGO Form 52-1 was issued on 1 December 1945 by Casualty Branch, AGO, in the case of above named deceased soldier, based on a sworn statement of Artemio B. Catipay, attested to by Jose D. Villena, Mayor at Makati, Rizal, Philippine Islands. Under the liberal interpretation of the Missing Persons Act, it was held by the War Department that Aniceto Mateo was in a beleaguered status from 8 December 1941 to and including 6 May 1942 (Section 14, Public Law 490); absent in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 7 May 1942, and until such absence, was terminated on 28 November 1945, on which date evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact that he died on 7 February 1945 was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, Pacific Area.

3. DISCUSSION - Information contained in a recently received VA Field Examination Report, (Inclosure #2) shows that subject was a prisoner of war of the Japanese Government from the date of the surrender of Bataan, Philippine Islands until July or August 1942 when he was released and returned to his home in Guadalupe, Makati, Rizal. If a redetermination of subject's status were made on the basis of the additional information submitted by the Veterans Administration, his status would be as follows: Beleaguered from 8 December 1941 to 8 April 1942, the date of the surrender of Bataan; Prisoner of War from 9 April 1942 to the latter part of July or August 1942; Missing in Action for a two week period following his release and in a non-casualty status from that date up to the date of his death on 7 February 1945.

4. The Missing Persons Act was originally interpreted by Recovered Personnel Division, AFWESPAC, as providing benefits to the pertinent military and civilian personnel for the entire period of the Japanese Occupation, regardless of their activities during that period, provided those activities did not constitute treason to the United States Government. In December 1945, it was decided by AFWESPAC that the Liberal interpretation of the Missing Persons Act was incorrect and in accordance with Paragraph 1e, Section IV of the War Department Plan, the "Restraint Policy" came into effect. Under the policy the individual is not entitled to pay for the period subsequent to termination or suspension of official military or employment status by enemy occupation which did not deprive him of reasonable freedom of action and opportunity of livelihood and did not cause him or his dependents to suffer serious deprivation by reason of his former official status. This is the over-all policy embodied in Staff Memorandum Number 14, Headquarters, AFWESPAC, dated 27 December 1945 (Inclosure #3) under which Project 'J' operated in AFWESPAC and PHILRYCOM from 27 December 1945 to 1 April 1949 and under which the Demobilized Personnel Records Branch is currently operating.

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AGRS-DB

SUBJECT: Policy of AG regarding the reopening of "Status Determinations" made under the "Liberal" interpretation of the Missing Persons Act

a. Reference is made to a copy of letter dated 3 September 1947 from The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. (Incl #4), with 1st Indorsement thereto dated 18 September 1947 and copy of letter dated 1 March 1948 (Incl #5), in the case of Teodorico Soson, R-314 641, in which his status was determined under the liberal interpretation of the Missing Persons Act. In the letter of 3 September 1947 The Adjutant General requested the Commanding General, Philippines-Byukyu Command to make a redetermination of status in this case as to whether any time was lost under the Missing Persons Act. The 1st Indorsement dated 18 September 1947 from the Commanding General, Headquarters, Philippines-Byukyu Command explained the nature of the interpretation of the Missing Persons Act prior to 22 December 1945 and requested information relative to excessive payments and recommended that the prior determinations in cases of this nature be allowed to stand. Letter of 1 March 1948 from The Adjutant General (Incl #5) directed that the request for redetermination of casualty status in letter dated 3 September 1947 and in similar cases be rescinded.

5. Reference is also made to copy of Disposition Form dated 25 April 1950, with Comments 2 and 3 and inclosures (Incl #6) concerning the practice of this office and of Casualty Branch, AGO, of making redeterminations of status of resolved casualty cases only upon receipt of an appeal from the individual whose records are concerned, his next-of-kin, if the soldier is deceased, or from a qualified representative.

6. This matter has been discussed with Mr. Searles Edwards, the VA Liaison Officer to Records Administration Center. Mr. Edwards stated that it is his understanding that it is necessary for the VA to receive certification from the Department of the Army as to the exact status of an individual during the Japanese occupation, that is, periods of MIA, POW, Casualty and/or Non-Casualty Status. He further states that he believes that a request, such as a VA Form 3101, could be construed in this case as meaning that the VA is acting as the representative of the veteran or his next-of-kin.

7. Since it has not been the practice of the Demobilized Personnel Records Branch to reopen a case determined under the "liberal" interpretation of the Missing Persons Act except at the request of the individual concerned, it is deemed appropriate at this time to request a current decision as to whether or not redeterminations of status under the Missing Persons Act will be made at the routine request of the Veterans Administration.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS - As indicated in Inclosure #1.

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1. VA Form 3101 21 Feb 50
w/proposed reply
2. Photo copy Field Exam Report
3. Copy Staff Memo #14 27 Dec 45
4. Copy ltr 3 Sep 47 w/1 Ind
5. Copy ltr 1 Mar 48
6. Copy D/P 25 Apr 50 w/2 Comments and Incls
7. Enl Recs & 201 File

/s/ C. K. Heuser
 FOR: JOHN J. DONOVAN, Col, AGC
 Commanding

Suicide Death

WD AGO FORM 53 SERIES RECEIVED YES NO

LOCATION OF REQUESTING OFFICE Regional Office U.S. Veterans Administration Bldg Escobal & David Sts., Manila, P.I.	ORGANIZATION UNIT Adj. Div.	DATE 2-21-50
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If VA entry is correct, enter "c" in corresponding WD box; if not, make correct entry.

To be completed by Veterans Administration				To be completed by War Department			
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2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 6 735 333		4. CONVERTED INS NO		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. C		4. CONVERTED INS NO	
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ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH SERVING				SIGNATURE J. S. FINE, Captain Adjutant General			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION							
<p>The attached photostat copies of Field Examination Report (consisting of 32 sheets) approved 12/27/49 which contains vital information regarding veteran's POW status and his activities from date of release as POW to the date of his death, is being forwarded for your consideration. It is requested that clarification be made of veteran's service from 7 Dec 1941 to the date of his death, based on the additional evidence contained on the report and the evidence already on file in your office. The original copy of the Field Examination Report is this date being forwarded to our Central Office.</p>							
<p>Supplementing prior reports furnished your office 18 Oct 46, 5 Aug 47 and 27 Oct 48 under above XC number.</p>							
<p>The status determination of Aniceto Mateo, service number 6 735-333, as shown on WD AGO Form 52-1, Report of Death (copy attached) was made as a result of a battle casualty report submitted by an authorized headquarters under an established policy in effect at that time. The determination, as made, is the official determination of the Department of the Army. It is not the policy of the (over)</p>							
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CARDS	FIELD MEDICAL	MEDICAL	FINAL PHYS. EXAM	52-1			
TAGS	FIELD	DENTAL					
DATE	EDWARD F. WITSELL Major General The Adjutant General			BY Pohlman/Spec Corr			
6 Sep 50							

REMARKS: Under "Additional Information" continued

Department of the Army to make redeterminations in such cases solely to conform with a policy established at a later date. The photostat copies of the VA Field Examination Report in this case have been placed in the individual's 201 file for any possible future reference.

6 Sep 50

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Replies to be used to Veterans Administration in response to requests for redeterminations of status:

1. Paragraph to be used when an SR&M was subsequently received and the Report of Death, WE AGO Form 52-1 was previously issued based on a battle casualty report:

The determination made in the case of Aniceto Mateo, 6 735 333, on 1 December 1945 (copy attached), was made by an authorized headquarters under an established policy in effect at the time. The determination as made is the official determination of the Department of the Army. It is not the policy of the Department of the Army to make redeterminations in such cases solely to conform with a policy established at a later date. The photostat copies of the VA Field Examination Report in this case have been placed in the individual's 201 file for any possible future reference.

2. Paragraph to be used when the Report of Death, WE AGO Form 52-1 was issued based on a battle casualty report:

The status determination of Aniceto Mateo, 6 735 333, as shown on WE AGO Form 52-1, Report of Death, (copy attached), was made as a result of a battle casualty report submitted by an authorized headquarters under an established policy in effect at that time. The determination, as made, is the official determination of the Department of the Army. It is not the policy of the Department of the Army to make redeterminations in such cases solely to conform with a policy established at a later date. The photostat copies of the VA Field Examination Report in this case have been placed in the individual's 201 file for any possible future reference.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION

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STAFF MEMORANDUM
NO. 11

APC 707
27 December 1945

Interpretation of Missing Persons Act

1. The following is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

(Check Sheet - FROM: DC & C/S TO: Rec Pers Div)

1. As a result of the conference held in my office, attended by the AG, the A C/S, G-3, representatives of the PA Section, G-3, the Recovered Personnel Division, AG, and Plans Division, the following policy is furnished for your information and guidance.

2. Under the policy of this Headquarters, determination of casualty status and entitlement to pay under the Missing Persons Act will be as follows:

a. A person missing in action (whereabouts unknown) or captured and imprisoned or interned by the enemy until his recovery by United States Forces, will be determined to be in a casualty status with entitlement to pay for such period.

b. A person who evaded capture, or fled to the hills, or actively joined guerrillas, or actively participated in the anti-Japanese movement, or remained in hiding to avoid capture, until his return to military control, will be determined to be in a casualty status with entitlement to pay for such period.

c. A person who evaded capture, but returned to his home and continued a normal mode of living, will be determined not to be in a Casualty status and not entitled to pay from the date he returned home until he actively joined guerrillas or actively participated in the anti-Japanese movement, or returned to military control.

d. A person who was captured and imprisoned or interned by the enemy, but was thereafter released will be determined not in a casualty status and not entitled to pay from the date of his release until the date he actively joined a guerrilla force, or actively participated in the anti-Japanese movement, or returned to military control.

e. A person whose active service in or for the military forces of the United States was terminated as a result of the enemy occupation and who was permitted to return to his home and pursue a normal mode of living, will be determined not in a casualty status and not entitled to pay after the date of termination of such active service.

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f. A person falling within C, D, or E, above, who can prove that material restraint was imposed on him or that he suffered "serious deprivation," to an extent greater than the restrictions, inconveniences, and lowered standards of living generally suffered by other residents incident to the Japanese occupation, as a direct result of his former official status under the U. S., will be determined in a casualty status with entitlement to pay for the period such conditions existed. The burden of proof rests with the claimant.

(Initialed): WAW Jr."

2. Attention is also directed to Par. IV, 1, (3) of the War Department Plan for the Administration of the Missing Persons Act.

/s/t/ MORRIS H. MARCUS
Colonel, AGD
Director, Rec Pers Div

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BASIC: Ltr Fr WARTAG, dtd 3 Sep 47, subj: "Redetermination of Casualty Status", re: SOSON, Teodorico.

GSKRP 201 - SOSON, Teodorico 1st Ind
R-314,641

HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND, APO 707, 18 September 1947

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Prior to 22 December 1945 the Missing Persons Act was interpreted to mean that personnel in the Philippine Islands who entered into a casualty status within the meaning of Section 2 of that Act remained in a casualty status until they returned to military control. The nature of their activities, short of disloyalty or Japanese employment, did not operate to remove them from such status.

2. As the result of a study of the application of the Missing Persons Act in the Philippines this interpretation was revised and a new interpretation of the Act resulted in a policy to the effect that persons who were released from a prisoner of war status and pursued a reasonably normal life free from undue restraint or hardship arising out of their former official status were considered to be in a non-casualty status.

3. A great many cases had been determined and arrears in pay settled prior to adoption of the policy indicated in paragraph 2, the case of T/Sgt Soson being one of them. Since arrears in pay had been settled, and could not be recovered, these cases were not redetermined under the new policy. For this reason there are many cases in which a casualty status was allowed for the full period of the Japanese occupation which would not have such status if redetermined under current policy.

4. Information on the following points is requested if it is desired that cases such as T/Sgt Soson be redetermined:

a. What action is to be taken regarding the amount of overpayment which will result.

b. What action is to be taken with regard to excessive longevity credits resulting from the original determination.

5. In view of the complications involved in the redetermination of such cases, it is recommended that the original determinations be allowed to stand.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

MORRIS H. MARCUS
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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AGPO-X 201 Soson, Teodorico
(20 Jan 47) R-314,641 T/Sgt (PS)

3 Oct 47

3 September 1947

SUBJECT: Redetermination of Casualty Status

TO: Commanding General
Philippines-Ryukyus Command
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to WD AGO Form 49, Application for Retirement submitted by T/Sgt Teodorico Soson, R-314,641, 3586th Ordnance Depot C., (PS), APO 1009, on 20 January 1947.

2. The records show that soldier was paid from 1 December 1941 to 19 February 1945 on 3 November 1945 in the amount of \$1,829.36, Voucher No. 287, September 1945 accounts of E. R. Slye, Captain, F. D. No record has been found of a redetermination of casualty status since soldier's return to military control.

3. The following statement was made in soldier's Affidavit dated 13 March 1945:

"After being released on 30 August 1942 I was provided with transportation by the Japanese to my home in Calumpit, Bulacan arriving the same day. Here I lived as a farmer with my family until the arrival of the American Forces in Calumpit on 29 January 1945. I then tried to report to military control, but was told to await further instructions by a Major who was in the vicinity. A few weeks later a circular was posted informing all Philippine Scouts to report to Military Control at Camp Olivias, San Fernando, Pampanga. I immediately left my home on 20 February 1945 reporting to Military Control the same day".

4. As it appears from the information available that Sgt Soson's case parallels a large majority of other cases when it was determined that the Philippine Scouts involved in those cases were not in a casualty status within the meaning of Section II of the Missing Persons Act, it is desired that a redetermination be made in this case as to whether any time was lost under the MPA.

5. As time lost under the Missing Persons Act is not credited for retirement purposes, no further action will be taken on Sgt Soson's application until a redetermination of his casualty status has been completed and forwarded to this office.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WAR:

B. B. BELL
Adjutant General

COPYAIR MAIL
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of The Adjutant GeneralCOPYAGPO-X 201, Soson, Teodorico
R-314,641 (PS) (1 Mar 48)

1 March 1948

SUBJECT: Redetermination of Casualty Status

TO: Commanding General
Philippines-Ryukyus Command
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to letter this office file and subject as above dated 3 September 1947, and 1st indorsement, your headquarters, GBARP 201, Soson, Teodorico, R-314,641, 18 September 1947.

2. Instructions contained in paragraph 4 of the letter referred to in paragraph 1 above, and like instructions given in similar cases directing redetermination of casualty status are rescinded.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

/s/ J. A. Lasky
Adjutant GeneralCOPY

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GO, Rec Adm Cen, AGO

Chief, Demob Pers Rec
Branch, RAC, AGO

25 April 1950

COMMENT NO. 1
Lt Col Hoge/705

1. Reference is made to Comment No. 3, attached copy of D/F from Chief, Management Staff Division, AGO, dated 5 April 1950, requesting comments on recommendation contained in Paragraph 3, letter dated 15 February 1950 from The Adjutant General's Records Depository, Philippine Islands.

2. The recommendation of the Adjutant General's Records Depository, Philippine Islands, as outlined in Paragraph 3 of the above-mentioned communication, is concurred in by this Branch.

3. It is the practice of the Demobilized Personnel Records Branch to make determinations of resolved casualty cases only upon receipt of an appeal from the individual whose records are concerned, his next-of-kin if the soldier is deceased, or from a qualified representative.

4. At the time representatives of this Branch were on temporary duty at the Adjutant General's Records Depository, Philippine Islands, in June 1949, it was understood that AGRD would make determinations or redeterminations only on those cases in which the Project 'J' files had been retained at that Depot for further investigation. It was agreed at that time that in those cases in which this Center deemed it advisable, the Investigation Branch, AGRD, would conduct a personal field investigation and forward the findings to this Center for determination.

5. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the determinations made by the Adjutant General's Records Depository, Philippine Islands, be accepted, unless new evidence submitted is sufficient to support a change in the determination, or unless an obvious error was made in the original determination.

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w/Comms #2, #3
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E. C. HOGE, Lt Col, AGD
Chief, Demob Pers Rec Branch

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24 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MALEY:

In compliance with your request for comments on the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the letter dated 15 February 1950 the following is submitted:

1. The recommendation is concurred in that determinations made by the Adjutant General's Records Depository, Philippine Islands, be accepted, unless new evidence submitted is sufficient to support a change in the determination or unless an obvious error was made in the original determination.
2. It is the practice of this Branch to make redeterminations of resolved casualty cases only upon receipt of an appeal from the individual whose records are concerned, his next-of-kin if the soldier is deceased, or from a qualified representative.
3. At the time representatives of this Branch were on temporary duty at the Adjutant General's Records Depository, it was understood that AGRD would make determinations or redeterminations only on those cases in which the Project 'J' files had been retained at that Depot for further investigation. It was agreed at that time that in those cases in which this center deemed it advisable, the Investigation Branch, AGRD, would conduct a personal field investigation and forward the findings to this center for determination.
4. It is recommended that the procedure set forth above be continued.

Winifred M. Hager
Chief Clerk
WW II Correspondence Section

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SUBJECT: Routing of Correspondence Concerning Project 'J' Personnel Records

TO: Chief, Mgt Staff, Div, AGO FROM: Chief, Pers Bureau, 31 Mar 50 COMMENT NO. 2
AGO Lt Col Bousquin/3136

1. The recommendation contained in the basic communication is not concurred in for the following reasons:
 - a. Except for the initial review, further reviews of "resolved" casualty cases are made only upon appeal of the individual concern@d or a qualified individual acting in his behalf.
 - b. Appeals from acceptable sources require an actual review of the previous action to determine whether or not the previous action was in accordance with announced Department of the Army policies or the evidence contained in the file, and whether or not new evidence, if submitted, is sufficient to support a redetermination.
 - c. In several recent cases, the Judge advocate General, Department of the Army and the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Personnel, have concurred in redeterminations based on previous restrictive application of policies, regulations/and or concepts of acceptable evidence by The Adjutant General's Office and the former commands in the Philippines.
2. In general it is believed that correspondence should not be referred to the Adjutant General Records Depository, Philippine Islands, for review; however, that headquarters should furnish additional evidence when required for use by the Casualty Section, Personnel Actions Branch, AGO and the Records Administration Center, St. Louis, and should re-investigate cases which require additional investigation to insure completeness of records and make determinations or redeterminations in those cases which have been directed by The Adjutant General's Office. After a decision has been made to grant a casualty status, extend the period of a casualty status, or approve an appointment or a promotion, Casualty Section or the Records Administration Center will make the determination. However, in those cases where essential facts are not available in the file, the complete files and other information available in The Adjutant General's Office will be furnished to the Adjutant General Records Depository for redetermination.
3. The recommendation contained in paragraph 3, basic communication, proposes to change the policy of the Department of the Army which authorizes individual appeals from unfavorable determinations and reconsideration of such unfavorable determinations at all levels of the Department. Such policy could not be changed without approval of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Personnel.
4. There is no record found that the Personnel Bureau commented on Letter, Hq. Philippines Command (Air Force) and Thirteenth Air Force, dated 16 November 1949 (Inclosure 1).

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n/cWm E. BERGIN
Major General, USA
Chief, Personnel Bureau, AGOC O P Y

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Routing of Correspondence Concerning
Project 'J' Personnel RecordsTO: Chief, Pers Act Br, AGO FROM: Chief, Mgt Staff Div, AGO 3 Mar 50 COMMENT NO. 1
Guthrie/ht/3788

1. Reference is made to the inclosed letter from the Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository, subject as above, dated 15 February 1950, and to telephone conversation of 2 March 1950 between Lt. Colonel S. L. Bousquin of your office and Mr. J. L. Guthrie of this office.

2. Request comment or concurrence in the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the above-mentioned letter. This matter will be coordinated with the Commanding Officer, Records Administration Center, after receipt of your comments.

1 Incl
Ltr fr AGRD
15 Feb 50

/s/ T. J. Smith, Lt Col, AGD
FOR: H. M. JONES, Colonel, AGD
Chief, Mgt Staff Div, AGO

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Routing of Correspondence Cases Requiring
Reference to Project 'J' Personnel Records

TO: CO, Rec Adm Cen, AGO FROM: Chief, Mgt Staff Div, AGO 6 Dec 49 COMMENT NO. 1
St. Louis 20, Mo. Guthrie/mr/3788

1. Reference is made to the inclosed undated letter from the Commanding General, Philippines Air Command, subject as above.
2. Request comment or concurrence by airmail at the earliest possible date in the recommendation contained in paragraphs 2 and 4 of letter referred to above. In the event of concurrence in recommendation contained in paragraph 4 of that letter, request that no cases pertaining to Project 'J' personnel, on whom the files have not yet been received, be forwarded to the AG Records Depository pending receipt of the remaining Project 'J' records.

1 Incl
Undated ltr fr
CG, PHILAIRCOM

/s/ T. J. Smith
FOR: H. M. JONES, Colonel, AGD
Chief, Mgt Staff Div, AGO

AGRS-E 314

TO Chief, Adm Svs Div, AGO FROM CO, Rec Adm Cen, AGO 13 Dec 49 COMMENT NO. 2
Rm 1A 881, Pentagon St. Louis 20, Mo. Lt Col Hoge/705

1. This Center concurs in the recommendations contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the inclosed undated letter from the Commanding General, Philippines Air Command.
2. Effective 12 December 1949, all correspondence pertaining to Project 'J' personnel is being retained in the Demobilized Personnel Records Branch pending receipt of the pertinent Project 'J' 201 files.

1 Incl
n/c

JOHN J. DONOVAN, Colonel, AGD
Commanding

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AGPS-TC-C 201 Amd, Juanito R.
(6 Mar 51)

16 April 1951

Registration Officer
Veterans Administration Regional Office
APT 923, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated 6 March 1951, requesting a determination of the exact periods of active service in the case of Juanito R. Amd, your file reference 58470, Claim Number C-12 86 64 54.

On 6 May 1946 an official determination of the military status of Juanito R. Amd, service number 10 647 113, Troop C, 26th Cavalry, was made by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, under an established policy of an authorized headquarters. The records indicate that a copy of this determination has been furnished to the Veterans Administration. It shows, in effect, that the individual concerned is carried in a missing in action status from 19 July 1943 to 30 August 1943 and from 18 October 1944 to 15 November 1945 and not in a casualty status within the meaning of Section 2 of the Missing Persons Act from 31 August 1943 to 17 October 1944 and from 16 November 1945 to 29 April 1946. He returned to military control on 30 April 1946.

As a result of this determination, Juanito R. Amd was paid in full for his military service on Voucher Number 13732, accounts of Quentin Pullias, Major, Finance Department, in the amount of \$189.20. Insofar as the Department of the Army is concerned, this payment constituted the final action in the settlement of this service claim against the Government and no further official action is deemed necessary unless the individual himself, or an authorized agent acting in his behalf, formally requests a redetermination of his exact status.

However, in view of the divergence of views between the Veterans Administration and the Department of the Army as to what should, or should not, be considered "active duty" within the meaning of the laws involved, the agreement of 1949 between your office and the Adjutant General Records Depository is believed to have intended that the Department of the Army would attempt to furnish the Veterans Administration with all possible additional information pertaining to the

ACRS-DC-S 201 mid, Juanito R.
(6 Mar 51)

16 April 1951

Veterans Administration Regional Office

military service of the individual concerned and which would be considered necessary, from the Veterans Administration point of view, for the proper adjudication and administration of benefits due the veteran under Veterans Administration laws. It is not believed that it was intended that the agreement entered into between your office and the Adjutant General Records Depository in June 1949 would operate to obligate the Department of the Army to officially reopen and redetermine cases solely to conform to definitions of service or "active duty" requirements under Veterans Administration policies.

Therefore, in the case of Juanito R. Amid, service number 10 647 113, the determination of status, as set forth on 6 May 1946, and so certified to your office on VA Form 3101 dated 2 August 1948, is held to be the official status of the individual concerned as accepted by the Department of the Army.

The information shown on AGFAC Form 1-562, dated 24 January 1951, was furnished to your office as a result of your specific request of 22 November 1950. As such, it is to be considered only supplemental information pertaining to the military service of Juanito R. Amid, service number 10 647 113, and furnished to your office in order that all information regarding an individual's service will be available to the Veterans Administration for use in determining eligibility for benefits under Veterans Administration laws and policies. It is not an official Department of the Army redetermination of status.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. DONOVAN
Colonel, AGC
Commanding

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V. A. FORM 3101
NOV 1945

REQUEST FOR ARMY INFORMATION

TITLE II PL 346

WD AGO FORM 53 SERIES RECEIVED

NAME OF REQUESTING OFFICE
USVA, MANILA PI

ORGANIZATION UNIT
VRAND 7c

DATE
26 Mar 51

If VA entry is correct enter "c" in corresponding WD form if not, make correct entry

To be completed by Veterans Administration

To be completed by War Department

1. LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL
DOB, John

2. SERVICE NUMBER

2. ARMY SERIAL NO
12 134 145

3. SERVICE GRADE

3. C. NO
2 621 919

4. GRADE

4. CONTRACTING NO

5. NATIONALITY

6. DATE OF ENTRY TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE
23 Feb 41 **4 Aug 45**

7. DATE OF ENTRY TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE
4 Aug 45

7. DATE OF RELEASE FROM ACTIVE SERVICE
3 Aug 45 **29 Jun 46**

8. DATE OF RELEASE FROM ACTIVE SERVICE
29 Jun 46

8. HONORARY DISCHARGE

9. HONORARY DISCHARGE

9. LAST GRADE AND ORGANIZATION
Pvt. Detn Pats 155th Station Hospital

10. LAST GRADE AND ORGANIZATION

10. DATE OF BIRTH
**Rep & Disr Comd
Alibang, Rizal, Luzon PI**

11. DATE OF BIRTH

11. HOME ADDRESS
Sampaloc, Manila, P. I.

12. HOME ADDRESS

12. DATE OF BIRTH
13 Mar 16

13. DATE OF BIRTH

14. PLACE OF BIRTH
Manila, P. I.

14. PLACE OF BIRTH

ALLEGED DISEASE OR INJURY

HOSPITAL OR INFIRMARY

ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH SERVING

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Please furnish this office with all periods of active military service from date of original enlistment to date of final discharge, showing detailed breakdown of all periods of active military service during the period of the Japanese occupation.
Cause of discharge: **GOD, SLOD**

Prior service: Enlisted **23 Feb 41** and was honorably discharged **3 Aug 45** as a Pvt. Co. M 45th Inf (AS) to enlist in the AUS,

Transcript of Academic Record, ASTP, not found on file. Name of College or University not indicated.

Supplementing prior reports furnished your office **5 Dec 46, 18 Apr 47, 28 Jun 48** and **17 Nov 48** under above claim number.

(SAMPLE)

COPIES			ORIGINALS WANTED		OTHER RECORDS
PHYS. EXAM.	AT ENTRANCE	OTHER	MEDICAL		
CARDS	FIELD MEDICAL	MEDICAL	FINAL PHYS. EXAM		
TAGS	FIELD	DENTAL			

DATE **17 Apr 51** BY **Edward F. Witsell**
Major General
The Adjutant General
Pehlman/Spec Corr

Loyalty Status Board Proceedings not found of record.

Manila AGRD file has been received and considered.

The following is held to be the official status of subject as accepted by the Department of the Army:

Duty	From 1 Dec 41 to 7 Dec 41
Belonged	8 Dec 41 8 Apr 42
POW	9 Apr 42 14 Aug 42
Missing in action	15 Aug 42 28 Feb 43
Duty	3 Aug 45 (1 day)

Subject was not in a Casualty Status within the meaning of Section 2 of the Missing Persons Act from 1 Mar 43 to 2 Aug 45.

The attached Supplemental Army Information Form, AI RAC Form 1-562, is furnished under the provisions of the agreement made in June 1949 by representatives of Veterans Administration, Manila, P. I. and Adjutant General's Records Depository, Manila, P. I. in order that all information regarding an individual's service will be available to the Veterans Administration for use in determining eligibility for benefits under Veterans Administration laws and policies. It is not an official Department of the Army redetermination of status.

1 Incl
Supplemental Army Information Form

Pohlman/Spec
17 Apr 51

App'd by May Lang + Mrs. Hogan

VA INFO

HEADQUARTERS
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
PHILIPPINE COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY

AGO 900
17 June 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO: VA Section, Project "J"

1. Effective immediately, Determinations of service under the Missing Persons Act will not be used in furnishing information to the Veterans Administration.

2. All reports will be made from statements made by the subject in his initial affidavit and in appropriate cases as substantiated by supporting affidavits properly sworn to.

3. Members of the 14th Infantry AUS and Troop "C" 26th Cavalry AUS will continue to be identified as such, but the same type of breakdown will be given for their periods of service.

4. The following terms commonly used under the Missing Persons Act will not be used in these cases:

- MIA - Missing in Action
- NCS - Non Casualty Status

Neither will be the term "for sickness contracted while in a line of duty status" be used. Inclusive dates for sickness claimed on all types of injuries will be given as heretofore, but without the above line of duty statement.

5. Terms and abbreviated terms that will be used are as follows:

Active duty: Inclusive dates; beleaguered; and POW
Not U. M. C.: "Not under Military Control"

This will be used on all statements where the individual states he was home or on a non-duty status, such as living with and being supported by a relative, or himself engaging in a profession of any nature.

Active duty will be defined as those periods of time that the individual claims service that can actually be substantiated by initial affidavit, properly sworn to, or in appropriate cases by affidavits as supporting statements to initial claim of active service; or recognition of Guerrilla Service as claimed by, if substantiated by his name actually appearing on a recognized Guerrilla Roster, or serving under a commissioned officer(s) of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Philippine Commonwealth Army on duty with and cooperating with the Armed Forces of the United States, if his is a recognized name of or/on an official roster.

6. Not U. M. C., will define as all periods of claimed service, or unclaimed service that cannot be substantiated by above requirements of recognition and those periods the subject states he was on a non-duty status; such as: being at home, or at the home of a relative or friend at any time he declares that he was in fact at any occupation whereby he could derive a normal existence without prejudice on the part of his former

official capacity.

7. Periods of guerrilla service claimed by an individual but not substantiated by one or the other above, will be listed as not U. S. C.

8. This policy was formed at a conference attended by Mr. Palmer, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Sims, Mr. McEachin, Mr. Murphy, Major Page, Captain Baker, and CWO Hausle.

PAUL M. HAUSLE
CWO USA

SUPPLEMENTAL ARMY INFORMATION

DATE

TO: MANAGER, MANILA REGIONAL OFFICE
U. S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
MANILA, PHILIPPINES
APO c/o PW SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FROM: DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BRANCH
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER, AGO
ST. LOUIS 20, MISSOURI

Following report is furnished under provisions of agreement made in June 1949 by representatives of Veterans Administration, Manila P. I. and Adjutant General's Records Department, Manila P. I. (Not to be considered an official Department of the Army determination of status)

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL		2. SERVICE NUMBER	3. ATM NUMBER
4. DATE OF ENTRY (Active Sv)		5. PRISONER OF WAR STATUS	6. DATE OF ESCAPE OR RELEASE
FROM:		TO:	
7. <input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT CARRIED ON THE FINAL RECONSTRUCTED CASUALTY ROSTER OR INDIVIDUAL LETTERS SHOWN BELOW		8. ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT APPEAR ON FINAL RECONSTRUCTED CASUALTY ROSTER OR INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF RECOGNITION, SERVICE WAS RECOGNIZED CLAIMED UNDER THE OFFICER NAMED BELOW WHO IS RECOGNIZED COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE PHILIPPINE COMMONWEALTH ARMY ON DUTY WITH AND COOPERATING WITH THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.	
A. ORGANIZATION AND GUERRILLA UNIT		A. NAME OF OFFICER	
B. NAME ON ROSTER		GRADE	
C. GRADE ON ROSTER		ORGANIZATION	
D. DATE RECOGNIZED		B. PERIOD OF SERVICE UNDER OFFICER	
E. SERVED WITH ABOVE UNIT		UNIT	
FROM:		INCLUSIVE DATES	
TO:		FROM:	
TO:		TO:	
9. DATE OF RETURN TO MILITARY CONTROL		10. DATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM SV (Whichever is earlier)	

REMARKS:

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EDWARD J. McWILL
Major General USA
The Adjutant General

BY:

TO: MANAGER, MANILA REGIONAL OFFICE
U. S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
MANILA, PHILIPPINES
APO c/o PM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FROM: DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BRANCH
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER, AGO
ST. LOUIS 20, MISSOURI

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL
Agusan, Paulino P.

SERVICE NUMBER
10 305 515

CLAIM NUMBER
0-5 53 07 69

1. DATE OF ENTRY (Active Sv) 2. PRISONER OF WAR STATUS

20 February 1941

FROM: 9 April 1942 TO: 16 April 1942

3. DATE OF ESCAPE OR
RELEASE
16 April 1942

4. CARRIED NOT CARRIED ON THE FINAL
RECONSTRUCTED CASUALTY ROSTER OR INDIVIDUAL
LETTERS SHOWN BELOW

5. ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT APPEAR ON FINAL,
RECONSTRUCTED CASUALTY ROSTER OR INDIVIDUAL
LETTERS OF RECOGNITION, SERVICE WAS ~~RECOGNIZED~~ claimed
UNDER THE OFFICER NAMED BELOW WHO IS RECOGNIZED
COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
UNITED STATES OR THE PHILIPPINE COMMONWEALTH
ARMY ON DUTY WITH AND COOPERATING WITH THE ARMED
FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

A. ORGANIZATION AND GUERRILLA UNIT
Company L, 121st Infantry, USAFIP-NL

A. NAME OF OFFICER
Emilio M. Narciso GRADE
Captain

B. NAME ON ROSTER
Not Applicable

ORGANIZATION
Company L, 121st Inf Regt, USAFIP-NL

C. GRADE ON ROSTER D. DATE RECOGNIZED
Not Applicable Not Applicable

B. PERIOD OF SERVICE UNDER OFFICER

E. SERVED WITH ABOVE UNIT
Not Applicable

UNIT
Company L, 121st Inf Regt, USAFIP-NL
INCLUSIVE DATES CLAIMED.

FROM: TO:

FROM: 27 December 1944 TO: 6 January 1945

6. DATE OF RETURN TO MILITARY CONTROL

24 July 1945

7. DATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM SV (Whichever is
earlier)
Discharged 24 July 1945

REMARKS: In accordance with agreement reached in June 1949 between
representatives of your office, AGRD and DPR, the following break
down of service is being made based on initial affidavit of individual,
and in appropriate cases as substantiated by supporting affidavits
properly sworn to. This report is not to be considered as an official
determination of status.
Active duty: 20 Feb 41 to 8 Apr 42
Not U.S.M. Co. 17 Apr 42 to 20 Dec 44
Not U.S.M. Co. 17 Jan 45 to 23 Jul 45
Active duty: 24 Jul 45 to date

Subject claimed in affidavits dated 26 July 1945 and 10 August 1945 that
he joined Company L, 121st Infantry (Guerrilla) under Capt. Emilio Narciso
on 27 December 1944 and that he was with that organization until 6 January 1945
when he was injured in an explosion while engaged in blowing up a bridge. He
further claimed that he was taken to Headquarters, 2d Hospital Company,
2d District, USAFIP, 4th 15th Infantry Aft. and was treated for 43 days, being
discharged on 19 February 1945 when he returned home to recover and rest.

Service of the records of (Over)

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

BY:

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TO: MANAGER, MANILA REGIONAL OFFICE
 U. S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
 MANILA, PHILIPPINES
 APO c/o PM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FROM: DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BRANCH
 RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER, AGO
 ST. LOUIS 20, MISSOURI

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL

SERVICE NUMBER

CLAIM NUMBER

1. DATE OF ENTRY (Active Sv) 2. PRISONER OF WAR STATUS

3. DATE OF ESCAPE OR RELEASE

FROM:

TO:

4. CARRIED NOT CARRIED ON THE FINAL
 RECONSTRUCTED CASUALTY ROSTER OR INDIVIDUAL
 LETTERS SHOWN BELOW

5. ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT APPEAR ON FINAL
 RECONSTRUCTED CASUALTY ROSTER OR INDIVIDUAL
 LETTERS OF RECOGNITION, SERVICE WAS ~~RECORDED~~ **claimed**
 UNDER THE OFFICER NAMED BELOW WHO IS RECOGNIZED
 COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
 UNITED STATES OR THE PHILIPPINE COMMONWEALTH
 ARMY ON DUTY WITH AND COOPERATING WITH THE ARMED
 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

A. ORGANIZATION AND GUERRILLA UNIT

B. NAME ON ROSTER

A. NAME OF OFFICER

GRADE

ORGANIZATION

C. GRADE ON ROSTER

D. DATE RECOGNIZED

B. PERIOD OF SERVICE UNDER OFFICER

UNIT

E. SERVED WITH ABOVE UNIT

INCLUSIVE DATES

FROM:

TO:

FROM:

TO:

6. DATE OF RETURN TO MILITARY CONTROL

7. DATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM SV (Whichever is earlier)

REMARKS:

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text in the Remarks section]

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EDWARD F. WITSBELL
 Major General, USA
 The Adjutant General

BY:

SUPPLEMENTAL ARMY INFORMATION

TO: Manager, Manila Regional Office U. S. Veterans Administration Manila, Philippines APO 900 c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif		FROM: DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BRANCH RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER, AGO ST. LOUIS 20, MISSOURI	
NAME (Last- First - Middle Initial) Varona, Felipe		Service Number 10 303 681	Claim Number 12 153 928
1. Date of entry into active service 4 March 1941		2. PRISONER OF WAR STATUS FROM TO	
3. Date of escape or release 19 April 1942		9 April 1942	19 April 1942
4. The above individual (is) (is not) carried in the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster, or Individual letters as shown below.			
(a) Organization & Guerrilla Unit Not Applicable		(b) Name appearing in the Roster Not Applicable	
(c) Grade shown on Roster Not Applicable		(d) Date of Recognition Not Applicable	
(e) Served with above unit (show inclusive dates) Not Applicable			
5. Subject individual does not appear on the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster, or Individual letters of recognition, however, service was performed under the following officer who is recognized commissioned officer of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Philippine Commonwealth Army on duty with and cooperating with the Armed Forces of the United States.			
(a) NAME OF OFFICER	GRADE	ORGANIZATION	
Not Applicable		Not Applicable	
(b) Subject individual served under the above officer with the following unit			
UNIT		FROM	TO
Not Applicable		Not Applicable	
6. Date of return to military control 27 February 1945		7. Date of release from service or discharge (Whichever is the earliest date.) 19 November 1945	

8- Remarks:

Active duty from 4 March 1941 to 8 April 1942
NUMC from 20 April 1942 to 26 February 1945
Active duty from 27 February 1945 to 19 November 1945.

Subject claims Malaria and dysentery both contracted in Bataan. Got sick upon reaching home 5 May 1942. Treated by Drs. in San Lazaro, Manila.

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- C O P Y -

EDWARD F. WITSELL Major General, U.S.A. The Adjutant General	BY Mogelnicki/vm-S	DATE 8 June 1950
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AGRS-AC-A 201 Varona, Felipe 10 303 681
(7 Mar 50) Case # 71604

HJW/cfr

TO: Demob Pers Recs Br FROM: Orgn Records Br DATE: 1 Jun 50 COMMENT NO. 2
 RAC, AGO, Sp Corres Unit RAC, AGO Wilson/2151
 WW II Corres Section
 ATTN: Savage

1. A search of the records of Nakar Division reveals Col. Alejandro T. Santos as C.O., and Major Marcelo Flores, G-2.
2. Records of the Nakar Division, ECLGA, do not reveal any information relative to subject individual, Capt. I Casasola or Lt. Isidro Picatoste.
3. A search of the records of the Manila Military District, ECLGA, does not reveal any information relative to subject individual or the 159th Combat Sq.
4. Reconstructed consolidated Roster of Marking's Fil-American Troops, listing all recognized guerrillas of all component units thereof, does not list subject individual or any of the above mentioned officers.
5. Letter, PHILRYCOM, dated 1 March 1948, on file in the individual 201 Guerrilla records, shows that Alejandro T. Santos was not favorably considered for recognition.
6. There is no 201 on file for the following personnel: Felipe Varona, Major Marcelo Flores, Capt. Indalecio Casasola or Lt. Isidro Picatoste.

/s/ Robert Wagner

for JOHN C. ROSE, Lt. Col, AGD
 Chief, Orgn Records Branch

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Guerrilla Status

Org. Rec. Br.
Fldg. 102Spec. Corr. Unit
W II Corr. Sec.

7 Mar 50

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1. Records indicate Varona, Felipe, IO 303 681, joined the Nakar Division under Col. Ramsey, but immediately under Col. Alenjandro Santos, Major Marcelo Flores, Capt. I. Casasola and Lt. Isidro Picatoste of the North Manila District, ECLGA (159th Combat Sq) on 9 Oct 42. Records further indicate subject joined Marking's Guerrillas in May 44. Subject reported to Military Control 27 Feb 45.

2. Request that this unit be furnished the following information:

a. Whether subject individual is or is not carried as a member of Nakar Division, North Manila District ECLGA, (159th Combat Sq.) or Marking's Guerrillas on the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster or individual letters.

b. Name and grade shown on roster.

c. Period for which unit initially recognized.

d. Dates individual served with above unit.

e. If the above requested information cannot be located, were the following officers recognized commissioned officers of the Nakar Division, North Manila District, ECLGA (159th Combat Sq.)?

Col. Alenjandro Santos
Major Marcelo Flores.
Capt. Indalecio Casasola
Lt. Isidro Picatoste

3. Request forwarded for possible compliance.

Billie I. Savage

SUPPLEMENTAL ARMY INFORMATION

TO: Manager, Manila Regional Office U.S. Veterans Administration Manila, Philippines APO 900 c/o FM San Francisco, Calif		FROM: DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BR RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER AGO ST. LOUIS 20, MISSOURI	
NAME (Last - First - Middle Initial) Anonuevo, Francisco		Service Number 6 612 678	Claim Number 12 151 477
1. Date of entry into active service 6 Feb 40		2. PRISONER OF WAR STATUS	
		FROM	TO
3. Date of unconquer release 30 Jun 42		16 Apr 42	30 Jun 42
4. The above individual name (is not) carried in the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster, or individual letters as shown below.			
(a) Organization & Guerrilla Unit Not applicable			
(b) Name appearing in the Roster Not applicable		(c) Grade shown on Roster Not applicable	
(d) Date of Recognition Not applicable		(e) Served with above unit (Inclusive dates) Not applicable	
5. Subject individual does not appear on the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster, or individual letters of recognition, however, service was performed under the following officer who is recognized commissioned officer of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Philippine Commonwealth Army on duty with and cooperating with the Armed Forces of the United States:			
(a)	NAME OF OFFICER	GRADE	ORGANIZATION
	Robert B. Lapham	Major	Commanding Officer, LGAF
(b). Subject individual served under the above officer with the following unit			
	UNIT	FROM	TO
	Sq. 266, LGAF	9 Jan 45	11 Mar 45
6. Date of return to military control 12 Mar 45		7. Date of release from service discharge (Whichever is the earliest date) 14 Mar 45	

8. Remarks:
Active duty from 6 Feb 40 to 15 Apr 42.
Not UNC from 1 Jul 42 to 8 Jan 45.
Active duty from 12 Mar 45 to 14 Mar 45.
Claims Malaria while POW until 10 Oct 42.

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EDWARD F. WITSELL Major General The Adjutant General	BY Savage/Spec. Corr WV II Corros. Sec.	DATE 2 Mar 50
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SUPPLEMENTAL ARMY INFORMATION

TO: Manager, Manila Regional Office
U. S. Veterans Administration
Manila, Philippines
APO 900 c/o PM San Francisco, Calif.

FROM: DECLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECORDS BR
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER, AGU
ST. LOUIS 20, MISSOURI

NAME (Last - First - Middle Initial)
BLANSON, Luis

Service Number
R-310 144

Claim Number
12 #66 367

1. Date of entry into active service
6 June 1940

2. PRISONER OF WAR STATUS
FROM TO

3. Date of ~~release~~ release
29 June 1942

9 April 1942

29 June 1942

4. The above individual (is) ~~(is)~~ carried in the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster, or individual letters as shown below.

(a) Organization & Guerrilla Unit

1st Plat, Sq 227 (Old Broncho Unit) LGAF

(b) Name appearing in the Roster
Luis Blanson

(c) Grade shown on Roster
Private

(d) Date of Recognition
15 October 1944

(e) Served with above unit (Inclusive dates)
30 Oct 44 to 20 Feb 45

5. Subject individual does not appear on the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster, or individual letters of recognition, however, service was performed under the following officer who is recognized commissioned officer of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Philippine Commonwealth Army on duty with and cooperating with the Armed Forces of the United States:

(a) NAME OF OFFICER

GRADE

ORGANIZATION

Not applicable

Not applicable

(b) Subject individual served under the above officer with the following unit:

UNIT

FROM

TO

Not applicable

Not applicable

6. Date of return to military control
8 March 1945

7. Date of ~~release from service~~ discharge ~~(the earliest date)~~ the earliest date)
21 Feb 1945

8. Remarks:

**Active duty dates from 6 June 1940 to 8 April 1942
Not under military control from 30 June 1942 to 29 October 1944
Active duty dates from 30 October 1944 to 20 February 1945
Not under military control from 21 February 1945 to 7 March 1945
Active duty dates (1 day) 8 March 1945**

**Claims he had malaria at O'Donnell treated by Filipino Army Doctor.
Beri-beri at O'Donnell treated himself.**

EDWARD F. MITSEIL
Major General
The Adjutant General

BY

hh/Spec Corr Unit

II Corr Sec

DATE 13 Feb 50

SUPPLEMENTAL ARMY INFORMATION

TO: Manager, Manila Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration
Manila, Philippines
APO 900 c/o PO San Francisco, Calif

FROM: DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BR
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER AGO
ST. LOUIS 20, MISSOURI

NAME (Last - First - Middle Initial) Dase, Apolinario		Service Number 1 818 487	Claim Number 18 968 871
1. Date of entry into active service 28 Jul 48		2. PERIOD OF WAR STATUS	
		FROM	TO
3. Date of discharge release 24 Mar 48		8 May 48	24 Mar 48
4. The above individual (is) (is not) carried in the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster, or individual letters as shown below.			
(a) Organization & Guerrilla Unit Not applicable			
(b) Name appearing in the roster Not applicable		(c) Grade shown on Roster Not applicable	
(d) Date of Recognition Not applicable		(e) Served with above unit (Inclusive dates) Not applicable	
5. Subject individual does not appear on the Final Reconstructed, Casualty Roster, or individual letters of recognition, however, service was performed under the following officer who is recognized commissioned officer of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Philippine Commonwealth Army on duty with and cooperating with the Armed Forces of the United States:			
(a)	NAME OF OFFICER	GRADE	ORGANIZATION
	Not applicable		
(b) Subject individual served under the above officer with the following unit			
	UNIT	FROM	TO
	Not applicable		
6. Date of return to military control 18 Oct 48		7. Date of discharge discharge (whichever is the earliest date) 18 Oct 48	

8. Remarks:

Active duty 28 Jul 48 to 8 May 48.

Not USR 25 Mar 48 to 14 Oct 48.

Active duty 18 Oct 48 -- 1 day.

Claims malaria, diarrhea, rheumatism and beriberi while POW.

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

BY **Edna/Syc**
HW XI Conv Sec

DATE
18 Mar 50

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Manila Regional Office
Escolta & David Sts., Manila, P. I.

March 11, 1949

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Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository
PRILCOM, APO 707ATTN: Major J. W. Page, Director
Service & Certification Div, AGRD

Dear Major Page:

Pursuant to instructions received from Field Supervisors from our Central Office, Washington D. C., it will be necessary that we refer to you approximately 5,000 Forms 3101 on veterans who had military service during World War II and who are eligible and entitled to education and training through the Veterans Administration.

A review of our records discloses the fact that previous reports received from Project "J" did not specify the activities during the Japanese occupation of the majority of these veterans. In order to determine the amount of training for which they may be approved, it will be necessary that we obtain the following information:

- (a) Date of entrance into active service;
- (b) Date of release as a POW or parole;
- (c) Date that individual first performed recognized guerrilla service as manifested by the inclusion of his name in the reconstructed guerrilla rosters and date of termination of such recognized service; or in the alternative if this information is not available, then all inclusive dates of services performed by the individual with a recognized guerrilla unit or service under a commissioned officer of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps, or under a commissioned officer of the Commonwealth Army, recognized by and cooperating with the United States forces;
- (d) Date of return to military control; and
- (e) Date of release from service or discharge, whichever is the earlier date.

Review of cases that will be affected by the foregoing warrants the separation of the 5,000 cases into three classes:

- (a) Class A or top priority cases, approximately 600, where entitlement to education and training as of March 31, 1949, is three months or less;
- (b) Class B cases, approximately 1000, with entitlement to education and training as of March 31, 1949, from three months to less than one year; and
- (c) Class C cases, approximately 3400, where entitlement for education and training as of March 31, 1949, is more than one year.

In view of the urgency of Class A cases, it will be appreciated if top priority is given in the furnishing of the necessary information as set forth in paragraph 1 above.

To facilitate identifying the three classes of cases, this office will indicate in the upper right hand box of Form 3101 on A, B or C, whichever is applicable, and immediately thereunder the words "Title II, PL 346".

Your cooperation in the foregoing matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. B. LOVETT
Manager

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General R. B. Lovett
 Manager, Manila Regional Office
 U. S. Veterans Administration
 APO 900

Dear General Lovett:

This will refer to your letter of 14 March 1949, file 8-1, and confirm an agreement reached during a conference held yesterday, 15 March 1949, by representatives of your office and the Service and Certification Division, this headquarters.

Your attention is invited to the attached form which we propose to use in concurrence with your itemized request for supplemental information pertaining to service rendered under the Missing Persons Act. Attention is invited to par 1c (3), titled "Remarks", under which a detailed explanation will be furnished as to how a determination of service was made in the event that the individual is not carried on a revised or reconstructed guerrilla roster or cannot be credited with service under the command of a commissioned officer of the Army of the United States or of the Commonwealth Army.

Sincerely,

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 subj: "Supplemental
 Army Information"

/s/ JOHN W. PAGE
 Major Inf
 Director, Service and
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Mr. L. F. Sims
Acting Adjudication Officer
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España & David Streets
Manila

Dear Mr. Sims:

This will acknowledge receipt this date of your letter, file reference S-2, dated 17 June 1949.

For purposes of the record I would like to point out two points which, for sake of the record, should be elaborated upon. First, may I refer to the first sentence of paragraph 2 which reads: "At the opening of the conference, Mr. Palmer stated that this office had been receiving reports covering military service of personnel of the AUS, and old Philippine Scouts which were not believed to be in accord with current law governing Veterans Administration activities as to what constitutes active military service." It must be remembered that AGRD does not set forth certifications of military service precisely "in accord with current law governing Veterans Administration activities" It does attempt to set forth the data found in the veteran's military service case file in such a manner as to present a lucid, distilled and accurate account of the veteran's active, and inactive, service. This is done by AGRD, including Project "J", without any obnoxious academic adherence to VA laws and precedents governing active and inactive service. Granted no certification by AGRD would be of value without some knowledge of the form and content which the Veterans Administration prefers, in order that the data may be expeditiously adjudged and evaluated by that office. AGRD supervisors, reviewers and adjudicators have acquired through close and continuous liaison with the Manila Regional Office, a working knowledge of the VA requirements for service history data, and that are able in most instances to prepare what is an understandable certification (Form 113). The particular instances under discussion arose through failure of some persons in Project "J" Branch to appreciate the exact form in which the data were to be supplied. There were no conscious misstatements of fact (if such were made) and no willful violation of procedure by which the VA must abide.

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My second point alluded to paragraph 3(d). The agreement actually reached at this point did not extend quite this far; it did not provide that AGRD would make certifications "strictly in accordance with the provisions of TS 8-106". What actually was agreed was that AGRD would not search the data in such a comprehensive and detailed that the Veterans Administration should experience no difficulty in applying the provisions of TS 8-106 in a manner and to the extent determined appropriate. As is recalled that TS 8-106 is a VA regulation and guide and has not been furnished, except by information copy, to the Army. The provisions are not known completely by AGRD adjudicators and reviewers and thus cannot be strictly applied.

Because the Army is not governed by VA laws, precedents and criteria, AGRD cannot legally be found guilty of violating them, but because of past agreements with the VA, AGRD can be guilty of failing to provide the most detailed and accurate evidence obtainable. This failure we zealously hope to avoid. Through a knowledge of what data are required by you we hope to do a completely acceptable job.

One point of agreement is omitted from your letter, namely, that whenever the USVA, MHO, is in possession of evidence of information which in conflict with or modifies the certifications made by AGRD on Form 1101, that such evidence or information will be furnished AGRD by the USVA in order that AGRD might be able to prepare, as required, a new and more accurate certification. That is to say, there will be a free and full exchange of all personal history data between our two offices.

In view of the foregoing it is recommended that your letter of 17 June 1949 (file reference 8-2) be amended to reflect the above thoughts, or that this reply be attached to and made a part of the record of the conference.

Please be assured that this letter is transmitted in the spirit of a more complete narration of fact and in the interest of clearer understanding.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. PAGE
Major, AGD
Director, S & C Division



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 San Francisco, California

June 17, 1949

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO 8-2

TO : Director, S & C Division, AGRD, PHILCON

FROM : Acting Adjudication Officer

SUBJ : Agreements reached at conference held in the Office of the Adjudication Officer, Manila Regional Office, on June 16, 1949 regarding reports of active service issued by Project "J" of AGRD

1. The following is my understanding of the agreements reached regarding certifications of military service by Project "J", AGRD, to the Manila Regional Office, at a conference held in the office of the Adjudication Officer on June 16, 1949. The following officials of AGRD and the Manila Regional Office were present at the conference:

AGRD

Major J. W. Page
 Capt. E. L. Baker
 Mr. Hausle

VA

Mr. J. E. Palmer
 Mr. E. H. Sawyer
 Mr. L. P. Sims
 Mr. W. McEachin
 Mr. D. Evans
 Mr. F. Murphy

2. At the opening of the conference, Mr. Palmer stated that this office had been receiving reports covering military service of personnel of the AUS, and old Philippine Scouts which were not believed to be in accord with current law governing Veterans Administration activities as to what constitutes active military service. He pointed out that reports had been received on AUS veterans, particularly with regard to those veterans who had service with the 11th Infantry, showing that the veteran had continuous service from some time during July 1942 to the year 1946 and in some cases the year 1947, whereas information of record in Veterans Administration files indicated that during some portion of this time the veterans had been at home or elsewhere following normal civilian pursuits, such as engaging in private business or farming. Mr. Palmer stated that if the Manila Regional Office accepted this type of certification as authentic it would constitute a violation of law administered by the Veterans Administration since active service, insofar as this office was concerned, is only that service where the veteran was under direct military control and excluded periods where the veteran was at home following normal civilian pursuits.

3. Mr. Hausle then stated that some of the certifications, in response to Forms 3101 issued by the Vocational Rehabilitation & Education Division of active service made prior to this conference were not in accord with the

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TO : Director, S & C Division, AGRD, PHILCOM June 17, 1949

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provisions of Veterans Administration law and requested that such certifications be returned to AGRD for review. The following agreements were then reached as to subsequent certifications of military service of AUS, and Philippine Scout veterans:

- (a) As regards veterans of the 11th Infantry, AUS, it was agreed that only those periods where the veteran was under military control would be certified as active service and that those periods after release from active duty where the veteran returned home or went elsewhere and engaged in a civilian occupation would not be certified as active military service. The Army would certify that such service was "Not UMC", meaning that during those periods the veteran was not under military control.
- (b) Certifications covering service of other AUS and Philippine Scout veterans would be made strictly in accordance with the provisions of Technical Bulletin TB 8-106. 2 No

4. In connection with certifications of military service by Project "J" in Philippine Scout cases and in cases of AUS veterans, other than those of the 11th Infantry, it was stated by Mr. Hausig that certifications of service in response to requests from the Vocational Rehabilitation & Education Division had been made in accord with Technical Bulletin TB 8-106. In view of this fact it is believed that it would be necessary to review only those claims where the veteran had service with the 11th Infantry, AUS.


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VA CONFERENCE

On 10 June 1949 a conference was held at the Manila VA Office between representatives of the Manila VA Office, AG Records Depository, and Records Administration Center, concerning the proposed transfer of Project "J" records and functions from AGRD to RAG. The following representatives attended the conference:

<u>VA</u>	<u>AGRD</u>	<u>RAG</u>
Gen. R. Lovett	Maj. Page	Maj. Leary
Mr. Palmer	Capt. Baker	Mr. Allen
Mr. Sawyer	CWO Hansie	Mr. Wyresch
Mr. Sims		
Mr. McLachlin		

The VA representatives, particularly Mr. Palmer, were not in agreement with the transfer of Project "J" records to St. Louis so long as a backlog of 3101's existed at AGRD and while the 3101's were being submitted in a relatively large volume. Representatives of AGRD stated that at the present time there were 6000 VA 3101's on hand on which the necessary service information had not yet been submitted to the VA. Although approximately only 29,100 requests had been received from the VA during the entire Project "J" program from 1945 to the present time, or on an average of 200 weekly; the receipts during the past month in AGRD had increased to nearly 200 daily for a three week period up to June 3. During the week of June 3 to June 10 receipts had again fallen to about normal. VA stated that the large increase in the number of 3101's submitted recently was due to a general "cleaning up" of all requests on hand, and that at the present claims pertaining to Project "J" military personnel were being filed and received at the VA at the rate of about only 25 per week. It was believed that even this volume would gradually taper off. With the personnel presently available at AGRD processing VA 3101's the average production is 40 cases per day. It was estimated that the present backlog would therefore be eliminated in approximately six months. Gen. Lovett objected to any records being transferred to St. Louis on which there was a current 3101 being processed. Capt. Baker stated that all 3101's now on hand at AGRD would be completed before the pertinent records pertaining to those requests were transferred. Since the records totalling 600 locker boxes are to be shipped to St. Louis over a period of about six months at the rate of 100 boxes per month, the VA would be furnished a list showing exactly the records that were being forwarded in each shipment. 3101's pertaining to those records would then be forwarded direct to St. Louis by the VA whereas, the remainder would continue to be forwarded to AGRD while the records were still there and in a workable condition. It was agreed that there would be approximately a two months' delay in processing 3101's on cases that the pertinent records had been placed in transit. Major Leary assured the VA that action on those cases would be initiated within a few days after receipt of the records in RAG. Major Leary further stated that he would notify St. Louis immediately to hold all 3101's received from VA Manila assuring that requests would not be returned to the VA while the pertinent records were in transit. Gen. Lovett proposed that the VA place an identifying remark on the 3101 stating that it was one pertaining to which the records were in transit.

VA CONFERENCE cont'd

It was also pointed out that in some cases where all records had been shipped to St. Louis, that all information necessary for the VA would not be included in the 3101 file and that field investigation or reference to files retained in AGRD would be necessary. It was the original proposal that in these cases St. Louis would complete so much of the 3101 as possible, notifying the VA to that effect, and that a request would be initiated by RAC to AGRD for additional necessary information. When such information was received in St. Louis another report would then be sent to the VA. VA representatives felt that this procedure would cause unnecessary delays in adjudication and therefore desired all information be furnished on one 3101. They suggested that St. Louis complete the 3101 as much as possible, then forward it to AGRD for completion, certification and final return to VA. AGRD, however, did not want to blindly certify information furnished by St. Louis. Final agreement was reached that St. Louis would complete the 3101 insofar as possible, certify to that information, and then forward the 3101 to AGRD who would furnish any additional information, certify to such, and transmit the completed 3101 to the VA. It was decided that AGRD would continue to furnish any loyalty check information necessary to VA since the intelligence files would be available in Philcom.

Another category of cases discussed was that pertaining to Philippine Scouts who had been enlisted under the provisions of PL 190. Since the law had been passed in Oct 1945 and the Army did not enlist individuals under this law until 18 Nov 1945, the VA desired clarification of the status of those individuals who had been enlisted between Oct 6, 1945 and 18 November 1945, whether 190 or not. Inasmuch as the VA had been furnished a block of serial numbers given to PL 190 Scouts (used by Philcom), it was decided that when a man's serial number was included in that block, his status was definite and that any other serial number might indicate previous service and necessitate clarification and determination in each case.

In connection with compensation cases, the VA pointed out that in many instances when no definite record of any injury or clarification of service could be found it was necessary to consider affidavits made by other individuals and that in those cases the status of the affiants were being checked to help determine the credence of the affidavit. AGRD stated that information regarding the affiant's service could be furnished by them from statistical cards which were maintained on every individual to whom recognition had been granted. Major Leary questioned the advisability of certifying such information from anything other than the original records. It was generally agreed by all present that it would be better to furnish such information from the original records of the individual because of the more detailed information contained therein, the authenticity of the records as opposed to that of a statistical card file and the possibility of additional records being on file or afterwards received in St. Louis. Along this same line it was further agreed that when information was desired on more than one affiant and some of the records were in AGRD and others in St. Louis that the 3101 would be routed through AGRD for information and then to RAC for completion and transmittal back to the VA.

VA CONFERENCE cont'd

Another point of discussion was the difference in policies of RAC and AGRD in furnishing information on the J101. VA stated that AGRD had agreed to furnish all available information and answer every question on the J101, regardless of whether a definite request had been made since in many cases the VA did not have any information other than the name. They stated that J101's returned from St. Louis had contained answers to only those questions particularly requested. Major Leary stated that RAC would agree to continue the practice followed by AGRD and furnish all information available.

SUMMARY. Although at the beginning of the conference Gen. Lovett and other VA representatives interposed numerous objections to the proposed transfer, they concurred verbally with the plan after discussion of the various points involved.

Points of objection by VA:

1. Large backlog of J101's
2. Large average number of new requests
3. Qualification of RAC personnel on Philippine records
4. Necessity for further investigations not practical from RAC
5. Delay occasioned by transmittal and receipt from St. Louis
6. Double handling when information necessary from both AGRD and RAC

Agreements reached:

All cases on hand in AGRD would be completed before records forwarded.

VA be furnished a list when any records transferred to RAC.

J101's on transferred records be forwarded direct to St. Louis - others forwarded to AGRD

J101 would be completed before returned to VA - when St. Louis not able to furnish all information - J101 with all available information fed from RAC to AGRD who would complete and transmit to VA.

All loyalty information furnished by AGRD.

VA also made several proposals that only Civilian Records be forwarded at this time - also that all PS and AUS be forwarded at one time; however, they finally agreed to the approved plan in the shipment of records.

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STUDY - BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR PHILIPPINE SCOUT VA PROGRAM

ANNEX 2

~~STUDY-DETERMINATION UNDER THE MISSING PERSONS ACT ANNEX 2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION~~
~~FOR PHILIPPINE SCOUT VA PROGRAM~~

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