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RECORDS, SHIPMENT OF

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AGRC-CM 814 Phil Rec
Chief, PIB, TAGO

Shipment of Records
CO, MPRC, TAGO

22 SEP 1954

Mr. Moebius/2140

1. Forwarded this date under separate cover are thirty-five (35) cartons of non-current records. Bill of Lading for shipment of records is WY 4390361.

2. The records contained in this shipment are those referred to in DF from CO, MPRC, TAGO to Chief, PIB, TAGO, dated 31 August 1954, Subject: Project "J" Records (copy attached).

2 Incl

- 1. Cy DF dtd 31 Aug 54
- 2. DD Form 111, Records Shipment List

H. H. NEWMAN, Colonel, AGC
Commanding

Allen L. Tucker
Lt. Col. AGO

Shipment of RPR B-Recs - 5-35 RMC

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Project "J" Records

Chief, Personnel
Information Branch, TAGO

CO, 511 Pers Rec Cen, TAGO
St. Louis 20, Mo.

31 Aug 54
Mr. Girsch/er/BB

1. During the period September 1949 to March 1950 Project "J" 201 files were transferred to this Center from Adjutant General Records Depository, Manila, Philippines, and were interfiled when the basic AG 201 files were on file at this Center. Project "J" files pertaining to individuals who were indicated to be retired or on active duty and whose basic 201 files were not located in this Center were retained due to the special nature of Project "J" cases. Where it has been necessary to request loan of records from Personnel Information Branch for completion of Project "J" cases, it has been the practice to combine the Project "J" files with the basic 201 file prior to return of records to Personnel Information Branch.

2. It has been ascertained that there are approximately 2,500 Project "J" files now in the custody of Recovered Personnel Records Branch, this Center, pertaining to personnel whose basic 201 files have not been located in this Center. It is estimated that 85% of these records pertain to individuals who are now retired or on active duty.

3. In view of the foregoing, the Project "J" files referred to are being forwarded under separate cover to Personnel Information Branch for interfile with the basic 201 files. Approximately 1925 files pertaining to enlisted personnel are being forwarded to Enlisted Personnel Information Section, and approximately 575 files pertaining to officers are being forwarded to Officer's Personnel Information Section.

4. It is requested that the files for which no records are located in Personnel Information Branch be returned to this Center for appropriate action.

H. R. NEWMAN, Colonel, TAGO
Commanding

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AGRC-GM 314, Phil Rec

Shipment of Records of SWPA Command, 1941-46.

CG, KORG, TAGO

CG, MFRG, TAGO

25 JUL 1955 Mr. Ballard/748

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed photo copy of correspondence concerning records of the SWPA Command, 1941-46. Records were received in this Center 13 September 1954. The files have been screened. The information contained on these records was either duplicated by records on file or was of no value to this Center. No documents were removed from the shipment; although, a few unclassified files were duplicated and the duplicates are being retained in this Center.

2. The 15 locker boxes containing records are being reshipped to your Center in accordance with the inclosed copy of Command Mr. 3, AGCR, 10 September 1954, subject as shown above. Records are being shipped via Railway Express. The Bill of Lading Number is WY7748658. Enclosed is the DD Form 111, Records Shipment List, with a copy of DA Form 631, Classified Documents Receipt. The DA Forms 631 contain a description of the classified records contained in boxes 14 and 15 of the shipment. It is requested that the DA Forms 631 contained in box 1 of the shipment be dated, signed, and returned to this Center.

2 Incl

1. DD Form 111, Jul 55/w
DA Forms 631, pages 1 thru 9
2. Cy Corres

DAVID H. ARP, Colonel, AGC
Commanding

DAVID H. SCHNEIDER
MAJOR, AGC

535-1168
Department of WPA Rec

Office Chief Military History

FROM:

CO, Army Records Center

DATE

13 Dec 56

YOUR COMMUNICATION, DESCRIBED HEREIN, HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE ITEM CHECKED BELOW COMPRISES A BRIEF REPLY. THIS ABBREVIATED FORM HAS BEEN ADOPTED TO CONSERVE TIME, LABOR, AND PAPER.

DATE OF COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT

FILE REFERENCE

27 Nov 56

Request for Loan of Documents

CMH

 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICE FOR DIRECT REPLY TO YOU

CO, KCRC, TAGO

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 APPROXIMATELY

DAYS' DELAY IS ANTICIPATED IN FURNISHING INFORMATION REQUESTED.

TYPED NAME, GRADE, AND TITLE

DAVID H. ARP, Colonel, AGC

SIGNATURE



DA FORM 209-1

DELAY AND REFERRAL NOTICE (SR 340-15-1)

dated 25 August 1954.

2. Subject shipment included records of SWPA Headquarters covering period 1941-1946 and were described on an accompanying DOD Form 111 "Records Shipment List."

FOR THE CHIEF OF MILITARY HISTORY:


D. C. SWEAGER, Colonel, Artillery
Executive

AGAR-R

TO: CO, KCRC, TAGO

FROM: CO, ARGEN, TAGO

DATE 13 Dec 56

COMMENT NR 2

Mr. Iorio/eam/755

1. Forwarded for your disposition.

2. Records referred to in paragraph 1a were shipped to your installation on 25 July 1955 via Railway Express on Bill of Lading WY 5748658. Your reference to this shipment is Receiving Job Number Ro 1496-55.

DAVID H. ARP, Colonel, AGC
Commanding

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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FILE NO. OCMH	SUBJECT Request for Loan of Documents
TO CO, Army Records Center 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, Mo.	FROM OCMH DATE NOV 27 1955 COMMENT NO. 1 Inice/77317

1. It is requested that the following described records be forwarded to Office, Chief of Military History on 90-day loan for use in official historical research:

a. Boxes 6, 7, and 8 (labeled "SWPA Historical Record Index Cards") of 15 - box shipment from G-2 Document Library, ACoS, G-2, to MPRC, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 25 August 1954.

2. Subject shipment included records of SWPA Headquarters covering period 1941-1946 and were described on an accompanying DOD Form 111 "Records Shipment List."

FOR THE CHIEF OF MILITARY HISTORY:



D. C. SWEGER, Colonel, Artillery
Executive

AGAR-R	FROM: CO, ARGEN, TAGO	DATE 13 Dec 56	COMMENT NR 2
TO: CO, KCRC, TAGO			Mr. Iorio/esm/755

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DAVID H. ARP, Colonel, AGC
Commanding

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S/L NOS.	471727578	
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	RE: THE CHIEF DEMERIALIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE	

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EX: USNS "GRN, D. E. AULTMAN #76: 20 FEB. 1953

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CONTROL LIST

AGRD RECORDS

21 January 1953

R-1-3274	201 Files
R-3275-3281	Arrears in Pay Cards
R-3282-3304	X Ray Files
PROC-3305-3475	Project "C" Records
LOY-3476-3517	Loyalty Records
INV-3518-3550	Investigation Branch Records
VB-3551-3646	ACC Records
R-3647-3683	Histories Record Branch, SOP's Closed Files
VB-3684-3965	Veterans Branch
ARCH-3966-4189	Archives Records
AG-4190-4202	Adjutant Records
VB-4203-4207	Veterans Branch

SUPPLEMENT
 TO
 CONTROL LIST

21 January 1953

R-1-3268	201 Files
R-3269-3274	Misc "Pick Up" from 201 Files
R-3275-3281	Arrears in Pay
R-3282-3304	X Rays
PROC-3305-3475	Project "C" Records
LOY-3476-3517	Loyalty Files (Box 3517 contains Photostats miscellaneous checks of Proj C)
INV-3518-3550	Investigation Records Branch
VB-3551-3646	WCC (3rd floor)
R-3647-3683	Histories, Records Branch, SOP's, Closed Files, Unfinished business, Miscellaneous)
VB-3684-3688	R&A (SOP's)
VB-3689-3692	R&A (General)
VB-3693-3718	R&A
VB-3719-3733	Project "J"
VB-3734-3739	Chief Branch Records
VB-3740-3793	14th Inf Project
VB-3794-3830	R&A
VB-3831-3901	WCC (2nd Floor)
VB-3902-3908	Reclama
VB-3909-3911	Typing
VB-3912-3931	R&AFinal Review
VB-3932-3954	WCC Final Review
VB-3955-3965	Statistical Cards
ARCH-3966-4189	Archives Records
AG-4190-4202	Adjutant Records
VB-4203-4206	Statistical Cards
VB-4207	R &A

CONTROL LIST

AGRD RECORDS

21 January 1953

R-1-3274	201 Files
R-3275-3281	Arrears in Pay Cards
R-3282-3304	X Ray Files
PROC-3305-3475	Project "C" Records
LOY-3476-3517	Loyalty Records
INV-3518-3550	Investigation Branch Records
VB-3551-3646	ACC Records
R-3647-3683	Histories Record Branch, SOP's Closed Files
VB-3684-3965	Veterans Branch
ARCH-3966-4189	Archives Records
AG-4190-4202	Adjutant Records
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SUPPLEMENT
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VB-3551-3646	WCC (3rd floor)
R-3647-3683	Histories, Records Branch, SOP's, Closed Files, Unfinished business, Miscellaneous)
VB-3684-3688	R&A (SOP's)
VB-3689-3692	R&A (General)
VB-3693-3718	R&A
VB-3719-3733	Project "J"
VB-3734-3739	Chief Branch Records
VB-3740-3793	14th Inf Project
VB-3794-3830	R&A
VB-3831-3901	WCC (2nd Floor)
VB-3902-3908	Reclama
VB-3909-3911	Typing
VB-3912-3931	R&A Final Review
VB-3932-3954	WCC Final Review
VB-3955-3965	Statistical Cards
ARCH-3966-4189	Archives Records
AG-4190-4202	Adjutant Records
VB-4203-4206	Statistical Cards
VB-4207	R & A

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STUDY-RELAXING OF ADDUICATION POLICIES, GUERRILLA RECOGNITION CLAIMS

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RECONSTITUTION, GUERRILLA

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STUDY

RELAXING OF ADJUDICATION POLICIES

GUERRILLA RECOGNITION CLAIMS

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HEADQUARTERS
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
PHILIPPINE COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
AFO 900

JCB/ja

AGRD 370.64

STAFF STUDY - Subject: Relaxing of Adjudication Policies
of Guerrilla Recognition Claims.

PROBLEM: The complications which reasonably could be expected if steps were taken to rectify, through deletion, modification or other roster alteration, i.e., "correct" any errors in recognition of guerrillas which may be represented by the official guerrilla rosters as now constituted and approved.

1. Introduction.

In order to understand fully the tremendous task which was undertaken by the Army in its Philippine guerrilla recognition program, it is necessary to consider the chaotic conditions which existed during and subsequent to the Japanese occupation.

Information available in this headquarters indicates that after the landing of American troops on Luzon, many guerrilla units attached themselves to American Army divisions and received recognition as they proved their utility. However, there were many armed units not under Army control and these units presented serious problems. They impeded military operations, terrorized local communities, looted local food stocks, and pilfered fire arms and ammunition.

Guerrilla units in Mindanao and the Visayas were well organized and had received recognition, but little was known of the units on Luzon, and as a result, none were recognized up to October 19, 1944. Many of the units located in the hills were unable to attach themselves to the American divisions. They claimed to be the real guerrillas and accused the units which had attached themselves to the American divisions of being "fake or 1945 guerrillas".

They claimed the fake guerrillas were organized after the landings and that many signed up the day before they submitted their rosters for recognition and that almost everyone on Luzon professes to be a guerrilla. It appears that after word had gotten around that

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Claims (Continued)

units were being recognized and paid that all individuals suddenly became conscious of their services. This is emphasized by the fact that Guerrilla Affairs Division denied recognition to approximately 1,000,000 alleged guerrillas.

From the foregoing it appears that on Luzon (most of the fake units originated on Luzon) thousands of Filipinos fell in behind the advancing American Liberation Armies and followed them until the end of the war. They received pay at the end of each month. However, when it was discovered that backpay would be paid to units which actively opposed the Japanese, these "band wagon" guerrillas suddenly discovered that they had been organized since 1942 and had actively opposed the Japanese. This headquarters has been informed by former U. S. Army officers on duty with the Guerrilla Affairs Division and by local citizens that guerrilla leaders sold space on guerrilla rosters to individuals without regard to services rendered, and that overnight, unit histories, complete with meritorious deeds, were conceived and presented to the Recovered Personnel Division to substantiate claims for recognition. The Recovered Personnel Division was literally deluged with these claims to such an extent that final recognition rosters were not completed until May, 1948. It is admitted that the Recovered Personnel Division later discovered it had paid fake guerrillas, but the recovery of these payments was not practical because such recovery involved court actions which, even if successful, might prove adverse to good relations between the two nations. In the event that favorable court action could have been obtained, it is extremely doubtful that the individuals concerned would have been financially able to make the refunds.

2. Discussion.

In the opinion of the undersigned, any addition, deletion or other alteration to subject rosters would be fraught with serious complications for the following reasons:

a. On previous occasions, and as recent as 9 April 1949, the Commanding General (Major General J. W. Anderson), Philippines Command, APO 707, issued specific and emphatic directions to the Adjutant General Records Depository and other staff sections that "no deletions in or additions to will be made in these (recognition) rosters. It has been previously ruled that no changes will be effective on any of the official rosters now reposing in your Records Depository. Those persons deserving revocation received revocation of recognitions." These instructions were based upon competent advice presented to General Anderson by Lt. Col. Wallace M. Hanes, GSC, then Secretary of the General Staff and formerly Director, Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3 Section, Philippines Command, and who terminated the guerrilla recognition mission on 30 June 1948.

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b. It is admitted that the recognition rosters and, to a lesser degree, individual letters of recognition, are susceptible of error, because of the complicated and monumental task of trying to ascertain who were deserving of recognition, those who were not, and of determining correct and reasonable Tables of Organization and strengths for units under consideration. While it may reasonably be assumed that errors have been made in roster construction, no one is able to show conclusively where the errors lie.

c. To attempt to alter, modify, i.e., "correct", one single name on one single roster would have the immediate effect of reopening the guerrilla recognition program. One change alone is sufficient ammunition to give heart to the unrecognized (deserving and undeserving) guerrillas to plead their cases openly and anew from Manila to Tokyo and Washington. Investigation designed to prove or disprove basis of qualification or disqualification of a presently recognized or unrecognized guerrilla will, inevitably, be used as a precedent to show why such "corrective action" should similarly be used to prove recognition for those who, through non-recognition, have allegedly been discriminated against. More harm than good would result, without question.

d. There are presently large numbers of racketeers combing the islands selling claims forms to the uneducated who purchase such forms believing that by so doing they will become recognized guerrillas. This practice, which received stimulation from prominent persons seeking self aggrandizement, has currently reached explosive proportions. No apparent effort has been made by national or local authorities to suppress these racketeers, so they openly set up headquarters in large cities, including Manila, and recruit new members. As rapidly as these "latter day" guerrillas form units, they prepare rosters, histories, etc. (usually based upon the activities of one or two individuals) and create a highly organized confederation of units composed of both recognized and alleged guerrillas. These organizations wield considerable political power. It is estimated that in addition to the individuals who were not granted recognition by Guerrilla Affairs Division, approximately 1,000,000 alleged guerrillas have been recruited subsequent to 30 June 1948. These organizations of recognized and unrecognized guerrillas pay dues into their respective headquarters or secure collections from local citizens for the purpose of sending missions to Washington to lobby for more recognitions and other benefits for Philippine veterans and alleged veterans (Incl #1).

Staff Study, Relaxing of Adjudication Policies of Guerrilla Recognition Claims (Continued)

8. Attached hereto (Incl #2) are summaries of the cases of Messrs. SUMANAY, KITONG, TILLAMA, THEODORE, CHAVEZ and COIS, which cases are presented and recommended by Colonel Volckmann. Since the cases are self-explanatory, little can be accomplished by further discussion. However, attention is invited to the manifest discrepancies, including apparent forgery, which exist in said claims.

Colonel Volckmann's unit received 26,028 guerrilla recognitions from an unknown number recommended. Information available in this headquarters indicates he approved these rosters in final form. This headquarters has made no additions, deletions, or other alteration to any of the rosters furnished by Guerrilla Affairs Division. It is noted that in the cases presented, the claimants are from several separate and distinct units. In view of the large number of recognitions received (26,028) and the length of time which has elapsed (5 - 8 years) it is extremely doubtful that anyone could remember names, dates and circumstances relating to individuals and as a result, such secondary evidence cannot be accepted in its entirety. Undoubtedly Colonel Volckmann is not aware of the wide-spread racketeering which has developed in the Philippines as a result of claims activities.

In his indorsement to The Adjutant General dated 4 October 1949 (Incl 2 to basic communication) re DANIEL KITONG, Colonel Volckmann makes direct statements concerning Kitong's recognition periods. To prove induction there is a certified true copy of his letter of induction wherein he was inducted by Colonel Moses. However, in Kitong's 201 file (for backpack) the certified true copy of the same document shows induction by Lt Dennis Molintas "By authority of" Colonel Moses. Luis Hora, Deputy Governor of Benguet, the certifying officer, is considered unreliable by this headquarters, having supported many questionable claims on guerrilla procurement. It is significant that the original of said induction letter nor even a photostatic copy thereof has never been produced by Kitong to support his claim. Thousands of similar "certified true copies" of supposedly original documents have been submitted in support of large and spurious claims. Such documents, when certified to by persons considered unreliable, are unacceptable as evidence.

In view of the foregoing, it appears that Colonel Volckmann has made direct statements pertaining to Kitong's recognition after having refreshed his memory from questionable certified documents.

Staff Study, Relaxing of Adjudication Policies of Guerrilla Recognition Claims (Continued)

3. Conclusions.

Relaxing the policies concerning the adjudication of guerrilla claims reasonably could produce the following results:

- a. Reopen the guerrilla recognition program.
- b. Produce between one and two million requests for consideration and reconsideration of backpay claims.
- c. Produce between two hundred thousand and three hundred thousand procurement and civilian wage claims.
- d. Cause considerable ill-will toward the United States by many thousands of individuals whose claims would be negative as against a few hundreds whose claims might be positive.
- e. Prolong the completion of the present mission of the Adjutant General Records Depository and the United States Veterans Administration for an undetermined number of years.
- f. Cost the United States Government an additional sum of approximately \$125,000 for each month of operation of AGRD under relaxed policies.
- g. Adversely affect the conditions of peace and order of the Republic of the Philippines by possible "strong arm" or other similar activities by thousands of disgruntled individuals.

4. Recommendations.

a. That all backpay, procurement and civilian wage claims which are sent directly to United States Government agencies in Washington or elsewhere in the XI, be returned without action to this headquarters for appropriate disposition. This headquarters will dispose of the claims as prescribed in paragraph c, CSFG, WARK 90588 dated 26 June 1949, to CINGFE.

Staff Study, Relaxing of Adjudication Policies of Guerrilla Recognition
Claims (Continued)

b. That no action be taken to relax the policies used by Guerrilla Affairs Division (for recognition) and the Recovered Personnel Division or Adjustment Division (for computation of service credits and payment for recognized services).

2 Incls:

- 1 - News Items
- 2 - Case summaries

JOHN B. GHESSON, JR., 05144
Major GMP
Executive Officer, AGED
(Formerly Director, Adjustment
Division)

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Authority NND 983078

The Daily Mirror - 29 March 1950

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VETS RACKET OUTFIT BARED IN QUEZON CITY. - Army and Philippine Constabulary operatives have fanned out over the country to look into the widespread guerrilla recognition racket which is flourishing despite repeated statements by United States officials that no more guerrillas will be recognized and awarded back pay.

A Philippine Veterans Legion informant said today that the first target of investigation is a guerrilla organization operating in Quezon City with a membership of 48,000 men. The racketeers charge an ordinary entrance fee of ₱5 for every member and graduated special fees for those who desire to be given ranks - - and bigger backpay.

The Quezon City group has set up headquarters with complete office equipment and personnel and surrounded by army tents where provincials are temporarily billeted pending "recognition". It has printed official forms and is using the name of a prominent person for a front.

Many of those who are victimized were never in the underground movement.

Army intelligence agents have been dispatched to Nueva Ecija and other Luzon provinces to crack the guerrilla racket. Constabulary operatives are now looking into a Cavite organization which has swindled some 5000 members. Other agents have been sent to the Visayas.

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News Item

100,000 Guerrillas to Get ₱200,000,000 Soon
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Approximately 100,000 guerrillas, all affiliated with the National Volunteers of the Philippines, a civic-military organization, who served the underground during the occupation have been recognized by Philaircon, since December 23, 1949, and will get backpay for their war service, of nearly ₱200,000,000 it was learned from Clark.

The recognition of the NVP guerrillas makes it the biggest guerrillas group to get the okay of the United States Army for their role as part of the underground during the war.

The payment of the windfall is expected this month. The money is deposited with an American bank in Manila, and is part of the general outlay for the recognized units.

Most likely, the checks, an informed NVP source declared this morning, will be cashed direct at Clark Field, where the National City Bank of New York has a branch.

The news of the recognition of the NVE guerrillas spread like wild fire this morning, and some of those who have been to Clark Field say there are indications that the payment may be made sometime before the end of the month. (Reproduced from the Star Reporter of January 11, 1950.)

The Manila Times - March 10, 1950

WAR CLAIM RACKET RIFE
IN BULACAN

(Special to the Manila Times)

Malelos, Bulacan, March 9 -- The office of the PACSA and social workers in the capitol confirmed the news that hundreds of claimants under the U.S. War Claims Act of 1948 are being victimized in this province.

Miss Julita Cruz, senior social worker here, said that a young lawyer in one of the towns have been reported to her as collecting ₱1.00 for each form prepared by him. Some are reported charging as high as ₱5.00 just for the form.

A driver of the Angat Manila Transportation denounced to your correspondent that in his town, claimants cannot secure the form without giving ₱5.00. He said that he has a brother who was maltreated and killed during the Japanese occupation but he has not file the claim yet for lack of form.

Miss Cruz and the other personnel of the social welfare commissioner have been helping and will continue helping claimants prepare their claims up to dead line.

The Manila Times - March 7, 1950

WAR WIDOWS IN ABRA ARE
RACKET VICTIMS

(Special to the Manila Times)

Bangued, Abra, March 6.-- War widows here, threatened with the cancellation of their benefits unless they come across with ₱35 each for the alleged construction of a new veterans administration building, are reportedly being victimized by fake agents posing as Philippine Veterans Administration representatives. Governor Luis F. Bersamin has ordered the apprehension of the impostors, it was learned.--B

Philippine Herald - March 14, 1950

**NEW KINK TO BACKPAY RACKET VIC-
 TRIZING MANY IN PANGASINAN**

Lingayen, Pangasinan, March 13 - A fantastic backpay racket is victimizing the people of Labrador and adjacent towns, it was learned today.

Males from 18 to 50 years of age are being asked from ₱0.50 to ₱3.00 each as requisites to their being "commissioned" as "officers" of the "Farmers' Labor Auxiliary Service," an organization supposed to be entitled to backpay. No receipts are issued for the fees.

The "officers" also are asked to have their photographs taken and photographers are reported doing brisk business in those towns.

Manila Times - March 21, 1950

NEW CLAIM RACKET IN LA UNION IS BARED

Agoo, La Union, Mar., 20 - A new racket based on "labor battalion claims forms" is mushrooming in this province; investigations reveals that there is at least one agent in every town of this province cashing in on their collections of ₱4.50 for every copy of the new "forms". These spurious agents also allegedly charge ten to twenty per cent commission for every "labor claims for" accomplished. Reported victims of the swindle former members of the Liberation labor battalions connected with the U. S. Army.

Manila Daily Bulletin - 22 Feb 1950

P. I. GUERRILLA VETERANS' LEGION

Unit commanders of the Filipino Guerrilla Veterans Legion, Inc., reportedly counting with 800,000 members throughout the Philippines, are urged by Dr. L. R. Santiago, acting national commander, to file their applications with the guerrilla screening board at Manila before the end of the month.

Among the required papers, as set forth by Col. Basilio Hernandez, administrative officer of the board, are the following: (1) copies of acknowledgment letter or receipt from the guerrilla affairs division, PHILRYCOM, showing evidence that application for recognition was filed before the deadline, June 30, 1946; (2) copies of casualty report showing the cause, place and date of death of the veteran, including the name and address of nearest of kin; (3) copies of chronological history of activities of the guerrilla organization or unit; and (4) copies of pertinent papers supporting claim for recognition, such as order or letter of attachment to/with the U. S. Army, Philippine Army, etc.

PHILIPPINES COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

GSOP 101.F

AF0 707

6 Oct 49

MEMORANDUM -

SUBJECT - Liquidation of Obligations 1950-51
TO - Fiscal Officer, PFD, AG APO 500
Fiscal Officer, GS, FEG, APO 500

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1. The necessity for the liquidation of obligations payable from Fiscal Year 1950-51 funds within the current Fiscal Year is hereby reiterated. Radiogram from CINCPC Cite LX 12599, received this Mq 29th Sept. 49 is quoted in full below for your information and guidance:

"For Dept of Army Radio WGL 2642 of 26 Aug 49: "Request you remind all commands within the geographical area that:

'Obligations under Fiscal Year 1950-51 incident to recognition of 214,000 guerrillas who have not received arrears in pay must be liquidated by 26 Feb. 1950, amounting to (estimated) \$386,800,570.66. These funds no longer available for expenditure after this date. All documents relative to recognition of the following guerrilla units involving payment from these funds must reach the Disbursing Officer, 13th Air Force, in sufficient time to effect payment prior to close of business 26 Oct. 50 or immediately upon fiscalization of the appropriation expenses, Army of the Philippines.'

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Walter Cushing Unit -----47,060 (excl. casualty)

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2. No new obligations from the 1950-51 funds can be made after 26 Feb. 50. Procedures under authorized program are completed, fraud and bribery have already been approved CINCPC and any additional security measures to keep Guerrilla Commander at bay and wait for their turn for payment must be submitted to this office on or before 22 Oct. 49.

3. It is again reiterated that independent estimates be submitted to this office relative to full settlement of the above obligations within 80 hours after receipt of this directive, estimates to contain computations upon which the estimate is based or in line with the War Dept Plan for Casualty Adm, Appendix II.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

(Sg) James W. Hill
JAMES W. HILL
Lt. Col. A.C.D.
Asst. Adjutant General

EXTRACT:

Composition of an Exact Copy or a part of this document is prohibited by law and punishable under 35 Articles of War.

OFFICIAL:

(Sg) Norman Quigg
NORMAN QUIGG
CWO, USA

A true copy: gh

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
Thomas M. Wells
THOMAS M. WELLS, JR.
Captain, JAGC

The true copy of a supposedly legitimate document attached hereto is one of hundreds of similar documents used by racketeers to sell status form to thousands of gullible and uneducated citizens of the Philippines.

San Jose, Nueva Ecija
Luzon, Philippines
February 15, 1950

Maj. Gen. Edward F Witsell
The Adjutant General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

S i r : RE: AGAC-C Duran,
Basilio M (4 Dec 49)

This has reference to your response dated January 5, 1950, to my letter to his Excellency the President of the United States, which was referred to your Office for reply.

Your communication is quite plain and clear. The adjudications of guerrilla and other war claims, its examinations and re-examinations already terminated for a number of years in accordance with the policy of the War Department. It stands to reason that no further claims will be entertained by said Office.

It is very surprising to note that so many agents claiming to be connected with the claim office are swarming every nook and corner of the Philippines convincing claimants for a favorable re-examination of their claims for a certain interest ranging from 40% to 50% of said claims. This malicious and imoral practices has been rampant since the beginning and it continues to the present time.

I was apprehended by many of this unscrupulous agents even prior to the deadline for submission of war claims, for a sacrifice of around 50% of my claims. I vehemently disapprove such licentious acts and practices that I did not connive with said agents in such unfair and unjust procedures. I rely upon the fair judgement and democratic processes of the policies of the department and offices concerned.

And, it is even more surprising to know that some of the fallacious claims handled by the above-mentioned agents were approved, thereby cheating the government as lots of these social defectives go free.

Please be inform that I am not complaining for my misfortune. I had given my services for my country, for democracy and for mankind. I had at least helped in shaping the destiny of the last war, and I had done my part in making my Philippines fit to live in by me and my childrens and my children's childrens. And I feel proud of it regardless of any reciprocations.

Lastly, I am thanking for your kind consideration for so clear an information you have given me. I beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,


BASILIO M. DURAN

The Manila Times, March 17, 1950

EC-Truman Conversations
in US Cited

Acheson Letter Covers Field - Other Veteran Measures Imperilled

By Morris Harris

Washington, March 16-- (AP)-- The U.S. told the Philippines today it will not recognize any more Filipinos as having been guerrilla operators against the Japanese during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines.

Further, I learned from unimpeachable sources, the U. S. also told the islands that their campaign for educational and burial benefits for island veterans has no chance of congressional approval and that the executive branch of this government has concluded that further efforts to secure action on this proposal would fail.

Philippine official circles refused to discuss the matter, but I learn from other authoritative quarters that this seemingly final declaration of the U.S. position on these questions was contained in a letter from Secretary of State Dean Acheson to Philippine Ambassador Joaquin Elizalde.

The communication was in reply to several letters Elizalde wrote the state department urging American affirmative action on these questions.

In one letter, Elizalde asked that United States executives press Congress for approval of educational and burial benefits for island veterans as contained in the Rogers bill. Congress approved only that portion providing \$38,925,000 for construction of hospitals in the Philippines and for hospitalization of island veterans.

Acheson's letter quickly followed reports that President Elpidio Quirino's brother, Antonio Quirino, in a March 12 address in Manila before a convention of the confederation of Filipino veterans accused U.S. Ambassador Myron Cowen of meddling in island guerrilla veterans affairs and demanded that President Truman recall Cowen.

It was understood that Acheson told Elizalde that President Truman informed President Quirino during President Quirino's 1949 visit here that Congress was unlikely to approve veterans legislation which the islands were asking. Another embassy letter to which it is understood Acheson replied asked that the U.S. recognize the northwest Pampanga military district, which meant unspecified additional numbers of island guerrillas would be made eligible for U. S. payments.

EQ-Truman Conversations in US Cited (continued)

It was further learned that Acheson said the embassy's various efforts to obtain further American approval for various island objectives on behalf of its servicemen involved different matters, but he felt they have to do with a single question of general policy between the U. S. and the Philippines. Acheson said a statement of general policy of the American government with respect to these questions would answer Elizalde's questions.

Acheson then pointed out that Congress refuses to approve educational and burial benefits and that the defense department considers closed the question of recognition of more guerrillas. He told Elizalde therefore, he was forced to advise the Ambassador that the U. S. sees no possibility of favorable action along lines the embassy requested, and said he believed that in the final best interest of all concerned it is necessary to consider the matters closed.

Whether Antonio Quirino's reported statements in Manila concerning Goven precipitated the Acheson communication received no comment here.

It was further learned that Acheson took occasion to point out that on repeated occasions the embassy sought to further these questions with the U. S. He pointed out that the then secretary of the Army, Kenneth Royall, last year officially ruled that the U. S. Army was unable to recognize the northwest Pampanga military district as a guerrilla organization and considered the matter closed.

The Sunday Times - March 19, 1960

PAF Chief Spurs Kearney Bill Mission

Brigadier General Pelagio A. Cruz, Philippine Air Force chief, endorsed the Kearney Bill mission as a revitalizing factor towards unification of Philippine veterans capable of effectively espousing their cause in a recent letter to the Kearney bill mission fund/campaign headquarters.

Meanwhile, Victor T. Baldeo, of the KBVFC, announced yesterday the names of high-government officials, prominent businessmen, private schools and enterprises, and others who have turned in their contributions to help finance the projected four-man mission to the U. S. to work for the welfare of the veterans.

The list of contributors follow:

Vice-President Fernando Lopez, blank check; Speaker Eugenio Perez, \$1,000; Bulletin Publishing Co., 500.00; Prominent American Businessmen, 500.00; Exxon Noces, Inc., 400.00; The Manila Times, 400.00; Don Toribio Teodoro, 200.00; Col Jose Hanson, 100.00; La Salle College, 100.00; F.E. Zuellig, 100.00; Goodrich Interior Rubber Co., 100.00; Senator Enrique Magalona, 72.00; Senator Gerónimo Fecson, 72.00.

Carmen Plasas, \$50.00; LVE Pictures Inc., 50.00; Marcisa Vda. de Leon, 50.00; Jose M. Barredo, 50.00; B.E.M. de Gaballa, 50.00; La Fortuna, Inc., 50.00; La Verdad, Inc., 50.00; Distileria La Fuerna, 50.00; Distileria Gonzalo, Inc., 50.00; S. J. Wilson, 50.00; Berg-Macolta, 50.00; La Corona Distillery, 50.00; Anonymous, 40.00; Lim Tanso and Sons, Inc., 30.00.

La Copa Distillery \$20.00; La Esperanza, 20.00; Major Cabo Chan, 20.00; Bernard Anderson, 20.00; Ernesto Ting, 20.00; Cirilo Paredes, 20.00; Fernando Hiron, 10.00; San Beda College, 10.00; Continental Enterprises, 10.00; Conrado Damasco, 5.00; Deroteo Soriano, 5.00; Facundo L. Yencso, 5.00; Bonifacio Amor, 5.00.

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Authority NND 983078

MEMO FOR RECORDRe: KITONG, Daniel J. (OFF)Facts about the case:

A report on the status of Lt. Daniel J. Kitong's claim for arrears in pay has been requested.

Findings:

1. Lt. Kitong's claim was determined on 8 November 1946, with status and rank, as follows:

Missing	26 Oct 44 - 8 Jan 45
2nd Lt	26 Oct 44 - 8 Jan 45

2. For the above determination, Lt. Kitong was paid the amount of ₱809.04, per Check #322288-J, on 19 April 1947.

3. For service rendered covering the period 9 January 1945 to 28 February 1946, Lt. Kitong was paid the amount of ₱4,534.81.

4. Policies then in force when Lt. Kitong's claim was determined were to the effect that inclusive dates of periods of service for individuals claiming service with USAFIP, NL, were to be taken from an entry in the machine record card. The dates indicated therein were to be final and conclusive. As the entry on the machine record card pertaining to Lt. Kitong was: "... POB 26 October 1944 to date ...", he was determined to have commenced active service only on 26 October 1944.

5. A check at Roster Sub-Section, AGRD, also reveals that Lt. Kitong's period of service, as appearing on the official revised reconstructed rosters of the USAFIP, NL, is: "... 26 October 1944 to date.." Policies which came into use after the revision of the rosters were also to the effect that the period of service indicated therein was final and conclusive. The findings of the Guerrilla Affairs Division were not to be questioned.

6. Lt. Kitong, in his Form 23 (Affidavit for Philippine Army Personnel), claims to have joined USAFIP, NL on 26 October 1942. It has been noted however that the signature of the Summary Court Officer is only rubber-stamped. And as per opinion of Mr. Morales, DAC, AGRD Document Examiner, claims wherein the signature of the Summary Court Officer is rubber-stamped are to be considered as non-existent.

7. An archives record dated 26 October 1942 (photostat copy attached), allegedly the original oath of office of Lt. Kiteng, is present in 201 folder. A study of this document has revealed certain "alterations" which would tend to support a conclusion that the same carries no probative weight.

a. The notation regarding rank and assignment of Dennis Molintas have been altered. Examination by eye reveals that, originally, his typed designation on this document was "Capt., 12th Inf., PA Battalion Commander". This has been changed to read "1st Lt., 12th Inf., PA. Commanding". This alteration is apparently an effort to have the document agree with the rank and assignment of the signing officer as they would be on the date the oath is supposed to have been signed.


b. The notation regarding the rank and assignment of Bado Dangwa have been altered. Examination by eye reveals that this originally read: "1st Lt., 12th Inf., PA., Adjutant and Executive Officer". This notation has been changed to read: "2d Lt., Co. "M", 12th Inf., PA, Detachment Officer." This is apparently an effort to correlate the rank and assignment at the time of the supposed date of the signing. The fact that this date is in considerable variance with the true rank and assignment of Dangwa at this time (He was a 3d Lt. Hq., 12th Inf., assigned to recruiting and procurement in Oct 42, according to his claims section card) would indicate that this alteration was made after the document was signed and without the knowledge of the signer, who would have known his own service well enough to have made alterations that conformed more accurately with the facts of his service. (This would also appear to apply to Molintas.)

c. The date of the oath has had a typewriter strikeover. Originally the year of the enlistment form was 1944. A "2" has been typed over the "4", making the year read 1942 instead of 1944.

Conclusion:

1. Policies relative to the adjudication of claims for arrears in pay of members of USAFIP, NL definitely establish 26 Oct 44 as the date of commencement of active service. In the light of such a policy, the previous adjudication is correct.

2. The closing of the Guerrilla Affairs Division on 30 June 1948, and the termination of the arrears in pay program on 31 December 1949, precludes further action.


CARLTON G. ROCKEY
Major INF
Chief, Records Branch

112-01 (P-10)

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
MUSKETEER FORCES IN NORTH CUSON
Headquarters, 1st 12th Infantry
PHILIPPINE ARMY

OATH OF OFFICE

I, KITONG, DANIEL of Kibungan, Benguet, Mt. Province, having been appointed to the position of Private, Company 1st 12th Infantry, Philippine Army, United States Forces in the Philippines, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position; and that I will obey the rules, regulations, orders and decrees promulgated by duly constituted authorities of the United States Forces in the Philippines; and I hereby declare that I recognize and accept the supreme authorities of the COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES; and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in the Philippines; and

2. I do hereby solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I take this oath voluntarily and of my own free will and accord; that I promise to protect the United States of America against their enemies whomsoever; and I do further solemnly swear that I will obey the orders of the Officers and non-commissioned Officers appointed over me.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Daniel Kitong
DANIEL KITONG

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of October, 1942 A. M. in the field, Philippines.

Sebastian
SEBASTIAN
1st Lt. 12th Infantry, P.A.
Commanding

Witness:

[Signature]
2nd Lt. Co. 12th Infantry, P.A.
Detachment Officer

UNITED STATES ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES
GUERRILLA FORCES IN NORTH LUZON
IN THE FIELD

October 26, 1942 ?

CERTIFICATE

1. This is to certify that I have on this date inducted and called to active duty Private Daniel Kitong, 12th Inf, P. A. (Volunteer).
2. Private Daniel Kitong is assigned to Headquarter, 12th Infantry, P. A.
3. The signature of Private Kitong appears below.

s/t/ DANIEL KITONG
Pvt. Hq, 12th Inf, P.A.

BY AUTHORITY OF:

MARTIN MOSES
Lt. Col. Commanding Officer
12th Inf, Phil. Army

/s/t/ BENIGNO MOLINTAS
1st Lt, Hq, 12th Inf, Phil. Army

Att: /s/t/ BADO DANGWA
3rd Lt, Headquarters
12th Inf, Phil. Army

A TRUE COPY:
4 March 1946

[Signature]
~~1st Lt, Inf, PA~~
1st Lt, Inf, PA

Exhibit - H

UNITED STATES ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES
GUERRILLA FORCES IN NORTHERN MINDANAO
In the Field

October 26, 1942

C E R T I F I C A T E

1. This is to certify that I have on this date inducted and called to active duty PRIVATE DANIEL KITONG 12th Infantry, Philippine Army. (Volunteer).
2. PRIVATE KITONG, DANIEL is assigned to Headquarters, 12th Infantry, Philippine Army.
3. The signature of PRIVATE KITONG appears below.

Sgd. Daniel Kitong
Pvt. Hq, 12th Infantry, PA

Sgd. Martin Meses
Lt-Col. Commanding
12th Infantry, PA.

Sgd. Dennis Molintas
Type DENNIS MOLINTAS
1st Lt, Hq, 12th Infantry
Philippine Army

Att:

Sgd. Bado Dangwa
Type BADO DANGWA
3rd Lt, Hq, 12th Infantry
Philippine Army

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
30 July 1949


LOUIS HORA
Deputy Governor
Benguet

MEMO FOR RECORDRe: THEODORE, Elmo S. (VM)Facts about the case:

A report on the status of subject individual's claim for arrears in pay has been requested.

Findings:

1. Subject individual's claim was determined on 29 July 1949, with status and grade, as follows:

Missing	20 Aug 43 - 8 Jan 45
Pvt	20 Aug 43 - 8 Jan 45

2. For the above determination Mr. Theodore was paid the amount of \$ 365.68, per Check # 918884-J, on 23 Sep 49.

3. While roster check indicates a period of service commencing on 20 August 1942, effective date of joining was taken from Mr. Theodore's oath of office which is dated 20 August 43.

4. Mr. Theodore was duly informed by letter dated 20 July 1949 of the favorable determination of his claim for arrears in pay. There has been, to date, no request for redetermination submitted by Mr. Theodore.

5. An examination conducted by Mr. Morales, DAC, AGRD Document Examiner reveals that the signature of the Summary Court Officer on PA Form 23 is a forgery. This case was previously determined on the assumption that the signature was authentic.

Conclusion:

Fraud has been successfully perpetrated. It is therefore recommended that Mr. Theodore be denied future veterans' benefits. Further, that DWS dated 29 July 1949, be cancelled.

CARLTON G. ROCKEY
Major Inf
Chief, Records Branch

MEMO FOR RECORD

Re: CHAVEZ, Adriano G. (FM)

Facts about the case:

A report on the status of subject individual's claim for arrears in pay has been requested.

Findings:

1. Subject individual's claim was administratively determined negative for arrears in pay on 30 June 1948.

2. A pre-requisite to entitlement to arrears in pay for individuals claiming service with a recognized guerrilla organization is the appearance of their names on the official rosters of the organization concerned. As Mr. Chavez' name does not appear on the official rosters of the USAFIP,HL (the guerrilla organization in which he claims service) it has been determined that he is an unrecognized guerrilla and not entitled to arrears in pay.

3. The recognition of individuals is not a function of this headquarters. All that this headquarters does is to adjudicate a claim for recognized guerrilla service, using as a basis the findings of the Guerrilla Affairs Division, which are deemed final and conclusive. The closing however of that Division on 30 June 1948 precludes further recognition.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, the negative determination made of Mr. Chavez' claim, is correct.

CARLTON G. ROCKEY
Major Inf
Chief, Records Branch

MEMO FOR RECORD

Re: TILLAMA, Dionisio (EM)

Facts about the case:

A report on the status of subject individual's claim for arrears in pay has been requested.

Findings:

1. Mr. Tillama's claim for arrears in pay was determined on 26 November 1946, with status and grade, as follows:

Missing 1 Nov 44 - 8 Jan 45

Pfc 1 Nov 44 - 8 Jan 45

2. Subject individual was paid a total of \$ 535.83 of which \$ 58.71 was for arrears in pay. The payment for arrears in pay was made by Check # 3254025 on 24 April 1947.

3. Basis for 1 Nov 44 as commencement date of service is an entry in Machine Record Card that subject individual's period of service extends from 1 Nov 44 to date. Policies then in force were to the effect that inclusive dates of period of service as indicated on the Machine Record Card were final and conclusive. A check at Roster Sub-Section also reveals that subject individual joined the USAFIP, NL on 1 Nov 44.

4. A request for redetermination dated 8 September 1947 was denied and Mr. Tillama duly informed on 17 Oct 47. A second request for redetermination dated 4 Dec 47 was also denied and Mr. Tillama duly informed on 20 Jan 48. A third request for redetermination dated 4 May 49 was again denied and Mr. Tillama duly informed on 28 July 1949.

5. The closing of the Guerrilla Affairs Division on 30 June 1948, and the termination of the arrears in pay program on 31 December 1949, precludes further action.

Conclusion:

Previous determination is correct.

GARLTON G. ROCKEY
Major Inf
Chief, Records Branch

MEMO FOR RECORD

Re: SUMAHAY, Neelo T. (EM)

Facts about the case:

A report on the status of subject individual's claim for arrears in pay has been requested.

Findings:

1. On 30 June 1948, subject individual's claim was administratively determined negative for arrears in pay.
2. A request for redetermination dated 28 September 1949 was acted upon and Mr. Sumahay was duly informed that policies relative to the adjudication of claims for arrears in pay precluded favorable consideration of his request.
3. A pre-requisite for entitlement to arrears in pay for individuals claiming service with a recognized guerrilla organization is the appearance of their names on the official rosters of the organization concerned. As the official rosters of the USAFIP, NL (the guerrilla organization in which Mr. Sumahay claims service) contain no indication that he is a recognized member thereof, it has been determined that he is an unrecognized guerrilla and not entitled to arrears in pay.
4. The deactivation of the Guerrilla Affairs Division on 30 June 1948, and the termination of the arrears in pay program on 31 December 1949, precludes further action.

Conclusion:

Subject individual's claim has been determined negative for arrears in pay as his name does not appear on the official rosters of the guerrilla organization in which he claims service. He is an unrecognized guerrilla and not entitled to arrears in pay. The determination and redetermination made of Mr. Sumahay's claim is final. His case is considered closed.

CARLTON G. ROCKEY *CRK*
Major Inf
Chief, Records Branch

MEMO FOR RECORD

Re: Case of COIS, Baroy C. (EM)

Findings:

1. Subject individual's claim for arrears in pay has been determined negative administratively.

2. A pre-requisite to entitlement to arrears in pay for individuals claiming service with a recognized guerrilla organization is the appearance of their names on the official revised reconstructed rosters of that organization. As the rosters of the USAFIP, NL contain no indication that subject individual is a recognized member thereof, his claim for arrears in pay was not favorably considered.

3. The recognition of individuals is not a function of this headquarters. All that this headquarters does is to adjudicate a claim for recognized guerrilla service, using as a basis the findings of the Guerrilla Affairs Division, which are deemed final and conclusive. The closing however of the Guerrilla Affairs Division on 30 June 1948 precludes further recognition.

Conclusion:

Previous determination is correct. Furthermore the signature of the Summary Court Officer on PA Form 23, Affidavit For Philippine Army Personnel, has been declared a forgery by Mr. W. Morales, DAC employee, Document Examiner.

CARLTON G. ROCKEY
Major INF
Chief, Records Branch

21 March 1950

To: Chief, Records Branch
A. G. R. D.

Sub: Verification of authenticity of the signature of 1st Lt William E. Reimer, Summary Court Officer, appearing in the Form 23, of Sgt Noplo Tomes Simahay, ASN-198996 dated 26 Feb 1946, with the official specimen of signatures of 1st Lt William E. Reimer on file in the office of the Chief, Investigation Branch this headquarters, in order to determine whether or not the signature of Reimer in the above mentioned Form 23 is Reimer's genuine signature.

FINDINGS:

1. After thorough analyzation and examination of the signature of William E. Reimer appearing in the above mentioned Form 23 with the official specimen of signatures of William E. Reimer, the following conclusive discrepancies are found:

(a) The signer of the signature of William E. Reimer in the above mentioned Form 23 of Noplo is a person who writes light, whereas, William E. Reimer writes heavy.

(b) The signer of the signature of Reimer in the Form 23, signed with his right hand, whereas Reimer in his official signature signed with his left hand, as can be observed thru magnification, that his writing is being pushed and comes to a sudden stop.

(c) The signer of the signature of William E. Reimer in this Form 23, and in the Certification Slip No. 89409 writes the two "l" for William in long angular loops, whereas in the specimen signatures, Reimer writes his "l's" wide short indirect oval loops.

(d) William E. Reimer in his official specimen of signatures writes his "iam" in William continuously vertical slant and put a closed zero (o) by incircling the second retraced indirect slant. This contains the key or secret to William E. Reimer's signature. This key or closed zero (o) although found in the supposed signature of William E. Reimer in the Form 23 and in the Certification No. 89409, especially Form 23, the

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zero (e) is placed on an arch of an "r" different from the genuine key of Reimer.

(e) The form factor of small "n" in William in the Form 23 and in the Certification No. 89409 are entirely different from the small "n" in William in the official specimen of signatures of Reimer.

(f) So much more on Capital "E" for the middle initial of Reimer, the strokes and form factors are entirely different.

(g) The signer of the signature of Reimer in this Form 23 and Certification No. 89409, in order to make the final stroke wider on "r" for Reimer made a dash back with the point of the pen as observed thru magnification. These elements are entirely not found in the official specimen of signatures of Reimer.

2. By virtue of the above cited conclusive discrepancies, I therefore conclude beyond reasonable doubt that the signature of 1st Lt William E. Reimer in the above mentioned documents are not the genuine signatures of said William E. Reimer.

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21 March 1950

To: Chief, Records Branch
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Sub: Analyzation of the embellishment signature of Mauro E. Bravo, 2nd Lt Inf (PA) ASN: 0-42660 appearing in the Form 23 of S/Sgt Elmo S. Theodore, ASN-180510 as Summary Court Officer dated 28 June 1947 in order to determine whether or not the above mentioned signature of Bravo was his genuine signature.

FINDINGS:

1. By a mere glance of the signatures on the Form 23 with the allied papers in which the signature of 2nd Lt Mauro E. Bravo appears we can deduce similarity. But after careful thorough analyzation and examination of the embellishment signature of 2nd Lt Mauro E. Bravo in the above mentioned Form 23 with the four embellishment signatures of said Bravo found in his 201 file, (Photostat copy herein attached) reveals that the signature of 2nd Lt Mauro E. Bravo in the Form 23 of S/Sgt Elmo S. Theodore is not the signature of said Bravo for the following conclusive facts:

(a) As can be observed, in the genuine embellishment signatures of 2nd Lt Mauro E. Bravo, he always makes ~~three~~ parallel embellishment strokes for his Capital "B" then proceed to his Capital "M", whereas in the signature of Mauro E. Bravo in the above mentioned Form 23 of S/Sgt Theodore these strokes are entirely different.

(b) The initial stroke of Bravo in his genuine embellishment signatures begins above the second or following embellishment stroke, whereas in this Form 23, the initial strokes begin below the second embellishment stroke which has no bearing to form the half oval of Capital "B" as found in the genuine embellishment signature of Bravo.

(c) The deviation, and slant of the signature in the Form 23 is entirely different from the genuine signature of said Bravo.

(d) So much more in the supposed embellishment signature of Mauro E. Bravo, in the certification No. -4-IND 1197, the embellishment signature is entirely out of picture to the genuine embellishment signature of said Bravo.

2. Basing therefore on the above conclusive material facts, I conclude that the signature of 2nd Lt Mauro E. Bravo in the Form 23 of S/Sgt Elmo S. Theodore, is not the genuine signature of 2nd Lt Mauro E. Bravo.

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21 March 1950

To: Chief, Records Branch
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Sub: Verification of authenticity of the semi-embellishment signature of 2nd Lt Francisco Maneja; ASN O-22511 appearing in the Form 23 of Sgt. Baroy Chacchacan Cois dated 28 April 1947, with Lt Maneja's Official semi-embellishment signatures found in his 201 file, in order to determine whether or not the signature of 2nd Lt Francisco Maneja in the Form 23 of Sgt Baroy C. Cois was his genuine signature.

FINDINGS :

1. There are fourteen (14) semi-embellishment signatures of 2nd Lt Francisco Maneja in his 201 file which is more than enough for use as specimen.

2. Thorough analyzation and comparison of the semi-embellishment signature of Francisco Maneja, appearing in the above mentioned Form 23 with the fourteen (14) semi-embellishment signatures of Maneja revealed that the semi-embellishment signature of Francisco Maneja in the above mentioned Form 23 of Sgt Baroy C. Cois does not tally in any respect with the specimen on hand, except the typewritten name of Francisco Maneja and his Army Serial No.

In the other words, the semi-embellishment signature of Francisco Maneja in the Form 23 of Cois is entirely different from the genuine semi-embellishment signatures of said Maneja.

The liftings; form factors; and the strokes are entirely different. Summarizing the above cited differences, I therefore conclude beyond reasonable doubt that the supposed signature of 2nd Lt Francisco Maneja in the Form 23 of Sgt Baroy C. Cois is not the signature of 2nd Lt Francisco Maneja.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 2 March 1950

THRU: Commanding General, Philippines Command (Air Force), APO 74

TO: Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository, APO 900

For compliance with basic communication, and return through this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

/s/ K. B. Bush
/t/ K. B. BUSH,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE,
Clark Air Force Base, APO 74

TO: Commanding Officer, 8153rd SU, Adjutant General Records Depository,
APO 900

/s/ C. H. Lisurance
/t/ C. H. LISURANCE
2d Lt., AGD
Asst. Adj. General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of The Adjutant General
Washington 25, D.C.

AGCM-M

3 Feb 1950

SUBJECT: Adjudication of Claims for Arrears in Pay

TO: Commanding General
Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to the attached cases forwarded to this office by Lt Col R. W. Volckmann, relating to alleged administrative errors in recognition of guerrilla service. These cases appear to be deserving of further consideration. Detailed information is therefore requested as to the policies now in effect at the AG Records Depository governing these types of cases, and the authority for these policies.

2. In the event that current policies preclude further consideration of cases such as those inclosed, it may be necessary to amend those policies to provide that the AG Records Depository will adjudicate such cases when:

a. Positive evidence is produced to indicate that a name was erroneously omitted from the final roster of recognized guerrilla personnel through administrative error.

b. Positive evidence is produced to indicate that credit for a period of recognized service was erroneously computed.

3. The following information is requested in connection with the policy outlined in paragraph 2 above:

a. The estimated number of cases similar to the attached which have been unfavorably considered due to restrictive policies on guerrilla recognition.

b. What effect would such a policy have on the overall guerrilla recognition program?

c. The estimated number of additional cases requiring re-consideration that would be received as a result of such a policy.



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R.W. Volckmann, Lt Col., Inf., Tactical Department, T.I.S., Ft Benning, Ga.,
21 November 1949.

THRU: Lt Col D.D. Blackburn, P&A Division, Dept. of Army, Washington, D.C.

To: The Adjutant General, Dept. of the Army, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Basic communication contains four cases of individuals who were duly inducted into the United States Armed Forces in the Philippines and who have been denied their earned arrears in pay. These cases are similar to the case of Lt Kitong forwarded to you under my 1st Ind., dated 4 October 1949. Cases inclosed with basic communication are:

- a. Tillam, Dionisio G., Ex Pvt. 66th Inf. PA, USAFIP, W.L.
- b. COIS, Baroy C. Ex Sgt. "G" Btry, 22nd PA Bn, PA
- c. THEODORE, Elmo Ex/S/Sgt, 23rd Inf. PA.
- d. SUMARAY, Napolo T. Ex Sgt Serv Co., 23rd Inf PA.

2. Evidenced by these cases and many similar cases that have come to my attention, I am of the opinion that the policies of PHILCOM in adjudicating arrears in pay are extremely rigid, faulty, negligent, unjust, and are not to the best interest of the Army or the United States Government. The continued pursuit of such a policy denies those individuals who served faithfully during the darkest days (1942-43) of the Japanese Occupation their earned and just arrears in pay.

3. Request that action be initiated to assure that subject individuals receive a complete and just readjudication of their claims for arrears in pay.

/s/ R. W. Volckmann
/t/ R. W. VOLCKMANN
Lt. Col. Inf.

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