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STATUS OF ROTC CADETS  
AT THE ATENEO DE CAGAYAN  
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY  
MISAMIS ORIENTAL

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URMSC 27-18 JUN FOR KENDNEY WCC CORRES REFERRED TO WAS 1ST IND  
TO COMPRC DTD 19 FEB 53 INCLOSING MEMO DTD 11 FEB 53 FROM WALTER  
B LANG CHIEF OF RELIGIOUS CLAIMS ADDRESSED TO CAPT RALPH W VERNON  
SUBJECT WCC CLAIM R-150 ALYENO DE CAGAYAN STATUS OF PERSONS LISTED  
BELOW ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES OF US DURING WWII  
ALL SVC IN THE CAGAYON MISAHO ORIENTAL PHILIPPINE AREA 1ST IND FROM  
WCC RQST SRCH OF PROJECT J FILES FOR IDENTIFICATION FOL ARE NAMES  
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LT ED MILKP

*May 23*

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CAPT LANE

COL LEWIS

LT LAUDERBACH

MAJ DAVIS

LT WILLIS

COL BEARD

COL MORRIS

COL TARKINGTON

COL KILLEN

LT O'BRIEN

~~MAJ OR COL PERRY~~ MAJ OR COL PERRY

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Chief  
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1. Basis for this memorandum is "Memorandum" of Walter B. Lang, Chief, Religious Claims Section dated 16 Oct 52.

2. The names or identities of 35 ROTC cadets at the Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, allegedly training under Major Perry Baldwin from 8 Dec 41 to 1 Mar 42 have not been established for the reason that the same have not been furnished by the requesting agency, and because there are no archives on this ROTC unit in this headquarters.

3. An extensive research conducted on the case revealed:

a. That the "Reserve Officer's Training Corps" of the Ateneo de Cagayan "was ordered to take up residence in the college gymnasium," on 8 December 1941, as indicated in the book - "GUERRILLA PADRE in Mindanao" by Father Edward Haggarty (Page 4, par 1). However, no mention was made as to the length of time the ROTC cadets remained in the Ateneo gymnasium and/or when the cadets were ordered out of the gymnasium or the Ateneo premises.

b. That the Commandant of the ROTC unit of the Ateneo de Cagayan was 1st Lt Manuel de P. Peralta O-37538. His military service, as indicated in his Form 23 are as follows:

1 Jul 41 - 27 Dec 41 - Commandant, ROTC Unit, Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan, Misamis Oriental - Col A. Garcia  
 28 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - Tagoloan, Mis. Or. - Lt James J. Messmer  
 29 Dec 41 - 14 Jan 42 - CO, Labor Pool Co, 102nd Inf - Cagayan - Lt Gestoso  
 15 Jan 42 - 13 Feb 42 - Hq 101st Div; on dy Prov Bn, 101st Div - Kibawe, Bukidnon - Gen Vachon  
 14 Feb 42 - 30 May 42 - CO, A Co, Motorized, 101st Div Sp Unit - Aroman, Cotabato

In an affidavit dated 12 January 1944, Lt Peralta, among other things, testifies: "... That various former cadets of the ROTC, Ateneo de Cagayan, who are now commissioned officers of the USFIP can also testify

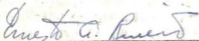
as to the veracity of my promotion to Second Lieutenant, namely: Lt Patriciano Destajo, G-3, 109th Div; Lt Vic Gaabucayan, 1st Bn, 11th Inf; Lt Honorio Villaranda, 109th Inf Regt...."

c. An examination of 201 files of ROTC cadets mentioned by Lt Peralta revealed that Lt Victorino Gaabucayan and Lt Patriciano Destajo were both reservists by virtue of their having completed the prescribed ROTC training prior to the outbreak of war. Whereas, Lt Honorio G. Villaranda claimed no USAFFE service, although records on file indicate that Villaranda was "ROTC Basic Course Graduate" after having completed the "Special two & a Half months Cadre Training (ROTC) from Dec. 1941 to Jan. 1942" at the Ateneo de Cagayan.

d. That an extensive 201 file examination of members of units of the 101st and 102nd Divisions, USAFFE, and the 10th MD guerrillas was conducted in an effort to establish the identities of cadets of the Ateneo de Cagayan ROTC with negative results.

4. On the basis of records of Lt Honorio Villaranda and reference to Father Haggarty's "Guerrilla Padre", it is believed that ROTC unit of the Ateneo de Cagayan, like ROTC units in Manila, were ordered into cadre training to qualify cadets for membership in the Philippine Army Reserve Force, as required in the National Defense Law of the Commonwealth of the Philippines; and because of the existing emergency, to prepare cadets for subsequent USAFFE service. It is believed that ROTC cadets were not inducted into the USAFFE during the period they were in cadre training, and that the cadre training of the ROTC unit of the Ateneo de Cagayan was terminated on or about January 1942.

5. On the basis of the foregoing findings, it is determined that ROTC Units were not inducted into the USAFFE, and service with an ROTC unit is not evidence of any USAFFE status. Individual members of ROTC units may have volunteered for service with regularly established USAFFE units subsequent to termination of ROTC cadre training. Proof of USAFFE service must be established in individual claims.



Claims Examiner



Final Reviewer

1st. Indorsement

19 February 1953

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1. The attached memorandum is forwarded with the request that, if possible, the information sought therein be furnished the Liaison Officer, War Claims Commission.

2. It is requested that the names appearing on this memorandum be checked against the "Project J" files. It is believed, by this office, that that will be the only possible means of identification. All of these American Officers should have been operating with the guerrillas in the Vizayan-Mindenao area. It is also requested that this memorandum be handled as expeditiously as possible.

*Ralph W. Vernon*

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Captain, Infantry  
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MEMORANDUM

February 11, 1953

TO: Captain Ralph W. Vernon  
Room 12

FROM: Walter B. Lang *W.B.L.*  
Chief, Religious Claims

SUBJECT: WCC Claim R-150 Ateno de Cagayan  
Status of persons listed below  
alleged to have been members of the  
armed forces of the United States  
during World War II all serving in the  
Cagayan - Misamis Oriental, Philippine area.

The information listed after each name is the only identifying data available in the above referenced claim. In those instances of American officers the last name and rank is all the information available.

It is requested that, if possible, official information be furnished as to whether these individuals were ever called into service of the armed forces of the United States and if so, the date on which the orders were issued and the effective dates of the orders:

- Lieut. Ed Milko (Cagayan Area)
- ✓ Col. Charles Hedges (Cagayan Area) *neg*
- Col. Edwin Ronan (Cagayan Area)
- Commander Sam Wilson (Cagayan Area)
- ✓ Capt. Jose Villanueva (Cagayan Area)
- ✓ Col. James Grinstead (Cagayan Area) *0178857*
- ✓ Col. Frank D. McGee (Pagatpat - Oriental Misamis) *03865*
- ✓ Col. Ernest E. McLish (Pagatpat - Oriental Misamis) *0296967*
- Comdr. Charles "Chick" Parsons (Pagatpat - Oriental Misamis)
- Col. Ciriaco Mortera (Oriental Misamis)
- ✓ Capt. Alipio Juntilla (Oriental Misamis)
- Lt. Eduardo Cecilio (Oriental Misamis)
- ✓ Major Cirilo Rivera (Oriental Misamis)
- ✓ Major Albino Noble (Oriental Misamis)
- Corp. Hilario Balangay (Oriental Misamis)
- ✓ Lieut. Mauro Enerio (Oriental Misamis)
- ✓ Col. Manuel Jaldon (Oriental Misamis)
- ✓ Capt. Isaias Edralin (Oriental Misamis)
- ✓ Capt. Marcelino J. Bual (Inf. O-37602 - Oriental Misamis)
- ✓ Capt. Reuben Neri (Oriental Misamis)
- Lieut. Harold Miller (Oriental Misamis)
- Isabelo Y. Cuerquis (No designation - Oriental Misamis)
- Lt. Arsenio Cortezar (Oriental Misamis)

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The information listed below is the only information available to the Department of Defense in the United States and is being furnished to you in confidence. It is requested that, if possible, official information be furnished to whether these individuals were ever called into service in the Armed Forces of the United States and if so, the date on which the orders were issued and the effective dates of the orders.

- 1. Lt. James C. ... (Oriental Missions)
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- ✓ Major Ignacio S. Cruz (Inf. USFIP, 109th Divn., 10th Mil. Dist. Cagayan Area)
- ✓ Lt. Venustiano Velez (Evidence shows him to have been a Sgt. in the 101st Divn., Aroman, Cotabato in May 1942 and a Lt. in the 1st Bn., 112th Inf. Reg., 109th Divn., in August 1942)
- ✓ Lt. Glorioso Rosales (1st Bn., 112th Inf. Reg., Sumilao Bukidnon May 1942)
- Private Nazario D. Bas (3rd 111th Inf. 10th M.D., Sumilao Bukidnon)
- Antonio Paguia (101st Inf. Divn., Cagayan Area)

American

The following are all alleged to be regular army officers, however, the last name and rank is the only identifying information available.

- Capt. Lane
- ✓ x ✓ Col. Lewis
- x ✓ Lt. Lauderbach ✓
- x ✓ Major Davis x
- Lt. Willis
- ✓ x ✓ Col. Beard
- ✓ x ✓ Col. Morris - one Col. Wm P. Morel
- x ✓ Col. Tarkington
- ✓ x ✓ Col. Killen
- ✓ x ✓ Lt. O'Brien
- ✓ x ✓ Major or Col. Perry
- Lt. Hicks
- x ✓ Col. Frissell
- ✓ x ✓ Col. Hillsman
- ✓ Col. Moore x
- ✓ x ✓ Major "Archie" Higgins ✓
- ✓ x ✓ Major Harlan Burgess ✓
- ✓ x ✓ Major Frandsen

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Lewis, Eugene T. 017296 Maj - 201<sup>E</sup> ATTCH-  
 Lewis, John L. 016222 Maj - 201<sup>E</sup> ATTCH-

Lewis, Clarence R. 238423 Maj - 201<sup>E</sup> ATTCH-

Beark, Paul S. 007397 Lt C - Misc 201 only ATTCH  
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Morse, William P. 005106 Lt C - Misc 201 only ATTCH  
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Tarkington, Hiram W. 010618 Lt C —  
 (MISC-PAPERS-TRANS-PIB-SPIS-19 OCT-49)

Killen, Wade D. 011131 Lt C —  
 (MISC-PAPERS-ATTCH-201<sup>E</sup> TRANS-PIB-SPIS-10 OCT-49)

O'Brien, Forest S. 19-040-021 406580 2 st E/R 4000/100 att.

O'Brien, James W. 406259 1 st 201<sup>E</sup> att.

O'Brien, Walter E., Jr. 385782 2 st 201<sup>E</sup> att.

O'Brien, William F. 375577 2 st 201<sup>E</sup> att.

Perry, Howard R. 012347 Lt C —  
 201<sup>E</sup> C/P T. PM #101, 201<sup>E</sup> ATTCH

Trissell, Howard N. 006544 Lt C —  
 (MISC-PAPERS TRANS-PIB-SPIS-20 OCT-49)

Hilaman, Roger 005012 Lt C —  
 (MISC-PAPERS-ATTCH-ONLY RECORDS LOCATED IN-  
 WW II or P.W.W.II)

✓ Moore, Arthur P.	010105	1st Lt	Misc 201 att.
✓ Moore, Dennis W.	015836	Major	-
<u>Misc. PPS. TRAN. PIB, 18-Oct. 49</u>			
Higgins, Arlie W.	258095	Capt	- 201 <sup>5</sup> ATTCH.
✓ Burgess, Harland F.	015062	Major	- 201 <sup>5</sup> ATTCH.
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Frandsen, Earl C.	225574	Capt	- 201 <sup>5</sup> ATTCH.

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Millho, Ed - nothing. -

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McClush, Ernest E 00030432 } M/R for PIB  
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Miller, Harold Can't identify. -

PO 5

21 July 43 -

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21 July 45 -

Nov. 42 -

7 Dec. 46 -

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RA - 17 Nov. 42

charged - 27 Dec 45

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C Co, 103rd  
Regt., 10th MD  
(Green)

Green - 1 Oct. 42

released - 30 June 46

Name	Rank	Orgn	PO S
Cecilio, Eduardo	reg.		
Balongay, Hilario	reg.		
Bas, Nazario D.	reg.		
Villanueva, Jose D.	2nd Lt. 21717	MPCo, 121st Regt 10th MD	21 July 43 - <del>5 Aug 45</del> 21 July 45 -
Rosales, Glorioso	2nd Lt. 37891	4th, 1st Bn, 112th Inf Regt. 10th MD	1 Nov. 42 - 27 Dec. 45 -
Rivera, Cirilo L.	Capt. 37615	QM Co, 109th Dir. 10th MD	1 Nov. 42
Velez, Venustiano N.	2nd Lt. 036492	A Co, 112th Regt. 10th MD USAFFE	USAFFE - GRDA - 1 Nov. 42 discharged. 27 Dec 45
Jaldon, Manuel D.	Major 37543	103rd Am (USC) C Co, 103rd Regt., 10th MD (GRDA)	Sept 41 - USF Galv. - 1 Oct. 42 released. 30 June 46



Name	Rank	Orgn	POS
Juntilla, Alipio M.	Capt. 43133	G-4, 101st Div.; A Corps, 10th MD	Col - 8 Dec 41 - 6 May 42 MIA - 7 May 42 - 25 Oct 42 Coln - 26 Oct 42 - 20 Jul 45 RPA - 21 July 45 - 29 Jan 46
Cruz, Ignacio S.	Major 0-24391	Avn Co, M 102nd Div	12 Jan 42 - 6 May 42 Pltn - 7 May 42 - 10 May 42 Pltn - 11 May 42 - 24 May 42 NCS - 25 May 42 - 27 May 45 PA - 28 May 45 - 7 Oct 45 Release but still in service on 7 May 46
Meri, Reuben	2nd Lt. 0-37535	H Co, 101st Div; Hq 4th Bn Co, 109th Div 10th MD	8 Dec 41 - 6 May 42 MIA - 7 May 42 - 10 May 42 Pltn - 11 May 42 - 11 Jan 43 NCS - 12 Jan 43 - Grta - Last date on record of ser 4 Feb 46 - <del>no discharge</del> no discharge
Bual, Marcelino J.	Cpl Capt. 37535	1st BN, 101st Div Hq, 11th Regt. 10th MD	8 Dec 41 - 6 May 42 MIA 7 May 42 - 10 May 42 NCS 11 May 42 - GRA - no discharge but last record of ser 10 Jan 46 -
Enero, Mauro	1st Lt. 37630	Hq, 109th Div. 10th MD	1 Jan 43 discharged, 7 Oct 45

Name	Rank	Orgn	POS
Edralin, Isaías	1st Lt (Chap)	102nd Div 10th ID	26 Mar 42
Noble, Albin X	Capt	111th Regt 10th ID	1 Nov 42

Following named individuals listed on memorandum attached dated 11 Feb 1953 have been identified as Army of the United States personnel, <sup>on duty near localities mentioned during World War II;</sup> ~~as follows;~~

1st Col.	Beard, Paul S.	0-7397
Maj.	Lewis, John L.	0-16222
1st Col.	Morse, William P.	0-5106
1st Col.	Killen, Wade D.	0-11131
2d Lt.	O'Brien, William J.	0-375577
1st Col.	Perry, Howard R.	0-12347
1st Col.	Kelsman, Roger	0-5012
Capt.	Higgins, Arlie H.	0-258095
Maj.	Burgess, Harold J.	0-15062
Capt.	Trandsen, Earl C.	0-225574
Capt.	Grimstead, James R.	0-888857
1st Col.	McDee, Frank A.	0-3865
Capt.	McClisk, Ernest E.	0-296967
Capt.	Hedges, Charles H.	0-540716

All personnel whose names are similar to those shown and may be individuals referred to as;

2d Lt.	Lauterbach, Butler H.	0-431679
4 Col.	Tarkington, Kiriam H.	0-10618
4. Col.	Trissell, Howard N.	0-6544

From <sup>the</sup> information furnished the following individuals cannot be <sup>positively</sup> identified;

Major Davis  
 Col Moore  
 Capt Lane  
 Lt Willis  
 Lt. Hicks  
 Lt. ~~Ed~~ Wilko, Ed  
 Lt. Miller, Harold

Records cannot be located for Commanders Sam. Wilson and Charles "Chick" Parsons and it is assumed they are Naval Personnel.

Father Edwin Ronan is shown on official records as Chief of Chaplains of the Philippine Army however, no claim can be located for him.

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- COL EDWIN ROMAN ✓
- COMM SAN WILSON ✓
- CAPT JOSE VILLANUEVA ✓ *one ind Lt Jose B. (MFP Co, 421 Regt, 10TH MD)*
- COL JAMES GRINSTEAD ✓
- COL FRANK D MCGEE ✓
- COL ERNEST E MCLISH ✓
- COMM CHARLES /CHICK/ PARSONS
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CAPT ALIPIO JUNTILLA one Alipio J. (A Co., 107th MD) X

LT EDUARDO CECILIO neg X

MAJOR CIRILO RIVERA one Capt Cirilo R. (QM Co, 109th Air, 107th MD)

MAJOR ALBINO NOBLE one Capt Albino X. (9th, 111th Regt)

X CORP HILARIO BALONGAY neg X

— LT MAURO ENERIO one 2nd Lt Mauro A. (9th, 109th Air)

COL MANUEL JALDON one Major Manuel R. (C Co, 103rd Regt, 107th MD)

CAPT ISAIAS EDRALIN one 1st Lt Isaias A. Edralin (9th, 109th Air, 107th MD)

— CAPT MARCELINO J BUAL (9th, 111th Regt, 107th MD)

— CAPT REUBEN NERI one 2nd Lt. Reuben R. (9th & 9th Air Co, 109th Air, 107th MD)

○ LT HAROLD MILLER

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ISABELO Y CUERQUIS neg - see Record

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WASAFFE? →

LT VENUSTIANO VELEZ 2nd Lt Venustiano V. (A Co, 112th Regt, 107th MD)

LT GLORISO ROSALES 2nd Lt Gloriso A. (9th, 1st Br, 112th Regt, 107th MD)

PVT MAZARIO D BAS neg X

ANTONIO PADUA 1st Lt Antonio Padua w/ SARANG AREA Comm.   
 (107th MD) w/ 121st INF, VERMONT

CAPT LANE

COL LEWIS

LT LAUDERBACH

MAJ DAVIS

LT WILLIS

COL BEARD

COL MORRIS

COL TARKINGTON

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12 DEC 1952

The Chairman  
War Claims Commission  
7th & E Streets, N.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.  
ATTN: Ralph W. Vernon  
Captain, Infantry  
Liaison Officer

Dear Sir:

In reference to the attached correspondence dated October 16, 1952, with 1st Indorsement, subject: "Status of ROTC in Cagayan de Oro City, Oriental Misamis, Philippines, Claim No. R - 150 - Ateneo de Cagayan, this headquarters has determined that the ROTC Unit of Ateneo de Cagayan was not among the units of the Philippine Commonwealth Army inducted into the service of the USAFFE.

This determination in no way affects the individual status of cadet members thereof, who, subsequent to their training in this unit, may have been properly inducted into bonafide USAFFE organizations.

Sincerely yours,

  
W. A. JOHNSON  
CAPT. AGC  
ASST ADJUTANT

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Memo, 16 Oct 52  
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MEMORANDUM

October 16, 1952

TO: Capt. Ralph Vernon  
Room 12

FROM: Walter B. Lang  
Chief, Religious Claims

SUBJECT: Status of ROTC in Cagayan, de Oro City, Oriental Misamis,  
Philippines. Claim No. R - 150 - Ateneo de Cagayan

The Ateneo de Cagayan has filed a claim under Section 7 of the War Claims Act of 1948. In a preliminary examination of this claim it has become necessary to determine the status of 35 members of the R.O.T.C. at the Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan, de Oro City, Oriental Misamis, Philippines who received training under the command of Major Perry Baldwin. The training period for this R.O.T.C. unit was from December 8, 1941 to March 1, 1942, which was before the surrender of the Philippines.

For purposes of adjudication under Section 7 of the War Claims Act, it is necessary to have a determination as to the status of this group of R.O.T.C. cadets under the command of Major Perry Baldwin, i.e. whether the Army officially inducted this group into "armed forces of the United States", "USFIP" or "USAFFE", and if possible the dates of induction.

Your prompt cooperation in furnishing official information on the above question will be appreciated.

W. B. L.

*mv.*

1st. Indorsement

16 October 1952

TO : Adjutant General Records Depository  
Manila, Philippines

ATTN. : Col. Albert A. Lindquist

SUBJECT: Status of ROTC in Cagayan, de Oro City, Oriental Misamis,  
Philippines. Claim No. R - 150 - Ateneo de Cagayan

1. It is requested that the information sought in the attached memorandum from Walter B. Lang, Chief, Religious Claims, WCC, be furnished the Liaison Officer, War Claims Commission.

Attachment - 1

Ralph W. Vernon  
Captain, Infantry  
Liaison Officer  
War Claims Commission  
7th & E Streets, N.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

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Attention: Col. Albert A. Lindquist

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# DISPOSITION FORM

FILE NO. AGRD-VA

SUBJECT Status of ROTC cadets at the Ateneo de Cagayan,  
Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis OrientalTO Chief  
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FROM (See below)

DATE 26 Nov 52

COMMENT NO. 1

1. Basis for this memorandum is "Memorandum" of Walter B. Lang, Chief, Religious Claims Section dated 16 Oct 52.

2. The names or identities of 35 ROTC cadets at the Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, allegedly training under Major Perry Baldwin from 8 Dec 41 to 1 Mar 42 have not been established for the reason that the same have not been furnished by the requesting agency, and because there are no archives on this ROTC unit in this headquarters.

3. An extensive research conducted on the case revealed:

a. That the "Reserve Officer's Training Corps" of the Ateneo de Cagayan "was ordered to take up residence in the college gymnasium," on 8 December 1941, as indicated in the book - "GUERRILLA PADRE in Mindanao" by Father Edward Haggarty (Page 4, par 1). However, no mention was made as to the length of time the ROTC cadets remained in the Ateneo gymnasium and/or when the cadets were ordered out of the gymnasium or the Ateneo premises.

b. That the Commandant of the ROTC unit of the Ateneo de Cagayan was 1st Lt Manuel de P. Peralta O-37538. His military service, as indicated in his Form 23 are as follows:

1 Jul 41 - 27 Dec 41 - Commandant, ROTC Unit, Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan, Misamis Oriental - Col A. Garcia  
28 Dec 41 - Inducted into USAFFE - Tagolcan, Mis. Or. - Lt James J. Messmer  
29 Dec 41 - 14 Jan 42 - CO, Labor Pool Co, 102nd Inf - Cagayan - Lt Gestoso  
15 Jan 42 - 13 Feb 42 - Hq 101st Div: on dy Prov Bn, 101st Div - Kibawe, Bukidnon - Gen Vachon  
14 Feb 42 - 30 May 42 - CO, A Co, Motorized, 101st Div Sp Unit - Aroman, Cotabato

In an affidavit dated 12 January 1944, Lt Peralta, among other things, testifies: "... That various former cadets of the ROTC, Ateneo de Cagayan, who are now commissioned officers of the USIPF can also testify

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