

032 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

(Resolutions) *FA17*

Folder No.1

Batangas Prov

1945

DECLASSIFIED
Authority: *AD5526*

032

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

DECLASSIFIED

Authority: NND 852016

United States of America
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF BATANGAS
BATANGAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

29 June 1945

Col. Pedro Pasia,
Guerrilla Commander, Fil-American
Cuenca, Batangas

Dear Colonel Pasia:

The Municipal Mayor of Cuenca presented to the undersigned a resolution requesting that your municipality be given ample military protection for the safety of the people and properties of Cuenca. Besides, the said resolution that your unit is about to be disbanded thereby leaving the town and barrios totally unprotected from the Japanese menace that are continuously plundering the countryside.

In view of this precarious situation, may I request you to continue your guerrilla activities as you have efficiently and patriotically done it in the past? In fact I have mentioned you and your men among the loyal Filipinos who have shown our country their patriotism. I would also request you to please furnish me copy of your application for the OFFICIAL RECOGNITION of your unit. I would like to take up the contents of the resolution in question with the CG of the 11th Airborne but I like to have the necessary information or date to be presented to the Army authorities before I discuss the subject with them.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and wishing to hear from you at the earliest possible time, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

(SGD.) FORTUNATO BORBON
Acting Provincial Governor

A TRUE COPY:

Commonwealth of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BATANGAS
MUNICIPALITY OF CUENCA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 28, 1945

The Honorable
The Provincial Governor
Batangas, Batangas

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the resolution of the Municipal Officials of this municipality requesting your good offices to confer immediately with the Commander-in-Chief of the American Liberating Forces for the Province of Batangas with a view to arranging for the immediate stationing of American soldiers in this town to prevent its reoccupation by the Japanese, with all its attendant horrors and atrocities.

The presence of quite a good number of Japanese snipers in the Macolot Mountain and its vicinity is beyond doubt. From time to time the guerrilla unit under the command of Col. Pedro Pasia has been bagging them, reporting to the Division CP at Mataasnakahoy of the same.

I wish to inform you that with the disbandment of Col. Pasia's soldiers, the people of Cuenca are very much alarmed and they have manifested their intention of abandoning their homes thereby bringing into naught the civil government which we had established. I wish to be frank too in stating that I for one would not stay in this place, if no soldiers will be stationed in this town.

I trust you will give your utmost consideration and prompt attention to this matter.

Very respectfully,

(SGD.) EUGENIANO P. LA ROSA
M a y o r

DECLASSIFIED

Authority

WDS/BJB

RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR ESTABLISHMENT
OF GARRISON OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS

WHEREAS on April 17, 1945, all municipal officials of the reestablished Commonwealth Government of Cuenca and its leading citizens adopted a resolution appealing to the HON. Provincial Governor of Batangas for him to represent officially to the Commander-in-Chief of the American Liberating Forces for said province of Batangas to secure the necessary provisions from the United States Army Headquarters for the support of the soldiers of the guerrillas unit of Col. Pedro Pasia, who were and have been in active operations to clean Jap snippers, copies of which resolution were transmitted to said Provincial Governor on April 18, 1945, by a letter of the Municipal Mayor and to the Commander-in-Chief of the American Liberating Forces for the Province of Batangas; and

WHEREAS, no support from the United States Army Quartermaster for the maintenance of the said guerrilla unit in the way of provisions or food has been given up to this time and the head of the guerrilla unit has received only promises based on the official recognition of the Cuenca-Fil-American guerrillas by the commander in-Chief of the American Forces in the Pacific area; and

WHEREAS, Japs snippers continue to roam in the vicinity of the Macolot mountain and that their number may still be considerable as evidenced by their continuous depredations from time to time resulting in the stealing of cows and other foodstuffs by Japs snippers and in the death of sev-

eral civilians found and machine gunned by them which had been reported by Col. Pasia to the Headquarters of the 11th Airborne Division at Mataasnakahoy; and

WHEREAS, from time to time Japs snippers had been killed by the guerrilla unit of this municipality, which fact is a matter of record in the Headquarters of the said 11th Airborne Division at Mataasnakahoy where the cases had been reported; and

WHEREAS, Col. Pedro Pasia, Commander of the guerrilla unit stationed in Cuenca has advised the Municipal Mayor of his decision to disband for the time being his soldiers who are patrolling the mountain area to protect the people from the incursions and depredations of the Jap snippers by reason of the absence of provisions for the maintenance of said soldiers, which the civilian population can no longer afford to provide; and

WHEREAS, the disbandment of the guerrilla unit of this town due to the absence of provisions for their subsistence will make it easy for the Japs snippers to enter the town openly and take possession and reoccupy the same after the great sacrifices of American and Filipino lives and properties to liberate the same from the grip of the Japanese forces; and

WHEREAS, the people feel that in the absence of guerrilla unit the necessity for the American Forces to put up a garrison in the town of Cuenca to protect the people from the incursions and depredations of Jap snippers is forthwith imperative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by all the Municipal Officials of the town of Cuenca to request the honorable Provincial Governor to confer immediately with the Commander-in-Chief of the American Liberating Forces for the Province of Batangas with a view to arrange for the immediate stationing of American soldiers in the town of Cuenca to prevent its reoccupation by the Japanese, with all its attendant horrors and atrocities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable, the Provincial Governor of Batangas and the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army in the Province of Batangas.

Respectfully submitted,

(SGD.) CRISTINO PASIA Bo. Lieutenant	(SGD.) EUGENIANO P. LA ROSA M a y o r
(SGD.) ROMAN LOPEZ Bo. Lieutenant	(SGD.) MARIAN D. CHAVEZ Chief of Police
(SGD.) MIGUEL MAULEON Bo. Lieutenant	(SGD.) ENRIQUE LIMBO Municipal Treasurer
(SGD.) ZOSIMO LAQUI Bo. Lieutenant	(SGD.) HONESTO CHAVEZ Pres. Sanitary Division
(SGD.) CORNELIO COMIA Bo. Lieutenant	(SGD.) MAURICIO MARASIGAN Municipal Secretary
(SGD.) MELECIO LAQUI Bo. Lieutenant	(SGD.) NICOMEDES GARANDANG Prin. Clerk, Treas. Office
(SGD.) DOMINGO ASUGUE Bo. Lieutenant	(SGD.) JOSE MANDOCDOC Bo. Lieutenant
(SGD.) CAYO LORIA Bo. Lieutenant	(SGD.) QUINTIN C. ANDAL Prin. Elem. School

DECLASSIFIED

Authority: *WDS/2016*

Commonwealth of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF CUENCA
Batangas

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION HELD
BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF CUENCA ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1945,
AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING OF CUENCA, BATANGAS

PRESENT: Atty. Eugeniano P. La Rosa Acting Mayor
Mr. Leon Limbo Acting Vice Mayor
Atty. Eulalio Chavez Acting Councilor
Mr. Quin Vargas " "
Dr. Nicolas Atienza " "
Mr. Fernando Marquez " "
Mr. Hilarion Magundayao " "
Mr. Timoteo Magsombol " "

ABSENT : N o n e .

"Upon motion by Councilor Eulalio Chavez, seconded by Councilor Timoteo Magsombol, the following Resolution was passed:

"RESOLUTION NO. 4

"WHEREAS, Colonel Pedro Pasia, as head of the unit of the Fil-American Guerrillas in charge of this area, has proved by his actuations that he has the welfare of the whole town of Cuenca at heart; and

"WHEREAS, it was Colonel Pedro Pasia and his men who protected Cuenca from the depredations and atrocities of the Japanese who stayed in their tunnels in the Macolot Mountain by guarding the town and its barrios like Labac, Ibabao and Dita which are very near Macolot, night and day, until the voluntary and peaceful surrender of the remnants of the Japanese forces left in Macolot to the American forces which took place on September 19, 1945.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Municipal Council of Cuenca in its first session after the liberation of Cuenca from the Japanese to give its vote of thanks to Col. Pedro Pasia and all his loyal comrades who served under him during the hard and difficult days through which the town of Cuenca has passed.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of National Defense, the Provincial Governor of Batangas and Colonel Pedro Pasia.

"Unanimously approved."

I certify to the correctness of
THE Above resolution.

MAURICIO MARASIGAN
Municipal Secretary
(No seal available)

COPY FOR
COLONEL PEDRO PASIA,

032

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

DECLASSIFIED

Authority: AUC 652026

DECLASSIFIED
Authority: *ND 883016*