

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308, March 30, 1950]

REORGANIZING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority granted by Republic Act No. 422, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct:

SECTION 1. Under the administrative supervision of the Secretary of National Defense, the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be divided into five major commands as follows:

- (a) Philippine Constabulary
- (b) Philippine Ground Force
- (c) Philippine Naval Patrol
- (d) Philippine Air Force
- (e) Philippine Service Command

SEC. 2. All the five major commands shall be under the direct command of the Commanding General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The Philippine Constabulary shall continue to perform its present duties as a national police force, under the operational control of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. The commander of each major command shall have the powers generally conferred upon the chiefs of bureaus and offices,

SEC. 4. The Office of the Commanding General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, shall consist of the Commanding General, the Deputy Commanding General, and such assistants as may be necessary with the approval of the President. Any mention of the Chief of Staff and the Deputy Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, in any existing law, rule or regulation shall hereafter be understood to refer to the Commanding General and Deputy Commanding General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, respectively.

SEC. 5. The Philippine Service Command shall be responsible for the following:

- (1) The procurement, custody, shipment, warehousing, issue, sale of, and accounting for, all supplies including food, fuel, clothing medicines, general stores and other property and services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines;
- (2) The coordination of the operation of the Armed Forces supply system and the performance of supply functions within that system, with the advice of the Commanders of the major commands;
- (3) The keeping of money and property accounts of the Armed Forces to include appropriation and cost accounting of all military activities and cost inspection under