MALACAÑAN PALACE MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDÉR NO. 261

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 304, DATED OCTOBER 8, 1940, ENTI-TLED "CREATING INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES ON VETERANS' PEN-SION, REQUIRING PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL TREASURERS TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PENSION AND ENJOINING ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO RENDER NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO APPLICANTS THEREFOR."

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby amend paragraphs 1, 2, and 4 of Executive Order No. 304, dated October 8, 1940, to read as follows:

"1. An Investigating Committee on Veterans' Pension is hereby created in every province and chartered city. In the provinces the Investigating Committee on Veterans' Pension shall be composed of the following:

> The Provincial Treasurer, Chairman The District Health Officer, Member The Provincial Auditor, Member

In chartered cities, the Investigating Committee shall be composed of the following:

> The City Treasurer, Chairman The City Health Officer, Member The City Auditor, Member

The Board on Pensions for Veterans is hereby authorized to create such additional Investigating Committees as it may deem necessary in the provinces and cities that have extraordinarily large numbers of applicants, each committee to be composed of such government officials and a veteran as it may designate. The Investigating Committees on Veterans' Pension created or to be created under this Order shall, under the direction of the Board on Pensions for Veterans and in accordance with rules which the latter shall prescribe, investigate all the applications for pension and supplementary information sheets filed by veterans residing in the municipalities and/or chartered cities assigned to them." "2. For the purposes of Commonwealth Act No. 605, the Municipal Treasurers of all municipalities are hereby charged withthe duty of receiving for the Board on Pensions for Veterans the applications for pensions and supplementary information sheets filed by veterans residing in their respective municipalities and chartered cities, and other papers in connection with the pensions of veterans, and of keeping them until called for by the Chairman of the Provincial Investigating Committee, and of performing such other functions as may be assigned to them by the Board."

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"4. All officers and employees of the different branches, subdivisions, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Philippine Government are likewise directed to assist in every possible way, free of charge, any veteran-applicant who may solicit their aid in connection with the preparation and presentation of applications for veterans' pension."

Done at the City of Manila, this US day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

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By the President:

EMILIO ABELLO Chief of the Executive Office