

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES DEFENSE AND ARMED FORCES AFFAIRS OFFICE VETERANS AFFAIRS SECTION

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Mr. John De Noma 980 New Road Orrtanna, PA 17353

Dear Mr. De Noma,

A very pleasant day to you, sir.

This refers to your communications to this office pertaining to your request for assistance in identifying the possible military awards of your late father who saw action in the Philippines during World War II. We just received the result of verification from Manila and here's what the report say:

- Aside from the Philippine Liberation Medal, which you said was already awarded to your dad, Manila confirmed entitlement to the World War II Victory Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, both of which are actually available here and issued by the US Government.
- On your question whether or not your dad is qualified for the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Badge (PPUCB) and the Philippine Independence Medal (PIM)...well, PIM is awarded to veterans who are recipients of BOTH the Philippine Liberation Medal (PLM) and the Philippine Defense Medal (PDM). And PDM is awarded to those who served in the Philippines for not less than 30 days from December 7, 1941 to June 15, 1942. On the other hand, PPUCB is awarded to those who served during the period December 7, 1941 to May 10, 1942 AND during the campaigns for the period 1944 to 1945.

As regards your query about a second battle star to his Liberation Medal for his participation in the Leyte Gulf Campaign, enclosed please find the medal and its corresponding citation, an award your dad so richly deserve.

Please accept, sir, my gratitude and the collective gratitude of the Filipino people for your dad's heroic contribution in liberating our country. We join you in praying that he now found that lasting peace in the care of his Maker.

Thank you so much and God bless.

MSg Henry M Ofilas PA Admin Asst. for Veterans Concerns

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CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

In recognition of the military services of

Bernard Louis De Noma

during World War II, and pursuant to Armed Forces of the Philippines Regulations G 131-053 dated July 1, 1986, he is awarded the

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL (with 2 Bronze Battle Stars)

Given this 23rd day of November 2004 at the Embassy of the Philippines, Washington, D.C. United States of America

By order of the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines:

NESTOR R SADIARIN Colonel, PA (GSC) Acting Defense Attaché