



DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

JUL 18 1991

SPECIAL ORDER )  
NO. 658 :  
SERIES OF 1991)

SUBJECT: Deputizing Three (3) Military Officers of Western Samar, Region VIII

Pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, and LOI No. 550 and in order to assist the DENR in curbing/stopping timber smuggling and all other illegal activities involving destruction, and exploitation of the natural resources in Region VIII, recommended by RED Rosalio B. Goze, the following are hereby deputized as Forest Officers of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, effective upon taking their oath of office:

1. Col. Filomeno Garcia, Jr.  
Commanding Officer  
62nd Infantry Battalion BID, Phil. Army  
Calbayog, City
2. Lt. Col. Rodolfo S. Pante  
Commanding Officer, 34th Infantry Battalion  
BID, Phil. Army, Calapi, Motiong, Samar
3. Major Jose Cera  
Commanding Officer  
1st Civilian Active Auxilliary Battalion,  
Philippine Army  
Lokilokon, Paranas, Samar

By virtue of this deputation, they are authorized to detect/investigate violations of forestry laws, rules and regulations and to arrest even without warrant any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit in their presence any of the offenses defined in Chapter IV of Presidential Decree No. 705 as amended within their territorial jurisdiction.

They are also authorized to seize/confiscate the tools and equipment used in committing the offense and the forest products cut, gathered or removed by the offender(s) in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure or confiscation they shall deliver within period as prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure, the offender(s) and confiscated forest products, tools and equipment,

including the conveyance/s used and file the proper complaint with the appropriate officials designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and file the information in court through the RED/PENRO/CENRO concerned.

They are further authorized to administer oath and take acknowledgement in official matters connected with the functions of their Office and to take testimony in official investigations conducted under the authority of the Revised Forestry Code, as amended and its implementing rules and regulations.

They shall submit to the RED concerned, thru the PENRO/CENRO a monthly report of the cases they have handled pursuant to this deputation order.

This deputation shall expire on December 31, 1991 or unless sooner revoked by this Office.

SO ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_.



VICTOR O. RAMOS

Undersecretary for Field Operations