

February 16, 2009

**NPA terrorist killed in Nueva Ecija clash; 3 others apprehended**

An unidentified New People's Army terrorist was killed in a 10 to 15-minute clash between the members 5<sup>th</sup> Scout Ranger Company (SRC) led by 1Lt. Dranreb E. Lansang and 1Lt. Ranier G. Mabus and undetermined number of NPA terrorists in Gen. Luna, Rizal, Nueva Ecija at around 8:45 to 9:00 a.m. on February 15.

Troops recovered an M16 rifle with five magazines and ammunition, personal belongings and subversive documents.

In Cagayan, two armed men were apprehended by a team from Palao patrol base led by TSg. Soriano in Brgy. Palao, Solana at 2:30 p.m. on February 14.

They were identified as Simon Daluping, 23 years old and Alumba Ballong, 23 years old. Responding to intelligence reports on the presence of two armed men, troops rushed to the area and saw Daluping and Ballong resting on a hut.

Troops recovered a caliber .45 pistol and a caliber .38 revolver both with live ammunitions from Daluping and Ballong, who were turned over to Brgy. Chairman Mario Agustin for temporary custody while waiting for the PNP Solan's for investigation.

In Negros Occidental, a certain Ricky C. Gangoso alias Mark, 23 was apprehended by the members of Alpha Company, 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion in Poblacion, Candoni at 12:30 p.m. on February 12.

Gangoso was positively identified by alias Ron-ron as a member of an NPA group under alias Kumpol. He was also an alleged member of the Sparu team which liquidated a PNP personnel of Cauyan on February 8, 2009. Gangoso is now under the custody of Candoni PNP.

