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16 BATANGAS COPS CITED FOR ENCOUNTER AGAINSTS NPA

PNP Chief, Director General Panfilo M Lacson today ordered the promotion of 16 Batangas policemen to the next higher rank over the killing Monday of eight communist New People's Army rebels in the province.

Lacson was at the Batangas Provincial Police Office today where he personally awarded medals to the sixteen PNP personnel led by Chief Inspector Marceliano Villafranca and Senior Inspector Marcos Barte.

PNP Director for personnel, Director Reynaldo M Acop, who was with Lacson in Batangas, personally handed copies of the promotion orders to the 16 policemen.

The PNP Chief cited the group for their gallantry in the encounter with the NPA rebels.

Shortly before noon Monday, Villafranca's team encountered a group of heavily armed NPA rebels in Barangay Haligue Kanluran, Batangas City.

The encounter resulted in the killing of eight NPA rebels and the capture of another.

The police team also recovered nine assorted high-powered assault rifles and a handgun.

A member of the police team, SPO1 Nicolas Closa was wounded in the firefight.

Batangas Provincial Director, Superintendent Florante J Baguio said the NPA group belonged to the "Komite Sub Seksyon sa Iskwad CN Sally" and is believed to have come from the neighboring island of Mindoro.

The other members of the police team are: SPO4 Demetrio Berania, SPO3 Pablo Agtay, SPO3 Edgardo Dimaano, SPO3 Delfin Alea, SPO3 Felixberto Cabungcal, SPO2 Rolando Maullion, SPO1 Carlos Luague, PO3 Geronimo Manalo, PO2 Ranie Macatangay, PO1 Eric Landicho, PO1 Lorenzo Araneta, PO1 Paul Evangelio, and PO1 Mark Anthony Bugayong.