

Nine Years of Publication

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IN November, 1947, the Republic's first president, Manuel Roxas, received from an aide a magazine. The Chief Executive, a great orator and writer, took time to examine the publication. When he was through, he made no efforts to keep to himself what he thought of the new publication.

The magazine was the *Philippines Armed Forces Journal*, and the President was reading the maiden number of what had been conceived as the AFP's official organ, whose later issues, which came out after Roxas' death, would have pleased him as they did General E. J. McGaw, who, reading them ten thousand miles away, said the publication compared very favorably with the world's best military magazines.

This month, the *Journal* is nine years old. Born in 1947, it has gone a long way through difficult times. The need for it had been felt from the time the remnants

of the Philippine Army returned to military control.

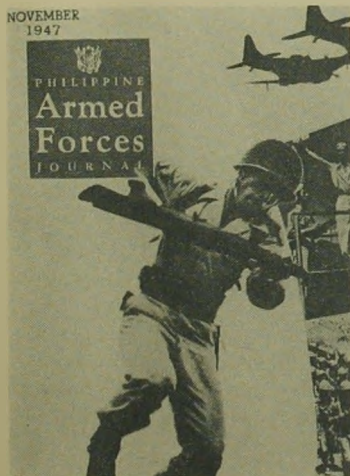
The *Journal* started under the auspices of the Public and Legislative Relations Division headed by Lt. Col. Mamerto R. Montemayor. In June, 1950, after three years of continuous publication, it was taken over by the Public Information Office, Department of National Defense, under Colonel Carmelo Barbero, together with its one-man editorial staff, the then Captain (now Major) Mariano D. Manawis. In March, 1951, the publication passed to the Civil Affairs Office, DND, under the then Major (now Defense Undersecretary) Jose M. Crisol, with its editor going with it.

Upon completing its sixth year, in November, 1952, the publication once again passed to another office. Captain Manawis turned over the editorship to the then Lt. Col. Conrado B. Rigor and Major Moises J. Buhain, chief and execu-

tive officer of the Troop Information and Education Division, respectively. The *Journal* was continuously published by the TI & ED editorial staff until August, 1954, when the leadership of the Division was turned over to Lt. Col. Apolinar G. Fajardo, who became the editor-in-chief, and Captain Manawis, who, significantly, was mere-

ly resuming his editorship of the organ.

Today, the magazine continues to be what it has been all those years: a sounding board for the professional views of military men and a vehicle for a comprehensive information on the Philippine military and on local and foreign trends in the profession of arms.



The *Journal's* first issue—November, 1947. And here is the magazine's latest number.

