

GUERRILLA MOVEMENT IN THE LENSES OF COMMON FOLKS: SOCIAL HISTORY NARRATIVES OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC CIRCA 1942-1945

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ABSTRACT

We are now almost eighty (80) years in commemoration of the Second World War. In the last war, the Philippines had been on the frontline of the Pacific War. The victory of the war had been contributed by the regular soldiers and the guerrilla movement which resulted in the defeat of the Japanese Imperial Forces. The paper delves into the exploits of the guerrilla movement either recognized or not and the milieu of the era was vividly accounted for in this paper. Their defense of the land including its untold narratives in the towns of Surigao, Tandag, Bacuag, and the village of Claver of the Surigao province which the paper provided a historical construct circa 1942-1945.

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