

MINDANAO

Regimental March of the Twenty-Seventh Infantry

The 27th Infantry March was written by Mr. G. Savoca, Band Leader of the 27th while the regiment was in Cuba. The first part is based on a Filipino melody (Zamboanga), which had become popular among the officers and men while in the Philippines. During maneuvers in 1912, Mr. Savoca, while in his tent, was fatally injured in an accident. The march has since been held in high esteem as the 27th Regimental March and is well known throughout the Army as the especial march of the 27th Infantry. The piano accompaniment has been made from the band parts as the work is now out of print.'

LANAO

The Regimental Song 2

Ever hear of La Laguna de Lanao,
In the sunny southern isle of Mindanao?

Where the Twenty-Seventh went with Baldwin,
Peacefully intent and called on
All the Dattos up at Lake Lanao.

Oh ! We got a warm reception at Lanao,
It beat the seventeenth of Ireland for a row.
They fired lantacas filled with stones,
But now the hogs root up their bones of those who
Once sat on their thrones at Lake Lanao.

Pandapatan was a fort at Lake Lanao,
Famed for strength from Zamboango to Davao,
But our bayonets downed their crises,
While our Kraggs shot them to pieces, so that
"Peace", is now the watchword at Lanao.

We no longer care to linger at Lanao "
For of scenery and climate we've enow;
And we would that we were back
Where men and girls are not all black, and woman's
Love is not alack as at Lanao.

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