

VOLUNTEER GUARDS OF TUBURAN
NAME OF UNIT

ISMAEL C. SABIO
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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G-3 File No: GSC_091 PI Date 27 April '46

SUBJECT: Inquiry and Request for The Volunteer Guards Type of Communication Letter
 FROM : Ismael C. Sabio (of Tuburan
Tuburan, Cebu

CROSS REFERENCES:

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Lt. Col. H. L. Shaftoe

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt. Col. H. L. Shaftoe:

Administrative Form Letter #3 GAB in answer to request for information and recognition.

BASIC FOR NON-RECOGNITION:

1. The unit was incapable of carrying out an organized stand against an enemy.
2. This unit exhibits no semblance to a military unit. Their function was solely that of a home guard or a labor unit.
3. They had no camp, no communication, no reliable source of supplies and no organization as a military unit.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Mr. Immanuel C. Sabio
Tuburan, Cebu
P. I.

19 MAY 1946

Dear Mr. Sabio:

Receipt is acknowledged at this headquarters your inquiry and request, regarding compensation for "The Volunteer Guards of Tuburan" for services rendered to the resistance movement.

Patriotic civilians the world over, have freely given their services to volunteer organizations and rendered valuable services in their free time to promote the safety of civilian populations and protect important installations, during the recent world crisis.

The thanks of their fellow men, and the satisfaction of a job well done are the gratuities extended to them by a grateful world.

You and all the other members of similar volunteer groups throughout the world should derive great personal satisfaction from the many part-time and off-duty jobs you have undertaken. It is indeed fortunate that a people in time of national crisis, will cooperate wholeheartedly for the common benefit, without thought of personal remuneration or gain.

In view of the fact that there is no evidence that the individuals mentioned in the history of activities of your unit have been performing full-time work as a military unit, to the exclusion of all civilian pursuits, this headquarters cannot favorably consider any request for recognition or remuneration.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. MOORE
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adj Gen



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THE UNITED STATES HIGH COMMISSIONER
TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Manila, Philippine Islands
8 April 1946

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SUBJECT: President of the United States' Correspondence
TO: Commanding General, AFWESPAC

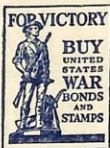
1. The attached petition, referred to this office by the President of the United States, is forwarded to your headquarters for direct reply as it pertains to a subject under your jurisdiction.

2. Acknowledgement of receipt of the petition has been made by this office to the writer.

For THE HIGH COMMISSIONER:

Millard A. Libby
Millard A. Libby
Colonel, Air Corps
Military Liaison Officer

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Petition fr Ismael C. Sabio, 31 Jan 46



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THE SECRETARY

Tuburan, Cebu, P.I.
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IN DECISION WEDGMENT

William T. Harner
Secretary to the President

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SECRETARY'S
MAIL CENTER
MAR 28 1946
TO TERRITORIES
& ISLAND POSSES.

Dr. Truman

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1. We, the Volunteer Guards of the Municipality of Tuburan, Province of Cebu, Philippines, do hereby announce to you all concerned throughout the world across the seas in order to be known, and, so that our credit may get due justice and just rewards for our sacrifices and sufferings of all sorts of bitter hardships and difficulties of the recent world's total war.

2. The Volunteer Guard organization of this Province was similar to that of the Philippine Army in "guerrilla" units against the Japanese occupation and control.

3. From August or September of 1942 up to the arrival of the American forces at this Municipality, we were regularly supplying and sending all the necessary food supplies to the "guerrilla" soldiers up to their firing lines, and, under strict military order, rendering all the services

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Required for all the time, day and night, including guarding for their safety.

4. While it may be hyperbolic to assert that the Volunteer Guards were really the integral working forces and mainsprings of the so-called "guerrilla" units of the Philippine Army, the truth, the accomplished facts can not be overemphasized, for whoever, at all times, gave all the required food supplies and at the same time rendered faithful, continuous, and satisfactory services for their safety, are truly the lifeblood and strength givers for all interests and purposes.

5. Then, could the Philippine Army in "guerrilla" units stand and fight the atrocious Japanese, until the arrival of the American forces, without the services and the food supplies of the Volunteer Guards and their families? No.

6. The generous United States Congress has granted \$200,000,000 for the Philippine Army and

"guerrilla" Veterans Benefits.

7. In this connection, the Morning Times magazine, December 22, 1945, Bellevue City, has published a news to the effect that it is intended to award a lump sum of \$150 and \$200 to each Volunteer Guard, private and officer, respectively. (a). Is this amount

reasonably commendable to you?

(b). Are these the true intents and purposes of the United States Congress in granting the said \$200,000,000?

8. About how long and what part of it could a private and officer of the Volunteer Guard get?

9. The Volunteer Guards have not as yet received anything or any amount of money since 1942.

10. Another thing: Because of lack of transportation facilities and short limit of time given, some poorer people were not able to submit their war damage reports for indemnity. (a). For protection of justice, will you please allow them

to render their war damage reports
to get indemnity?

11. Another thing again: The Filipinos are rather in a breakaway situation at this time and powerless to preserve, protect, and defend themselves from an outside aggressor. They are literally ruined to the bottom of hardships and sufferings by the Japanese ravages. As a matter of fact, poverty with its evils in the Philippines is very much greater now than ever before. Excepting, of course, those at the top of the National and Provincial Government offices and their financial supporters in politics.

12. War was repeated down here, and it may again break in the East as it was repeatedly happened in the West.

13. May then the forthcoming Philippine Independence help the Filipinos improve themselves economically powerful and impregnable in every sense of the word?

14. An early aid in cash or in kind that the American people and the United States Government may extend to the Volunteer Guards of recognized standing is not a contribution to charity; it is your government investment in manhood and womanhood and in American democracy and social justice and liberty that you have implanted in the new order of Eastern culture and civilization.

15. In view of the foregoing cold, hard incontrovertible facts, it is respectfully and earnestly prayed that we the petitioners be granted in due time down here at this Municipality a commendably greater shares of any Veterans Benefits intended for the Philippine Army in "guerrilla" units of recognized standing.

Very respectfully yours,

Isabel C. Sabio
(Isabel C. Sabio)

To His Excellency, the President
United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Petition Jan. 31, 1946

To His Excellency, President Truman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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