

VOLUNTEER GUARDS OF HINAYLAN
NAME OF UNIT

CAYETANO B. ANAR
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. NFC ltr - 15 Jul'46 (w/incl)

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REMARKS:



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Date 10 July 1946

SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for
FROM : Volunteer Guards of Himamaylan

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Letter

CROSS REFERENCES:

FOR ACTION BY:
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Lt. A. T. Weber *etc*

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TO: *MC*

FOR: *Ray*

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Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan:

1. Letter of non-recognition addressed to the "Volunteer Guards of Himamaylan". The unit was a homeguard bolo unit under the command of Cayetano B. Amar and the overall command of Salvador Abcede in the 7th Military District.

2. Basis for non-recognition:

- a. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field against the enemy.
- b. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- c. Adequate records were not maintained.
- d. Many members apparently lived at home supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits and assisted the guerrilla unit on a part time basis only.
- e. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.

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

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AFPO 707
15 July 1946

Mr. Cayetano B. Amar
Volunteer Home Guards of Himamaylan
Negros Occidental, P. I.

Dear Mr. Amar:

The "Volunteer Guards of Himamaylan", purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

A set of general requirements for guerrilla recognition, established by General MacArthur during the liberation of the Philippines, has been used as a guide in considering the record of this unit. After careful investigation and full consideration of all available substantiating records and testimony of witnesses having pertinent knowledge, recognition of this guerrilla unit is not deemed to be warranted because of reasons mentioned below:

- a. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.
- b. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- c. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- d. Many members apparently lived at home, supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits, and assisted the guerrilla unit on a part time basis only.
- e. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.

It is requested that you comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 68, by the President of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945, copy attached.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. MOORE
Lt. Col., AGC
Ass't Adj Gen

1 Incl:
Executive Order No. 68

See 201 file, Cor file, HRC file and the unit files
1-True Copy Filed w/Cor File (Volunteer Guards of Himamaylan)
1-True Copy Filed w/ Unit File (WPC)
22 March 47/tob

AFPO Homeback Copy
10 July 1946
WFO/HRC/AGC/AGP
Tel OH 725

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ADELBERT T. WEBER, 2nd Lt., FA, O-1186558

1. Concurred in by Chief of Investigation Section (Capt. B. C. Murray, O-24899)

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THE UNITED STATES HIGH COMMISSIONER
TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Manila, Philippine Islands
4 April 1946

SUBJECT: The High Commissioner's Correspondence

TO: Commanding General, AFWESPAC

1. The attached letter, received by The High Commissioner, is forwarded to your headquarters for direct reply as it pertains to a subject under your jurisdiction.
2. Acknowledgement of the letter 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

1 Incl

Ltr fr Cayetano B. Amar, 18 Mar 46



C. L. Kelly

HEADQUARTERS OF VOLUNTEER GUARDS
HIMAMAYLAN, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

March 18, 1946.

The American High Commissioner,
Manila, Philippines; Through the President
of the Philippines, Manila.

Dear Sir:



The undersigned, Commander-in-Chief of the Volunteer Guards in the Municipality of Himamaylan, Province of Negros Occidental, Philippines, to the American High Commissioner of the United States of America in the Philippines, respectfully submits the following:

1. That the Volunteer Guards in this Municipality had been organized since December 11, 1942, the darkest days of the war when both the Army and the loyal civilians were hidden in the thick of the forests with no means and help from anybody. These loyal people, seeing the need, immediately organized this body to help the Army unconditionally. They were then employed to look for supplies, (rice, fish, meat, etc.) hauling them from one place to another in peril of their lives.

2. These Volunteer Guards were employed in the construction of buildings, bivouacs, headquarters and hospitals of the Army which frequently were moved from one place to another in order to hide from the enemy.

3. These Volunteer Guards had been employed in guarding the roads day and night to warn both the Army and the civilians of the approach of the enemy and some of them were killed by the enemy, some were wounded, leaving orphan's and widows who are at present found in the most miserable conditions. Homeless, naked, hungry and some of them are sick.

4. These Volunteer Guards were used in transporting the fire-arms, ammunitions and other supplies of the Army through pathless mountains without using any means of transportations but their shoulders. They toiled hard for sometimes during fifteen days, hungry, worn out, some of them got sick, others died, or some of their families were buried before they came home.

5. All orders of both the Army and the Civil Government in the mountains were executed by Volunteer Guards with no compensation at all.

THEREFORE, the undersigned appeals to your Excellency for any help that can be extended to these Volunteer Guards for the sad conditions of life in our communities, among the sick, the homeless, the unemployed, the mentally defective, how little do many of our leaders know or care.

The last war took a toll of many thousands of Filipino lives voluntarily offered as material sacrifice for our cause, but when liberation came so little is thought of their human rights and privileges and opportunities and so much of profits and dividends.

Very respectfully,

Castano B. Amar
CASTANO B. AMAR,
Commander-in-Chief of
Volunteer Guards,
Himamaylan,
Negros Occidental.

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G-3, PHILIPPINE ARMY DIVISION
GENERAL AFFAIRS BRANCH

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| 1. Approval | 5. Note & Return | 9. Draft |
| 2. Remark & Recomm | 6. Signature | 10. Memorandum |
| 3. Information | 7. Letter | 11. Indorsement |
| 4. Necessary Action | 8. Carrier Note | 12. Adil Copies |

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TO	DATE	REMARKS	
# Weber	7/10	4.	m/c
DCM	7/5	Flowery letter for bolomen rejected by Col Kreuter. Used regular form. No papers other than old letter and M/R accompanied this buck slip. <u>LETTER OF REQUEST</u>	ATW
Lt Weber	7/5	Add Col Fertig's reference to Bolo Units.	DCM
DCM	7/8	Unit is in 7th Mil Dist so ascribed comment of Salvador Abcede	ATW
msg T	7/8	1-T-5	OK DCM
T/sect	7/8	Type	c/c
# Weber	7/8	146	T/loc
DCM	7/11	Typing checks okay	atw
Chief	7/11	Dispatch	DCM
m/c	7/11	Dispatch	atw
S.P.A.	7/2	dispatched	m/c
file	7/2	Volunteer Guards of Himangyan	DCM