

PHILIPPINE ARMY MILITIA, VOLUNTEER GUARDS SERV CORPS & WAS, IAC
NAME OF UNIT

MELECIO CARSON

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for recgn of the subj unit, addressed to the Sec of War, Washington D.C., w/2 indorsements - 27 May '46 (w/incls)
4. Ltr fr the U.S. High Commissioner to the P.I., to CG, AFWESPAC, transmitting the request for recgn of the subj unit, w/supporting papers & inclosures - 3 Jun '46
5. (NFC) Ltr, HQ, AFWESPAC, to Mr. Carson, stating that subj unit's request for recgn could not be accepted - 3 Jul '46
6. Ltr fr M. Carson to the Adj Gen, PA, re-request for recgn of the subj unit, dtd 9 Jul '46, forwarded to this Hqs by PA, 1st indorsement dtd 19 Jul '46
7. Ltr fr M. Carson to the CG, AFWESPAC, forwarding a copy of his ltr to the Pres of the Phil & requesting action on the same - 27 Jul '46
8. Request for status of the subj unit, dtd 22 Jun '46 (Melecio Carson) - acknowledged - 2 Aug '46
9. Ltr to M. Carson confirming the NFC decision rendered by this Hqs on 3 Jul '46 (See Tab 5), w/basic ltr fr M. Carson replying to such decision

REMARKS:

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

AGO 707
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Mr. Melocio Carson
172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte

Dear Mr. Carson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 July 1946 in which you replied to letter of this Headquarters dated 3 July 1946.

Your attention is again invited to the general requirements for guerrilla recognition, copy attached, established by General MacArthur during the liberation of the Philippines. A thorough study of these points will indicate that the units whose recognition you desire do not conform to these general requirements.

The decision of this Headquarters is final. However, individual guerrillas who were seriously wounded or killed in military operations against the enemy will be considered for recognition regardless of the organization to which they belonged. The necessary requirements for such recognition have been sent to all provincial Governors for distribution to those individuals or their next of kin. For your information a copy is attached.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. BOONE
Lt. Col., AGC
Asst. Adj. Gen.

2 Incls:

As cited above.

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6 Aug 46

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Lt. Col. Hugh L. Garnahan:

Ltr fr Melacio Carson, 172 P. de Legaspi St, Tacloban, Leyte, dtd 15 Jul 46 in reply to the ltr of this Hqs dtd 3 Jul 46. Reply of this Hqs refused to consider the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Serv Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Serv attached to the several elements of the 92nd Div, Leyte Area Command. Mr. Carson placed the blame for failure to include those units amongst his recognized elements on Col. Kangleon. Mr. Carson further stated that the people in Leyte are discontented over the result and requested further consideration.

1. Receipt acknowledged.
2. Decision of this Hqs unchanged. Copy of general requirements again inclosed.
3. Information given relative to guerrilla casualties whether they belong to a recognized or unrecognized unit. Copy atchd.

Capt. Douglas C. Murray

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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172 P. de Legaspi St.
 Tacloban, Leyte
 July 15, 1946

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The Commanding General
 AFWESPAC, APO 707
 Manila

Sir:

Replying your letter dated July 3, 1946, I have the honor to make comments hereunder for study and information.

The contents of said letter is self-explanatory that the Secretary of National Defense, Hon. Ruperto Kangleon and his co-guerrilla leaders organized different guerrilla organizations in this province without making proper records, reports, and recommendations to proper and supreme military authorities as to the existence of said organizations.

It is regretted that under these organizations -- Philippine Army Militia and Volunteer Guards Service Corps, several died, caught diseases, and tortured in line of their duties. Please be informed that we were subject to court-martial if we failed to comply with orders.

It appears as if the contents of paragraph 1 of your letter penalizes the soldiers of the different guerrilla organizations for the failure of the Hon. Ruperto Kangleon to make proper records, reports, and recommendations.

Paragraph 3 of said letter penalizes members of the guerrilla organizations for failure of the Regimental, Unit, and Battalion Commanders of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command to organize such organizations in conformity with the standards set forth by the United States Army and Philippine Army during pre-war times. But, as was known, that was emergency period and facilities were unavailable.

Ex-Col. Ruperto Kangleon, the Battalion Commanders, and the Unit Commanders of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command failed to announce and make call ups to the attention of the different organization leaders, requesting them to submit new rosters, making proper recommendations, in order to comply with paragraph 4 of your letter. We thought our organizations were recognized so that we never asked for recognition not until we were informed last April, 1946, by Processing Officers, that our organizations did not appear in the "Table of Recognized Guerrillas."

The report of Hon. Ruperto Kangleon as to the approximate strength of the Leyte Guerrilla Forces is considered false, for as stated in such report, the approximate strength was 3,200 only. More or less, it should have been 20,000. In fact, strong opposition was made by the Leyte Guerrilla Forces. Such number of men (3,200), as was reported, could not even maintain peace and order among the civilian population.

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It should be remembered by the Hon. Kangleon that his success and elevation to a high position in the government depended largely upon the success of his guerrilla activities and the success of his guerrilla activities depended, in a large way, upon the help of every loyal citizen in the unrecognized units of the Loyal Guerrilla Forces.

The radiogram of the late President of the United States, as broadcast on November 6, 1942, is being recalled to the effect that no complicated requirements are necessary in order to entitle civilians as members of the guerrilla.

It is therefore unlawful if the soldiers of the different guerrilla organizations attached to recognized units, who may still serve and be useful to the government now and in the future, may not be given due reciprocal recognition for their participation for our cause. People concerned feel injustice done and are discontented for their services are just being ignored.

Anything you can do to ameliorate the discontent of the deserving people will be a coordination of future cooperation among the Filipinos and promotion of a more peaceful nation.

Very respectfully,

Melvin Carson
MELVIN CARSON

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

AFG 707
3 July 1946

Mr. Melecio Carson
172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte

Dear Mr. Carson

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25 May 1946, requesting information concerning the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corps and Women's Auxiliary Service attached to the several elements of the 92nd Division, Leyte Area Command.

With regards your appeal for the recognition of these organizations please be informed that, if they were recognized under Colonel Kangleon, Commanding Officer of the 9th Military District, the names of their members will appear on the recognized rosters of the 9th Military District. That some of these members have been unable to process would indicate that their names have not been included on the recognized rosters. It is suggested that you contact the Returns Division, Adjutant General's Office, Headquarters Philippine Army, Manila, to determine the names of those recognized guerrillas included in the 9th Military District.

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Your attention is also invited to the special press released from Headquarters, AFWESPAC, dated 1 February 1946, which stated that no applications for recognition of guerrilla units would be accepted by this headquarters after 15 March 1946. This press release received wide circulation through newspapers and was broadcast over local radio stations.

Sincerely yours,

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

1 Incl;
As cited above.

G-3, PHILIPPINE ARMY DIVISION
 GUERRILLA AFFAIRS BRANCH

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TO	Date	REMARKS	
KNOX	7/27	Can we give this man the required info	WKC
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CdC	7/29	2 Both ltr are self explanatory. My only objection is to write him & say our previous decision (actually it was info rather than a decision) still stands (?)	WCK
Capt Murray	8/30	Enlarge on 5 points Balis home guards etc. out. Must have been under control of recognized authorities. Individual & casualties can be recognized. Stand pat on no unit recognition	WCK
Cptc	7/31	1-T-5	HLC
Adm	7/31	4-T-7 Type	WCK JMC
Capt Murray	8/3	1 & 6	T/W
Adm	8/5	Retype for the 3rd time	WCK
Thra	8/5	Type	CB
Capt Murray	8/5	1 & 6	T/W
CdC	8/7	Dispatch (see most recent communication of Carson)	WCK
m/c	8/7	Dispatch	HLC RBY

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

APO 707

201- Mr. Melecio Carson
172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte

22 AUG 46

Dear Mr. Carson:

Your letter dated 22 June 1946 requesting the status of the Philippine Militia and Volunteer Guards and Service Corp has been received.

Your application for recognition has been filed in this headquarters pending further investigation. A great number of similar applications requiring investigation has been received and a considerable delay is to be expected before final action in your case. However, your application will receive attention at the earliest practicable date and you will be informed promptly when a decision is reached.

It is suggested that you defer further inquiry regarding the status of your application for at least 60 days. Such inquiries are neither necessary nor desirable because the time consumed in additional correspondence and interviews serves to delay final disposition.

Sincerely yours,

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

Lt. Col. Hugh L. Garnahan

Receipt acknowledged of letter from Melecio Carson dated 22 June 1946 requesting the status of the Philippine Militia and Volunteer Guards and Service Corp.

Maj. George W. Titus

Garson D-3

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
June 22, 1946

The Commanding General
AFWESPAC APO 707
Manila

Sir:

With reference to my letter dated May 27, 1946, Roster of Troops, and pertinent papers forwarded to that Office, I respectfully request information as indicated:

1. The steps and actions undertaken by that Office in order to help and clarify our inquiries and complaints specified in said papers and communications.

It should be understood and realized by proper authorities that the soldiers in the reserve force of these organizations -- Philippine Army Militia and Volunteer Guards Service Corp, encountered twomajor critical situations, as follows:

1. If they failed to comply with the orders and instructions promulgated by the Regimental Headquarters thru Battalion and Unit Commanders of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command, they were subjected to the Martial Law.
2. If they intercepted the enemies in line with their duties, they were subjected to tortures and death.

It is highly desired and appreciated that the complaints and inquiries of the law-abiding citizens be clarified at the earliest possible convenience.

Very respectfully,

Melecio Garson
MELECIO GARSON

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G-3, PHILIPPINE ARMY DIVISION
GUERRILLA AFFAIRS BRANCH

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TO	Date	REMARKS
Kroy	7/2	4. m/c
Records	7/3	what is status c/c
c/c	7/28	Unit is pending divert R/S
T/sec	7/26	Type c/c
Major Retina	7/29	1+6 T/sec
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172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
July 27, 1946

The Commanding General
AFWESFAC, APO 707
Manila

S i r :

I have the honor to furnish you copies of my letter to His Excellency, the President of the Philippines for your information and study.

It is highly desired that proper attention and action be undertaken regarding this matter.

Very respectfully,

Melecio Carson
MELECIO CARSON



172 P. de Legaspi St.
 Tacloban, Leyte
 July 27, 1946

Honorable Manuel A. Roxas
 President of the Philippines
 Manila

Mr. President:

I have the honor to request that the attention of the Hon. Secretary of National Defense, Ruperto Kangleon, be called so as to explain the following:

1. Why the Philippine Army Militia and Volunteer Guards Service Corps existed without proper records.
2. Why Roster of Troops were not kept in file and submitted to AFWESPAC, APO 707, Manila.
3. Why above-named organizations are illegal and unrecognized when affidavits are signed by officers of recognized guerrilla outfits.
4. Why the men in such organizations were sworn to oath in accordance with military rules and regulations.
5. Why the men were made to adhere to and obey orders and regulations promulgated by the Regimental Headquarters, and were subjected to the Martial Law.
6. Why the men in those organizations were made to perform such duties as indicated in affidavit attached to former communications.
7. Why the men were called to military training in the 2nd Bn Camp in the mountains.

The discontented and deserving guerrillas in this province will be enlightened and justified if the above-mentioned leader of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command could explain either by writing or by press the reasons for the above questions (sub-par 1-7), for the information and guidance of all concerned. It is highly desired that such explanations be made at the earliest possible convenience.

Very respectfully,

Melicio Carson
 MELECIO CARSON

Communications Branch

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tealaban, Leyte
July 3, 1946

Honorable Ruperto Kangleon
Secretary of National Defense
Manila

Sir:

In reply to the quoted Second Indorsement of the Adjutant General, PA, dated June 18, 1946 sent to the Secretary of National Defense, I have the honor to request and make comments as stated hereunder:

1. That the Secretary of National Defense make proper recommendations to AFWSAPAC requesting inclusion of "Volunteer Guards Units and Philippine Army Militia" in the recognized roster of the 92nd Div. on file at the General Headquarters, PA. Said guerrilla units, which were sanctioned and confirmed by Maj. Alejandro Balderian and Col. Ruperto Kangleon, were attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command under Capt. Fileson Pablona.
2. The Offices of the President of the Philippines and the Commanding General, AFWSAPAC, AGO 707 were furnished with certificates and affidavits regarding approval, recognition, and attachment of said units to the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div.
3. It is being highly commented that the Unit, Battalion, and Regimental Commanders of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div. organized guerrilla units but failed to make proper records and reports and to recommend to proper military authorities for file, approval, and record purposes.
4. It should be recalled that the success of the guerrilla activities in Leyte depended largely upon the faithfulness and whole-hearted cooperation of the soldiers under the Philippine Army Militia and Volunteer Guards Service Corps.

Very respectfully,

For the peoples

Melicio Garson
MELICIO GARSON

COPY FURNISHED:

- 1--His Excellency, the President
- 2--The U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippines
- 3--The Adjutant General, PA

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EASIC: Ltr fr Mr. Melecio Carson, 172 P. de Legaspi St,
Tacloban, Leyte, dtd 9 July 46. G-3

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HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE ARMY, Manila, 19 July 1946

TO: Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO 707
(Attn: Guerrilla Affairs Section) G3090

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

A. A. Martinez
A. A. MARTINEZ
Lt Colonel, AGS
Asst Adjutant General

COPY FURNISHED:
Mr. Melecio Carson
172 P. de Legaspi St,
Tacloban, Leyte

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
July 9, 1946

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The Adjutant General
PA
Manila

Sir:

I have the honor to furnish you the copies of my letters to the Secretary of National Defense for your information. Please be it understood that:

1. The deserving guerrillas plea for recognition of their participation in the recent conflict.
2. It is highly desired that, for verification purposes, regarding our participation and for the services rendered, the government may send special investigators, if possible, to the province of Leyte.
3. It is being predicted that the discontent and grievances of the deserving people may cause harder problems to the government in the near future than the agrarian troubles now existing in Central Luzon.

Any consideration or action which may be undertaken by that Office regarding this matter will be highly appreciated by all concerned.

Very respectfully,

For the people:

Helicio Carson
HELECIO CARSON

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SUBJECT: Information, request for. FROM : Melecio Carson, Tacloban, Leyte	Type of Communication <u>Letter</u>	

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan:

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3. Informed of 15 March 46 deadline.

Douglas C. Murray
DOUGLAS C. MURRAY O-24899
Captain, Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMYFORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
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3 JUL 1946

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Captain, Infantry

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGLOBAN

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 25, 1946

The Commanding General
AFUSPAC 707
Mindanao, Philippines

Sir:

After losing hopes and efforts in several attempts to be processed at Processing Team II - Unit # 3, 1st Replacement Battalion, (PA) APO 72, I deem it proper and wise to appeal to supreme authorities to inquire the following information as follows:

1. If these guerrilla organizations--Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Service, are considered recognized units as they have been attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div. These units acted as second line of defense working side by side with the combat section of the 2nd Bn., 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command (LAC), under Capt. Filemon Pabilona, under the overall command of Col. Ruperto Kangleon.

2. The Processing Officers at Processing Team II - Unit # 3, 1st Replacement Battalion (PA), APO 72, interpreted the organizations herein mentioned as separate guerrilla units from the 2nd Bn, and therefore, do not appear in the "Table of Recognized Guerrillas."

3. It must be well understood that, as far as the certifications of the Battalion and Unit Commanders are concerned, as per supporting papers which are hereto attached, they are definite and concise that the different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Service, have been attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., which is a recognized guerrilla force under Capt. Pabilona and under the overall command of Col. Kangleon.

4. "Attach," is well defined in the Webster's Dictionary with these meanings: take by legal process; fasten on; connect with; and, adhere. Therefore, if the different guerrilla organizations which were attached to the 2nd Bn, which is then a recognized guerrilla unit, these organizations herein mentioned should also be considered recognized guerrillas.

5. The word "militia," likewise, is defined in the dictionary as "citizens enrolled and drilled as soldiers." Then the name of our organization, Philippine Army Militia, headed by Col. Santiago L. Tingzon

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and Maj. Denotric B. Huchanova Sr., in which I was Commanding Officer of "I" Co., 3rd Bn, was just an appropriate name for some of my men had undergone military training and went to the extent of going to the Japanese occupied areas after the landing of the Liberation Forces, as certified by the Battalion and Unit Commanders.

6. The voluntary connection of the civilians with the Guerrilla fights in the Philippines falls under paragraph "c" in the telegram of His Excellency the Late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as broadcast on 6 November 1942. It is self-explanatory that only "induction" in accordance with military rules and regulations, certified by a recognized leader, is enough evidence to entitle a civilian a genuine participant of the guerrilla movements.

7. Processing is made hard by many officers in charge of processing as there is no team work among them. Officers give different and complicated requirements instead of giving assistance to the deserving applicants. It takes a guerrilla member a month or two, if he is lucky enough, before he can be processed. It appears as if there is personal equation.

8. It is highly desired that proper authorities may check the daily accomplishments of the processing teams as it is false to say that there are no personnel applying to be processed. If there are few applicants, it is because they have been hopeless, weary, exhausted, and discouraged.

For your study, reference, and information, herewith are attached lawful, legal, and pertinent papers duly signed and certified by the Battalion and Unit Commanders, witnessed by some commissioned officers, who are genuine guerrilla leaders of the 2nd Bn, 93rd Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command.

Whatever help, action, and attention may be extended by that office, which may give due recognition for the welfare of those who have heroically, faithfully, and efficiently sacrificed for our cause, would be highly appreciated by all concerned.

Very respectfully,

Heracio Carson
HERACIO CARSON

Copy furnished:

- 1--Secretary of War, Washington D.C.
- 1--The Director of Veteran's Administration, Washington D.C.
- ✓ 1--United States High Commissioner, Manila, Philippines
- 1--His Excellency the President of the Philippines
- 1--The Adjutant General

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THE UNITED STATES HIGH COMMISSIONER
TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Manila, Philippine Islands
3 June 1946

SUBJECT: The High Commissioner's Correspondence
TO: The Commanding General, AFWESPAC

1. The attached correspondence, received by the High Commissioner, is being forwarded to your headquarters for direct reply as it pertains to a matter under your jurisdiction.

2. Acknowledgment of receipt of the letter has been made by this office to the writer.

For The U. S. High Commissioner:

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

1 Incl:
ltr dtd 27 May 46 fr Leyte





172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 27, 1946

The United States High Commissioner to the Philippines
Manila, Philippines

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I have the honor to furnish that office copies of my communications to the different guerrilla leaders of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command, and pertinent papers which are the voices and appeals of the people who had sincerely rendered services and sacrificed for our country.

In these organizations, i.e., Philippine Army Militia and Volunteer Guards Service Corp, attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., aside from the different duties assigned to the soldiers under these guerrilla units, several died in action in line of their duties. A certified list of those who died during the interception of the enemies may be furnished to that office if required to do so by competent authorities.

The radiogram of His Excellency, the late President of the United States of America, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as broadcast on 6 November 1942, which is hereto attached is very specific and if fulfilled and complied with, the Filipinos are rest assured of the sincerity of the American People. Then they will be entitled and benefited as specified in paragraph "c" of said radiogram.

In the name of the soldiers for which I represent, I respectfully appeal to that office for help in the recognition of all guerrilla organizations attached to recognized guerrillas.

It is further hoped that the services and sacrifices of all concerned be given due attention and recognition.

Very respectfully,

Melicio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 27, 1946

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AFWESPAC, 703
Manila, Philippines

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MG/dac

MC/dac

172 P. de Legas pi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 17, 1946

Capt. Filemon Pabilona
Pres. Leyte Guerrilla Divic Legion
Alangalang, Leyte

Sir:

I have the honor to appeal and suggest to that office that our association may file a petition to the higher army authorities requesting representation of any commissioned or noncommissioned officers of the Leyte Guerrilla Forces in the processing teams for the following reasons:

1. Our association has been organized--one purpose of which is to help those who have sacrificed for our cause.
2. A certain guerrilla member with necessary credentials and legal papers, who desires to be processed has to go to the processing teams several times and still fails to be processed. He incurs much expenses and is discouraged to return to the processing team.
3. The representative of the guerrillas may act as a witness and help to answer pertinent questions or information that may be inquired or required by the processing officers.
4. Processing is made hard by some Officers-in charge of the processing teams even if those who desire to be processed have the necessary legal papers and even if they need help.
5. It is highly commendable how the American officers discharged their duties when they were still directly in charge of the processing teams.

Whatever action or device may be planned thru the kind intervention of that office in order to facilitate the processing of every soldier without the least possible delay, would be highly appreciated by all concerned.

Very respectfully,

Melicio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TACLOBAN

MC/dac

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 27, 1946

To Whom It May Concern:

1. Sending the Roster of Troops of these organizations--Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, of San Miguel, Leyte, attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command (IAC).
2. Supporting legal, lawful, and pertinent papers are hereto attached. If these papers are meritorious and if they are in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by that office and if the complaints are reliable and justifiable, I respectfully recommend and request approval of said Rosters.
3. Otherwise, if they are approved or disapproved, please return said Rosters and necessary papers for file and record purposes.

Very respectfully,

Melecio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

*copy for:
The Commanding General
AFWSpec 707, Manila*

MC/dac

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 21, 1946

Dear Capt. Pamanian,

This is my third communication and never received an answer. I guess you are so busy.

I am furnishing you copies of my letters to Col. Kangleon and Capt. Pabilona for study, reference, and information. I found it futile and uneconomical to send our men of the different guerrilla organizations to the processing team at Tacloban because said guerrilla units were unrecognized.

May all commanding officers try to produce communications and orders from the Regimental Headquarters of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div. and other Army Offices as evidences that the different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxilliary Service really rendered service and are recognized units?

Let us all unite the guerrillistas in order to voice lauder to higher authorities if the sacrifices for our cause will just be ignored.

Very respectfully,

Melecio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

*Copy furnished:
The Commanding General
APOespac 707, Manila
Philippines*

MG/dac

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 21, 1946

Dear Maj. Fernandez,

I am furnishing you copies of my communications to Col. Kangleon and Capt. Pabilona for your information. As long as our services as members of recognized guerrillas will not be given due recognition, the Leyte Guerrilla Civic Legion, an association organized, one purpose of which is to look after the welfare of those members who ^{perish} sacrificed for our cause, will always voice peacefully to higher proper authorities.

As you were the Executive Officer, you knew all the situations of the guerrillistas, therefore, it is highly desired that you take an active part in seeking recognition of the different organizations attached to recognized units.

It is highly hoped that the Philippine Army Reservists and members of all guerrilla organizations attached to recognized guerrilla outfits, who were forgotten by Pres. Sergio Osmena, may be remembered by the Hon. President-Elect, Manuel A. Roxas.

Very respectfully,

Melecio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

*Copy furnished:
The Commanding General
afwespac 707, Manila
Philippines*

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE

MC/dac

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 20, 1946

Capt. Filemon Pabilona
Pres. Leyte Guerrilla Civic Legion

Sir:

Furnishing you a copy of my letter to Col. Kangleon for your reference and information.

I suggest that our association may promptly frame the constitution in order to know the financial obligations of every member.

It is further suggested that delegates be sent to see Col. Kangleon in his home town with the purpose of requesting him to help and work for the recognition of all guerrilla organizations who have really worked during this war; that our association, if possible, may send reliable and dependable delegates to Manila, financed by the members of the association.

Hoping all of us will cooperate and bring this matter to our utmost attention.

Very respectfully,

Melencio Carson
MELENCIO CARSON

Note:

The "Webster Dictionary" clearly defines "attach" with the following meanings: fasten on; connect with; win over; adhere; and, take by legal process. It is then surprising why the different organizations of the guerrillas are not being recognized.

copy for:
The Commanding General
Marina, Philippines

MC/dac

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 20, 1946

Dear Capt. Pabilona,

At this date of writing I went to contact Maj. Fernandez at his residence, which purpose was to inquire him if the different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards, And Women's Auxilliary Service, have been reported to the AFWESPAC as Guerrilla units attached to recognized guerrilla units.

I wanted to know further if there are copies of Roster of Troops in his files and if the names of the members of the different organizations have been submitted to the proper authorities.

Unluckily, he parted for Manila for some important purpose which the clerk nefer told me. However, he will be back on May 23, 1946. Therefore, I deem it easies for any one of us to see him personally in Tacloban for inquiry

It is then suggested that the association may prepare communications and complaints to Col. Kangleon, coursed thru Maj. Fernandez as I understand he knows all the situations.

It is hoped that the welfare of our people be attended too, before you part. for Manila.

Very respectfully,


MELECIO CARSON

Copy furnished:

*The Commanding General
Afwespac, 707, Manila, Philippines*

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LETYE
MUNICIPALITY OF TACLOBAN

MC/dac

Tacloban, Letye
May 27, 1946

To Whom It May Concern:

I have the honor to furnish the Offices below with these communications and pertinent papers as indicated:

1. Office of the President-Elect

- ✓ a. Letter to Commanding General dated May 25, 1946.
- ✓ b. Letter to Col. Ruperto Mangson dated May 21, 1946.
- ✓ c. Four (4) copies of personal identifications
- d. Letter Submission - Rosters dated May 27, 1946.
- e. Recommendation of Capt. Pabilona dated March 28, 1946.
- ✓ f. Radiogram of Pres. Roosevelt dated Dec. 1, 1942.
- g. Four (4) affidavits of Capt. Filimon Pabilona, dated March 28, 1946.
- h. Philippine Army Militia, Interpretation and Meaning of
- i. Appointments, Corresponding Dates Thereat
- j. Two (2) copies of Induction and Loyalty Oath for Enlisted Men
- k. Three Sheets - Roster of Troops, Philippine Army Militia
- l. Personal History of Guerrilla Participation dated May 7, 1946.
- m. Four (4) affidavits of Lt. Ramon C. Hipe
- n. One Sheet - Roster of Troops for Volunteer Guards

2. Office of the Commanding General, AFWESPAC

- a. Same as those furnished to Office of the President

3. Office of the Adjutant General, Philippine Army

- a. Those checked in item 1.

For reference of complete list of supporting papers, please refer to the Offices of the President and Commanding General, Philippines.

Copy for:
The Commanding General
- Manila -

Very respectfully,

Melicio Carson
BOLEGIO CARSON

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGLOBAN

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tagloban, Leyte
May 25, 1946

The Commanding General
AFWESPAC 707
Manila, Philippines

Sir:

After losing hopes and efforts in several attempts to be processed at Processing Team II - Unit # 3, 1st Replacement Battalion, (PA) APO 72, I deem it proper and wise to appeal to supreme authorities to inquire the following information as follows:

1. If these guerrilla organizations--Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxilliary Service, are considered recognized units as they have been attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div. These units acted as second line of defense working side by side with the combat section of the 2nd Bn., 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command (LAC), under Capt. Filemon Pabilona, under the overall command of Col. Ruperto Kangleon.
2. The Processing Officers at Processing Team II - Unit # 3, 1st Replacement Battalion (PA), APO 72, interpreted the organizations herein mentioned as separate guerrilla units from the 2nd Bn, and therefore, do not appear in the "Table of Recognized Guerrillas."
3. It must be well understood that, as far as the certifications of the Battalion and Unit Commanders are concerned, as per supporting papers which are hereto attached, they are definite and concise that the different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxilliary Service, have been attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., which is a recognized guerrilla force under Capt. Pabilona and under the overall command of Col. Kangleon.
4. "Attach," is well defined in the Webster's Dictionary with these meanings: take by legal process; fasten on; connect with; and, adhere. Therefore, if the different guerrilla organizations which were attached to the 2nd Bn, which is then a recognized guerrilla unit, those organizations herein mentioned should also be considered recognized guerrillas.
5. The word "militia," likewise, is defined in the dictionary as "citizens enrolled and drilled as soldiers." Then the name of our organization, Philippine Army Militia, headed by Col. Santiago L. Tingzon

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and Maj. Demetrio B. Hechanova Sr., in which I was Commanding Officer of "I" Co., 3rd Bn, was just an appropriate name for some of my men had undergone military training and went to the extent of going to the Japanese occupied areas after the landing of the Liberation Forces, as certified by the Battalion and Unit Commanders.

6. The voluntary connection of the civilians with the Guerrilla fights in the Philippines falls under paragraph "c" in the radio-gram of His Excellency the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as broadcast on 6 November 1942. It is self-explanatory that only "induction" in accordance with military rules and regulations, certified by a recognized leader, is enough evidence to entitle a civilian a genuine participant of the guerrilla movements.

7. Processing is made hard by many officers in charge of processing as there is no team work among them. Officers give different and complicated requirements instead of giving assistance to the deserving applicants. It takes a guerrilla member a month or two, if he is lucky enough, before he can be processed. It appears as if there is personal equation.

8. It is highly desired that proper authorities may check the daily accomplishments of the processing teams as it is false to say that there are no personnels applying to be processed. If there are few applicants, it is because they have been hopeless, weary, exhausted, and discouraged.

For your study, reference, and information, herewith are attached lawful, legal, and pertinent papers duly signed and certified by the Battalion and Unit Commanders, witnessed by some commissioned officers, who are genuine guerrilla leaders of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command.

Whatever help, action, and attention may be extended by that office, which may give due recognition for the welfare of those who have heroically, faithfully, and efficiently sacrificed for our cause, would be highly appreciated by all concerned.

Very respectfully,


MELECIO CARSON

Copy furnished:

- 1--Secretary of War, Washington D.C.
- 1--The Director of Veteran's Administration, Washington D.C.
- 1--United States High Commissioner, Manila, Philippines
- 1--His Excellency the President of the Philippines
- 1--The Adjutant General

MC/dac

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TACLOBAN

MG/dac

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 21, 1946

Col. Ruperto Kangleon
Maasin, Leyte

Sir:

Having been a member of the movements of the Leyte Guerrilla Forces as Captain of "I" Co., 3rd Bn, Philippine Army Militia, a guerrilla unit attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., under Capt. Filemon Pabilona, I have the honor to request you to please note the following for your information and consideration:

1. I have gone to the Processing Team II, Unite # 3, 1st Replacement Bn (PA) APO 72, for the purpose of being processed.
2. The different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxilliary Service, were considered as separate units even if they were attached to recognized Guerrilla outfits, thus do not appear in the "Table of Recognized Guerrillas."
3. All personels who belong to the above-mentioned organizations cannot be processed, as per information of the Processing Officers, even if they have the necessary credentials and legal papers.

As evidences of the services we have rendered during this war, we still have in our files some communications, orders, circulars, messages, radiogram, and manifesto from the Regimental Headquarters, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., from the Bn Commander, 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd, Div., and from Unit Commanders.

Sir, as the men in any of the organizations herein mentioned really did their duties heroically, faithfully, and efficiently, during this war, and always went to the extent of risking their lives, I respectfully beg you to help and work for the welfare of those who have sacrificed for our cause by petitioning to proper and higher authorities for the recognition of the different organizations which were attached to recognized guerrilla units.

Very respectfully,

copy for:
The Commanding General
Maasin, Philippines

Melicio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TACLOBAN

Tacloban, Leyte
May 24, 1946

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed herewith are certified true copies of my personal identifications duly signed by the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div.; Justice of the Peace; and Chief of Police, both of Tacloban, Leyte, as evidences of my personal character and standing in the community.

That I am filing these complaints not with the sense of creating troubles and animosities but these are principles based on established facts.

That my personal identifications serve as testimonies that I have complied with the provisions of the Loyalty Oath and Instruction which is hereto attached.

Walter Carson
SALICTO CARSON

Copy for:

*The Commanding General
Marikina*

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF ALANGALANG

Alangalang, Leyte
28 May 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mr. Melacio Carson, a resident of Tacloban, Leyte is officially and personally known to me, he, having been a member of the military movements of the Leyte Guerrilla Forces during the Japanese occupation in our country.

The Headquarters of the 2nd Battalion, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command showed no records that he had committed or had been accused of any crimes either authority abuses or administrative, civil, and criminal complaints against him (Melacio Carson) by the soldiers under his command and likewise the civilians.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I do hereby affix my signature this 28th day of May 1946 at Alangalang, Leyte.


FELIMON PABILONA
Capt., Inf., (PA)

Ff/mc/plr

Copy for:

The Commanding General
AFWS FAC 707, Manila


COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TACLOBAN
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Tacloban, Leyte
May 16, 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Melecio Carson, resident of 172 Paseo de Legaspi St. Tacloban, Leyte, is personally known to me. The Municipal Docket of this Office shows no record that he had been accused or convicted of any crimes in this municipality.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I do hereby affix my signature this 16th day of May, 1946, at Tacloban, Leyte.



Chief of Police

MCZ pbt

Copy for:

The Commanding General
Afuopac 707, Manila

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TACLOBAN
OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Tacloban, Leyte
15, May 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Melocio Carson, resident of 172 Paseo de Legaspi St. Tacloban, Leyte, is personally known to me.

This Office finds no record that he had been accused or convicted of any crimes in this municipality.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I do hereby affix my signature this 15th day of May 1946.

Signed:

Justice of the Peace

Note: For signature of a boss please refer to the copy of Hon. Manuel Rodas.

M.C.

Copy for:

*The Commanding General
Afpwspac 707, Manila.*

SIGNAL DEPOT BASE K
APO 72

14 February 1945

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mr. Melecio Carson, POAU #22149, of San Miguel, Leyte, for the past six weeks both as a friend and as Chief foreman in the Base K Signal Depot. It is a pleasure for me to recommend him for any position which demands ability, industry and character.

Mr. Carson's record here was excellent. His obligations were fulfilled with dispatch, and I have always found him to be a gentleman.

His experience in handling men should be a valuable asset to him if he be given the opportunity to assume responsible leadership.

I know of no reason for not recommending him highly for any work which may be assigned to him.

s/ Charles R. Funnell
t/ CHARLES R. FUNNELL
1st Lt., Signal Corps
CIC Civilian Labor Officer

MC/pbt

Copy for:
The Commanding General
APO 707, Manila

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGLOBAN

MC/dac

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tagloban, Leyte
May 27, 1946

To Whom It May Concern:

1. Sending the Roster of Troops of these organizations--Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, of San Miguel, Leyte, attached to the 2nd Bn C-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command (LAC).

2. Supporting legal, lawful, and pertinent papers are hereto attached. If these papers are meritorious and if they are in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by that office and if the complaints are reliable and justifiable, I respectfully recommend and request approval of said Rosters.

3. Otherwise, if they are approved or disapproved, please return said Rosters and necessary papers for file and record purposes.

Very respectfully,

Melicio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
1st REPLACEMENT BATTALION
PA

AFPO 72
28 March 1946


SUBJECT: Philippine Army Militia, Interpretation and Meaning of
TO : Whom It May Concern

1. Be it known that the Philippine Army Militia (PAM) was a guerrilla unit which name was given to the military organization headed by Col. Santiago L. Tingson and Maj. Demetrio B. Hechanova Sr.

2. Said organization was composed of a regiment whose members were civilians who voluntarily joined the military movement and this was attached to the 2nd Battalion S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., under my command.

3. That said unit was recognized and approved by me confirmed and sanctioned by Maj. Alejandro Balderian and Col. Ruperto Engleco of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command (IAC).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 28th day of March 1946 at the 1st Replacement Bn., PA., AFPO 72.


ELEXON PADILONA (ASN)
Capt., Inf., PA

FF/tao

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
1st REPLACEMENT BATTALION
PA

AFG 72
28 March 1946

SUBJECT: Recommendation
TO : When It May Concern

1. The undersigned hereby certifies that the Roster of Officers and Enlisted Men, now in the hands of Melecio Carson, Capt. of "I" Company, 3rd Bn, Philippine Army Militia (PAM), attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div. under my command, are certified true copies of those that have been submitted to the Headquarters of the 2nd Battalion.
2. The Officers and Enlisted Men cooperated whole-heartedly with the regular soldiers and rendered efficient and active service and remained loyal to our cause, thus must be given due recognition.
3. It is therefore, highly and respectfully recommended that the personnel appearing in this roster be processed by that office.

[Handwritten Signature]
FINNIE PABILONA (AM) 021612
Capt., Inf., PA

FF/dac

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
USAFPE AT LARGE
LEYTE
-0-

1 December 1942

MEMORANDUM

To All Commanding Officers USAFPE at Large in the Field

1. For your information and guidance this office is publishing the message of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the USAFPE at large in the Philippines as broadcast on November 6, 1942.

a. All soldiers who were duly inducted prior to the order of the General Order of surrender and who have not surrendered and are now engaged in the guerrilla fights in the Philippines are entitled not only to bonus and pension but also damage.

b. All soldiers who were duly inducted prior to the order of the General Order of surrender and who have not surrendered are still hiding in their homes are subject to the Martial Law.

✓ c. All civilians who have voluntarily joined in the guerrilla fights in the Philippines and who are duly inducted in accordance with Military regulations are entitled not only to bonus, but also to a pension.

d. That all guerrilla leaders have the right to commandeer any articles, instruments and the like, useful to the USAFPE and with proper records.

2. Instruct the USAFPE soldiers and guerrilla men under your command in compliance with paragraph "c" above.

*copy for:
The Commanding Gen.
M Nichols*

9 Capt. Infantry GO

(Certified True Copy)

United States of America
Commonwealth of the Philippines SS
Municipality of Tacloban
Province of Leyte

A F F I D A V I T

I, **FELIMON PABILONA**, Capt., Inf. ASN 021612, of legal age, married, and resident of Alang-alang, Leyte and assigned to Co. "K" Inf., attached to the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72, after having been sworn to an oath according to law, do hereby depose and say:

1. That I was the CO of the ^{2nd BN-}95th Inf., 92nd Div. of the Leyte Area Command, under Col. Kangleon, and formerly stationed in San Miguel, Leyte prior to the date of liberation.

2. That I officially and personally know MELECIO CARSON, who participated with the movements of the Leyte Guerrilla Forces, Leyte Area Command, and held positions as follows:

- a. Food campaigner
- b. Agent, Inland and Shore Patrol
- c. Capt. of the SAAR or PAM (PHILIPPINE ARMY MILITIA)
- d. Loyal supporter and contributor for the USAFFE and USFIP
- e. VG Lt. and Councilor for San Miguel, Leyte

3. That he was inducted to the Philippine Army Militia (PAM) as Captain on July 1, 1942.

4. That since then he rendered active, continuous, and efficient service during the existence of said organization from July 1, 1942 to April 30, 1944 and never surrendered to the enemy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this 28th day of March, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

Felimon Pabilona
FELIMON PABILONA (ASN) 021612
Capt., Inf.

WITNESSES:

Ramon C. Lopez *Amable G. Capon*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10 day of May, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

Henry A. Davis

Administrative Officer
2d Lt AGS

United States of America
Commonwealth of the Philippines SS
Municipality of Tacloban
Province of Leyte

A F F I D A V I T

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FILEMON PABILONA (ASN) 021612
Capt., Inf.

WITNESSES:

Anastacio Lopez 0-23502

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

Administrative Officer

United States of America
Commonwealth of the Philippines SS
Municipality of Tacloban
Province of Leyte

A F F I D A V I T

I, FELIMON PABILONA, Capt., Inf. ASN 021612, of legal age, married, and resident of Alang-alang, Leyte and assigned to Co. "K" Inf., attached to the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72, after having been sworn to an oath according to law, do hereby depose and say:

1. That I was the CO of the ^{2nd Bn-} 95th Inf., 92nd Div. of the Leyte Area Command, under Col. Kangleon, and formerly stationed in San Miguel, Leyte, prior to the date of liberation.

2. That I recognized and approved the organization of the Philippine Army Militia (PAM), a guerrilla unit organized by Col. Santiago L. Tingzon and Maj. Demetrio B. Hechanova Sr. on July 1, 1942.

3. That this organization rendered active service during its existence from July 1, 1942 to April 30, 1944 as follows:

- a. Daily guarding
- b. Transporting foodstuffs, materials, and some office supplies to the camp.
- c. Transporting regular guerrilla soldiers to their destinations by sea and guiding patrols of said soldiers on land.
- d. Transmitting news to soldiers and civilians about the coming of Japanese patrols; carrying communications and orders from the General Headquarters to the respective organization leaders and vice-versa.
- e. Maintained peace and order in the villages -- settled disputes and controversies among civilians.
- f. Often times contributed foodstuffs for the subsistence of regular soldiers.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this 28th day of March, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

(SGD) *Felimon Pabilona*
FELIMON PABILONA
Capt., Inf., PA -021612

WITNESSES:

Manuel C. Lopez *Arnoldo P. Capuno-23502*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10 day of May, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

Lawrence J. ...
Administrative Officer

United States of America
Commonwealth of the Philippines SS
Municipality of Tacloban
Province of Leyte

AFFIDAVIT

I, FELIMON PABILONA, Capt., Inf. ASN 021612, of legal age, married, and resident of Alang-alang, Leyte and assigned to Co. 5th Inf., attached to the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72, after having been sworn to an oath according to law, do hereby depose and say:

1. That I was the CO of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div. of the Leyte Area Command, under Col. Rangleon, and formerly stationed in San Miguel, Leyte, prior to the date of liberation.
2. That I recognized and approved the organization of the Philippine Army Militia (PAM), a guerrilla unit organized by Col. Santiago L. Tingson and Maj. Demetrio B. Hechanova Sr. on July 1, 1942.
3. That this organization rendered active service during its existence from July 1, 1942 to April 30, 1944 as follows:
 - a. Daily guarding
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 - d. Transmitting news to soldiers and civilians about the coming of Japanese patrols; carrying communications and orders from the General Headquarters to the respective organization leaders and vice-versa.
 - e. Maintained peace and order in the villages -- settled disputes and controversies among civilians.
 - f. Often times contributed foodstuffs for the subsistence of regular soldiers.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this 29th day of March, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

(SGD) *Fay*
FELIMON PABILONA
Capt., Inf., PA
021612

WITNESSES:
Ramon C. Lopez

Candelito G. Caporozo 73502

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 19____, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

Administrative Officer

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
1st REPLACEMENT BATTALION
PA

AGO 72
28 March 1946

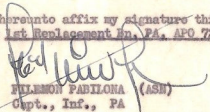
SUBJECT: Philippine Army Militia, Interpretation and Meaning of
TO : Whom It May Concern

1. Be it known that the Philippine Army Militia (PAM) was a guerrilla unit which name was given to the military organization headed by Col. Santiago L. Tingzon and Maj. Demetrio B. Hechanova Sr.

2. Said organization was composed of a regiment whose members were civilians who voluntarily joined the military movement and this was attached to the 2nd Battalion S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., under my command.

3. That said unit was recognized and approved by me, confirmed and sanctioned by Maj. Alejandro Balderian and Col. Ruperto Kangleon of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command (LAC).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 28th day of March 1946 at the 1st Replacement Bn., PA, APO 72.


FILEMON PABILONA (ASN)
Capt., Inf., PA

FF/dac

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div.
IN THE FIELD

27 May 1946

INDUCTION AND LOYALTY OATH FOR THE
ENLISTED MEN -- VG
LEYTE GUERRILLA FORCES

I, MELECIO CARSON, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and the Commonwealth of the Philippines; that I will serve them faithfully and fight their enemies wheresoever found in the territory of the Philippines; that I will obey orders of the officers appointed over as according to the rules of the Articles of War; that I shall never surrender to the enemy, that I shall never allow myself nor my arms and ammunitions to be caught by the enemy; that I shall never turn traitor to my country and the United States of America, and such reveal any secret of the Army to which my honor belongs; that I shall never abandon any wounded brothers in arms; that I joined the United States Forces in the Philippines without any personal or party interest, but with the determination to sacrifice ourselves and all that are sure for freedom and democracy and that I shall protect the lives and properties of all loyal Filipinos everywhere.

I make the above induction and loyalty oath without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

Melecio Carson
(Signature)
1st Lt. Volunteer Guards
(Grade & Organization)
95th Inf. 92nd Div.

This is to certify that Melecio Carson, 1st Lt. of the Volunteer Guards Service Corp, a guerrilla unit attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div. has been inducted into the service at Mawodpawod, San Miguel, Leyte by an authorized representative of this Headquarters, effective 1 May 1946.

/s/ Filemon Pabilona
t/ FILEMON PABILONA

A TRUE COPY:

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div.
IN THE FIELD

27 May 1946

INDUCTION AND LOYALTY OATH FOR THE
ENLISTED MEN -- SAAR
LEYTE GUERRILLA FORCES

I, MELERIO CARSON, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and the Commonwealth of the Philippines; that I will serve them faithfully and fight their enemies wheresoever found in the territory of the Philippines; that I will obey orders of the officers appointed over us according to the rules of the Articles of War; that I shall never surrender to the enemy, that I shall never allow myself nor my arms and ammunitions to be caught by the enemy; that I shall never turn traitor to my country and the United States of America, and such reveal any secret of the Army to which my honor belongs; that I shall never abandon any wounded brothers in arms; that I joined the United States Forces in the Philippines without any personal or party interest, but with the determination to sacrifice ourselves and all that are sure for freedom and democracy and that I shall protect the lives and properties of all loyal Filipinos everywhere.

I make the above induction and loyalty oath without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

Melicio Carson
(Signature)
Capt. I Co. 3rd Bn Saar
(Grade & Organization)
95th Inf. 92nd Div

This is to certify that Melicio Carson, Capt of "I" Co., 3rd Bn, SAAR, Ia guerrilla unit attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., has been inducted into the service at Nawodpawod, San Miguel, Leyte by an authorized representative of this Headquarters, effective July 1, 1942.

/s/ Filemon Pabilona
/t/ FILEMON PABILONA

A TRUE COPY:

*Note: For meaning of "Saar" read
Personal History of Guerrilla Partici-
pation which is hereto attached.*

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
 "I" Co., 3rd Bn. PAM
 SAN, HENRIEL, IZTE

ROSTER OF TROOPS

The following roster consisting of three sheets, contains the names of officers and enlisted men of this organization and those attached thereto. Unless otherwise stated opposite the name, each officer or enlisted man, whose name appears on the roster are present at the station indicated above.

Melicio Carson
 (Signature)

Melicio Carson
 MELICIO CARSON
 Captain, Phil. Army Militia
 Commanding Officer
 Grade and Organization

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Captain

1. Carson, Melicio.....Commanding Officer

1st Lieutenant

1. Hierro, Aproniano.....Junior Officer

2nd Lieutenants

1. Carson, Dioscore.....Platoon Leader, 1st Platoon
2. Hierro, Honoro....." " 2nd "
3. Obeja, Gil....." " 3rd "

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Sergeants

1. Lebitag, Ciriaco.....Company Sergeant
2. Daganason, Patricio.....Mess "
3. Panferrada, Pascual.....Supply "
4. Alcones, Ceferino.....Platoon " , 1st Platoon
5. Obeja, Casimiro, F....." " , 2nd "
6. Balais, Sergio....." " , 3rd "
7. Durul, Vitaliano.....Company Clerk

Corporals

1. Balais, Quintin.....1st Platoon
2. Corro, Martin....." "
3. Villasin, Peloteo....." "
4. Corro, Pedro.....2nd Platoon
5. Flores, Juanito....." "
6. Lagando, Rufacio....." "
7. Villasin, Ignacio.....3rd Platoon
8. Arzon, Martino....." "
9. Arzon, Mariano....." "

First Class Privates

1. Malibago, Alberto.....1st Platoon
2. Villasin, Ignacio....." "
3. Abadines, Domingo....." "
4. Malibago, Mecalles.....2nd Platoon
5. Obeja, Joaquin....." "
6. Malibago, Felix....." "
7. Balais, Basilio.....3rd Platoon
8. Calibao, Jesus....." "
9. Panferrada, Felipe....." "

ENLISTED MEN

Privates

1.	Abejar, Severo.....	1st Platoon
2.	Acuin, Antonio.....	" "
3.	Acuin, Pedro.....	" "
4.	Afable, Pedro.....	" "
5.	Bacano, Mariano.....	" "
6.	Balais, Escelastico.....	" "
7.	Balais, Faustino.....	" "
8.	Balais, Ignacio.....	" "
9.	Balais, Sixto.....	" "
10.	Cadorna, Lino.....	" "
11.	Catienna, Marcelo.....	" "
12.	Claus, Antonio.....	" "
13.	Claus, Crestituto.....	" "
14.	Claus, Doroteo.....	" "
15.	Claus, Fabian.....	" "
16.	Claus, Mariano.....	" "
17.	Conce, Jose.....	" "
18.	Belvo, Miguel.....	" "
19.	Flores, Paulino.....	" "
20.	Malibago, Agapito.....	" "
21.	Malibago, Eulogio.....	" "
22.	Malibago, Ifenco.....	" "
23.	Obeja, Blas.....	" "
24.	Obeja, Martin.....	" "
25.	Obeja, Octaviano.....	" "
26.	Obeja, Paulino.....	" "
27.	Orbita, Benigno.....	" "
28.	Ponce, Francisco.....	" "
29.	Avestruz, Aproniano.....	2nd Platoon
30.	Boal, Samuel.....	" "
31.	Balais, Sergio, G.....	" "
32.	Claus, Amado.....	" "
33.	Claus, Cornelio.....	" "
34.	Claus, Zocimo.....	" "
35.	Dacudag, Juan.....	" "
36.	Dacudag, Sebastian.....	" "
37.	Decembriano, Basilio.....	" "
38.	Decembriano, Lorenzo.....	" "
39.	Decembriano, Urbano.....	" "
40.	Decembriano, Victorio.....	" "
41.	Flores, Juan.....	" "
42.	Flores, Segundo.....	" "
43.	Flores, Tomas.....	" "
44.	Guia, Bernardo, de.....	" "
45.	Iagando, Gorgonio.....	" "
46.	Malibago, Leon.....	" "
47.	Obeja, Casimero, G.....	" "
48.	Obeja, Enrique.....	" "
49.	Obeja, Fructuoso.....	" "
50.	Obeja, Indalacio.....	" "
51.	Obeja, Juan.....	" "
52.	Obeja, Teodorico.....	" "
53.	Salas, Fermín.....	" "
54.	Salas, Juan.....	" "
55.	Salas, Servando.....	" "
56.	Alberca, Felipe.....	3rd Platoon
57.	Alberca, Telesforo.....	" "
58.	Albesa, Ciriaco.....	" "
59.	Albesa, Eugenio.....	" "
60.	Albesa, Eusebio.....	" "
61.	Albesa, Trinidad.....	" "
62.	Albesa, Victorio.....	" "
63.	Calonge, Wenceslao.....	" "
64.	Canaver, Epifanio.....	" "
65.	Caneda, Evaristo.....	" "

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| 66. | Corzo, Herculano..... | 3rd Platoon |
| 67. | Corzo, Flaviano..... | " " |
| 68. | Cedeno, Vicente..... | " " |
| 69. | Corro, Blas..... | " " |
| 70. | Bocanig, Fernando..... | " " |
| 71. | Bolcarera, Felix..... | " " |
| 72. | Dublin, Juanito..... | " " |
| 73. | Eliso, Pedro..... | " " |
| 74. | Flares, Pascual..... | " " |
| 75. | Bocastriano, Sebastian..... | " " |
| 76. | Choja, Fernando..... | " " |
| 77. | Choja, Miguel..... | " " |
| 78. | Bonnamia, Gerardo..... | " " |
| 79. | Tanaga, Felix..... | " " |
| 80. | Torre, Ignacio..... | " " |
| 81. | Villanueva, Andrea..... | " " |
| 82. | Villanueva, Antonio..... | " " |
| 83. | Villanueva, Dionicio..... | " " |

R. Buchanan Jr.
 CAPTAIN ROBERT AND THOMAS
 BUCHANAN
 Maj. PA
 Executive Officer

Stinson
 COL. RICHARD L. STINSON
 Col. Regional Commander
 Ptd. Army Hillside

Joseph
 PETERSON PARRISHA
 Major
 2nd Bn., 95th Inf.,
 92nd Div.

July, 1942 to April 30 1944

66. Corzo, Herculano..... 3rd Platoon
 67. Corzo, Flaviano.....

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGLOBAN

7 May '46

SUBJECT: Personal History of Guerrilla Participation

Before the outbreak of World War II, I was a public school teacher in the small village of Mawodpawod, San Miguel, Leyte. It was in this village where I was overtaken by the war. While the war was going on, I was always able to read news from the "Voice of Victory" about the fierce fighting in Europe and in China. It was then rumored that the Japanese Forces were quickly advancing to the Philippines.

A few weeks after December 8, 1941, eighty (80) Japanese transports landed in Lingayen Gulf, Lingayen, Pangasinan. Fights in Philippine soil then began. The most deadly and remarkable fight was fought in Bataan where the Filipino soldiers stood and fought bravely against the foes. It was published in the newspapers, among which was the "Voice of Victory," that our soldiers showed their gallantry---that even week after week without food, water, reinforcements, and others, they still kept fighting on. After four months of continuous fighting, Bataan fell into the hands of the invading enemy.

The fall of Bataan and my thoughts of the sufferings and difficulties that the soldiers encountered in the battlefronts made me think that sometime I would avenge them.

On May 22, 1942, while I was in Alang-alang, Leyte, I read the letter of the Leyte Provincial Governor to the mayor of said town ordering all soldiers to surrender including their arms and ammunitions. Likewise, the civilians were ordered to greet the Japanese who were expected to land in Leyte. Some soldiers, who were in Alang-alang during that time when the general order of surrender was read in the public streets sobbed and shed tears upon knowing that they were told to surrender.

On that day, I returned to my home village fully determined to form an organization which I was sure would be of help in the defense of the civilians in times of oppression by the enemy. I was sure that the organization which I intended to form would be a great help in maintaining peace and order; in keeping the morale of the people and their faith in the United States Government and the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines; and at the same time, if need be, fight the enemy in a guerrilla way. I insinuated a few people in the village to join me in the Guer-

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rilla organization which I was beginning to organize though without arms.

Luckily, I received an instruction from an authorized representative of Filemon Pabilona, who was then Major of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command, giving me an assignment as procuring officer. However, my service regarding this assignment did not last long for I was called to a conference in San Miguel Central School headed by Maj. Pabilona's officers where I was given a special assignment as "Secret Agent." I made contact with several male teachers, who at the same time, were Secret Agents. One time, while doing my services, I met Mr. Santiago L. Tingson and Mr. Demetrio B. Hechanova Sr., both residents of San Miguel, Leyte. They told me about their plans and intentions and I was inquired if I would join with them. Their plan was to organize a military organization--a whole regiment--making Mr. Tingson and Mr. Hechanova Sr. Colonel and Major, respectively. Of course, this organization was to be approved and recognized by Maj. Pabilona for this was a guerrilla unit under the 95th Inf., 92nd Div. This was approved and recognized. I was told to gather at least one hundred and ten (110) men as they wanted me to be the Commanding Officer of the group. As for the name of this unit, we had "SAAR" which meant "Secret Agents and Runners."

In my return to the village herein mentioned, I began convincing people in the barrios of Mawodpawod (the place where I was living) and Malpag, and in the sitios of Patag and Solipahon (both sitios of Mawodpawod), San Miguel, Leyte to join with me in the organization. I influenced more than two hundred (200) men and there was need for enlarging the unit. I notified Messers. Tingson and Hechanova Sr. about the attitude of the people regarding their willingness to take part in the military movement. I assembled my men on June 15, 1942 and gave them instructions as to the purposes of the organization and the sacred duties of its members. I instructed them to prepare long, sharp bores, daggers, bamboo-wooden-iron spears, and bamboo karatungs for we had no rifles.

During the last week of June 1942, Mr. Tingson and Mr. Hechanova Sr. made a tour within the barrios of San Miguel, Leyte and on July 1, 1942 my men and I were inducted into the service of the United States Forces in the Philippines (USFIP). I was then a Captain. Tingson and Hechanova were then Colonel and Major respectively of the SAAR regiment which they had formed.

Thus our activities began among which were: daily guarding; transporting foodstuffs, materials, and some office supplies to the camp (2nd Bn Cp); transporting regular soldiers to their des-

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tinations by sea and guiding patrols of said soldiers on land; transmitting news to regular soldiers and civilians about the approach of Japanese patrols; carrying communications and orders from the Regimental Headquarters of the SAAR and from the General Headquarters of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command to the respective organization leaders and vice-versa; maintaining peace and order; often times contributing foodstuffs for the subsistence of the regular soldiers; and some espionage work.

As had been said, the name of our organization was SAAR. However, this name did not last long for in an inspection trip of the different Guerrilla units in Leyte by Col. Fertig and Capt. Waters, both from Mindanao sectors, they inquired Col. Tingson and Maj. Hechanova Sr. as to the name of our organization. They (Tingson and Hechanova) told the inspecting Officers that SAAR was its secret name. They (Fertig and Waters) suggested that the name SAAR be changed to Philippine Army Militia or PAM. Thus the name SAAR was changed to PAM.

Military secrets were imparted to the members of the unit especially in espionage work. In our guarding system, we had at first the Karatung for warning soldiers and civilians about the approach of enemies. This system was later abolished for it was revealed by some collaborators to the Japanese and it made the Japs more clever. When they heard the taps of the Karatung, they simply shoot the place where the sound came from.

Another system was employed then. That was the runner system. In other words, whenever guards from one outpost received news or actually saw the coming of Japanese patrols, two of the four guards from that outpost simply ran to the next outpost notifying every one on the way, while the other two watch the movements of the patrols. The succeeding guards or the guards in the next outpost did likewise until every one--soldiers and civilians were informed. In brief, news was relayed from one outpost to the other. In this way, there was less danger of soldiers and civilians being caught unaware.

Some members of the organization paid for residence certificates which was required by the Japanese government in securing "passes" from them. This became a good device for the Guerrillas to do more espionage work. My men and I with our residence certificates and passes could travel from town to town to do more espionage work, such as observing Japanese military strength and movements and trying to find out who the Filipino collaborators were, though risking ourselves being discovered by Fifth Columnists.

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As Captain of the Philippine Army Militia, I received another appointment as Agent, Inland and Shore Patrol. This appointment came from the Intelligence Division and was signed by Teodoro Reyes, who was a second Lieutenant. Of course, this appointment did not affect my rank, that is, I was a Captain just the same. I have to watch (under this service, i.e. Agent, Inland and Shore Patrol) the activities of pedestrians on land and people coming from other places to the villages by sea.

The PAM was dissolved on April 30, 1944 as we received orders from the Regimental Headquarters of the PAM requiring the members to have more food production.

The Volunteer Guards Service Corp, which was organized by Lt. Ramon C. Hipo, 2nd Lt., Plans & Training Officer, 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command, took the place of the PAM. This Corp was organized immediately after the PAM was dissolved. On May 1, 1944, fifty five (35) men were inducted to the service and I was assigned Lieutenant. This unit had almost the same activities as the former organization except that the members of this unit, in addition to the accomplishments of the PAM, received military instruction and training in the 2nd Bn Cp and went with the regular soldiers to Japanese occupied areas after the landing of the Forces of Liberation.

On Aug. 30, 1944, as per order of the CO, Leyte Area Command, I was appointed Actg. Municipal Councilor for San Miguel, Leyte but I still retained my rank as Lieutenant, i.e., I had one platoon of Volunteer Guards under my command as usual. As a Councilor, I accomplished very little until the landing of the American and Allied forces as the members of the Mun. Council of San Miguel, Leyte, confirmed by the CO, Leyte Area Command, were changed because of the reorganization of the Provincial Government at Tacloban, Leyte.

On Nov. 1944, my family proceeded to Tacloban so that my children could go to school and in January 1945 to February 15, 1945 inclusive, I worked with the United States Army, Signal Depot, Base "K", APO 72 as Chief Foreman.

Melicio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

MC/dac

Melicio Carson
1949-1951
Tacloban, Leyte

United States of America
Commonwealth of the Philippines SS
Municipality of Tacloban
Province of Leyte

A F F I D A V I T

I, RAMON C. HIPE, 2nd Lieutenant Inf., ASN 021638, of legal age, married, resident of Alang-alang, Leyte, and assigned to Headquarters Company attached to the 1st Replacement, PA, APO 72, after having been sworn to an oath according to law, do hereby depose and say:

1. That I was a 2nd Lt., Plans and Training Officer of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div. of the Leyte Area Command, under Capt. Filemon Pabilona, and formerly stationed in San Miguel, Leyte prior to the date of liberation.

2. That I officially and personally know MELICIO CARSON, who was inducted to the Volunteer Guards Service as Lieutenant on May 1, 1944.

3. That since then he rendered active, continuous, and efficient service during the existence of said organization from May 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944 and never surrendered to the enemy.

28th IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this day of March, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

Ramon C. Hipe
RAMON C. HIPE (ASN) 021638
2nd Lt., Inf.

WITNESSES:

[Signature] 824619 *[Signature]*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10 day of May, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

[Signature]
Administrative Officer
[Signature]

United States of America
Commonwealth of the Philippines SS
Municipality of Tacloban
Province of Leyte

A F F I D A V I T

I, RAMON C. HIPE, 2nd Lieut., Inf., O21638, of legal age, married, resident of Alang-alang, Leyte, and assigned to HEADQUARTERS COMPANY attached to the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72, after having been sworn to an oath according to law, do hereby depose and say:

1. That I was a 2nd Lieutenant, Plans and Training Officer of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div. of the Leyte Area Command, under Capt. Filimon Pabilona, and formerly stationed in San Miguel, Leyte prior to the date of liberation.

2. That I organized the Volunteer Guards Service Corp, a guerrilla unit, at Mawodpawod, San Miguel, Leyte, in MAY 1944, to replace the Philippine Army Militia, the former organization, which was dissolved for the purpose of enabling the members to have more food production.

3. That this organization existed and rendered active service from MAY 1, 1944 to DECEMBER 31, 1944, as follows:

- a. Daily guarding
- b. Transporting foodstuffs, materials, and some office supplies to the camp.
- c. Transporting regular guerrilla soldiers to their destinations by sea and guiding patrols of said soldiers on land.
- d. Transmitting news to soldiers and civilians about the coming of Japanese patrols; carrying communications and orders from the General Headquarters to the respective organization leaders and vice-versa.
- e. Maintained peace and order in the villages --- settled disputes and controversies among civilians.
- f. Often times contributed foodstuffs for the sustenance of regular soldiers.
- g. Received military training in the 2nd Bn. CP.
- h. Went with the regular soldiers to the Japanese occupied areas after the landing of liberating forces.

IN TESTIMONY, I hereby affix my signature on this 28th day of MARCH, 1946, at the 1st Repl. Bn., PA, APO 72

Ramon C. Hipe
RAMON C. HIPE (2nd Lt.) O21638
2nd Lt., Inf.

WITNESSES:

Matthew Lopez O21612 *Anastacio A. Capon* O-235-02

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10th day of May, 1946, at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, APO 72.

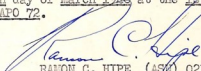
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Administrative Officer
John A. ...

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
1st REPLACEMENT BATTALION
PA

AFO 72
28 March 1946

SUBJECT: Volunteer Guards Service Corp, Organization of
TO : Whom It May Concern

1. Be it known that the Volunteer Guards Service Corp, a guerrilla unit, was organized by me at Mawodpa-wod, San Miguel, Leyte on May 1, 1944, to take the place of the Philippine Army Militia which was dissolved on April 30, 1944.
2. That said unit was attached to the 2nd Bn S-2 under Capt. Filemon Pabilona, CO 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div.
3. Said organization was recognized and approved by Capt. Pabilona, confirmed and sanctioned by Maj. Alejandro Balderian and Col. Ruperto Kangleon of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command (LAC).
4. Signed this 28th day of March 1946 at the 1st Replacement Battalion, PA, AFO 72.


RAMON C. HIPE (ASN) 021638
2nd Lt., IHF.
PA

RCH/dac

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
2nd BN, 99th Inf., 92nd Div.

20 April 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : Capt. Malocio Caron

1. You are hereby ordered to prepare a list of Volunteer Guards not to exceed more than one platoon of able-bodied men.
2. The undersigned will proceed to your barrico to give proper instructions to your men and to induct them into the service on 1 May 1944.
3. You are designated 1st Lieutenant of that unit.

By order of CAPT. FILENIO PABILONA:


 RANCE C. HIPE
 2nd Lt., Inf.
 Plans & Training Officer

APPROVED:

FILENIO PABILONA
CO, 2nd BN, 99th
Inf., 92nd Div.

(Certified True Copy)

Filenio Pabiona

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
 95th Inf. 92nd Div.
 HQRS. 2nd BN
 (IAC)

DAILY GUARD SCHEDULE
 for
 VOLUNTEER GUARDS

SUNDAY

1. Dioscoro Carson...Cpl. of the Guard
2. Antonio Claus.....Guard
3. Amando Clays..... "
4. Mariano Claus..... "
5. Quintin Balais..... "

MONDAY

1. Casinero F. Obeja..Cpl. of the Guard
2. Camila Balais.....Guard
3. Felix Balais..... "
4. Tomas Dacudag..... "
5. Servando Salas..... "

TUESDAY

1. Ceferino Alcones..Cpl. of the Guard
2. Jesus Colibao.....Guard
3. Martin Corro..... "
4. Joaquin Obeja..... "
5. Buenaventura Balais "
6. Magdalena Valeriano "

WEDNESDAY

1. Florentino Carson..Cpl. of the Guard
2. Samuel Bael.....Guard
3. Urbano Decembrano. "
4. Paulino Flores..... "
5. Cesario Obeja..... "
6. Sixto Balais..... "

THURSDAY

1. Crispin Nolasca....Cpl. of the Guard
2. Segundo Flores....Guard
3. Agapito Malibago... "
4. Jose Tañega..... "
5. Eulogio Malibago... "

FRIDAY

1. Ignacio Villasin...Cpl. of the Guard
2. Mariano Bacane....Guard
3. Leon Malibago..... "
4. Martin Obeja..... "
5. Hilario Lesigues... "

SATURDAY

1. Feliciano Villasin..Cpl. of the Guard
2. Benigno Orbita....Guard
3. Juan Dacudag..... "
4. Juan Obeja..... "
5. Manuel Obeja..... "
6. Romualdo Posacas... "

Melicio Carson
 MELICIO CARSON
 VG Lieutenant

Certified Correct and True: *Ramon C. Hilde* Approved: *Felimon Pabilona*
 RAMON C. HILDE
 2nd Lt.
 Plans & Training Officer

FELIMON PABILONA
 CO 2nd BN

May 1 1944 to Dec 31 1944

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
95th Inf. 92nd Div.
HQRS. 2nd BN
(LAC)

LIST OF VOLUNTEER GUARDS WHO HAD UNDERGONE
MILITARY TRAINING
UNDER CAPT. F. PABILONA
IN SEPT. 1944

1. Cpl.	Dioscoro A. Carson	13. Pvt.	Leon Malibago
2. "	Casimero F. Obeja	14. "	Cesarico Obeja
3. "	Ceferino Alcones	15. "	Juan Obeja
4. Pvt.	Felix, Balais	16. "	Manuel Obeja
5. "	Samuel Bael	17. "	Martin Obeja
6. "	Antonio Claus	18. "	Benigno Orbita
7. "	Mariano Claus	19. "	Romualdo Posacas
8. "	Martin Corro	20. "	Servando Salas
9. "	Juan Dacudag	21. "	Magdaleno Valeriano
10. "	Segundo Flores	22. "	Feliciano Villasin
11. "	Crispin Holasca	23. "	Ignedio Villasin
12. "	Agapito Malibago	24. "	Jesus Colibao

Melicio Carson
MELICIO CARSON
VG Lieutenant

Certified Correct *Ramon E. Hips* and True: RAMON E. HIPS
2nd Lt.
Plans & Training Officer

APPROVED: *F. Pabilona*

FLEMON PABILONA
CO 2nd BN

MC/Sec

172 F. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 17, 1946

Capt. Filemon Pabilona
Pres. Leyte Guerrilla Divic Legion
Alangalang, Leyte

Sir:

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Very respectfully,

Melencio Canson
MELENCIO CANSON

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE
ARMY TO THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARMY

Ref: [unclear]

MC/cao
172 P. de Legarda St.
Taaluban, Leyte
172 P. de Legarda St.
Taaluban, Leyte
May 21, 1946

Col. [unclear]
Maj. [unclear]

Dear Maj. Fernandez,

I am furnishing you copies of my communications to Col. Kangleon and Capt. Pablona for your information. As long as our services as members of recognized guerrillas will not be given due recognition, the Leyte Guerrilla Civil Legion, an association organized, one purpose of which is to look after the welfare of those members who have sacrificed for our cause, will always voice peacefully to higher proper authorities.

As you were the Executive Officer, you knew all the situations of the guerrillas, therefore, it is highly desired that you take an active part in seeking recognition of the different organizations attached to recognized units.

It is highly hoped that the Philippine Army Reservists and members of all guerrilla organizations attached to recognized guerrilla outfits, who were forgotten by Pres. Sergio Osmeña, may be remembered by the Hon. President-Elect, Manuel A. Roxas.

Very respectfully,

Melvin Casad
MELVIN CASAD

As the men in any of the organizations have sacrificed their lives and health for the cause of freedom, and especially during this time, we should work to the extent of risking their lives, a responsibility we give to you and wish for the welfare of those who have sacrificed for us and by continuing to support and higher authorities for the recognition of the different organizations which were attached to recognized guerrilla units.

Very respectfully,
Melvin Casad
MELVIN CASAD

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGLISAN

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172 P. de Legaspi St.
Taglisán, Leyte
May 21, 1946

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Taglisán, Leyte
May 21, 1946

Col. Ruperto Kangleon
Maasin, Leyte

Sirs

Having been a member of the movements of the Leyte Guerrilla Forces as Captain of "I" Co., 3rd Bn, Philippine Army Militia, a guerrilla unit attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., under Capt. Filimon Pabilosa, I have the honor to request you to please note the following for your information and consideration:

1. I have gone to the Processing Team II, Unit # 3, 1st Replacement Bn (PA) APO 72, for the purpose of being processed.
2. The different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Service, were considered as separate units even if they were attached to recognized Guerrilla outfits, thus do not appear in the "Table of Recognized Guerrillas."
3. All personnels who belong to the above-mentioned organizations cannot be processed, as per information of the Processing Officers, even if they have the necessary credentials and legal papers.

As evidences of the services we have rendered during this war, we still have in our files some communications, orders, circulars, messages, radiograms, and manifests from the Regimental Headquarters, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., from the Bn Commander, 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd, Div., and from Unit Commanders.

Sir, as the men in any of the organizations herein mentioned really did their duties heroically, faithfully, and efficiently, during this war, and always went to the extent of risking their lives, I respectfully beg you to help and work for the welfare of those who have sacrificed for our cause by petitioning to proper and higher authorities for the recognition of the different organizations which were attached to recognized guerrilla units.

Very respectfully,

Melicio Carson

MELICIO CARSON

UNITED STATES ARMY FORMS IS THE ARMY
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
HEADQUARTERS
LTC/SGT

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Taaluban, Leyte
May 21, 1946

MEMORANDUM

Dear Capt. Fenneman,

This is my third communication and never received an answer. I guess you are so busy.

I am furnishing you copies of my letters to Col. Hengden and Capt. Pabillon for study, reference, and information. I found it futile and unconsoidal to send our men of the different guerrilla organizations to the processing team at Taaluban because said guerrilla units were unrecognized.

May all commanding officers try to produce communications and orders from the Regimental Headquarters of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div. and other Army Offices as evidences that the different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Service really rendered service and are recognized units?

Let us all unite the guerrillistas in order to voice louder to higher authorities if the sacrifices for our cause will just be ignored.

All guerrillas who have voluntarily joined in the guerrilla units in the Philippines and who are duly subjected in accordance with Military Rules, set only to honor, but also to a promise.

Very respectfully,

Melicio Carson
MELICIO CARSON

That all guerrilla units be recognized by the Army and with proper records.

Instruct the WAGTS soldiers and guerrilla men under your command in compliance with paragraph 2c above.

The United States High Command
Manila, P. I. 9 Sept. Infantry 46

(Certified True Copy)

Handwritten note:
The communication is not to be sent to the processing team at Taaluban.

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
USAFFE AT LARGE
LEYTE

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1 December 1942

MEMORANDUM

To All Commanding Officers USAFFE at Large in the Field

1. For your information and guidance this office is publishing the message of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the USAFFE at large in the Philippines as broadcast on November 6, 1942.

a. All soldiers who were duly inducted prior to the order of the General Order of surrender and who have not surrendered and are now engaged in the guerrilla fights in the Philippines are entitled not only to bonus and pension but also damage.

b. All soldiers who were duly inducted prior to the order of the General Order of surrender and who have not surrendered are still hiding in their homes are subject to the Martial Law.

✓ c. All civilians who have voluntarily joined in the guerrilla fights in the Philippines and who are duly inducted in accordance with Military regulations are entitled not only to bonus, but also to a pension.

d. That all guerrilla leaders have the right to commandeer any articles, instruments and the like, useful to the USAFFE and with proper records.

2. Instruct the USAFFE soldiers and guerrilla men under your command in compliance with paragraph "c" above.

The United States High Commissioner
Manila, P. I. 9 Capt. Infantry CO

(Certified True Copy)

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LETYE
MUNICIPALITY OF TACLOBAN

MC/dac

Tacloban, Leye
May 27, 1946

To Whom It May Concern:

I have the honor to furnish the Offices below with these communications and pertinent papers as indicated:

1. Office of the President-Elect

- a. Letter to Commanding General dated May 25, 1946.
- b. Letter to Col. Ruperto Kangleon dated May 22, 1946.
- c. Four (4) copies of personal identifications
- d. Letter Submission - Rosters dated May 27, 1946.
- e. Recommendation of Capt. Pabilona dated March 28, 1946.
- f. Radiogram of Pres. Roosevelt dated Dec. 1, 1942.
- g. Four (4) affidavits of Capt. Filimon Pabilona, dated March 28, 1946.
- h. Philippine Army Militia, Interpretation and Meaning of
- i. Appointments, Corresponding Dates Thereat
- j. Two (2) copies of Induction and Loyalty Oath for Enlisted Men
- k. Three Sheets - Roster of Troops, Philippine Army Militia
- l. Personal History of Guerrilla Participation dated May 7, 1946.
- m. Four (4) affidavits of Lt. Ramon C. Hipe
- n. One Sheet - Roster of Troops for Volunteer Guards

2. Office of the Commanding General, AFWESPAC

- a. Same as those furnished to Office of the President

3. Office of the Adjutant General, Philippine Army

- a. Those checked in item 1.

For reference of complete list of supporting papers, please refer to the Offices of the President and Commanding General, Philippines.

*U. S. High Commissioner
Manila, Philippines*

Very respectfully,

Melencio Carson
MELENCIO CARSON

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BASIC: Ltr fr Melicio Carson, dtd 27 May 1946, subj: "Request for Recognition of Guerrilla Organization."

CGCPO 201-Carson, Melicio 2nd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC, APO 707

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, A.G.O.,
Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Attached as inclosures 11 and 12 are copies of correspondence with reference to subject individual.
2. Attached as inclosures 13 and 14 are the references to the requirements for guerrilla recognition and requirements for casualty recognition which were forwarded with the above correspondence to subject individual.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

14 Inclos:
1-10 n/s
11-14 As cited above

Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan

Basic ltr fr Melicio Carson dtd 27 May 46 requesting recognition of Volunteer Guard Organizations.

1. 1st Ind WD, AGO, Pentagon Building, Washington 25, DC, dtd 30 July 1946 forwarded correspondence re Melicio Carson for appropriate action.
2. 2nd Ind this headquarters to AG/AD, AGO w/following inclos:
1-10 n/s
11-12 Copies of correspondence with reference to subject individual.
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Maj. Douglas C. Murray

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AGPC-s 201 Carson, Melicio
(30 July 46)

1st Ind.

WG/VG/jis/1E529

War Department, A. G. O., Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D. C., 30 July 1946

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO #707,
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

1. For appropriate action.
2. The writer has been informed of this reference.
3. It is requested that this office be advised of the action taken.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ Adjutant General.
/t/ ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Copys ltrs to
Col. Dikit
Hon. Cincos
CG AFWESPAC 707
Capt. Pabilona 17 May 46
" " 20 May 46
Col. Kangelon
Maj. Fernandez
Capt. Pamanian
Stm. 27 May 46
Memo. 1 Dec 42

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 27, 1946

The Secretary of War
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

Sir:

I have the honor to furnish that office copies of my communications to the different guerrilla leaders of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command, and pertinent papers which are the voices and appeals of the people who had sincerely rendered services and sacrificed for our country.

In these organizations, i.e., Philippine Army Militia and Volunteer Guards Service Corp, attached to the 2nd Bn-S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., aside from the different duties assigned to the soldiers under these guerrilla units, several died in action in line of their duties. A certified list of those who died during the interception of the enemies may be furnished to that office if required to do so by competent authorities.

The radiogram of His Excellency, the late President of the United States of America, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as broadcast on 6 November 1942, which is hereto attached, is very specific and if fulfilled and complied with, the Filipinos are rest assured of the sincerity of the American people. Then they will be entitled and benefited as specified in paragraph "c" of said radiogram.

In the name of the soldiers for which I represent, I respectfully appeal to that office for help in the recognition of all guerrilla organizations attached to recognized guerrillas.

It is further hoped that the services and sacrifices of all concerned be given due attention and recognition.

Very respectfully,

Melicio Carson
MELECIO CARSON

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MC/dac

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
June 1, 1946

Colonel Manuel T. Micit
President, Filipino Guerrilla Veterans' Legion
Manila

Sir:

Upon reading the "Evening Herald," issue of May 31, 1946, it is gratifying to note that there is an existing organization headed by you, the purpose of which is to look after the welfare of those who have rendered services in defense of our country.

It is with great pleasure for me to introduce our association, the "Leyte Guerrilla Civic Legion," with Headquarters at Alangalang, Leyte, headed by Capt. Filimon Pabilona, CO of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command, Leyte Guerrilla Forces. There are branches of our association in the province, whose goal is to fight lawfully and peacefully for recognition of real guerrillas which are being cast aside.

May our association have a connection with yours so as to keep abreast with the function of your organization?

I hope that the Guerrilla Organizations be united so as to achieve a common destiny, a realization which will be essential to the happiness and satisfaction to all those who desire.

Sending you copies of my communications to some guerrilla leaders in Leyte and to high Government Offices for study, reference, and information.

Very respectfully,

Helicio Carson
HELICIO CARSON

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172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloben, Leyte
May 31, 1946

Honorable Atilano R. Cino
Representative for Leyte Fifth District
Philippine Congress
Manila

Sir:

Referring to five important evidences in the name of the guerrillas for which I represent, I hereby submit to you the following and beg for help and consideration:

1. That these organizations--Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Service be recommended to proper authorities for recognition, for the following reasons:

a. The above guerrilla organizations which were attached to the 2nd Bn were duly recognized and approved by Capt. Filemon Pabilona, CO of the 2nd Bn, ~~and~~ confirmed and sanctioned by Maj. Alejandro Balderian and Col. Ruperto Kangleon. The services and sacrifices of the soldiers under these guerrilla units in behalf of our country had been actually witnessed as certified by the Battalion and Unit Commanders of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command, as per affidavits which are hereto attached.

b. Communications, orders, circulars, messages, and manifests from the Regimental Headquarters of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command, and from the Battalion and Unit Commanders of the 2nd Bn, are still in our files which serve as testimonies that the soldiers really worked under the control of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div.

c. That paragraph "c" of the radiogram of His Excellency, the Late President of the United States of America, Pres. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is self-explanatory--that only induction in accordance with military rules and regulations entitles civilians to be genuine soldiers of the guerrilla.

d. That the Induction and Loyalty Oath which had been sworn and administered by an authorized representative of the 2nd Bn before the members of the different guerrilla units, considered them real guerrilla soldiers.

Furnishing you copies of my communications to the guerrilla leaders and some Government Offices as the people feel as if they are in need of urgent help in this connection.

It is therefore hoped and recalled that you make the contents of these communications an appeal before the Philippine Congress in one of your sessions.

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Very respectfully,
Melicio Carson
MELICIO CARSON

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGLOBAN

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tagloban, Leyte
May 25, 1946

The Commanding General
AFWESPAC 707
Manila, Philippines

Sir:

After losing hopes and efforts in several attempts to be processed at Processing Team II - Unit # 3, 1st Replacement Battalion, (PA) APO 72, I deem it proper and wise to appeal to supreme authorities to inquire the following information as follows:

1. If these guerrilla organizations--Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Service, are considered recognized units as they have been attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div. These units acted as second line of defense working side by side with the combat section of the 2nd Bn., 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command (LAC), under Capt. Filimon Pabilona, under the overall command of Col. Ruperto Kangleon.
2. The Processing Officers at Processing Team II - Unit # 3, 1st Replacement Battalion (PA), APO 72, interpreted the organizations herein mentioned as separate guerrilla units from the 2nd Bn, and therefore, do not appear in the "Table of Recognized Guerrillas."
3. It must be well understood that, as far as the certifications of the Battalion and Unit Commanders are concerned, as per supporting papers which are hereto attached, they are definite and concise that the different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Service, have been attached to the 2nd Bn S-2, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., which is a recognized guerrilla force under Capt. Pabilona and under the overall command of Col. Kangleon.
4. "Attach," is well defined in the Webster's Dictionary with these meanings: take by legal process; fasten on; connect with; and, adhere. Therefore, if the different guerrilla organizations which were attached to the 2nd Bn, which is then a recognized guerrilla unit, those organizations herein mentioned should also be considered recognized guerrillas.
5. The word "militia," likewise, is defined in the dictionary as "citizens enrolled and drilled as soldiers." Then the name of our organization, Philippine Army Militia, headed by Col. Santiago L. Tingson

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and Maj. Demetrio B. Hechanova Sr., in which I was Commanding Officer of "I" Co., 3rd Bn, was just an appropriate name for some of my men had undergone military training and went to the extent of going to the Japanese occupied areas after the landing of the Liberation Forces, as certified by the Battalion and Unit Commanders.

6. The voluntary connection of the civilians with the Guerrilla fights in the Philippines falls under paragraph "c" in the radiogram of His Excellency the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as broadcast on 6 November 1942. It is self-explanatory that only "induction" in accordance with military rules and regulations, certified by a recognized leader, is enough evidence to entitle a civilian a genuine participant of the guerrilla movements.

7. Processing is made hard by many officers in charge of processing as there is no team work among them. Officers give different and complicated requirements instead of giving assistance to the deserving applicants. It takes a guerrilla member a month or two, if he is lucky enough, before he can be processed. It appears as if there is personal equation.

8. It is highly desired that proper authorities may check the daily accomplishments of the processing teams as it is false to say that there are no persons applying to be processed. If there are few applicants, it is because they have been hopeless, weary, exhausted, and discouraged.

For your study, reference, and information, herewith are attached lawful, legal, and pertinent papers duly signed and certified by the Battalion and Unit Commanders, witnessed by some commissioned officers, who are genuine guerrilla leaders of the 2nd Bn, 95th Inf., 92nd Div., Leyte Area Command.

Whatever help, action, and attention may be extended by that office, which may give due recognition for the welfare of those who have heroically, faithfully, and efficiently sacrificed for our cause, would be highly appreciated by all concerned.

Very respectfully,

Melencio Garson
MELENCIO GARSON

Copy furnished:

- ✓ 1--Secretary of War, Washington D.C.
- 1--The Director of Veteran's Administration, Washington D.C.
- 1--United States High Commissioner, Manila, Philippines
- 1--His Excellency the President of the Philippines
- 1--The Adjutant General

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172 P. de Legas pi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 17, 1946

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF TACLOBAN

SI/Sec

172 P. de Legaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 21, 1946

Col. Ruperto Kangleon
Masin, Leyte

Sir:

Having been a member of the movements of the Leyte Guerrilla Forces as Captain of "F" Co., 2nd Bn, Philippine Army Militia, a guerrilla unit attached to the 2nd Bn 8-2, 99th Inf., 92nd Div., under Capt. Filimon Pabilosa, I have the honor to request you to please note the following for your information and considerations:

1. I have gone to the Processing Team II, Unit # 3, 1st Replacement Bn (PA) APO 72, for the purpose of being processed.
2. The different organizations, like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and Women's Auxiliary Service, were considered as separate units even if they were attached to recognized Guerrilla outfits, thus do not appear in the "Table of Recognized Guerrillas."
3. All personnel who belong to the above-mentioned organizations cannot be processed, as per information of the Processing Officers, even if they have the necessary credentials and legal papers.

As evidences of the services we have rendered during this war, we still have in our files some communications, orders, circulars, messages, radiograms, and manifests from the Regimental Headquarters, 99th Inf., 92nd Div., from the Bn Commander, 2nd Bn, 99th Inf., 92nd Div., and from Unit Commanders.

Sir, as the men in any of the organizations herein mentioned really did their duties heroically, faithfully, and efficiently, during this war, and always went to the extent of risking their lives, I respectfully beg you to help and work for the welfare of those who have sacrificed for our cause by petitioning to proper and higher authorities for the recognition of the different organizations which were attached to recognized guerrilla units.

Very respectfully,

Melicio Canson
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172 P. de Lagaspi St.
Tacloban, Leyte
May 23, 1946

Dear Maj. Fernandez,

I am furnishing you copies of my communications to Col. Kangleon and Capt. Pabilon for your information. As long as our services as members of recognized guerrillas will not be given due recognition, the Leyte Guerrilla Civic Legion, an association organized, one purpose of which is to look after the welfare of those members who sacrificed for our cause, will always voice peacefully to higher proper authorities.

As you were the Executive Officer, you know all the situations of the guerrillistas, therefore, it is highly desired that you take an active part in seeking recognition of the different organizations attached to recognized units.

It is highly hoped that the Philippine Army Reservists and members of all guerrilla organizations attached to recognized guerrilla units, who were forgotten by Pres. Sergio Osmeña, may be remembered by the Hon. President-Elect, Manuel A. Roxas.

Very respectfully,

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172 F. de Legaspi St.
Taaloben, Loyte
May 23, 1946

Dear Capt. Fannian,

This is my third communication and never received an answer.
I guess you are so busy.

I am furnishing you copies of my letters to Col. Manglan and
Capt. Pabilona for study, reference, and information. I found it fu-
tile and uneconomical to send our men of the different guerrilla or-
ganizations to the processing team at Taaloben because said guerril-
la units were unrecognized.

May all commanding officers try to produce communications and
orders from the Regimental Headquarters of the 95th Inf., 92nd Div,
and other Army Offices as evidences that the different organizations,
like the Philippine Army Militia, Volunteer Guards Service Corp, and
Women's Auxilliary Service really rendered service and are recognized
units?

Let us all unite the guerrillistas in order to voice louder
to higher authorities if the sacrifices for our cause will just be
ignored.

Very respectfully,

Melencio Carson
MELENCIO CARSON

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
USAFPE AT LARGE
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1 December 1942

MEMORANDUM

To All Commanding Officers USAFPE at Large in the Field

1. For your information and guidance this office is publishing the message of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the USAFPE at large in the Philippines as broadcast on November 6, 1942.

a. All soldiers who were duly inducted prior to the order of the General Order of surrender and who have not surrendered and are now engaged in the guerrilla fights in the Philippines are entitled not only to bonus and pension but also damage.

b. All soldiers who were duly inducted prior to the order of the General Order of surrender and who have not surrendered are still hiding in their homes are subject to the Martial Law.

✓ c. All civilians who have voluntarily joined in the guerrilla fights in the Philippines and who are duly inducted in accordance with Military regulations are entitled not only to bonus, but also to a pension.

d. That all guerrilla leaders have the right to commandeer any articles, instruments and the like, useful to the USAFPE and with proper records.

2. Instruct the USAFPE soldiers and guerrilla men under your command in compliance with paragraph "c" above.

copy for:
The Secretary of War 9 Capt. Infantry CO
Washington, D.C.
(Certified True Copy)

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LETYE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGLOBAN

Tagloban, Letye
May 27, 1946

To Whom It May Concern:

I have the honor to furnish the Offices below with these communications and pertinent papers as indicated:

1. Office of the President-Elect

- ✓ a. Letter to Commanding General dated May 25, 1946.
- ✓ b. Letter to Col. Ruperto Kangleon dated May 21, 1946.
- ✓ c. Four (4) copies of personal identifications
- d. Letter Submission - Rosters dated May 27, 1946.
- e. Recommendation of Capt. Pabilona dated March 28, 1946.
- ✓ f. Radiogram of Pres. Roosevelt dated Dec. 1, 1942
- g. Four (4) affidavits of Capt. Filomen Pabilona, dated March 28, 1946.
- h. Philippine Army Militia, Interpretation and Meaning of
- i. Appointments, Corresponding Dates Thereat
- j. Two (2) copies of Induction and Loyalty Oath for Enlisted Men
- k. Three Sheets - Roster of Troops, Philippine Army Militia
- l. Personal History of Guerrilla Participation dated May 7, 1946.
- n. Four (4) affidavits of Lt. Ramon C. Hipe
- n. One Sheet - Roster of Troops for Volunteer Guards

2. Office of the Commanding General, AFWESPAC

- a. Same as those furnished to Office of the President

3. Office of the Adjutant General, Philippine Army

- a. Those checked in item 1.

For reference of complete list of supporting papers, please refer to the Offices of the President and Commanding General, Philippines.

*Secretary of War
Washington, D C*

Very respectfully,

MELBICIO CARSON

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