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VICENTE VALDEZ UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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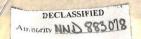
Col Gerald F Lillard:

- 1. Co. "B", 1st Bn., Aurora Farmer's Bn. (Ind) consisting of 92 men, has not been favorably considered. No members have been previously recognized.
- 2. This unit does not fulfill the requirements of the five basic points for recognition. See attached Team Leader's Report.
- 3. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
- 4. There are no members worthy of recognition and there is no evidence that casualties were sustained.

Leon J. Sonders 1st Lt., CAC

Concur: Major C H Wentzell Chief, Unit Inv Sec

Concur: Lt Col S J Palos Chief, Unit Branch



PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APO 707

2 MAY 1947

Mr. Vicente Valdez Bureau of Forestry, Forest Station Ilagan, Isabela Philippines

Dear Mr. Valdeg:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Company "B" Ist Battalion, Aurora Farmer's Battalion, purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

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

a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.

b. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.

- c. A definite organization was not established.
- d. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of emlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- e. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.

It is desired to emphasize that each claimant member of the unit is considered to have had just and adequate appraisal for recognition when his services were evaluated concurrently with this study of the unit with which he claims membership. Individual requests were not necessary nor appropriate then, or now, as their acceptance would in effect constitute unjustified duplication of consideration of one individual by this headquarters. However, this does not preclude submission for casualty recognition by those individuals who are qualified and feel justified in entering such claims. Upon request by interested individuals, appropriate forms will be forwarded.

Your attention is invited to Presidential Executive Order No. 68, Commonwealth of the Philippines, copy of which is attached, for any necessary action in connection therewith.

Sincerely,

l Incl Executive Order No. 68 R. E. CANTRELL

CAPTAIN, AGD

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

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TEAM LEADER'S REPORT

Report on Co "B" , 1st Bn., Aurora Farmer's Bn., Independent

1. On 25 April 1947, Lt. Sonders examined the request for recognition and the unit file of Co "B", 1st Bn., Aurora Farmer's Bn., Ind., Gamu, Isabela.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY:

No history or chronological sequence of activities were submitted to substantiate claim of the subject unit for recognition.

3. FINDINGS:

- a. After a careful examination of the unit file, no field investigation was deemed necessary by the investigating officer.
- b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. A roster of 92 officers and men, who allegedly comprised the unit, and a request for recognition by the unit commander, dated 14 February 1946, were the sole supporting documents submitted. No records of enlistment, inducation, dates of promotions or any other pertinent information relative to the unit are contained in the unit file. There is nothing to support a presumption that the unit was an active guerrilla unit.
- c. Adequate records were not maintained. (See paragraph a. above)
- d. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its officers. No evidence was submitted to imply that the unit ever existed.
- e. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization. No records of the unit are contained in the unit file. There is no reason to believe that such a unit was active or existed.
- f. No useful purpose will be served by further investigation of this unit. There are no members worthy of recognition and there is no evidence that casualties were sustained.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS:

No political affiliations or aspirations are evident.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Co "B", lst Bn., Aurora Farmer's Bn., Inf. be not favorably considered for recognition.

Leon J. Sonders 1st Lt., CAC

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APO 707 21 Mar 46

SUBJECT: Letter of Acknowledgment

20 : Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, APO 75

 This will acknowledge receipt of request for recognition of "B" Company, Aurora Farmers' Battalion, Camu, Isabela.

2. This request has been placed in our files pending investigation of this unit.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTRHANT GENERAL STYER:

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 - 2. Receipt acknowledged to Headquerters, Philippine Army.

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