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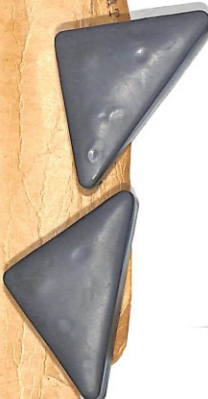
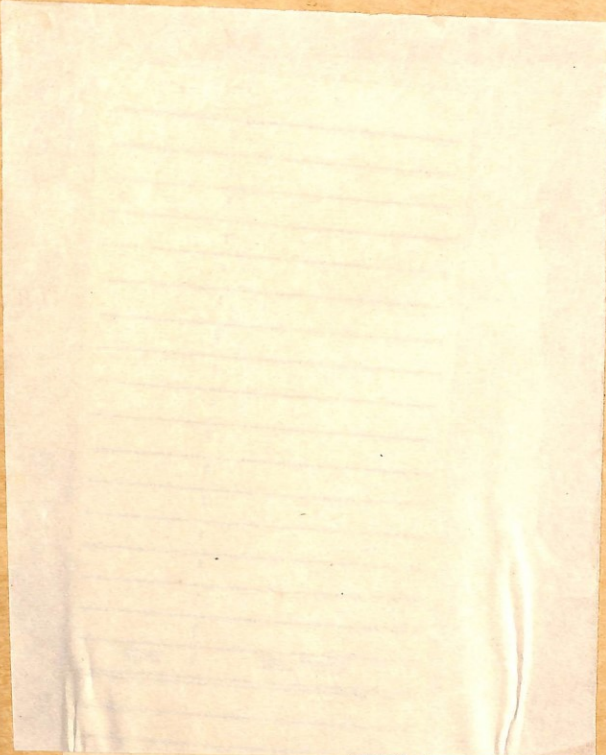
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K TRANSFER - within spot, US or with theater.
L TRANSFER - cont. US to outside cont. US/other theater.
M SEPARATION - battle casualty, missing, captured/ death.
N SEPARATION - other than by death or battle casualty.
O SEPARATION - all dates except killed in action.
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Q TRANSFER to the cont. US from outside cont. US.
R SEPARATED SERVICE
S PRESENT - not assigned - arrival on US.
T PRESENT - used from different.

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1 ABSENT - from duty to AMOL.
2 PRESENT - return to duty from AMOL.
3 PRESENT - arrival of new status, transfer of an unit and within the spot, GS/leaders.
4 ABSENT - sick.
5 PRESENT - from, not yet joined/ absent sick.
6 ABSENT - departure on TO/OS from cont. US if theater, or between theaters.
7 PRESENT - returned from TO/OS.
8 ABSENT - departure on US within cont. US or within theater.
9 ABSENT - departure on TO/OS to the cont. US from outside the cont. US.
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BALIAN UNIT, MARKING'S FIL-AMERICAN TROOPS

NAME OF UNIT

ELIAS CORVITE
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Roster of troops (Balian Unit, MFAT)
4. History of the Unit
5. NFC ltr, Hq, PHILRYCOM, dtd 21 Apr'47 w/TLR by Lt W. Brown
(Balian Unit, MFAT - STR: 412)

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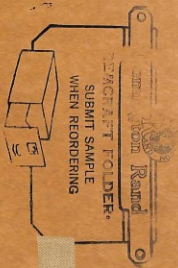
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FROM : Dr. Elias Corvite

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OFFICER TAKING ACTION (and initials)

2nd Lt Wilmore K. Brown

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TO:

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col. Gerald F. Lillard:

1. The Balian Unit, Marking's Fil-American Troops consisting of 412 men, has not been favorably considered. No members have been previously recognized.
2. This unit does not fulfil the five basic points for recognition. (See attached Team Leader's Report)
3. No useful purpose will be served by any further investigation of this unit.
4. There are no members worthy of recognition, and the unit suffered no casualties.

1. Concur: Capt S. C. Buchanan
Chief, Southern Luzon

(Sgd) *Wilmore K. Brown by S.C.B.*
2nd Lt, INF

2. Concur: Major C. H. Wentzell
Chief, Unit Inv Sec

3. Concur: Lt Col S. J. Palos
Chief, Unit Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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21 APR 1947

Dr. Elias Corvite
c/o Hqs Marking's Fil-American Troops
2739 Rizal Avenue Extension
M a n i l a

Dear Dr. Corvite:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Ballian Unit, MFAT, 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:

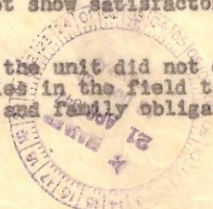
- a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.
- b. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.
- c. A definite organization was not established.
- d. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions and necessary related information).
- e. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its leader.
- f. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.
- g. Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupation and family obligations.

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This decision on the proposed unit roster 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,

1 Incl:
Executive Order No. 68

THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

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Report on the "Balian Unit, Marking's Fil-American Troops"

1. On 3 March 1947 Lt Wilmore K Brown proceeded to investigate the "Balian Unit, Marking's Fil-American Troops".

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See attached unit file)

3. FINDINGS:

a. The following persons were interviewed, and their statements are reflected in the findings:

Col A M David	CO, III Army Corps
Maj Dr Elias Corvite	CO, subject unit
Lt Bruce Ditmas Bromley, Jr	GAD
S/Sgt Gotlieb Niegum	GAD

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. The subject unit did not present evidence of any kind to substantiate its claimed existence and activities.

c. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy. The roster of the subject unit is exactly coincidental with the roster of the "Magdalena-Sta Cruz Sector Unit, III Army Corps, FAIT". Personnel within these duplicated rosters are claiming activities in two wholly unrelated sectors of operation. Many of these claimed activities occurred simultaneously. Such gross misrepresentation can only be interpreted as an attempt, on the part of those persons listed in the two identical rosters, to defraud the U.S. Government.

d. A definite organization was not established by this unit. The roster of the subject unit is in no way similar to a recognized table of organization. Personnel are listed in the roster as Air Raid Wardens, Runners, Fire Watchers, Morale Workers, etc. Approximately one third of the personnel within this unit are women and assisted the unit on a part-time basis only.

e. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its commanding officer.

f. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization. The unit claims to have organized 8 Dec 1943, however, the unit does not claim any activities prior to 1945, outside of the gathering of supplies for themselves.

g. According to the findings of the investigation of

the Magdalena-Sta Cruz Sector Unit, III Army Corps, conducted by Lt Bruce Ditmas Bromley, Jr, this unit has absolutely no grounds on which to have a request for recognition.

Col A M David, comdg III Army Corps, has stated, in effect, that the subject unit is worthless.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS: This unit does not appear to have any political aspirations or affiliations.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommend that the Balian Unit, Marking's Fil-American Troops be not favorably considered for recognition.

(SGD)

Wilmore K. Brown
WILMORE K BROWN

2nd Lt

Inf

by S.C.B.

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CP 3rd BN, 46th REGT, 44th DIV, HUNTERS ROTC GUERRILLAS

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AN APPENDIX TO THE ROSTER OF THE BALIAN UNIT OF THE MARKINGS FIL-AMERICAN TROOPS SUBMITTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 1945 TO THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE BY THE COMPANY COMMANDER Capt. VICTOR R. SALAMATIN.

HISTORY OF THE UNIT

When I organized this Guerilla Unit, I was not imbued by any other motive than my love to my country in which my friends, relatives, family and I live. I was not expecting any remuneration but because I was aware of the fact that men of equal belief and civic spirit as mine have already left their homes and families to defend and protect our democratic leanings which the Japanese invaders were trying to supplant with their antiquated form of government inconsistent with our modern customs and modes of living. Not a few of men from the Sierra Madre mountains and from mountains of Riza l province had come to me for their daily bread but because I did not have sufficient means to give them, I had to dispose of my five cows remaining in the barrie of Dambu in the municipality of Pañgil, Laguna as well as the fruits of my coconuts trees for their subsistence. Later on I found it convenient to appoint supply officers in the town to remedy the situation which was becoming worse and worse every day.

Many undesirable elements of the Ganap Party who believed in the invincibility of the Japanese Empire, accused most of the prominent Nacionalistas in the municipality to be pro-Americans. We were prosecuted and we sought the protection of the Provincial Governor who issued us surrender papers, but the Japanese and the Ganap were not satisfied with these. We were taken to the Garrison in Siniloan, Laguna where I was tortured by tying my hands and legs and applying to me their dreadful water cure from ten (10:00 A. M.) to five (5:00 P. M.) without food. This was on March 24, 1943.

After our release, I felt a greater desire to help in any way the cause of the Guerillas. I tried to communicate with them and on April 16th of that same year I succeeded contacting General Field Commander Lt. Col. Leon Z. Cabalhin who gave me some useful advises with regard to the proper method of continuing organizing guerilla units. From that date with the help of a handful of civic spirited men in the town, I began to eradicate Sakdalism through secret propaganda and even threat of which work we had been successful.

On June 23rd., 1943, two American soldiers Capt. Gotlieb Neigum and 1st. Lt. George Lightman of the Markings Organization transferred their quarters in Balian where I live when we had to maintain them in spite of the danger of being spied by some pre-Japanese elements. During their stay our Women Auxiliary Service had rendered very good service to these two Americans

When the Japanese soldiers were beginning zoning of the town on July 24, 1943, 1st Sgt. Policarpe Valine advanced the news to me of the movement of the enemies. I hurriedly went to the house of my 2nd. Lieut. Escolastico Nebria where these two brave Americans Officers were having their hideout. The Japanese had already posted their guards at almost all points of exit from the town. There was very little chance of escape and so we had to risk their lives by guiding them through open rice fields to the shore of Laguna de Bay escorted by our 2nd. Lieut. Oscar Icarangal, 1st. Sgt. Amando Salinas and Sgt. Pio Valine of the Combat Bateau. They remained there among the thick growth of water lilies and thickets until they felt safe to row in a banca to the other side of the lake. They were supplied with food by the members of our women auxiliary service.

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After this, I too, though of a plan of my own escape towards the mountains of the Sierra Madre but after some careful deliberations I decided to remain in the town fearing that without my presence in the concentration place, some of my comrades might break the secret of the existence of our organization and would surely cause the torture and even death of men and women of Pangil. I was hiding under a stone bridge in the barrio when a crier (pre-genero) was announcing in loud voice the order of the Japanese that all male inhabitants from fifteen years up to sixty must remain in their homes until the next day. I was all wet to the skin and this announcement gave me a chance to return to my house which is only about 30 meters distance from the bridge to change my cloth, but my surprise was great when I saw that the Japanese had already occupied my house. They used this for grilling and torturing room of those who were suspected to be fighting for the cause of Democracy. I was taken to the chapel with all the male inhabitants included in the age limit. I was among the first six that were called before a Captain with five soldiers and one interpreter. They tied my hands and feet and the interpreter in harsh voice told me in Tagalog (Magsasabi ka ng totoo) You must tell the truth. I was not even ready to give the answer when I received blows on my neck and back with a piece of wood about forty inches long and one and a half inches in diameter. Then he continued (Ikaw ang Capitán ng mga guerilla dito sa bayan?) Are you the Captain of the guerillas in this barrio? I was just beginning to answer the question in the negative when again I received terrific blows and kicks from the interpreter and the soldiers. I fell down on the concrete floor senseless and when I recovered I found that I was being held up by the soldiers. I was returned to the chapel where my companions were. We were more than three hundred men herded in a room hardly eight meters by twelve meters.

Inside the chapel I had had time to think of a plan to save my companions for I was not expecting my release any more. I believe I was going to be killed. I secretly communicated with the rest of my men to tell the Japanese if they were ever asked to identify the guerillas in the town to point me as the only one, and that they knew this because I, Victor Salamatín was trying to recruit men for a guerilla unit but he felt to do so because nobody wanted to join him.

Very few had yet been called to the investigation room after my turn when again I was conducted before that dreadful Captain. I was tied again and hung up for about twenty minutes receiving blows after blows and lashings from the soldiers and interpreter. I admitted then that I was really a guerilla captain and that my immediate superior was Major Reynoso, who at that time was already dead. I had no men under me in the town because nobody wanted to join my organization. In this way I was able to save my companions with the exceptions of one Cirilo Martínez, who was formerly a rabid Ganap that reconciled to the side of the guerillas through our propaganda. He was killed because he admitted that he was a spy of the guerillas. We were released after three long days of confinement without food. Thanks God.

During the months of October, November, and December of the year 1943, under authority conferred upon me by General Field Commander Lt. Col. Leon Z. Cabalhin, I succeeded in re-organizing three companies in the Santa Cruz-Magdalena sector composing of four hundred eighty six men. This Battalion was a regiment under the command of Lt. Col. Melanio Santos under

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and supervision of Col. Hugh Straughn organized on October 27, 1942. Its members were from Santa Cruz, Magdalena, Majayjay and Barrio Buenavista of Nagearlan all in the province of Laguna. The meeting was held in the house of 1st. Lt. Dersee Sarache at Los Baños, Laguna.

On the same year 1943, about the month of August, Lt. Col. Melanie Santos and Captain Apelinario Abuel were captured and killed by the Japanese soldiers in Santa Cruz and their soldiers were scattered, some of them attaching to other guerrilla organizations. By December of the same year the regiment composing of three companies was reorganized and placed under the command of Dr. Elias Gervite, M. D. with the rank of Major.

After this difficult task, I was again arrested on January 24, 1944 by the Japanese and taken to Sinilean Garrison with my Executive Officer Esteban Icarañgal and soldiers Raymundo Galae and Potenciano Cahigas for investigation. Once there, I was again subjected to rigid investigation and torture in spite of my weak physical condition for I was sickly at that time. I was tied and hung up again for about fifteen minutes after which I was returned to the prison room. My Executive officer Esteban Icarañgal being the acting Major of Pañgil, was detained for only a short time. Raymundo Galae and Potenciano Cahigas were released after five days. I was made to remain in prison for sixteen long days. I was accused of giving subsistence to the guerillas of the Hunters organization who were having their camps within the municipality of Pañgil. I was able to convince these cruel Japanese soldiers that the Markings organization to which I belonged as shown in my surrender paper would not give any help to the Hunter organization for they were great rivals. They hated each other more than they hated the Japanese. With this argument I was able to make them believe that I was innocent. I was released but not after I have suffered many tortures, and privations.

Before this incident I wish to mention herewith the following fact. That in spite of our efforts to eradicate the wrong idea of the Ganaps to help the Japanese invaders in their work of bringing the Filipines to their sides, still there were some elements in the town headed and influenced by the municipal Mayor of Pañgil Zeile Pajarille, who used to admonish the people in public meetings and in private talks to give the Japanese their full cooperation. He criticized the guerillas and branded their organizations as society of traitors and fools, and so I decided to make the necessary step tooust him from this vantageous position in the government. I remembered that to him was attributed the captured and death of many gallant guerillas such as Lt. Col. Dominador Balugay, soldier Valeriano Adevas, Sotero Laberinte, Eusebio Peñaejas and others as well as the imprisonment of other persons in the guerilla organizations. I personally conferred with the Provincial Governor and Representative Marcelo Zorilla so that my executive officer and 1st. Lt. Esteban Icarañgal be appointed to the Majorship of Pañgil in his stead. Luckily the position was vacant at the time for Mayor Pajarille was temporarily suspended. Without vacillation my recommendation was granted and since then the guerillas had some liberty to come to town to enjoy once in a while the town life with their families and friends. Our organizations was able to do better work in helping the guerillas in the Sierra Madre. Through the Neighborhood Association leaders, we were able to make regular collections of whatever materials the patriots needed. Our Women auxiliary service members were at some liberty to perform their jobs because their works was supervised by the incumbent executive officer Lt. Esteban Icarañgal, the Mayor of Pañgil without endangering themselves of being spied.

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; This unit dedicated its main task in supplying food materials and other commodities to the guerillas in the Sierra Madre mountains and around the municipality without distinction of organization - hunters, markings, fil-american, and hukblahap receive all available helps from us.

To mention some of the many instances in which our unit had shown special efforts in supplying food and other commodities to the guerillas during the resistance movement period the following are hereby cited:

1. Thirty three gantas of rice every week collected from the town people thru the leaders of the neighborhood association under the supervision of my executive officer, Lt. Esteban Icarañgal for almost three months to feed guerilla units under Major Adricula, Major Quinciano de Ramos, Major F. Aquino, and Capt. Tan of the Hunters. (1944)
2. One thousand five hundred fifty pesos in cash with which to buy some rice and other commodities for the men under Captain Madrigal of the Hukblalahap from supply member Paz Tady, Eulogia Cawasa, and Isidora Laberinto. Also clothing and office supplies. (1944)
3. Five sacks of palay from my executive officer, Esteban Icarañgal at the request of Lt. Antonio Manalo of the Hunters. (1944)
4. Seventeen sacks of palay given by supply members of Balian Mrs. Antonia Salamatín, given to Captain San Juan, Captain Villa and Lieut. Lazo: 12 sacks from the municipal bldg; 2 sacks from own house and 3 sacks from the house of supply members Marcelle Baline, also of the Hunters. (1943)
5. Seven cows taken by Fil-American irregular troops under Major Obligation by supply members Maria R. Cruz.
6. Eight ca vases of Rice given to guerilla (Hunters) under Major Terry Magtangel, while stationed in the house of a couple Andres Corenacion and Fernanda Organza in Salasalahan from supply member Maria R. Cruz.
7. Cloth, old shoes, and cigarettes for the men of Major Quinciano de Ramos given by supply members Eulogia Cawasa and Isidora Laberinto. (1944)
8. Four pigs given in four occasions to Antonio Bautista of the Hunters from Neighborhood Association leaders under the supervision of my executive officer, Mayor Esteban Icarañgal. (1944)
9. Five chickens every day for fifteen days given by the residents of Pañgil collected by the members of our unit under the management of my executive officer, Mayor Esteban Icarañgal to feed guerilla units in the vicinity taken by Antonio Bautista of the Hunters. (1944)
10. Medical supplies consisting of quinine tablets and tincture of iodine given to a guerilla party under Lt. Gale de Guia of the Hunters collected by supply member Paz Tady Icarañgal. (1944)
11. Office supplies given to Lt. Gale de Guia of the Hunters at the request of Captain Fabia from my executive officer Esteban Icarañgal. (1944)

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12. Rice and chickens collected by supply members Antonia Salamatin, Leonor Galao, Macaria Adrada and Maria C. Nebria for guerilla units under Major Francisco Aquino and Major Quinciano de Ramos both of the Hunters. (1944)

13. Five sacks of palay and several cavanos of rice and money were given by supply member Segunda A. de Guia, to Hunters and Fil-American. (1943)

14. Twenty five pesos and office supplies including a typewriter machine taken by Ambrocio Zaide of the Hukbalahap from Maria R. Cruz and Deogracias de Ramos. (1943)

15. One typewriter "Underwood Standard 12" and five cavanos of palay taken by Ricardo Agda of the Hunters from supply member Antonia Salamatin. (1944)

16. Five gantas of corn every week for eleven weeks given to Antonio Bautista of the Hunters by supply member Eulogia Cawasa.

17. One cavan of palay given to Agustin Lize of the Hunters by the same member Eulogia Cawasa.

After liberation of the province of Laguna on April 4, 1945, our men through guidance of Mayor Esteban Icarafal, who is also my executive officer devoted their time in freeing our place from the Japanese stragglers who come around the municipality of Pañgil, stealing carabaos, pigs, chickens, rice, fruits, etc and killing the inhabitants if they ever happened to go outside the town. The activities of our unit consisted in raiding the Japanese camps sometimes in cooperation with the American soldiers and sometimes alone by themselves as shown in the following data I obtained from the office of the municipal secretary of Pañgil and from my own records:

April 9, 1945... Two Japanese snipers were sighted in sitio Lakyan. One was killed by volunteer guard who are also members of our unit.

May 19, 1945... Another Japanese sniper was killed in the barrio of Sulib by one of my men.

May 22, 1945... A group of seven Japanese snipers entered the town and were driven away. One Japanese was wounded.

May 29, 1945... Fifteen Japanese snipers were seen in Labac. The Volunteer guards drove them away.

May 31, 1945... American and Filipino soldiers with some of my men went scouting at sitio Tanawan and killed three Japanese.

June 11, 1945... American soldiers of the second brigads went scouting at sitio "Kaliugin Ng Bayan" where they killed six Japanese. One American soldier was wounded.

June 2^o, 1945... A group of my men went to Labac where some Japanese snipers were sighted by one Angel Balitactac but when my men arrived there, the Japanese had already gone.

June 30, 1945... Custodio Nebria, one of my soldiers captured one Japanese sniper. He turned him over to the Mayor.

July 1, 1945... Another man of my unit captured two Japanese snipers. They were turned over to the MP by the Mayor.

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July 8, 1945... About fifty of my men with two American soldiers went scouting at sitio Tanawan where they found some Japanese stragglers stealing bananas. One Japanese was killed and another was captured. The latter was taken to the Camp of the 3rd Division in Mabitan, Laguna.

July 9, 1945... About thirty Japanese were sighted by some civilians in sitio Caloocan. My men went after them and after a short encounter the Japanese retreated towards the mountains. The casualties are not known.

July 13th, 1945... About twenty of my men went scouting at sitio Pi-it where they killed thirty Japanese. No casualties on our side.

July 15, 1945... One Japanese was killed at sitio Pinagkas-kuhan by ten of our men.

July 16, 1945... A group of our men went scouting at sitio Lamao. They sighted five Japanese who threw one hand grenade at them wounding slightly one volunteer guard on the left eye. He was rushed to the Provincial Hospital for treatment.

July 19, 1945... One Japanese was sighted in Balisan. He was chased by our men along rice fields and was killed at the mouth of Pañgil River.

July 22, 1945... Our volunteer guards found twenty Japanese snipers encamped at sitio Polvorista. They escaped toward the Sierra Madre leaving behind many of their belongings. In the afternoon, the same group of our men found eight Japs snipers in the barrio of Sulib. Three of them were killed and the rest escaped towards the mountains. It is believed some of them were wounded.

July 24, 1945... A group of thirty of our men went scouting at sitio Laguinlin where they killed two Japanese officers, one Captain and one 1st. Lieut. The rest escaped to the mountains leaving behind in their camp one rifle, two sabers and one pack.

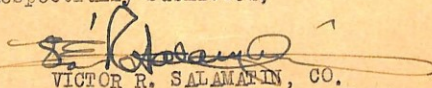
July 27, 1945... Our men killed two snipers at sitio Polvorista. Their companions escaped to the mountains, leaving one rifle, some Japanese flags, and other personal belongings. The flags were taken by the American soldiers.

July 29, 1945... A group of our men went scouting at sitio Laguinlin where they found another Japanese camp. Ten snipers were killed in this place. They found four sabers, four rifles, flags, and other belongings scattered in their camps.

In closing this supplementary brief of the life history of the Balisan Unit of the Markings Fil-American Troops, it is the desire of all the members of this unit to request the proper authorities the immediate recognition of all the members of this organization without which many of those who remained in hiding during the resistance movement would have suffered tortures and other brutalities at the hands of the unmerciful Japanese soldiers. They may have perished of hunger or died from diseases. Thus they would not have been able to see the new Philippines.

We believe that we who have suffered more physical and mental tortures; we who had always been in the constant risk of being garrisoned under suspicion of being guerillas; we who have sacrificed our means and efforts to the just cause also deserve recognition as those whom we honestly helped during that critical period when the lives of the Filipinos were of little worth to the Japanese people.

Respectfully submitted,


VICTOR R. SALAMATIN, CO.
Markings Fil-American Troops, Balisan
Unit-Pañgil, Laguna.

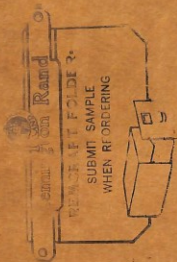
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ROSTER OF SANTA CRUZ MAGDALENA SECTOR MARKING FIL-AMERICAN TROOPS ORGANIZED ON DECEMBER 8, 1943 BY CAPTAIN VICTOR R. SALAMATIN, COMPANY COMMANDER OF THE BALLIAN UNIT, MARKINGS FIL-AMERICAN TROOPS AS PER AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF Lt. COL. LEON Z. CABALHIN OF THE MARKINGS FIL-AMERICAN TROOPS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 1945.

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 Captain Atty. Maximino Frenoso, Executive Officer
 Captain Mr. Pedro Isipin, Field Inspector
 Captain Dr. Alfredo Laico, Intelligence at Large
 Captain Pablo Evidente, Supply Admor. & WAS Inspector
 1st. Lieut. Deroteo Saracho, Press & Propaganda at Large
 1st. Lieut. Rev. Marceline Ella, Chaplain
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 Sixto Vida, Sergeant.
 Maria V. Cervite, Sergeant.
 Adelaida Ballo, Sergeant.
 Arceli Arguense, Sergeant.
 Asuncion Guzano, Sergeant.
 Corazon Otado, Sergeant.
 Conchita Crizpin, Sergeant.
 Flora Purisima, Sergeant.
 Adoracion Robina, Sergeant.
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 Celedonia Creido, Sergeant.

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2nd. Lieut. Pauline Mirasol
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 Sergt. Maximino Flores
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 " Patricio Ferte
 " Emiliano Mercado
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 " Pedro Unale
 " Simeon Arinasa
 Pvt. Daniel Bucal
 " Zesine Javel
 " Irineo Zarnosa
 " Felix Zargosa
 " Pedro Creido Evidente
 " Maximo Sagasin

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 1st. Sergt. Sisenando de Mesa
 Sergt. Alfredo de Luna
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 " Roberto Agawin
 " Mauricio Bergancia
 Pfc. Rufino Mercado
 " Felix Ferte
 " Raymundo Userie
 Pvt. Guillermo Albaron
 " Cezar Mistica
 " Telesforo Garcia
 " Valentin Alisund
 " Maximiano Bukal
 " Leopoldo Purisima

MARKINGS FIL-AMERICAN TROOPS
STA. CRUZ, MAGDALENA SECTOR

Put. Remigio Erog
 " Hugo de Mesa
 " Ciriaee Arinea
 " Salvador Miel.
 " Francisco Roman
 " Senion Roman
 " Clemente Velasco
 " Francisco Fernandez
 " Lucas de Jesus

Put. Hilarie Perez
 " Felix Saleta
 " Napeken Esperanza
 " Ismael Sune
 " Bernardo Susane
 " Maximine Butieg
 " Felino Mendoza
 " Lorenzo Tezade
 " Irineo Cube

Transportation and Coast
Platoon

2nd. Lieut. Belen Aventurado
 Sgt. Ambrosio Villenar
 " Nicano Sandoval
 Cpl. Aniceto Cube
 " Lope Gabriel
 " Pedro Brosas
 Pfc. Marceline Lumalang
 " Marcelo Abante
 " Marceline Seval
 Pvt. Januarie Flores
 " Vicente Exequiel
 " Marcelo Monilon
 " Pablo Freginal
 " Cosme Forte
 " Antonio Magdangan
 " Juan Terie
 " Germiniano Bergancia
 " Florentine Presidente
 " Aniceto Aquino
 " Sergio Majar
 " Demetrio Ranes
 " Teodoro Cupen
 " Pedro Forte
 " Celso Sune

Explosives, Demolition &
Construction Platoon

2nd Lieut. Roberto Reodica
 Sgt. Eleuterio Araya
 " Eduardo Francisco
 Cpl. Teodoro Divine
 " Florentine Resel
 " Francisco Platere
 Pfc. Telesforo Aguilar
 " Nemesio Arow
 " Setero Pabula
 Pvt. Andres Repaspi
 " Elpidio Duajon
 " Felino Mendoza
 " Rufino Artizada
 " David Gavaleño
 " Amado Meruenas
 " Eladio Arpabioso
 " Luis Orilla
 " Dominador Arinaza
 " Sixto Arow
 " Pascual Araza
 " Tomas Unala
 " Ramon Busho
 " Ignacio Meruenas
 " Pedro Suman

Plaing. Fire & Evacuation
Platoon

2nd. Lieut. Gregorio Cudel
 Sgt. Jaime Orilla
 Sgt. Themesteles Abayari
 Cpl. Santiago Factor
 " Isabele Megre
 " Severino Fabricio
 Pfc. Camilo Bukal
 " Eligio Pabula
 " Ceferiano de los Santos
 " Juan Gueron
 " Buenaventura Claudel
 " Leopoldo Sebrevinas
 " Conrado Evidente
 " Florentino Bautista
 " Baltazar Bukal
 " Silvestre Garce
 " Moises Lubugan
 " Santos Arizala
 " Aniceto Gabolene
 " Anastasio Demaano
 " Dominico Paelan
 " Hospicio de Luna
 " Delfin de Luna
 " Severino Raymundo

Signal Airwarden & Runners
Platoon

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 Sgt. Icasiano Milhando
 Sgt. Luisito Guzano
 Cpl. Pedro Lumalang
 " Jose Ballo
 " David Zalde
 Pfc. Redelfo Erog
 " Alberto Queres
 " Domingo Rosales
 " Cresenciano Jabay
 " Rogasiano Arguenses
 " Felipe Ortega
 " Domingo Merrille
 " Alejandro Arenide
 " Lepe Debales
 " Leoncio Jeeson
 " Alfredo Abuel
 " Vidal Rivera
 " Catalina Casisela
 " Amparo Arguenses
 " Salud Menserrat
 " Salud Agawin
 " Magdalena Forte
 " Fernina Chipongian

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 1st. Sgt. Lorenzo Francia
 Tech. Sgt. Gribaldo Presidente
 Mess Sgt. Juan Quieres
 Sergeant Leopoldo Rivera, Company Clerk

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 Maximino Macang, 1st Sgt.
 Jose Espinosa, Sgt.
 Estela Isipin, "
 Gerazon Guzano "
 Juliana Guzano "
 Gloria Adepoia Pfc.
 Iluminada Laice "
 Trinidad Laice "
 Mrs. Jose Laice "

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 PLATON

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 " Amado Devine
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 " Quirino Crisostomo
 " Felipe Abulencia
 " Andres Platero
 " Generoso Evidente
 " Juanito Areza
 " Juanito Sabado
 " Cecilio Sabado
 " Elpidio Cesme

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 Sgt. Arsenio Francia
 " Sergio Criste
 Cpl. Andres Bukal
 " Maximo Robiales
 " Antonio Jucal
 Pfc. Eleuterio Guivana
 " Benigno Psuena
 " Angelina Purisima
 " Caster de Mesa
 " Florentino Tapado
 " Leon Otmado
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 " Elias Francia

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 " Mariano Arguenoso
 " Andres Luzano
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 " Vicente B. Evidente
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 " Rosendo Arinoza
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 " Manele Kabigting
 " Roman Abulencia
 " Germiniano Juca
 " Gregorio Flores
 " Melcher Magdame

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 " Felix Lubugín
 " Matias de Jesus
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 " Basilio Royena

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 " Carmen Laice
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 " Francisce Baltazar
 " Brute Criste
 " Gregorio Cudele
 " Wenceslao de la Cruz
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 " Magne Curbano
 " Paster Rendilla
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 Cpl. " Solidad Dudan
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 " " Rosita Orilla
 Pfe. " Alfredo Rivera
 " " Victorino de Luna
 " " Gorgonio Kagayutan
 Pvt. " Ceferino Bukal
 " " Andres Trusade
 " " Joaquin Laba
 " " Sergio Laba
 " " Eugenio Sabado
 " " Deogracias Perez
 " " Rufe Esperanza
 " " Luis Lubugín
 " " Guillermo Samparada
 " " Bayani Magdangan
 " " Guillermo Gozo
 " " Aneceto Cube
 " " Isaura Fernandez
 " " Exequiel Patricio

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My aim in reproducing this roster is to gain our rights which for long three years my men have fought for the cause of Democracy.

Our founders Lt. Col. Melanio Santos, Apolinar Abue, Major and Executive and 1st. Lieut. Deroteo Sarache, they did not hesitate in contacting Col. Hugh Straughn, U. S. A., because they believed that America will never give up. Early on October 27, 1942, the time when they consulted with the late Col. Hugh Straughn, the aim of organizing guerilla unit and they succeeded in organizing the Fil-American Irregular Troops, where these men and women were formerly belongs; but as the unfortunate founders were been captured and killed by the Japanese Army and because of the heavy pressure that the Japanese Army were zoning our men were scattered except the Combat Platoons, under supervisions of Capt. Pedro Isipin.

One day way back on October, November and December, thanks for the bravery of Capt. Victor R. Salamatina of the Markings Fil-American Troops, these service men and women were reorganized and were inducted to the Markings Fil-American Troops on December 8, 1943.

One of Our activities before the liberation were the following;

The raid of the train coming from Sta. Cruz, where we have killed 7 Japanese soldiers, 1943. And others which we will prove later, *or during processing.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, January 29, 1946.

S. Elias S. Corvite

DR. ELIAS S. CORVITE, M. D.
BATTALION COMMANDER, MARKINGS FIL-AMERICAN TROOPS-STA. CRUZ MAGDALENA SECTOR, LAGUNA, PHILS.

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GENERAL ORDERS

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Check list for Investigation Teams and Determination of
 Guerrilla Units or Individuals for Recognition

1. BAIAN UNIT, PANGIL, LAGUNA
 Name of Unit Location
- (a) MARRINE'S FIL-AMERICAN TROOPS
 Name of overall command
- (b) MARRINE AGUSTIN PALACE
 Name of overall commanding officer Address
- (c) ELIAS CORVITE PANGIL
 Name of unit commanding officer Address
- (d) 11 AB DIV (ALLEGED)
 Name of using unit
- (e) COL STRAUGHIN 8 DEC 43
 Authority for organization of unit. 1) date organized 2) date reorganized
 3) inactivated 31 AUG 45

(f) Strength in officers and EM

1942	<u>351</u>	1943	<u>481 (415)</u>
1944	<u>312</u>	1945	<u>412</u>
1946			

- (g) Personnel lost:
- used for replacements to other units
 - : because of dissatisfaction with units
 - : because of inter-unit quarrels
 - : Casualties (Unit)(Ind) dead wounded

(h) Personnel:

USAFFE	No. officers	EM
P.A.	No. officers	EM
P.S.	No. officers	EM
Civilians	No. officers	EM

BALANCE

Personnel procure copies of any S.O., that may affect any of the personnel.

2. Equipment:

(a) Weapons available (type)

1942	<u>10</u>	1943	<u>26</u>
1944	<u>53</u>	1945	<u>178 - 201</u>
1946			

How procured

captured; donated

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(b) Transportation available Trucks _____ Motor Cars _____
How procured purchase _____ confiscation _____
capture _____ military necessity _____

(c) Radios available for broadcasts _____
Radios available for reception _____

(d) Weapons still in hands of unit 0

(e) Weapons turned in by unit all To whom NPC

3. Activities including type During occupation Liberation
(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____
(f) HISTORY
(g) _____
(h) _____
(i) _____
(j) _____

(additional papers can be added)

4. Accomplishments (chronological sequence)
(a) 0
Destruction of Phil. property (bridges) etc.
(b) 0
Destruction of Japanese
(c) 0
Capture of Japanese property (including type)
(d) ?
Enemy casualties

5. Methods used to procure supplies in local areas.
(a) SOME
Amount purchased
(b) all
Amount donated
(c) none
Captured from Japanese
(d) none
Landed from planes or other methods by U.S.

6. Contact and Liaison maintained with other units. (friendly - otherwise)
(a) 2906
Name of units Locations

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7. Conflicts with other Guerrilla units. NONE Cause.
8. Contact has been made by team with available sources for information.
- (a) Civilians in areas
- (b) Local governmental authorities
- (c) Local M.P. Units as to present condition concerning unit under investigation
- (d) (SEE REPORT)
Any other reliable source
9. (SEE REPORT)
Control of unit by their own officers
10. NONE
Units present activities
11. NONE
Political aspects
12. NONE
Condition of equipment on hand (all types)
13. (SEE REPORT)
Influencing factors not otherwise specified

Signature of all officers from GAD working case.

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