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UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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- 2. Investigating Officer's Notes
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REMARKS:

No record of request for recognition or supporting papers on file for this unit.

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Col Gerald F. Lillard:					
1. The San Juan MP Unit, Fil-American Irregular Troops, consisting of 356 men, has not been favorably considered. Two (2) members have previously been 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 served by further investigations of this unit.					
4. All worthy members have been recognized with the exception of those casualties which cannot be identified.					

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HEADQUARTERS
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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Dr. Lino de la Concepcion 20 Sta. Mesa Manila. Philippines

Dear Dr. Concepcion:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Gan Juan MP Unit, FAIT, 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 enemey.
- c. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
 - d. A definite organization was not established.
- e. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- f. Bank of members was considered to be too high for the actual size of the command maintained in the field.
- g. The number of officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, was excessive and not reasonably proportionate to the United States Army or to pre-war Philippine Army table of organization.
- h. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its leaders.

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- i. Sphere of operations and unit strength claimed by the unit were not commensurate with the nature of the terrain, limitation of communication facilities, and the degree of anti-resistance activities of the Japanese in the area during the period concerned.
- i. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.
- k. Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian cecupation and family obligations.
- 1. Many members apparently lived at home, supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits, and assisted the guerrilla unit on a part time basis only.

It is considered that the previous recognition of 2 officers from the San Juan MP Unit, FAIT, who were recognized by the Commanding General, Sixth Army, for their aid during the liberation of the Philippines, consti-tutes adequate and just acknowledgement of military service.

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.

7 Incl Executive Order No. 68 dated 26 Sept 45

Gol Gerald F. Lillard:

THOMAS J. BROWN CWO, USA ASST ADJ GEN

- 1. The San Juan MP Unit, Fil-American Irregular Troops, consisting of 356 men, has not been favorably considered. 2 members have previously been recognized.
- 2. This unit does not fulfill the requirements of the five basic points for recognition. See attached Team Leader's Report.
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Report on the San Juan (Manila) MP Unit, FAIT

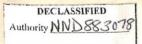
- 1. Lt Bruce Bromley Jr proceeded to Manila, on 18 March 1947, to investigate the San Juan MP Unit, Fil-American Irregular Troops.
 - 2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See attached Unit File).

3. FINDINGS:

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

Col Quintin Gellidon	-	Liaison O, FAIT
Col A M David	-	Comdg III AC, FAIT
Col S M Silvestre		Comdg SMS Regt
Col Manuel Dikit	-	Phil Vet Admin
Maj Lino de la Concepcion	-	Actg CO, Subject unit
Maj Fernande de la Concepcion	-	Subject Unit
Maj Ramon Diaz	-	11 11
Capt Miguel Munzon	-	11 11
Capt Angel Suarez	-	11 11
1st Lt Antonio Andia	-	11 11
2nd Lt Manuel Gallegos	-	11 11
Pedro Astogora	-	11 11
Fidel Astuta	-	11 11
Julian Batara		11 11
Pedro de Jesus	-	11 11

- b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. Evidence presented to this headquarters consists of a roster and an alleged unit history. Members of the subject command claim that the pertinent records were destroyed by the original commanding officer, Lt Col Alfonso de la Concepcion, upon the occasion of his apprehension by the Japanese and his subsequent execution. Col A M David, who was Col Straughn's adjutant at this time, denies that he ever affixed his signature to organizational papers pertaining to this unit. Application for recognition was made through Col Quintin Gellidon, Fil-American Liaison Officer, who, in turn, was charged with the responsibility of forwarding the same to this headquarters prior to 15 March 1946. There are no existing records pertaining to the subject unit in this office. The undersigned believes that the application was never received. Col Gellidon does not recall that he ever made the above submission.
- c. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy. Members of this organization voluntarily admitted that they "laid low" most of the time.
- d. A definite organization was not established by the unit. Presented for investigation was a roster dividing the subject command into three battalions.



Personnel listed totaled 356, a number far short of existing T.O.'s, either American or Philippine.

- e. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its commanding officer and his subordinates. During the early organization, the commanding officer was imprisoned by the Japanese and later executed. No successor was designated until March of 1947, at which time it was determined that Lino de la Concepcion should act as commanding officer for the purpose of the contact. Lino and Fernando de la Concepcion were recognized as members of Erni's Regiment, FAIT.
- f. The unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization. There are no activities alleged that warrant recognition. Know-ledge demonstrated by members of the subject command pertaining to Col Straughn and other Fil-American leaders is most inadequate.
- g. Cols David, Gellidon, and Silvestre stated that the subject command is not worthy of recognition. Col Dikit stated that he felt that his official position did not warrant the forwarding of any recommendations concerning the subject unit.
 - 4. <u>POLITICAL ASPECTS</u>: This unit does not appear to have any political affiliations or aspirations.
 - 5. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the San Juan MP Unit, Fil-American Irregular Troops be not favorably considered for recognition.

BRUCE BROMLEY JR 2nd Lt, Inf DECLASSIFIED
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