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PARTNER'S GUERRILLAS

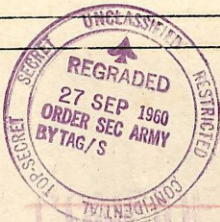
NAME OF UNIT

Genon L. Arcaya

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for Recognition, (undated), w/supporting papers
4. NFC ltr. Hq. Philrycom, dated 15 Feb. 1947, w/TLR by Lt. Betts

REMARKS:



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PHILIPPINES-REUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
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Mr. Cenon L. Arcaya
Guzmas, Tayabas
Philippines

15 FEB 1947

Dear Mr. Arcaya:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the "PARTNERS GUERRILLAS", 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. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- d. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions and necessary related information).
- e. Rank of members was considered to be too high for the actual size of the command maintained in the field.

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 a claim. Upon request by interested individuals, appropriate forms will be forwarded.

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

Sincerely,

15 FEB 1947
R. E. CANTRELL
CAPTAIN, AGD

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ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

REPORT NO. 63
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Col Gerald F Lillard:

1. "PARTNERS GUNGRILLAS" consisting of 63 members, has not been favorably considered. No 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 accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
4. There are no members worthy of recognition and no casualty roster has been submitted.

Lt Peter R Betts

1. Concur: Lt Lt. H H Burnett
Actg Chief, Unit Inves
2. Concur: Lt Col S. J. Palos
Chief, Unit Branch

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

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SUBJECT:

(1) FROM: Lt. Peter R. Betts TO: Col. G F Lillard

1. Attached hereto for approval are the following
drafts on the "PARTNERS GUERRILLAS"

- a. Proposed M/R
- b. Letter of non recognition
- c. Team Leader's Report
- d. Supporting evidence

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PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
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REPORT ON THE 'PARTNERS GUERRILLAS'

Request for recognition received on the 25th of Jan. '46

Alleged History

See attached unit file

Findings

Record of service was not substantiated by the sufficient acceptable evidence. The unit had no papers except a roster and history.

✓ The unit was not maintained in the field in opposition to the enemy. The members lived at home and carried on civilian occupations.

✓ Activities did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy. The unit was not engaged in any combat actions.

✓ Adequate records as to ranks, dates of enlistment and promotions and necessary related information were not maintained.

Rank of members was too high. With a total strength of 111, the unit had a lieutenant colonel, two majors, four captains, and six lieutenants.

No useful purpose will be served by further investigation of this unit.

Political Aspects

The unit does not appear to have any political affiliations.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the 'PARTNERS GUERRILLAS' be not favorably considered for recognition.

Henry B. Burnett

for Peter R. Betts
2nd Lt., Inf

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"PARTNERS" GUERRILLAS
Gumaca, Tay.
Philippines

COMMANDING GENERAL
AFWespec, APO 707
Manila

S i r :-

I, Cenon L. Arcaya, Atty-at-law and at present Justice of the Peace of Alabat, Tayabas, Philippines respectfully ask for recognition of the Partners Guerrillas and under oath state:

1. That the undersigned was then Justice of the Peace of Alabat, Tayabas when war with Japan broke out. He was then appointed Volunteer Observer (OB), U.S. Army Warning Service by Capt. Wm. H. Campbell. When the Japanese warships numbering more than 40 entered Lamon Bay between the islands of Alabat and Luzon on the night of Dec. 23, 1941, he and several other OB were at their post at the Pier. As usual we should have flashed the message that very night; but this we did not on account of previous order from Fort Santiago not to transmit any message with regard to vessels unless we were sure they were enemy.
2. When the Japanese marines of around 50 landed at the town of Alabat, Tayabas, all the people fled to the mountains in utter confusion. Myself and the other OB were practically made prisoners. The Capt. asked me if there were firearms, Americans, Japanese or Chinese in the locality and I answered in the negative falsely. Fortunately enough the Japs did not happen to force open any Chinese store otherwise we would have been instantly killed for telling lies or for being pro-Americans. The Japanese landing force departed in the afternoon but said they would return as they did return and remain for years thruout the Philippines.
3. From Dec. 24 to 31, 1941 inclusive, I, with the nucleus of the Partners Guerrillas, ruled the town of Alabat, in the name of the Commonwealth Government. During this short incumbency I declared Martial Law and peace and order was maintained. I circulated orders thruout the municipality that our government under the United States of America still subsisted and that we should prepare for the worst. I advised the people to increase production of staple products and above all to prepare arms for our defense and told them that when necessity arrive, I would be the first to led them to fight the enemy. But as there was no hope for open resistance I sent for the Municipal Mayor, Mr. Valeriano Oliveros and on Jan. 1, 1942 he took over the administration of the municipality.
4. Immediately thereafter, I organized the "Partners" Guerrillas for under-cover activites against the Japanese Imperial Forces. This underground unit was active in the Island of Alabat and the Municipality of Gumaca, Tayabas. This organization reached a total of 110, including officers and men.
5. As organizer of a guerrilla unit, I was apprehended by the Japs at the instance of the UN (United Nippon) and garisoned at Atimonan Tayabas from June 2 to 15, 1943. I was mal-

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"PARTNERS" GUERRILLAS

treated but finally released. Some of my men were also apprehended and murdered by the Japs. In January, 1944 I was again rounded up but this time, with the aid of the Municipal Mayor of Alabat, I escaped. Again, several of ~~my~~ my men were killed by the Japs.

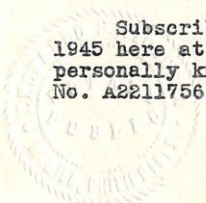
6. Upon the arrival of the American Forces peace and order prevailed once more in our locality. On May 8, 1945 I assumed my office of Justice of the Peace of Alabat, Tayabas. It has been held by some one else during the Japs regime.

7. Herewith is a partial list or Roaster of the PARTNERS GUERRILLAS which is made a part of this application. It is incomplete because our papers have been destroyed.

I file this application for the high honor of being recognized, not only for me but more specially for those unde~~ve~~me who have had the courage to sacrifice themselves in the way they could possibly do under the circumstances in our fight against the common enemy.

Very respectfully,

Genon L. Arcaya
Genon L. Arcaya
Chief
"PARTNERS" GUERRILLAS
Gumaca, Tayabas



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Jan., 1945 here at Manila, Philippines, by atty. Genon L. Arcaya, personally known to me and who exhibited his Res. Certificate No. A2211756 dated June 14, 1945 at Alabat, Tayabas.

Jose P. ...
Notary Public
My Comm. Expires Dec. 31, 1946

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Gumaca, Tayabas
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NAMES:	RANK:	ADDRESS:
1. Cenon L. Arcaya,	Chief and Organizer, <i>201?</i>	Gumaca, Tayabas
2. Elpidio Veranga,	Major	Atimonan, "
3. Ernesto Surro,	Major (died in action)	Dolores, "
4. Juan Tamayo,	Captain	Alabat, "
5. Federico Peñalosa,	Capt.	Lucban, "
6. Reynaldo Principe,	Capt.	Gumaca, "
7. Jose Oliveros,	Capt. (died in action)	Quezon, "
8. Uldarico Veloso,	Lieut.	Gumaca, "
9. Lucas Recido,	Lieut. ?	Alabat, "
10. Patricio Sasis,	Lieut.	Alabat, "
11. Jose Reyes,	Lieut. (died in action)	Alabat, "
12. Leon Miranda,	Lieut. (died in action)	Alabat, "
13. Roberto Santos,	Lieut. (died in action)	Alabat, "
14. Vicente Oliveros,	Sgt. (died in action)	Alabat, "
15. Dr. Ramon Oliveros,	Sgt.	Gumaca, "
16. Orestes Inocencio,	Sgt.	Gumaca, "
17. Manuel Principe,	Sgt.	Gumaca, "
18. Arcadio Orfano,	Sgt.	Gumaca, "
19. Tito Francisco,	Cpl.	Gumaca, "
20. Antonio Oliveros,	Cpl.	Gumaca, "
21. Hildalfo Victoria,	Cpl.	Gumaca, "
22. Gil Nesas,	Cpl.	Gumaca, "
23. Julio Caparros,	Cpl.	Gumaca, "
24. Moises Caparros,	Pvt. (deceased)	Gumaca, "
25. Ubaldo Caparros,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
26. Ireneo Caparros,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
27. Venancio Oliveros,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
28. Pedro Arcaya 2o.,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
29. Gualberto Arcaya,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
30. Pedro Targa,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
31. Alfredo Arcaya,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
32. Simon Barrantes,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
33. Faustino Oras,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
34. Serapio Laquian,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
35. Crisologo Barranta,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
36. Jose Sarasua,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
37. Elpidio Forbes,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
38. Pantaleon Caperiña,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
39. Antonio Licardo,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
40. Benjamin Arganda,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
41. Juan Francia,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
42. Gerardo Camacho,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
43. Eduardo Ignacio,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
44. Salustiano Entienza,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
45. Cosme Omaña,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
46. Vicente Calvelo 2o.,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
47. Silverio Mariquet,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
48. Valeriano Lim,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
49. Valeriano Rubian,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
50. Eutiquiano Rubian,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
51. Pedro Pinohermoso,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
52. Silvino Norial,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
53. Cresencio Inocencio,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
54. Alfredo Eleazar,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
55. Fortunato Gonzales,	Pvt.	Gumaca, "
56. Calixto Sasis,	Pvt.	Alabat, "
57. Juanito Tan,	Pvt.	Alabat, "

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"PARTNERS" GUERRILLAS
Gumaca, Tayabas

58. Venancio Olivera,	Pvt.	Alabat, Tayabas
59. Jose Sasis	Pvt.	Alabat, "
60. Alfredo Adolfo,	Pvt.	Alabat, "
61. Julian Arceo,	Pvt.	Alabat, "
62. Juan Mesa,	Pvt.	Alabat, "
63. Mateo Mesa,	Pvt.	Alabat, "

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Certified Correct:

Cenon L. Arcaya

ATTY. CENON L. ARCAYA
Chief
"PARTNERS" GUERRILLAS
Gumaca, Tay.

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