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Independent Air Corps

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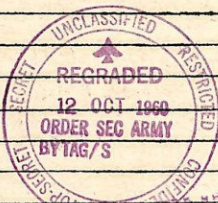
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CAMARINES SUR UNIT, INDEPENDENT AIR CORPS
NAME OF UNIT

WLADAMIRO FIDERIS
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. FC ltr (Str-42) Hq, AFPAC dtd 2 Jul '45
4. NFC/Revision ltr & TLR dtd 29 Aug '47



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OFFICE RETAINED RECORD

G-3 File No. GSCPU 091 : Date: 26 Aug 47

SUBJECT: Revision of date, Request for : Type of Communication
FROM : : Itr

GROSS REFERENCES

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1st Lt Charles L. Homewood <i>clb</i>		
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col W. M. Hanes:

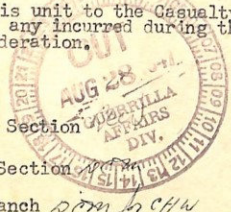
1. The Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, consisting of 42 Off and EM, under the command of Lt Wladamiro Federis, recognized by Itr, Hq APPAC, dated 2 July 1945, has not been favorably considered for revision of its present recognition date. The effective date of recognition is 1 May 1945.
2. Prior to its recognition date this unit does not fulfil the requirements of the five basic points for recognition, the period granted constituting just an adequate acknowledgement of its services to the Armed Forces of the United States against the Japanese. See attached report.

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

4. No casualty roster has been submitted by this unit to the Casualty Section, Individual Branch, to date. Casualties, if any incurred during the period of recogn, are recommended for favorable consideration.

Charles L. Homewood
1st Lt Charles L. Homewood

1. Concur: Capt R. C. Wilson, Chief, Casualty Section
2. Concur: Maj D. C. Murray, Chief, Revision Section
3. Concur: Maj C. H. Wentzell, Chief, Unit Branch *CCM in CW*



HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN COMBAT
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APO 707

29 AUG 1947

2d Lt Wladamiro Federis
Philippine Military Academy
Baguio, Philippines

Dear Lt Federis:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Comarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, a guerrilla unit under your nominal control, recognized by letter Headquarter, APPAC, dated 1 May 1945, has not been favorably considered for revision of its present recognition date.

A thorough and detailed examination and a careful analysis of all available information of the military activities of your unit from its inception, scrutinized in relation to the overall resistance movement, have failed to justify sufficiently the establishment of a date of recognition other than that presently published.

This letter constitutes the final determination of and action upon the period of official recognition of the Comarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps.

Sincerely,

Lt Col W. M. Hanes

THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

1. The Comarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, consisting of 420 Off and TM, under the command of Lt Wladamiro Federis, recognized by ltr. Hq APPAC, dated 2 July 1945, has not been favorably considered for revision of its present recognition date. The effective date of recognition is 1 May 1945.

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The following is the report of the investigation for
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investigation. The investigation has been completed
and the results are as follows:

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1st Lt Charles L. Homewood

- 1. Concur: Capt R. C. Wilson
Chief, Casualty Section
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BY COL A. H. HANES:

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Report on the Revision of the Present Date of Recognition
Of the Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps.

1. 1st Lt Charles L. Homewood and 2d Lt Mamerto Va. Timog (PA) proceeded to Camarines Sur on 30 July 1947 to investigate the Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, to determine whether or not revision of the present recognition date is warranted. The Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, was recognized by 1st Hqs, AFPAC, dated 2 July 1945, as of 1 May 1945, in the strength of 42 Off and EM.

2. Alleged history:

No history of the unit has been submitted. No record on the activities of the unit prior to the present recognition date could be made as this unit was never heard of until after liberation.

3. Findings:

a. The complete absence of records to show that this unit existed prior to liberation makes the revision of the present recognition date impossible.

b. No member belonging to the Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, could be located except 1st Sgt Eutropio Carbonell who is presently on duty with the Fingerprint Section, Hq MPC (AP). His statement reflects the following:

That the Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, was a part of the PACC Unit, 7th AIB, which was administratively under Col Jesus Villamor who operated in the Negros Area. That Col Villamor allegedly sent to Bicol a certain Lt Yujuico to gather intelligence who in turn appointed Lt Wladamiro Federis sometime in October 1944 as his operative. To attain his mission, Lt Federis employed the services of some men in Camarines Sur to help him gather the necessary information about the enemy. There is no definite information whether Lt Federis had authority to organize a unit of his own. Furthermore, the AIB had no authority to induct, promote or organize units, since they were plentifully supplied with money to purchase information.

c. The 201 file of Lt Wladamiro Federis at the Recovered Personnel Division of this hq was examined and there - it is recorded that Lt Federis worked under Lt Yujuico as an intelligence operative allegedly from Oct 1944.

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d. General information gathered from statements of other grla leaders of units which existed in Bicol revealed that the subject unit was never heard of nor have these leaders heard of Lt Federis.

e. It is the conclusion of the Contact Team that ~~there~~ was no definite organization under the command of Lt Wladamiro Federis prior to liberation and that the Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, did not come into existence until after the liberation.

f. Original recognition extended to this unit appears to be just and adequate for services rendered the Armed Forces of the United States.

4. Political aspects:

Available information on the subject unit tend to show that this unit does not appear to have any political affiliation or aspirations.

5. Recommendations:

a. It is recommended that the Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, be not favorably considered for revision of the present date of recognition.

b. It is further recommended that only those casualties, if any, incurred during the present period of recognition, be favorably considered.

Mamerto V. Timog
MAMERTO V.A. TIMOG

2d Lt, Inf (PA)

Charles L. Homewood
CHARLES L. HOMEWOOD

1st Lt, Cav, AUS

Supplement to Report on Revision of the Camarines
Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps

1. Introduction:

As was stated in the basic report on revision by Lt Charles L Homewood and Lt M. Va. Timog, personnel of the subject unit were not available in the Bicol Region; but upon returning to Manila it was learned that Lt. Federis was, at present, stationed in Baguio as an instructor at the PMA. Arrangements were made by radiogram, through HAP, 21 Aug 47, requesting the presence of Lt Federis at GAD for an interview regarding possible revision of the recognition date of subject unit.

2. Findings:

According to statements of Lt Federis he was appointed by Lt Delfin Yuhico, AIB representative from Negros, of Col Andrews, to organize an intelligence and sabotage unit. Federis with a few other officers started intelligence work in Naga, Camarines Sur, about April 44, from which date until Feb 45 this small unit, consisting of three officers and several men, collected intelligence information for Lt Yuhico who in turn delivered it to Col Andrews, AIB commander. In Feb 45, Capt Carbonell, attached officer of Lt Federis, returned from Leyte with a transmitting radio set and a few arms. The set was then put into operation and messages were sent direct to Negros or 6th Army Hqs. The enlisted personnel was then increased in order to help with the additional radio work. Intelligence men of Capt Buenaventura, AIB, Nagcarlan, Laguna, were separated from their base by enemy action and therefore attached themselves to Lt Federis' unit. From March 44 to Feb 45, Lt Federis said there were about three officers and ten men in the unit and from Feb 45 to June 45, the unit increased in strength to about five officers and thirty five men. During the period from Mar 44 to April 45, there were no enemy encounters or actual combat duties performed but that in late April they were given some arms by the U S Forces and were attached, as a unit of the Bicol Brigade, to the 5th Cav. and in turn to the 158th RCT.

According to Lt Federis many of his men had been recognized for their services, prior to 1 May 45, with their parent unit, the 7th AIB. He also stated that an organized unit with a definite headquarters was not established until Feb or March of 1945, at which time they commenced to show signs of unity. Heretofore the officers and men were widely separated, performing intelligence duties. No documentary evidence was offered as additional evidence.

In summarizing Lt Federis' information it may be

concluded that:

- a. The unit was of negligible strength until April 1945.
- b. The unit activities were of an intelligence nature with negligible results.
- c. No combat duties were performed until actually attached to U S Forces.
- d. Strength reports of the unit are very small and not too accurate.
- e. The unit had very few arms prior to landing of U S Forces and did not have radio equipment until then.
- f. Those men who performed elsewhere prior to joining the subject unit have been recognized for the additional period with their parent AIB organization.

3. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the recognition date of the Camarines Sur Unit, Independent Air Corps, remain unchanged.

Mamerto Va. Timog (S/L)
Mamerto Va. Timog
2nd Lt Inf (PA)

Charles L Homewood (S/L)
Charles L Homewood
1st Lt., Cav

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

AG 370.64(2 July 45)PA

APO 500
2 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recognition of Guerrilla Units

TO : Commanding General, Sixth Army, APO 442

1. The following guerrilla units are recognized by the Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Forces, Pacific, as authorized elements of this command effective as of the date specified:

	Approx Strength	Effective Date
<u>A. Guerrilla Units under the overall command of Major Tuggle</u>		
Co A, La Paz Sector, Sq C, Magsaysay's Guerrillas	21	29 Jan 45
Co B, La Paz Sector, Sq C, Magsaysay's Guerrillas	19	29 Jan 45
Co C, La Paz Sector, Sq C, Magsaysay's Guerrillas	16	29 Jan 45
Hq, Sq B, Magsaysay's Guerrillas	20	5 Feb 45
<u>B. Guerrilla Units under the overall command of Major Lapham</u>		
Sq 303A	69	24 Feb 45
<u>C. Independent Guerrilla Units</u>		
Co I, 3d Bn, 2d Yay Regt, Marking's Fil-Americans	122	4 Jun 45
Co K, 3d Bn, 2d Yay Regt, Marking's Fil-Americans	88	4 Jun 45
Med Plat, 53d Inf	21	1 May 45
Hq Det, 1st Bn, 2d Bicol Prov Inf Regt	17	1 May 45
Med Plat, 2d Camarines Sur Sector	20	1 May 45
Hq & Hq Det, 53d Inf	27	1 May 45
Jamito Med Co, 2d Bicol Prov Inf Regt	24	1 May 45
De Vera's Unit, Kalayaan Command	119	1 May 45
Bicol Rinconada Patriots	72	1 May 45
Origines Plat, Matta's Brigade	29	1 May 45
Signal Corps, Kalayaan Command	15	1 May 45
Air Corps Independent Camarines Sur Unit	42	1 May 45
Sp Plat, 3d Bn, 54th Inf	19	1 May 45
Sq C, Thorp Guerrilla Regt	110	5 May 45

2. Under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21, by the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, dated 26 October 1944, the status of members of these units is that of officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army.

3. It is desired that a roster of the personnel of each of these units be forwarded at the earliest practicable date.

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4. It is further desired that payment of these units be facilitated by Finance Officers of the Philippine Army, attached to your command.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

E. BOGASKI
Major, LGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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to Hq Phil. Army (3)

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SUBJECT: Roster Guerrilla Units.

AG 384 **Wrapper Ind.**

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, APO 442, 17 July 1945.

TO Commander-in-Chief, AFPAC, 500.

Herewith roster of recognized guerrilla units as indicated.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

(SGD) MORRIS D. BARTLEY
Captain, AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

Incls:

- 1 - Units under the overall command of Major Fuggle.**
- 2 - Units under the overall command of Major Lapham.**
- 3 - Independent units.**

AG 390.52(11 Aug 45) 2nd W/Ind,
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC, APO 500
11 August 1945.

TO: Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, APO 501.

(SGD) D. W. D.

Incls:

- 1. GUERRILLA UNITS UNDER THE OVERALL COMMAND OF MAJOR FUGGLE**
 - Co "A" La Paz Sector, Sq C, Maguway's Guerrillas**
 - Co "B" La Paz Sector, Sq C, Maguway's Guerrillas**
 - Co "C" La Paz Sector, Sq C, Maguway's Guerrillas**
 - Sq, Sq B, Maguway's Guerrillas**
- 2. GUERRILLA UNITS UNDER THE OVERALL COMMAND OF MAJOR LAPHAM**
Squadron 303A
- 3. INDEPENDENT GUERRILLA UNITS.**
 - Co. "1" 3d Bn, 2d Bay Regt. Working's Fil-Americans**
 - Co. "2" 3d Bn, 2d Bay Regt. Working's Fil-Americans**
 - Med Plat. 504 Inf**
 - Bq Det 1st Bn, 2d Rical Prov Inf Regt.**
 - De Vera's Unit, Eulayan Command**
 - Rical Binondo Patriote**
 - Origenes Plat. Motta's Brigade**
 - Signal Corps, Eulayan Command**
 - Air Corps Independent Camarines Sur Unit**
 - Special Plat, 3d Bn, 9th Inf.**
 - Sq C, Thorp Guerrilla Regt.**



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16 Aug 45.

(SGD) S. I. CORRECHON
Major Inf
Chief, Returns Division AGS

PHILIPPINE ARMY AIR CORPS
INDEPENDENT CAMARINES SUR UNIT
 (Specific Designation)

UNIT ROSTER
CAMARINES SUR PROVINCE
 (Location)

NIADENIRO FEDERIS, 1st Lt., Inf
 (Name & Rank, Cmdg Officer)

(The following officers and EM are attached to the roster of this unit for recognition purposes in order to fill staff positions in the newly organized 2nd Bicol Provisional Regt.)

NAMES	Guerrilla Rank	Period Served	Military Status	Individuals with Previous Military Status			
				Serial Rank No	Prev Org	Date Last Served	Date Sur or Escaped Japs
DEC 17 1947 1. Carbonell, Nicolas	Capt	1 May 45 to date	P.A.	3rd Lt	E Co	April 9, 1942	Aug 31, 1942
DEC 17 1947 2. Crisol, Jose	"	"	"	1st Lt	43rd Regt	Apr 9, 1942	Oct 7, 1942
3. Ojeda, Nicolas	"	"	"	2nd Lt	88 F.A.(PS)	April 9, 42	Aug 5, 1942
DEC 17 1947 4. Lomeda, Jesus	2nd Lt	"	"	2nd Lt	51st CT	Apr 9, 1942	Apr 9, 42
DEC 17 1947 5. Guanson, Eugenio	Pvt	"	Guerr.				
6. Gorobia, Cecilio	"	"	"				
7. Estrebillo, Tito	"	"	"				
8. Obero, Isidro	"	"	"				
9. Obias, Pedro	"	"	"				
10. Pandes, Lorenzo	"	"	"				
11. Tolop, Alfonso	"	"	"				
12. Ortega, Eligio	"	"	"				
13. Llanes, Pelagio	"	"	"				
14. Lanusa, Santos	"	"	"				
15. Tolmes, Mariano	"	"	"				
16. Rabusa, Fructoso	"	"	"				

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 JOHN O. KEIDER
 CAPT. INF.

PHILIPPINE ARMY AIR CORPS
INDEPENDENT CAMARINES SUR UNIT
 (Specific Designation)

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CAMARINES SUR PROVINCE
 (Location)

WLADEMIRO FEDERIS, 1st Lt., Inf
 (Name and Rank, Cmdg Officer)

NAMES	Guerrilla Rank	Period Served	Military Status	Individuals with Previous Military St.				
				Rank	Serial No.	Previous Date	Date Last Served	Date to Escap
DEC 17 1947 1. Federis, Wlademiro	2d Lt	1 May 45	PA	Cadet	P. M. A.28	Dec 41	None	None
DEC 17 1947 2. Rodolfo Navarro	2d Lt	"	Guerr	"	"	"	"	"
3. Navarro Jr., Luis	S/Sgt	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
4. Beltran, Isaias	Sgt	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
5. General, Honesto	Sgt	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6. Blasa, Pedro	Cpl	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
7. Hermoso, Felix	Cpl	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8. Monasterio, Gualbato	Cpl	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9. Ocampo, Francisco	Cpl	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
10. Ruivivar, Juan	Sgt	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11. Morales, Augusto	Pfc	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
12. Pas, Felix B.	Pfc	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
13. Sales, Romeo	Pfc	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
14. Abenilla, Damaso	Pvt	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
15. Almazan, Ruperto	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
16. Bruzo, Natividad	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
17. Borja, Victoriano	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
18. Cabella, Benjamin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
19. Himantug, Dimas	Pvt	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
20. Lastrollo, Restituo	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
21. Montalvo, Generoso	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
22. Obias, Victoriano	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
23. Recto, Emeterio	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
24. Salestri, Marcos	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
25. Solano, Eugenio T.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
26. Vasquez, Fermin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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