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Hq & Hq CO, 4TH REGT, 2ND DIV, III ARMY CORPS (DAVID'S COMB)

NAME OF UNIT

ROMEO DICHOSO

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints

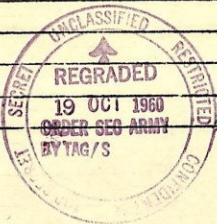
2. Investigating Officer's Notes

3. FC letter dtd 29 Mar 47 w/TLR by Lt Bromley Jr. (Overall)

4. NFC ltr dtd 31 Mar 47 w/ltr dtd 17 Feb 47 fr Col David  
subj: Withdrawal of request for action on units of III AC

5. Correction of Recognition dates of III AC dtd 5 May 47

REMARKS:



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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCFU 091 PI

APO 707  
5 May 1947

SUBJECT: Correction of Recognition Dates of III Army Corps  
Fil-American Irregular Troops

TO : Chief of Staff  
Army of the Philippines  
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, GSCFU 091/541, dated 29 March 1947, to your headquarters, subject; "Recognition of Guerrilla Unit" (copy attached as Incl 1).

2. Paragraph 1 of the reference letter, establishing the dates of recognition of subject unit, is herewith revoked.

3. It is requested that in substitution of the revocation directed above the new recognition dates of the III Army Corps, Fil-American Irregular Troops, be as follows:

From 9 January 1945 to 26 September 1945

4. Request that the commanding officer of the above unit be notified when the correction indicated in paragraph 3 above has been completed.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOHN R. SPARK  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:

- 1 - Copy of Ltr to CofS, AP,  
dated 29 March 1947

Col Gerald F. Lillard:

Changes of terminal recognition date to comply with executive order #68, by the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945.

Capt Robert L. Morton

Concur: Lt Col S. J. Palos  
Chief, Units Branch

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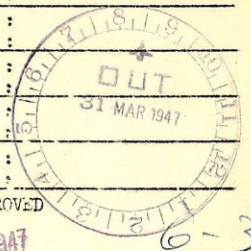
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 FROM : R. Dichoso : Letter

GROSS REFERENCES

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OFFICER TAKING ACTION (and initials) :  
 2nd Lt Bruce Bromley Jr :  
 Policy : Non-Policy : Recommending :  
 : : Approval :  
 : : C.H.W. :  
 (File Symbol) (Action) : APPROVED

TO: H/C FOR: [Signature] APPROVED  
[Signature] MAR 29 1947



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Colonel Gerald F. Lillard:

Basic, ltr fr R. Dichoso to CG, PHILRYCOM, requesting recgn of Hq & Hq Co, 4th Regt. Strength, 150.

- 2nd Lt Bruce Bromley Jr  
 Concur: Capt S. C. Buchanan  
 Chief, Southern Luzon Inv  
 Concur: Maj C. H. Wentzell  
 Actg Chief, Unit Branch

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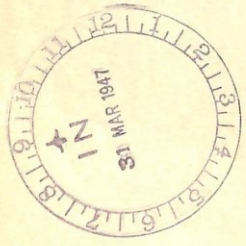
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PERSONNEL BRANCH  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Colonel David W. Millard  
 Detail for Lt. Colonel to CG, MILITARY, requesting record  
 of his & his wife's service, strength, etc.

Command: Capt. J. C. Buchanan  
 Chief, Southern Liaison Div  
 Command: Maj. C. H. [illegible]  
 Sgt. Chief, Unit Branch



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PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APO 707

31 MAR 1947

Mr. R. Dichoso  
San Pablo City, Laguna  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Dichoso:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Regiment, purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, has not been favorably considered for recognition.

It is felt that the recognition extended to personnel of David's Command, Fil-American Irregular Troops, a composite unit from the overall command, constitutes just and adequate acknowledgement of military service.

This decision does not preclude individual request for casualty recognition by injured personnel or their heirs. Upon request from interested individuals, appropriate casualty forms will be forwarded.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

Colonel Gerald F. Lillard:

Basic, ltr fr R. Dichoso to CG, PHILRYCOM, requesting recogn of Hq & Hq Co, 4th Regt. Strength, 150.

*Bruce Bronley Jr*  
2nd Lt Bruce Bronley Jr

Concur: Maj C. H. Wentzell  
Actg Chief, Unit Branch

*J. C. Buchanan*  
Concur: Capt S. C. Buchanan  
Chief, Southern Luzon Inv



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PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Actg Chief, Unit Branch
- Concur: *J. C. Buchanan*  
Capt S. C. Buchanan  
Chief, Southern Luzon I<sub>IV</sub>



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HEADQUARTERS  
III ARMY CORPS  
FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS

17 February 1947

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of request for action on units in the  
III Army Corps, Fil-American Irregular Troops, known  
as David's Command

TO : Guerrilla Affairs Division, Headquarters, PHILRYCOM,  
APC 70.7 - thru Lt Bruce Bronley Jr.

1. That all non-casualty guerrilla claims be withdrawn.

STIPULATIONS:

1. That if composite roster is accepted and recommend for  
recognition by PHILRYCOM, such action shall be considered by this  
headquarters as a just and fair recognition requiring no further  
action by either headquarters.

2. That all remaining casualty claims be granted consideration  
by PHILRYCOM.

(Sgd) JUSTINIANO ESTRELLA  
(alias) A. M. DAVID  
Col (PA) reserve  
Comdg II Army Corps

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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 PI

AFO 707  
29 Mar 1947

SUBJECT: Recognition of Guerrilla Unit

TO : Chief of Staff  
Army of the Philippines  
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. The unit listed below is recognized by the Commanding General, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, as having been an authorized element of the Philippine Army, serving with the Armed Forces of the United States from 9 January 1945 to 31 September 1945:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>
III Army Corps, Fil-American Irregular Troops	2,500

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 the members of this unit, during the period above specified, was that of officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army.

3. Under the provisions of Executive Order No. 68, by the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945, all officers and enlisted men of this unit, other than those who are members of the Regular Force or the Reserve Force of the Philippine Army, will be considered as having been discharged from the Philippine Army as of 1 October 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. E. CANTRELL  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:  
Roster of Unit (In Dup.)



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Col. Gerald F. Lillard:

1. The III Army Corps, consisting of 33,713 men, has been favorably considered for partial recognition to the extent of 2,500 men. 1,100 members have previously been recognized.
2. These 2,500 men in the unit 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. All worthy members have been recognized and there is a separate casualty roster.

Lt Bruce Bronley Jr.

1. Concur: Major C. H. Wentzell  
Chief, Unit Inv Sec
2. Concur: Lt Col S. J. Palos  
Chief, Unit Branch

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OVERALL REPORT ON THE III ARMY CORPS, FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS

1. From 22 November 1946 through and including 16 January 1947, Lt Bruce Bromley Jr contacted, investigated, and reported the following units of the III Army Corps, Fil-American Irregular Troops:

1ST LAGUNA DIVISION

1st Regiment . . . . . Negerlan, Laguna

2ND LAGUNA DIVISION

B Company, 1st Battalion . . . . .	San Pablo, Laguna
C Company, 1st Battalion . . . . .	San Pablo, Laguna
D Company, 1st Battalion . . . . .	San Pablo, Laguna
E Company, 1st Battalion . . . . .	San Pablo, Laguna
2nd Battalion . . . . .	San Pablo, Laguna
3rd Battalion . . . . .	San Pablo, Laguna
4th Battalion . . . . .	San Pablo, Laguna
Special Intelligence Unit . . . . .	San Pablo, Laguna
Malvez Company . . . . .	St. Crispin, Laguna
Calauan Battalion . . . . .	Calauan, Laguna

3RD LAGUNA DIVISION

B Company, 8th Regiment . . . . .	Sta. Cruz, Laguna
8th Regiment . . . . .	Sta. Criz, Laguna

4TH LAGUNA DIVISION

Crack Company . . . . . Pagsanjan, Laguna

SPECIAL UNITS

Majayjay Special Company . . . . .	Majayjay, Laguna
Magdalena-Kabilong-Ilog Unit . . . . .	Magdalena, Laguna
Malaya Unit . . . . .	Malaya, Rizal
Pangil Unit . . . . .	Pangil, Laguna
Pakio Unit, Valera's Regt . . . . .	Pakio, Laguna
Paete, Unit, Valera's Regt . . . . .	Paete, Laguna
San Juan Unit, Valera's Regt . . . . .	Longos, Laguna
Magdalena-Sta Cruz Sector Unit . . . . .	Sta. Cruz, Magdalena, Laguna
1st Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2nd Brigade . . . . .	Cabalusan, Rizal

The following report screens for recognition all units in the III Army Corps, which includes the following:

STRENGTH, COMMANDING OFFICERS, UNITS IN THE III ARMY CORPS

1ST DIVISION

Hq and Hq Co . . . . .	40	Matienzo
1st Regt . . . . .	517	Monterola
Hq Serv Co . . . . .	49	Vita
Hq 1st Bn 1st Regt . . . . .	41	Babala
Cos A, B 1st Bn, 1st Regt . . . . .	26	Quinto
2nd Regt . . . . .	778	Sombilla
Co B 1st Bn 2nd Regt . . . . .	52	Subijano



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## 1st Division (Cont'd)

Hq Sect 1st Bn 2nd Regt . . . . .	21 . . . . .	
Spec Co 2nd Regt . . . . .	193 . . . . .	Ordonez

2ND DIVISION

Hq and Hq Co . . . . .	75 . . . . .	San Pedro
Calauan Detach . . . . .	170 . . . . .	Malvez
Spec Detach . . . . .	45 . . . . .	Llanes
4th Regt . . . . .	3558 . . . . .	Dichoso

3RD DIVISION

Hq and Hq Co . . . . .	27 . . . . .	Alfonso
Laudes Bn . . . . .	860 . . . . .	Laudes
Saboteur and Intelligence Unit . . . . .	900 . . . . .	Alcos
8th Regt . . . . .	1350 . . . . .	Ongsansoy
9th Regt . . . . .	3038 . . . . .	Dilao
10th Regt . . . . .	2000 . . . . .	Calasiacas

4th DIVISION

Hq and Hq Co . . . . .	59 . . . . .	Caballes
Special Detach . . . . .	17 . . . . .	
1st Regt . . . . .	963 . . . . .	Capili
2nd Regt . . . . .	796 . . . . .	Messina
3rd Regt . . . . .	527 . . . . .	Ravanoz

5TH DIVISION

5th Division . . . . .	1348 . . . . .	Banting
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UNITS EXCLUSIVE OF DIVISIONAL ATTACHMENT

SMS Regt . . . . .	1302 . . . . .	Silvester
Majayjay Spee Bn . . . . .	857 . . . . .	Robel
Licsi Bn . . . . .	500 . . . . .	Robles
Magdalena-Kabilang-Ilog Unit . . . . .	253 . . . . .	Rubiales
Malaya Unit . . . . .	116 . . . . .	Vidallo
Medranes Regt . . . . .	9107 . . . . .	Medrana
Rosario Unit . . . . .	558 . . . . .	Diego An

TOTAL ....33,713

It has been determined that approximately 1,100 members have been previously recognized by the 6th Army, AFPAC, and AFWESFAC.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See attached unit file)

3. FINDINGS:

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

1ST DIVISION

Col Alfredo Vita



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Findings (Con'td)

Lt Col Alejandro Fladevega  
Lt Col Dalmacio Monterola  
Maj Grogofio Arrieta  
Maj Juan Bueno  
Maj Valeriano Plantilla  
Maj Carmelo Ortegoza  
Maj Castro Vita  
Maj Isidro Chipongian  
Maj Cirilo Dimaguila  
Maj Amando Manguerra  
Maj Jose Coronado  
Capt Astronomico Viencio  
Capt Jose Corales  
Capt Mariano Monserrat  
Capt Luis Monakil  
Capt Edilberto Vita  
Capt Rosalie Corales  
Capt Silvestre Monakil  
Capt Dominador Angeles  
Capt Reynaldo Arceta  
Capt Arsenio Aceta  
Capt Sisenando Amante  
Capt Marino Lopez  
1st Lt Ernesto Buan  
1st Lt Eugenio Suiza  
1st Lt Lucio Punay  
1st Lt Leonardo Monte  
1st Lt Alfonso Ortiz  
1st Lt Zoilo Articcna  
1st Lt Pedro Cabbles  
1st Lt Marciano Monton  
1st Lt Julio Lopez  
2nd Lt Tomas Bireynato  
2nd Lt Dominador Vienvaje  
2nd Lt Sinfrosos Ortiz  
2nd Lt Pedro Monton  
2nd Lt Bernardo Surbano  
1/Sgt Felimon Razon  
1/Sgt Robinoso Guillermo  
T/Sgt Julio Burgos  
S/Sgt Fidel Biolanda  
S/Sgt Alfredo Cawil  
Sgt Eugenio Comandador  
Cpl Antonio Arbillo  
Pvt Pedro Arcena  
Pvt Gerardo Meniano  
Cpl Savadore Cosare  
Pvt Hugo Agoen  
Pvt Severo Fule  
Pvt Antinio Vita  
Pvt Vicente Castillo  
Pvt Arsenio Mia

2ND DIVISION

Col Gertudo San Pedro  
 Lt Col Romeo B Dichoso  
 Lt Col Vicente San Pedro  
 Maj Raymundo Bombane  
 Maj Benjamin Ignacio  
 Maj Andrew Reyes  
 Maj Pedro Reyes  
 Maj Eulogio Tolentino  
 Maj Alfredo Viray  
 Capt Servillano Abril  
 Capt Gaudencio Barleta  
 Capt Irigoin Sabreza  
 Capt Roman Concepcion  
 Capt Golofredo Contemplacion  
 Capt Florentino de Guzman  
 Capt Emerto Malvez  
 Capt Luciana Manalo  
 Capt Constantino Poblete  
 Capt Francisco Pulutan  
 Capt Quintin Rivera  
 Capt Melanio Rivera  
 Capt Conrada Napay  
 Capt Godofredo Tizon  
 Capt Manolo Villanueva  
 Capt Santos Velasco  
 1st Lt Agapito Alvero  
 1st Lt Antonio Azores  
 1st Lt Rodolfo Bardelas  
 1st Lt Quirino Barmuevo  
 1st Lt Conchita Cacao  
 1st Lt Gregorio Dayo  
 1st Lt Juanito Dichoso  
 1st Lt Mauricio Fule  
 1st Lt Romulo Gesumundo  
 1st Lt Armando Pulgado  
 1st Lt Napoleon Tizon  
 1st Lt Patriotic Vladez  
 2nd Lt Eleuterio Adam  
 2nd Lt Gaudencio Bondhad  
 2nd Lt Francisco Borja  
 2nd Lt Edon Brion  
 2nd Lt Cerazon Brion  
 2nd Lt Antonio Carpio  
 2nd Lt Isabelo Evidente  
 2nd Lt Marcelo Fernandez  
 2nd Lt Bienvenido Gesumundo  
 2nd Lt Vedasto B Gesumundo  
 2nd Lt Caesar F de Gerostiza  
 2nd Lt Leticia Guia  
 2nd Lt Dalmacio de Jesus  
 2nd Lt Crisanto Lozado  
 2nd Lt Amparo Macales  
 2nd Lt Yolanda Martinez



INDINGS (CONT'D)

2nd Lt Manuel Mendoza  
 2nd Lt Ricardo Pasco  
 2nd Lt Rolando Penalosa  
 2nd Lt Cecilio Penson  
 2nd Lt Magtangel Poblete  
 2nd Lt Corazon de Reyes  
 2nd Lt Cecilia Rivera  
 2nd Lt Elisa Rivera  
 2nd Lt Subiguia Robiato  
 2nd Lt Eucharías Ticzon  
 2nd Lt Alvaro Cordero  
 1/Sgt Rosario Alvarez  
 1/Sgt Justo Brion  
 1/Sgt Ambrosio Cabance  
 1/Sgt Ryan Cabreva  
 1/Sgt Arturo Calabia  
 1/Sgt Nicolas Dayan  
 1/Sgt Pablo Garcia  
 1/Sgt Armando Umali  
 Sgt Adelaida Abana  
 Sgt Isaac Angeles  
 Sgt Mauro Barleta  
 Sgt Augusto Brinas  
 Sgt Romeo Brinas  
 Sgt Honacio Brion  
 Sgt Marcial Calabia  
 Sgt Arsenio Capuno  
 Sgt Esteban Castillo  
 Sgt Alonso Dichoso  
 Sgt Edgardo Gamban  
 Sgt Francisco Gesmundo  
 Sgt Vicente Lopez  
 Sgt Pablo Montero  
 Sgt Lenson Robles  
 Sgt Lorenzo Sermiento  
 Sgt Alejandro Tapay  
 Sgt Martin Tolentino  
 Cpl Ramon Aguirino  
 Cpl Vicente Alvarez  
 Cpl Perfecto Bollosa  
 Cpl Alejandro Garcia  
 Cpl Andres Perez  
 Pvt Iglicerio Capistrano  
 Pfc Maximino Colerio  
 Pfc Pedro Latosa  
 Pfc Benito Poblete  
 Pfc Daniel Primo  
 Pfc Domingo Reyes  
 Pfc Pablo Rivera  
 Pfc Ignacio Ricera  
 Pfc Juanito Adante  
 Pfc Ricardo Alcantara  
 Pvt Lorenzo Alisasa  
 Pvt Juantio Angeles

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Pvt Severo Atienza  
 Pvt Andres Bombane  
 Pvt Nikolas Camara  
 Pvt Pablo Cepulo  
 Pvt Alberto Doria  
 Pvt Juan Escano  
 Pvt N. Comelles Franco  
 Pvt Expidio Garcia  
 Pvt Quinto Isabela  
 Pvt Martin Jacina  
 Pvt Apolicio Lalmea  
 Pvt Atalio Oria  
 Pvt Tomas Oria  
 Pvt Mateo Pascual  
 Pvt Luis Tufnay  
 Pvt Amado Regales  
 Pvt Pedro Santilagos  
 Pvt Vidaliano Suarez  
 Pvt Andres Tizon  
 Pvt Carlos Ullis  
 Pvt Chrisostomo Valentino  
 Pvt Apolinario Velasco

3RD DIVISION

Col Juan C Rivera  
 Lt Col Silverio Laude  
 Lt Col Jesus Ongsangsay  
 Maj Isabela S Tobias  
 Capt Maximo Galipot  
 Capt Jose Mogul  
 Capt Modesto Ianderito  
 Capt Modesto Sofer  
 1st Lt Felisiano San Luis  
 1st Lt Castillo Norsiga  
 1st Lt Manuel Trajano  
 1st Lt Cortado de los Reyes  
 1st Lt Jacinto Aro  
 1st Lt Silverio Talabis  
 1st Lt Montano Mogul  
 1st Lt Feliciano Flores  
 2nd Lt Marciano Garcia  
 2nd Lt Juan Ongsangsay  
 2nd Lt Vicente Bernardo  
 1/Sgt Gregorio Flores  
 1/Sgt Felizamo Samson  
 T/Sgt Artemio Calabinhi  
 T/Sgt Teodoro Pecana  
 T/Sgt Silvestre Javier Jr  
 T/Sgt Gaudencio Urbana  
 T/Sgt Arturo de los Reyes  
 T/Sgt Raymundo Kalakas  
 T/Sgt Pedro Nograles



Findings: (Con't)

T/Sgt Angel Bambao  
 T/Sgt Demetrio Mendoza  
 T/Sgt Fidel de Lima  
 S/Sgt Pedro Africano  
 S/Sgt Sabino Abad  
 S/Sgt Pedro Capili  
 S/Sgt Jose Ongsanscy  
 S/Sgt Felphin Benifaccio  
 S/Sgt Benjamin Ramos  
 S/Sgt Amado San Juan  
 S/Sgt Sergio Alagon  
 S/Sgt Manuel Alfonso  
 S/Sgt Isabela Perez  
 S/Sgt Pedro Iro  
 Sgt Simeon Taine  
 Sgt Ramon Reyes  
 Sgt Mario de Jesus  
 Sgt Pedro Panga  
 Sgt Ricardo Mendoza  
 Sgt Daniel Asplan  
 Sgt Pedro Magul  
 Sgt Juan Calapas  
 Cpl Genero Alberto  
 Cpl Reynaldo Alvarez  
 Cpl Andres Aranton  
 Cpl Jose Aranton  
 Pfc Felix Aquino  
 Pfc Norman Alvarez  
 Pfc Jose Molera  
 Pfc Guillermo de Mesa  
 Pvt Felomon Reyes  
 Pvt Francisco Rivera  
 Pvt Pedro Palamaria  
 Pvt Oscar de la Cruz  
 Pvt Jaime Quintos  
 Pvt Mariano Namit  
 Pvt Getudo Gregorio

4TH DIVISION

Lt Col Mauro S Cabbales  
 Maj Primitivo Capili  
 Maj David Capistrano  
 Maj Ceferino Velasco  
 Maj Pedro Villanueva  
 Capt Almario Catalino  
 Capt Angel Medina  
 Capt Santiago Fadura  
 Capt David Belasco  
 Capt Osiás Gebana  
 Capt Artemio Walo  
 2nd Lt Leonardo Cabreza  
 1/Sgt Constancio Pena  
 Cpl Demetrio Maclinac

Findings (Cont'd)

Cpl Jose Fernandez  
Cpt Ruben Abanela  
Pfc Narciso Bautista  
Pfc Oscar Diaz

SPECIAL UNITS

Lt Col Dominador Alvela  
Maj Simeon Alejar  
Maj Luis Reyes  
Capt Tranquilino Martinez  
Capt Leoneo Garcia  
Capt Bienvenido Angeles  
Capt Ricardo de Guzman  
Capt Mamerto Galvez  
Capt Dominador Rubialles  
Capt Eulogio Carungay  
Capt Sirto de Borja  
Capt Emilic Belleza  
Capt Arthur McGaw  
Capt Ciriaco Ramirez  
Capt Pablo Ordenez  
1st Lt Ricardo Baylon  
1st Lt Celestion Miranda  
1st Lt Ramon Alvite  
1st Lt Stephan Castillo  
1st Lt Alfredo Encarnacion  
1st Lt Santiagnio Masanga  
1st Lt Eulogio Reyes  
1st Lt Dominador Corvite  
1st Lt Tomas Dara  
1st Lt Carlos de la Vega  
1st Lt Adriano Masikip  
1st Lt Gerbacio de la Rosa  
1st Lt Moses Martinus  
1st Lt Felix Formula  
1st Lt Felipe Reyes  
1st Lt Pedro Morales  
1st Lt Martinus Esquerra  
2nd Lt Segundo Fillas  
2nd Lt Cenen Borja  
2nd Lt Alfonso Santiago  
2nd Lt Buenventura Mateo  
2nd Lt Agaton Gellidon  
2nd Lt German Vidallo  
2nd Lt Pedro Cristo  
2nd Lt Maximo Matienzo  
2nd Lt Felix Cadsauan  
2nd Lt Milquides Salazar  
2nd Lt Paquito Javier  
2nd Lt Teofisto Averion  
2nd Lt Moses Sobrevinas  
1/Sgt Eugenio Baldovinas  
1/Sgt Roman Velasco

Findings: (cont'd)

1/Sgt Dallas Villarante  
T/Sgt Calixto Brinas  
T/Sgt Juan Deofuente  
T/Sgt Federico Jovellava  
S/Sgt Lauro Arganzia  
S/Sgt Elpidio Maliviran  
S/Sgt Diego Mahinay  
S/Sgt Andres Formilosa  
S/Sgt Lope Owela  
S/Sgt Nalo Matividad  
C/Sgt Andres Estenilo  
S/Sgt Teogilia Breganza  
S/Sgt Juan Esquerro  
Sgt Julian Corbano  
Sgt Leoncio Tolentino  
Sgt Lope Ramirez  
Sgt Perfecto Navarro  
Sgt Felix Reyes  
Sgt Modesto Cotoner  
Sgt Ocpia Briarete  
Cpl Pedro Ramirez  
Cpl Marcus Villanueva  
Pfc Jaime Orilla  
Pfc Jose Austria  
Pfc Miguel Miranda  
Pfc Hipolito Aguirre  
Pfc Vicente Acenos  
Pfc Celestino Roque  
Pvt Wenceslao Verana  
Pvt Victoriano Verana  
Pvt Lope Indon  
Pvt Maximo Abelida  
Pvt Alberto Maganas  
Pvt Santiago Magalis  
Pvt Federico Cordero  
Pvt Jose Cardiente  
Pvt Nikolas Antone  
Pvt Babino Patana  
Pvt Francisco Averion  
Pvt Adriano Pili  
Pvt Arsenio Formilosa  
Pvt Francisco Ramirez  
Pvt Felimon Ubiades  
Pvt Serafin Sol

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U S ARMY PERSONNEL

Maj Douglas Murray  
Capt Robert Morton



Findings: (Cont)

Capt George Hirshfelder (Deceased)  
Lt Pete Breaz  
Lt Wilmore Brown  
Lt Richard Roth  
Lt Bouchalav Kostka  
Lt Peter Betts  
Lt Grant Wilcox  
S/Sgt Gottlieb Neigum

FORMER GUERRILLA LEADERS

Brig Gen Macario Peralta, Comdg. 6th MD  
Justiniano Estrella, alias A M David, comdg. subject  
Serafin Silvestre, comdg. SMS Regt  
Marcus Villa Agustin, Alias Marking, comdg. Marking's Guerrillas  
Vicente Umali, comdg. Eres Quezon's Own Guerrillas  
Terry Adeveso, comdg. Hunter's ROTC  
Lt Col Bernard Anderson, (USA), comdg, Anderson's Guerrillas  
Quintin Gellidon, Exec, and Liaison Officer, Fil-American Irregular Troops  
Mariano Arayon, G-1, FAIT  
Zosimo Resurrecion, Provost Marshall FAIT  
Col Manuel Dikit, Member Philippine Veterans Board, Former FAIT Member  
James Cushing, (USA), comdg, Cebu Area Command, 8th MD  
Edmund Ramsey, (USA), comdg. East Central Luzon Guerrilla Army

CIVILIANS

Mrs. Acosta	Rizal, Widow of Commander, 2d Brigade FAIT
Dr. Pio Villaraza	Majayjay, Laguna
Marina Cruz	Sta Cruz, Laguna
Mary MacArthur	Sta Cruz, Laguna
Pedro Abad, Chief of Police	Pagsanjan, Laguna
Pacita Fule	San Pablo, Laguna
Marcus Paulino, ex-Governor	San Pablo, Laguna
Fernando Bautista, mayor	San Pablo, Laguna
Joe Benedict	San Pablo, Laguna
Warren Schettlilig	San Pablo, Laguna
Pacita Velarde	San Pablo, Laguna
Nene Malvar	San Pablo, Laguna
Padre Armando Palma	Dolores, Quezon
Dr Amando Cayvan	San Pablo, Laguna
Isidro Almaric	San Pablo, Laguna
Padre Juan Coronel	San Pablo, Laguna
Mrs Bill Gay	Laguna, Widow of Comdr, 1st Brigade, FAIT
Manuel Roxas	President, Philippine Republic

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b. Record of service was substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. Attached hereto are documents classified as G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, and zoning maps which represent the type of record maintained, not the number. The authenticity of evidence submitted in this report is unquestioned. The undersigned has checked and verified each document and has collected part of the evidence to note its source and condition. Generally, evidence hereto attached, defines two facts, the contents of which, later appear as recommendations: to wit, length of active service is demonstrated to be approximately one year; number of active guerrillas is demonstrated to be approximately 3,500. Evidence supports the organization, as alleged, of the subject unit. Documents submitted as evidence include all units under the command of Col David with proper unit designation.

c. That portion of the unit considered for recognition was maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy. Evidence supports the contention that the active service of the unit approximated one year and interrogation and sworn statements verify the same. From each unit there was maintained an alert combat force, which, in the majority of cases, did not concur with roster strengths, but fulfilled the requisites for recognition.

d. A definite organization was established by this unit, although the frequent change of command renders the trace of the same slightly confused. Briefly, the III Army Corps evolved in this manner; in early 1942, Colonel David was recruiting members for the late Col Hugh Straughn's Fil-American Outfit. The fruits of his labor gave birth to the Laguna-Rizal Brigade, known as the First. When the organization was well under way, Col Straughn was captured in the hills of the barrico of Malaya and later executed. Gen Vicente Lim, alias Edmund P. Ellsworth, assumed command of the Fil-Americans, but soon thereafter was captured and executed. The incumbent highest ranking officer in the organization was Col Marcus Villa Agustin, alias Marking, who, by right, assumed command. However, it was his wish to destroy the organizational labors accomplished by his predecessors, for the purpose of establishing a different organization to be known as "Marking's Guerrillas". This was accomplished although the Laguna Rizal Brigade under Col David remained independent and continued to bear the name of the Fil-Americans. On 18 May 1944, Col Marking invited Col David to confer on matters of policy. David complied and was forthwith held prisoner by Marking until he was forced to fuse the units of his command with those of Marking. Nevertheless, David retained command of his troops and acted, for the most part, completely independently, although his allegiance was sworn to Colonel Marking. David received a new designation; to wit, the III Army Corps, Marking's Fil-Americans, but for the purpose of investigation, the III Army Corps has been treated independently, owing no allegiance to Marking.

e. Performance of the unit indicated adequate control by its commanding officer. Every operation, whether large or small, demonstrated coordination and planning, as well as strict obedience to Col David and his subordinates. On 21 Jan 1945, an American A-20 bomber was forced down and "Belly-landed", in Laguna de Bay, near the barrico of Bay, Laguna. One Maj Arrieta, of David's command, was the first to observe the crash. Immediately he ordered some of his men to pick up the Americans and bring them to his headquarters.



There he administered first aid and arranged transportation for the American fliers (Majs Tompkins, Howe, S/1st Britain) to the headquarters of Col David on Mt. Cristobel, Laguna. David received the fliers and commenced to construct a landing field for their possible evacuation. Radio communication was established with Howe's bomber command, and upon completion of the field, two B-5's landed and flew the Americans to safety. The construction of the field was somewhat of an engineering feat, considering the tools available, but more was it a feat of obedience and devotion to duty. The undersigned has visited the field on the first steppe of Mt Cristobel, and is satisfied with the history as alleged.

f. Unit showed satisfactory continuity of activity and organization, for the period one year prior to the termination of the liberation. At this time organization was complete; there was no further change of command; inter-unit rivalry was at a minimum; and the feeling that the next few months would see the new war predominant. All alleged unit activities have been checked by the undersigned to the best of his ability. All major operations (liberation of Los Baños) have been checked with other guerrilla leaders involved in the same operations. Abnormal activities, not strictly military in nature, are hereupon listed with evidence to substantiate the claims; report of Major Howe and party when A-20 medium light bomber was forced down in Laguna de Bay (letter and photographs attached); responsibility for the well-being of the family of Carlos P. Romulo (letter from Gen Romulo attached). Minor activities have been omitted because they are too numerous in an organization of corps strength.

g. Ranks of members conform with Tables of Organization published by the United States Army in 1945.

h. The number of officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, was reasonably proportionate and not excessive to pre-war Philippine Army Tables of organization.

i. Sphere of operations and unit strength claimed by the unit were 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. (See attached map)

j. Members of the unit, heretofore designated guerrillas, devoted their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupations and family obligations. Several of the members were charged with the problem of supply, several were charged with duties of home-guard, but the combat force remained intact and alerted at all times. During the liberation, a different situation was predominant - several of the personnel previously designated as supply and home-guard, joined the liberation forces with their combat elements, or individually, or in groups conforming to no particular organization. Due to these courses of action, there are several individuals worthy of recognition for the liberation period - approximately 2,500.

k. Activities of part of the subject unit contributed materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy. The preceding paragraphs, the evidence submitted, conclude this final statement. Also concluded is the size (numerical) of that part of the unit responsible for contribution to defeat.



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Briefly, and in summary, the active guerrillas are in one of the following categories:

- (1) Active guerrillas from 1 June 1944 - 26 Sept 1945; approximately 1,500 (Not recognized).
- (2) Active guerrillas from 9 Jan 1945 - 26 Sept 1945 (liberation) approximately 1,600. (Not recognized).
- (3) Active guerrillas previously recognized by 6th Army, AFPA-C, or AFMESPAC; approximately 1,100. (Roster attached)
- (4) Active guerrilla casualties and not recognized (roster attached) to be included in either category 1 or 2. (No additional number)

1. Col Vicente Urali, comdg, FQCG and bitter enemy of Fil-Americans during the occupation, stated that he believed David's command to have 2,000 men worthy of recognition in addition to those previously recognized. Col Urali's knowledge of David's command is extensive in the province of Laguna but limited in the province of Rizal. Urali praised David personally as an excellent and aggressive fighter and leader, and mentioned several incidents praiseworthy to the III Army Corps.

Lt Col Bernard Anderson, comdg, Anderson's Guerrillas or Kalayaan Command, stated that he had heard of David's command but that he was not too familiar with any specific activities in that part of Laguna and Rizal. No recommendations were advanced.

S/Sgt Gottlieb Neigun, USA, former Lt Col, GHQ Marking's Fil-Americans, stated that he knew of David's command and is familiar with most of its activities. He praised David highly and some of his subordinates, mentioning several by name. S/Sgt Neigun recommended that 2100 members be recognized in addition to those members previously recognized by 6th Army or AFPA-C.

Col Manuel Dikit, member Philippine Veteran's Board, and former member of the Fil-American Irregular Troops, stated that he knew David and some of his subordinates personally, and further praised the unit highly, commending many of the individual activities and encounters. He expanded on the close ties that existed between the late Col Hugh Straughn and David, commending David's loyalty to the old Fil-American outfit. The undersigned believes that Col Dikit was in a position to forward a fairly accurate count of the members worthy of recognition. The undersigned further believes that such a recommendation would be favorable to the subject command however, Col Dikit did not feel that his official capacity warranted any such recommendation, and declined to make one.

Col Marcus Villa Agustin, alias Marking, overall commander of Marking's guerrillas, stated that David's command had approximately three (3) active regiments. He qualified this statement by saying that the active elements were to be considered as such only after the fusion of the Fil-Americans and Marking's Guerrillas - May 1944. This qualification supports the findings and the subsequent recommendations; namely that period of active service approximated one year. Col Marking verified two alleged contentions of questionable content: (1), Col David was delegated the authority for the care of the family of Carlos P Remulo; (2), before Col David



consented to the fusion of his command with that of Col Marking, David did receive a letter from Gen Lim, his accepted commanding officer, to the effect that such fusion had his sanction in the interest of the common cause. Generally, Col Marking was complimentary to the units of David's command, especially praising Col Cortrudo San Pedro, commander of the 2nd Laguna Division. At the fusion of the two units, Col David had under his control three regiments of Fil-Americans. Col Marking designated him as commander of the III Army Corps which included an additional seven regiments. In an interview with Col Marking, the undersigned received the impression that Marking believed David to be favoring his original three regiments for recognition. However, Marking's belief is unfounded and untrue.

Col Quentin Collidon, liaison officer, Fil-American Irregular Troops, stated that the III Army Corps (David's command) was the most active corps in Marking's Fil-American Troops, and further, that an additional recognition of 3000 (Minimum) or 4000 (Maximum) should be granted the subject command.

Col Terry Adevaso, alias Magtangol, overall commander of the Hunter's ROTC, stated that he believed David's command to be worthy of additional recognition to the extent of 400 men. Adevaso is not familiar with activities of the subject unit and had not heard of David until late in 1943. The ROTC was active particularly in western Laguna and Batangas.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS: Several members from the subject unit hold municipal appointments from their respective residences. However, there is no apparent political affiliations among the appointees. Col David has a large following in Laguna, and his members are constantly trying to persuade him to run for governor of the province. Repeatedly he had declined candidacy, and further states that after negotiations with PHILRYCOM have been terminated, he will enter a private import-export concern. Therefore, it may be stated that the subject unit honors no political affiliations nor aspirations as a unit.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that: (1) 1500 members be favorably considered for recognition from 1 June 1944 through and including 26 Sept 45; (2) 1000 members be favorably considered for recognition from 9 Jan 1945 through and including 26 Sept 1945; (3) that Col David and his integral unit commanders compile these rosters respective of existing Tables of Organization and that the undersigned check the composite rosters against the original rosters to substantiate members and their respective ranks.

N O T E : The undersigned is familiar with units of no recognizable value, and is assured and satisfied with the honesty of Col David and is in a position to state that no inactive guerrillas, or passive units, will be included in the final analysis.

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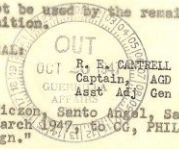
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18 October 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Individual Recognition

TO : Chief of Staff  
Army of the Philippines  
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. The request of Napoleon E. Ticzon, dated 10 March 1947, for individual non-casualty guerrilla recognition in the rank of first lieutenant, has been investigated.
2. The request is disapproved in the rank of first lieutenant but is approved in the grade of staff sergeant. His period of recognition will extend from 27 March 1945 to 9 June 1945, both dates inclusive.
3. The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Division, III Army Corps, Marking's Fil-Americans has not been favorably considered for recognition as a component part of the Philippine Army. In view of this fact, it is recommended that this recognition be made a matter of record by the issuance of appropriate orders recognizing Napoleon E. Ticzon for the period indicated in paragraph 2 above.
4. It is further recommended that the subject individual be paid for such period as may be authorized by existing laws and regulations after adjudication and approval by the Recovered Personnel Division of this headquarters.
5. This recognition will not be used by the remainder of this unit as a basis for recognition.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



Lt. Col. W. M. Hanes:

Basic, ltr fr Napoleon E. Ticzon, Santo Angel, San Pablo City, Philippines, dtd 10 March 1947, to CG, PHILRYCOM, Subj: "Request for Indiv Guer Recgn."

Request is approved.

Lt. R. J. Clark

Concur: Capt. R. C. Wilson, Chief Casualty Section.

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