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TAFALLA UNIT, II CORPS, 8000
NAME OF UNIT

NICOLAS TAFALLA
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
 2. Investigating Officer's Notes
 3. Request for recognition, w/history, supporting papers & roster (Nicolas Tafalla) - 25 Jan'46
 4. NFC ltr & TLR by Lts Homewood & Pierce (Tafalla Unit - str:123) - 6 Feb'47

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REMARKS:



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SUBJECT: Non-Recognition of Gr1a Unit : Type of Communication
 FROM : G-3 GAD : Letter

GROSS REFERENCES

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1st Lt Charles L. Homewood CLH : : :

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 TO: MC FOR: Dup JPL 5 Feb 47 b-3

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

Col Gerald F. Lillard:

1. The "Tafalla Unit, II Corps, POCG," consisting of 123 men, has not been favorably considered. 3 members have previously been recognized.
2. This unit does not fulfill the requirements of the five basic points for recognition. See attached Team Leaders' Report.
3. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
4. All worthy members have been recognized and a casualty roster has been submitted.

Charles J. Homewood
 1st Lt Charles L. Homewood

1. Concur: Major C. H. Wentzell
 Chief, Unit Investigation Section
2. Concur: Lt Col S. J. Palos SJP (2/11/47)
 Chief, Unit Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE-RYUKYU COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 707

6 FEB 1947

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Mr. Natalio Tafalla
Bailen, Cavite
Philippines

Dear Mr. Tafalla:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the "Tafalla Unit, II Corps, PQ00," 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. 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.

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.

It is considered that the previous recognition of three (3) men from the Tafalla Unit, II Corps, PQ00, who were recognized under Company



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"B", 1st (Palinano) Bn, 85th Division, II Corps, PAGO, by the Commanding General, AFMAGPAC for their aid during the liberation of the Philippines constitute adequate and just acknowledgment of military service.

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 yours,

1 Incl
Executive Order No. 68,
dtg 26 September 45

R. E. CANTRELL
CAPTAIN, AGD
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

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1st Lt Charles L. Homewood

1. Concur: Major G. H. Wentzell
Chief, Unit Investigation Section
2. Concur: Lt Col S. J. Falco
Chief, Unit Branch

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Report on "Tafalla Unit, II Corps, P.Q.O.G., Bailen, Cavite"

1. 1st Lts Charles L. Homewood and Lester Pierce, Jr., proceeded to Bailen, Cavite, on 29 January 1947 to investigate the Tafalla Unit, II Corps, P.Q.O.G.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See attached Unit File)

3. FINDINGS:

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

Vicente Umali, CO, I Corps, PQOG
Benedicto Valenzona, CO, II Corps, PQOG
P. Figueroa, Capt, MPC (PA)
Lino V. Salazar, Col, CO, Spark Regt
Castor Dominguez, Capt, Spark Regt
Primitivo San Agustin, Col, (PA)
Nicolas Tafalla, Lt Col, Tafalla Unit
Natalio Tafalla, Capt, CO, Tafalla Unit
Luis Dimapiles, 2nd Lt., Tafalla Unit
Julian Ubaldo, 1st Sgt, Tafalla Unit
Dominator Lopez, Sgt, Tafalla Unit

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. This organization under the command of recognized 2nd Lieut. Natalio Tafalla, was ~~screened and~~ comprised of members of the Spark Regt, who were omitted from the screened roster of this regiment. This screened roster was recognized as the first (Felimiano) Bn, with a strength of 272. When the Commanding Officer was requested to present records of the unit, he stated the unit had none, because they had been members of the Spark Regt.

c. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy. The Commanding Officer stated that the members of the unit had lived at home and were called upon when supplies were needed by the Spark Regiment. No attachment claimed, with the exception of the three (3) recognized members.

d. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy. The Commanding Officer stated that they had no contact with the enemy, prior to the landing of the liberating forces, then only three men of this unit were attached to American Forces because the rest had no weapons. The three men were attached with Co "B", 1st (Felimiano) Bn, 85th Division.

e. Adequate records were not maintained. When the investigating team asked for the unit's records they were unable to present any, and revealed the fact that the unit had none.

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f. Sphere of operations and unit strength claimed by the unit were not commensurate with the nature of the terrain, limitations of communication facilities, and the degree of anti-resistance activities of the Japanese in the area during the period concerned. The unit claims the burning of the Free Press building and the blasting of bridges and railway in Barrio San Jacinto, Victoria, Tarlac, which the Commanding Officer admitted was the work of one officer prior to the time he joined the unit.

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. It was stated by the Commanding Officer that members of the unit lived at home, working their farms to care for their families.

h. No useful purpose will be served by further investigation of this unit. There are no members of this unit worthy of recognition.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS:

This unit does not appear to have any political affiliations or aspirations.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that, with the exception of those 3 members previously recognized, the Tafalla Unit, II Corps, PQOG, be not favorably considered for recognition.

Charles L. Homewood
1st Lt Charles L. Homewood

Lester D. Pierce, Jr.
1st Lt Lester Pierce, Jr.

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PRESIDENT ROXAS'S GUERRILLAS
86th Inf. Regt. P. O. G.
IN THE PHILIPPINES

26 January 1946

File
David
Jan 26

SUBJECT: Recognition of Tafalla Unit, Guerrilla forces, Request
TO THE Commanding General, AFWSFAC

1. That the Tafalla Unit is a part of the 86th Inf. Regt., which in turn is a part of the Officially recognized P.O.G. under Col. Vicente Small and Col. Primitivo San Agustin.
2. That the undersigned is the Commanding Officer of the 86th Infantry Regiment, P.O.G. of which Tafalla Unit is a part of the said 86th Infantry Regiment.
3. That most of the men of my Regiment comes from the Tafalla Unit, were responsible in furnishing arms to the men of the my Regiment which was attached to the 11th Airborne Division.
4. That I initiated the first fight against the enemy in the province of Cavite four days before the landing of the American Forces in Nagugbu, Batangas.
5. That men of this Tafalla Unit had done much on sabotage work such as the burning of the Free Press building; the blasting of the bridges and the destruction of the railway in Barrio San Agustin Jacinto, Victoria, Tarlac.
6. That the Tafalla Unit worked in fighting enemy stragglers in the vicinities of the towns of Bailen, Cavite and Aliense, Cavite where two of our men, Pfc Florence Villa and Pfc Quirine Lopez were killed in action.
7. That Lt. Col. Tafalla and Tafalla's unit helped the liberation of the towns of Muntinlupa, Alabang, Sukat, Las Pias all of the Province of Rizal; and the towns of Aliense and Ternate of the Province of Cavite.

[Signature]
MICHAEL TAFALLA
Lt. Col., INF
Commanding, 86th Inf. Regt. P. O. G.

Another P.O.G.

30 Jan 46

PREBIDENT QUEZON'S OWN GUERRILLAS
TAFALLA'S UNIT
IN THE FIELD

BRIEF HISTORY

On November 15, 1942, this unit was organized. These men took oath under my command. With most of these men several arms were taken from Bataan under great risk and danger from the enemy. Continued resistance against the enemy was exhibited by this unit.

On the early part of October 1944, the same unit was incorporated in the P. Q. O. G. under Cbl. Vicente Umali and Col. Primitivo San Agustin through the work of Col. Luansing.

This company, under Captain Natalio Tafalla is part of the 85th Infantry Regiment, P. Q. O. G. Most of their activities were fighting enemy stragglers, sabotage and intelligence work.

Nicolas Tafalla
NICOLAS TAFALLA
Lt. Col., Inf
Commanding

PERSONAL RECORD

of

LT. COL. NICOLAS TAFALLA

1. 1st Lieutenant, USAFFE - (C-26068)
2. Commanding Officer - "M" Co. 41st Inf. Regt., 41st Division.
3. Executive Officer - "B" Co. P.Q.O.G. Attached to 11th Airborne.
4. Regimental Commander - 85th Inf. Regt., P.Q.O.G.
5. Guerilla Adviser, Tactical, Chief Plans and Training Officer.
6. Initiated the first combat against the enemy in Barrio Palum-lom, Alfonso, Cavite, 4 days before the Americans landed in Nasugbu, Batangas.
7. Led the forces that liberated the towns of Muntinlupa, Rizal; Alabang, Sucat, Las Pinas, Rizal; Cabuyao & Calamba of Laguna;
8. Attached to the 11th Airborne at Paranaque, March 3rd, 1945.
9. Led all major encounters in Ternate, Cavite during March & April.
10. Released from the attachment in the 11th Airborne and processed as 1st Lieutenant USAFFE at Camp Murphy 26 May '45.

CONFIRMED AND VERIFIED:

Vicente Umali
VICENTE UMALI
COL. INF.

Commanding I Corp, P.Q.O. G.

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(TRUE COPY)

PRESIDENT QUEZON OWN GUERRILLAS
CO "B" Alfonso, Cavite

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that NICOLAS TAFALBA, Executive
Officer, "Co B", P.Q.O.G. II Corp Area has been released from the
11th Airborne Division to join his former unit in the USAFFE (PA)

(Sgd) LINO V. SALAZAR
Capt. Inf.
Commanding

PRESIDENT' QUEZON'S OWN GHERILLAS
(Under Brigadier General Wendel W. Fertig (0-254976) LUZON FREE PHILIPPINES)

TAFALLA'S UNIT - BAILLEN, CAVITE
(Under Col. Vicente Umali and Col. Primitivo San Agustin)

OFFICIAL ROOSTER OF TAFALLA'S UNIT - BAILLEN, CAVITE, P.I.

1. Nicolas Tafalla - - - - Lt. Col. - Commanding 85th Inf. Regiment ✓
2. Natalio Tafalla - - - - Captain, Company Commander ✓
3. Juan Fernandez - - - - 1st Lieutenant - Intelligence & Sabottage Off.
4. Rizal Diones - - - - 1st Lieutenant
5. Geronimo Dimapiles - - - 2nd Lieutenant
6. Luis Dimapiles - - - - 2nd Lieutenant ✓
7. Emerico Dimapiles - - - 2nd Lieutenant ✓
8. Julian Ubaldo - - - - 1st Seargent ✓
9. Dominador Lopez - - - - Seargent ✓
10. Braulio Bendo - - - - " ✓
11. Timoteo Dimapiles - - - " ✓
12. Alejandro Berenguer - - " ✓
13. Fabian Castillo - - - - " ✓
14. Francisco Villa - - - - " ✓
15. Juan Bautista - - - - Corporal ✓
16. Emigio Salazar - - - - " ✓
17. Eduardo Berber - - - - " ✓
18. Bonifacio Diones - - - - " ✓
19. Fausto Tafalla - - - - " ✓
20. Crisanto Angue - - - - " ✓
21. Crisanto Paiton - - - - " ✓
22. Juan Anciano - - - - - " ✓
23. Candido Ykan - - - - Private First Class ✓
24. Delfin Avinante - - - - " " " ✓
25. Elino Hernandez - - - - " " " ✓
26. Pedro Bendo - - - - " " " ✓
27. Quirico Castillo - - - - " " " ✓
28. Jose Dimapiles - - - - " " " ✓
29. Marciano Ugot - - - - " " " ✓
30. Mooses Bautista - - - - " " " ✓
31. Juan Reyes - - - - " " " ✓
32. Peatronilo Alano - - - - " " " ✓
33. Cornelio Castillo - - - - " " " ✓
34. Agapito Villaviray - - - - " " " ✓
35. Pedro Diones - - - - " " " ✓
36. Ciriaco Hernandez - - - - " " " ✓
37. Emilio Ubaldo - - - - " " " ✓
38. Cosme Lopez - - - - " " " ✓
39. Donato Mortal - - - - " " " ✓
40. Florencio Villa - - - - " " - (Killed in Action)
41. Quirino Lopez - - - - " " - (Killed in action)
42. Pascual Dimapiles - - - - " " ✓
43. Carlos Villa - - - - Private ✓
44. Pastor Medina - - - - " ✓
45. Bandino Dinco - - - - " ✓
46. Gregorio Hernandez - - - - " ✓
47. Apolinario del Mundo - - - - " ✓
48. Gregorio Belostrino - - - - " ✓
49. Mateo Pabiton - - - - " ✓
50. Alejo Gloda - - - - " USAFFE ✓
51. Ambrosio Gloda - - - - " ✓
52. Antonio Avinante - - - - " ✓
53. Andres Aure - - - - " ✓
54. Ignacio Dimapiles - - - - " ✓
55. Juan Umbal - - - - " ✓
56. Luis Belostrino - - - - " ✓
57. Fernando Quiacos - - - - " ✓
58. Leon Anciano - - - - - " ✓
59. Pascual Bidbid - - - - - " ✓

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60. Marciano Paiton - - -	Private	92. Pablo Esteron - - -	Private
62. Julian Anciano - - -	"	93. Regino Paganiban - -	"
63. Melquiades Matreo - -	"	94. Sixto Paganiban - - -	"
65. Gregorio Mojica - - -	"	95. Manuel Cruzada - - -	"
64. Vicente Anonuevo - - -	"	96. Fidel Hernandez - - -	"
66. Felipe Quiacos - - -	"	97. Leoncio Hernandez - -	"
66. Benjamin Quiacos - - -	"	98. Fidel Sarsano - - - -	"
67. Hugo Gloriani - - - -	"	99. Tito Pineda - - - - -	"
68. Santiago Angue - - - -	"	100. Santos Lugas - - - - -	"
69. Elpidio Beltran - - - -	"	101. Mariano Hernandez - -	"
70. Angel Magtibay - - - -	"	102. Joaquin Rosano - - - -	"
71. Daniel Hernandez - - - -	"	103. Sinforoso Kabatian - -	"
72. Cayetano Dimpalles - -	"	104. Celedonio de Padua - -	"
73. Joaquin Mendoza - - - -	"	105. Francisco de Padua - -	"
74. Pedro Gloton - - - - -	"	106. Ambrosio Binaujan - -	"
75. Benito de Mesa - - - - -	"	107. Eugenio Paiton - - - -	"
76. Andres de Taza - - - - -	"	108. Juan Mendoza - - - - -	"
77. Pedro Hernandez - - - - -	"	109. Ildefonso Bendo - - - -	"
78. Adriano Hernandez - - - -	"	110. Rufo de Padua - - - - -	"
79. Teodorico de Taza - - - -	"	111. Leoncio Ykan - - - - -	"
80. Camilo Gloton - - - - -	"	112. Benito Dinlasan - - - -	"
81. Felix de Mesa - - - - -	"	113. Fermin Bendo - - - - -	"
82. Doroteo Bencito - - - - -	"	114. Victor Incognito - - - -	"
83. Carlos Arinton - - - - -	"	115. Domingo Pagkaliwangan -	"
84. Felicio Arinton - - - - -	"	116. Fabian Bendo - - - - -	"
85. Pedro Arinton - - - - -	"	117. Domingo Andaleon - - - -	"
86. Juan Dimapiles - - - - -	"	118. Perfecto Bautista - - - -	"
87. Roberto Diones - - - - -	"	119. Timoteo Bautista - - - -	"
88. Rizal Diones - - - - -	"	120. Leoncio Incognito - - - -	"
89. Bonifacio Paiton - - - - -	"	121. Santos Paiton - - - - -	"
90. Remigio Pineda - - - - -	"	122. David Ykan - - - - -	"
91. Agapito Esteron - - - - -	"	123. Marcos Paganiban - - - -	"

Natalio Tafalla
NATALIO TAFALLA
Capt., Infantry
Company Commander

APPROVED: *[Signature]*

NICOLAS TAFALLA

Lt. Col., Inf

Commanding, 85th Inf. Regt., P.C.O.G.

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

1. Tapalla Unit 85th INF Regt Bailen, Cavite
Name of Unit Location

(a) P.G.O.M.
Name of overall command

(b) Vincent Umali R 527 Manila Hotel
Name of overall commanding officer Address

(c) Natalio Tafalla Bailen, Cavite
Name of unit commanding officer Address

(d) 11th A/B
Name of using unit

(e) 15 NOV 42
Authority for organization of unit. 1) date organized 2) date reorganized
3) inactivated Sept 45

(f) Strength in officers and EM
1942 123 1943 123
1944 127 1945 123 1946 _____

(g) Personnel lost: NONE
used for replacements to other units

: NONE
because of dissatisfaction with units

: NONE
because of inter-unit quarrels

: 3 2 1
Casualties (Unit)(Ind) dead wounded

(h) Personnel: 3 1 2
USAFPE No. officers EM

: 0 0 0
P.A. No. officers EM

: 0 0 0
P.S. No. officers EM

: 120 6 114
Civilians No. officers EM

Personnel procure copies of any S.O., that may affect any of the personnel.
NONE

2. Equipment:

(a) Weapons available (type) 1942 70 1943 70
1944 70 1945 70 1946 _____

How procured

Battay

- (b) Transportation available Trucks _____ Motor Cars _____
 How procured purchase NONE confiscation _____
 capture _____ military necessity _____
- (c) Radios available for broadcasts NONE
 Radios available for reception NONE
- (d) Weapons still in hands of unit NONE
- (e) Weapons turned in by unit 70 To whom Sgt. E. E. Y

Activities including type	During occupation	Liberation
(a) <u>SaTabeys</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
(b) <u>Combat</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>
(c) _____	_____	_____
(d) _____	_____	_____
(e) _____	_____	_____
(f) _____	_____	_____
(g) _____	_____	_____
(h) _____	_____	_____
(i) _____	_____	_____
(j) _____	_____	_____

(additional papers can be added)

4. Accomplishments (chronological sequence)

- (a) Free Press Bldg. Manila, P.I.
 Destruction of Phil. property (bridges) etc.
- (b) NONE
 Destruction of Japanese
- (c) 1 Fla. Tank Box / carbine
 Capture of Japanese property (including type)
- (d) 0
 Enemy casualties

Methods used to procure supplies in local areas.

- (a) NONE
 Amount purchased
- (b) Donated \$1500 by members brought from Home
 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) 4th Corps P.O. 8 Carmona, Cavite
 Name of units Locations

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