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BUKIDNON GUERRILLA FORCES

NAME OF UNIT

JOSE M. LACARA

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. NFG/DL ltr dtd 6 May '47
4. Indorsement ltr dtd 15 May '47

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 : OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 : RADIO CITE  
 : OFFICE RETAINED RECORD :

G-3 File No. GSCF U : Date: 13 May 47

SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for : Type of Communication  
 FROM : Jose M. Lacaba : Letter

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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col G. F. Illard:

Basic, ltr fr Jose M Lacaba to Secretary of Nat'l Defense dtd, 15 Apr 47, requesting recogn of the Bukidnon Grls Forces; 1st Ind, Nat'l Defense transmit's request for recogn to the American Ambassador; 2nd Ind, U.S. Embassy to this bq, dtd 3 May 47 forwarding communication requests direct reply to writer with two copies furnished that office.

1st Lt George E. Kemper

Concur: Lt Col S J Fales  
 Chief, Unit Branch

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HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES-MILITARY COMMAND, APO 707 15 MAY 1947

TO: The American Ambassador, Manila, Philippines, APO 736

1. Information copy of letter from Mr. Jose M. Lacaba was received, this headquarters, 26 April 1947.
2. Forwarded herewith are two copies of the reply to Mr. Jose M. Lacaba.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

- 1 Incl  
2 copies of reply to  
Mr. Jose M. Lacaba



JOHN R. SPARK  
MAJOR, AGD  
ASST ADJ GEN

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Concur: Lt Col S J Pales  
Chief, Unit Branch

13 May 1947

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c/o Claims Service,  
Team 4, PHILRYCOM  
Cagayan, Misamis Oriental  
15 April 1947

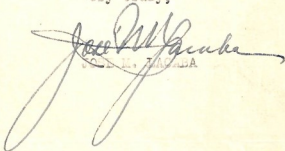
The Commanding General  
PHILRYCOM, APO 707,  
Manila

Sir:

Herewith attached is an appeal furnished the office of the Commanding General, PHILRYCOM, addressed to the Chairman, Philippine Veterans Board Brigadier General Feralta.

The contents of said communication explain and request emphatically the Chairman of the Philippine Veterans Board if he can do anything to help this individual who is a veteran. This is for the information of the Commanding General with the end in view that the Commanding General, Sir, may also help on this regard.

Very truly,

  
JOE M. MARAMBA

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SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for :  
 FROM : Jose M Lacaba : Type of Communication  
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1st Lt George E. Kemper *G.E.K.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col G. F. Lillard:

Basic, ltr fr Jose M Lacaba to CG, PHILRYCOM, dtd 15 Apr 47, requesting recognition of the Bukidnon Guerrilla Force.

1st Lt George E. Kemper  
*George E. Kemper*

Concur: *SJP* (u)  
 Lt Col S J Palos  
 Chief, Unit Branch

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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINE-MILITARY COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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6 MAY 1947

Mr. Jose M. Lacaba  
c/o Claims Service  
Team A PHILTCOM  
Cagayan, Misamis Oriental  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Lacaba:

This will acknowledge receipt of the information copy of your letter, dated 15 April 1947, to Brigadier General Macario Peralta, Chairman, Philippine Veterans Board.

Concerning your request for recognition of the Bukidnon Guerrilla Force, special press release from Public Relations Office, APRESFAS, dated 1 February 1946, stated that no applications for recognition of guerrilla units would be accepted by this headquarters after 15 March 1946. The recent press release from Public Relations Office, PHILTCOM, further announced the closing date of 15 March 1947 for the submission of individual claims for non-casualty recognition.

It is considered that all concerned had ample opportunity to prepare and submit applications for recognition by 15 March 1946. No request for recognition of the Bukidnon Guerrilla Force was received by this headquarters.

This decision does not preclude submission of claims for casualty recognition by those individuals who are qualified and feel justified in entering such claims. Upon request from interested individuals, appropriate forms will be forwarded.

This headquarters has no authority to answer the other questions cited in your letter. It is assumed that you will receive adequate answers from the Philippine Veterans Board to which your letter was addressed.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

Col G. F. Lillard:

Basis, ltr fr Jose M Lacaba to CG, PHILTCOM, dtd 15 Apr 47, requesting recognition of the Bukidnon Guerrilla Force.

Lt Lt George E. Kasper

Consent: Lt Col S J Pales  
Chief, Unit Branch



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c/o Claims Service,  
Team 4, ~~PHILCOM~~,  
Cagayan, Misamis Oriental  
18 April 1947

Brig. Gen. Macario Feralta  
Chairman, Philippine Veterans Board  
Wallace Field, Manila

Dear Sir:

This lengthy communication comes from the undersigned, a veteran. In the General's last visit during the Parity Campaign with his Excellency, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, the undersigned was impressed in the way the General emphasized the sad plight of the veterans in the course of his speech.

The undersigned is a USAFFE-GUERRILLA Officer, inactive, having taken an active participation in the encounters against the enemy at the Digos Fronts, Davao, until the surrender of the Fil-American Forces, USAFFE in Mindanao. He helped organizing the Alanib Force with Major Alipio Juntilla, which unit later became the Bukidnon-Cotabato Force.

He was the co-organizer of the Bukidnon Guerrilla Force with the late Atty Filomeno V. Abitona. The said unit was supposed to be the first organized guerrilla in Bukidnon. This had a membership of from 800 to 1,000 officers and EM. The said guerrilla was organized on 4 July 1942, barely two months after the USAFFE SURRENDER. On account of the fact that Major Filomeno V. Abitona and several companions of his were captured by the enemy due to that Resistance Movement and later on liquidated by the bastards, the Organization was not able to pursue its vital purpose. However, it checked and put stoppages on the abuses and atrocities of the enemy to the civilians. Major Filomeno V. Abitona together with 23 members were tortured before they were killed by the Japanese and afterward, "The Bukidnon Guerrilla Force" was automatically handled by the undersigned, he being the Executive Officer and Supreme Commander of the land, water, and jungle forces and next in command. The undersigned was then a Major in that guerrilla. The people of Bukidnon are the living witnesses of the organization which the insiders (people in the enemy territory) termed as "Bukidnon Uprising" against the enemy. That is why the undersigned in the General's last visit in Cagayan, Misamis Oriental desired to call on him for this very purpose

but there was no enough time. The Bukidnon Guerrilla Force did not cease in its function even after the death of the late Atty Filomeno V. Abitona and members until the Alanib Force was organized under then Captain (now Major) Alipio Juntilla in which the undersigned was a helper during the time of its organization with the members of the Bukidnon Guerrilla Force joining or taken in the said organization. Later on when the Alanib Force was fused with the Bukidnon-Cotabato Force under the command of the then Brigadier-General Salipada K. Pendatun (now senator), the undersigned was also with it. Senator Pendatun is aware of this and maybe he still knows the undersigned. Majors Melencio O. Orbase and Alfredo M. Bustamante know me personally and this matter, too.

When the Bukidnon-Cotabato Force became a part of the 109th Division, 10th MD, USFIP, named 117th Inf Regiment, the undersigned was also with it until he was transferred to the Division Headquarters, 109th Division. Col. James R. Grinstead, the CO of the Division, Majors Albino Noble and Ignacio S. Cruz, Division Quartermaster and "A" Corp Quartermaster, respectively, know the undersigned personally and his activities in the guerrilla until it was inactivated.

The undersigned humbly presents the following to the General:

a) He requests for the recognition of the Bukidnon Guerrilla Force taking considerations that there were twenty three (23) members killed and several of them were captured in order to help the legal heirs of the deceased members. Request that representation be made to the RFD, MILKYCOK, re this matter. If papers are necessary regarding the organization of the Bukidnon Guerrilla Force, they can be forwarded later.

b) The undersigned would like to finish his law course in Manila beginning the calendar year 1947-1948. Request information if he may enjoy the educational benefits granted to veterans. May he be informed as to what the necessary requirements are, in order that he may accomplish them.

c) The undersigned as well as the rest of the veterans of this place learned that the guerrilla services of the USAFFE personnel could be given or paid ahead. Request that the "back pay" for guerrilla services alone of the undersigned be given him so that this can help finance himself in his studies and support his family while he is studying in college. And if all the "back pays" of USAFFE officers and men in Mindanao even the pays of their guerrilla services alone shall be given to them, surely, they will be thankful very much to the General.

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d) At present, the undersigned is Claims Investigator in the Claims Service, Team 4, PHILRYCOM, Cagayan, Misamis Oriental. He would like to transfer to the Manila Office of the Claims Service in the same designation so that he can finish his law studies. If the General can make the necessary negotiation with Col. Basil Wood, the Chief of Claims, re the undersigned's transfer, this will be considered a personal obligation of his to the General.

This communication was read by Lt. Manuel Feralta, the General's brother, who was a co-guerrilla officer of the undersigned in the 109th Division, and also his personal friend. Lt. Feralta commented it to be a swell idea to have this matter presented to the Philippine Veterans Board Chief.

Whatever action is taken on this regard is highly appreciated. The undersigned humbly appeals and requests that he be informed if there shall be action taken on this matter.

Very truly,



JOSE M. LACABA

Mr. Jose M. Lacaba  
Claims Investigator  
Claims Service, PHILRYCOM,  
Cagayan, Misamis Oriental

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✓ Commanding General, PHILRYCOM, APO 907, Manila  
Secretary of National Defense, Manila



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