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PIC PROV BN, 44TH REGT, 44TH DIV, HUNTERS - ROTC

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NAME OF UNIT

LUCITO SANTIAGO

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for recognition dtd 20 Jan 46 w/supporting papers
4. NFC ltr dtd 3 Mar 47 w/ltr dtd 16 Sep 46 from Adevoac withdrawing request for recognition of all pending HUNTERS-ROTC units.



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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-MILITARY COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APG 707

3 MAR 1947

Mr. Lucito C. Santiago  
Parangue, Misal  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Santiago:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the P. I. C. Provisional Battalion, Hunters ROTC, purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control has not been favorably considered for recognition.

It is felt that the number of men recognized in the Miguel Ver Regiment, Hunters ROTC, a composite unit of the overall command under Col Eleuterio Adevero, constitutes a just and adequate acknowledgement of the military services performed by the H uniters ROTC unit.

This decision does not preclude individual requests for casualty recognition by injured personnel who desire to enter such claims. Upon request from interested individuals, appropriate casualty forms will be forwarded.

Sincerely,

R. E. CANTRELL  
CAPTAIN, AGD  
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

Col Gerald F. Millard:

Basic, 1tr fr Lucito C. Santiago to CG, PHILRECOM, requesting recogn of the PID Prov'l Bn, Hunters ROTC unit.

*Charles L. Homewood*  
1st Lt Charles L. Homewood

1. Concur: Maj C. H. Wertzell  
Chief, Unit Inv Sec
2. Concur: Lt Col S. J. Falco  
Chief, Unit Branch



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UNITED STATES LEGION  
1615 Antilles, Manila

15 September 1946

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Deferral Requests for Recognition from  
GAS, G-3, APOEFPOD PULO, Request 300.

TO : The Chief of Guerrilla Affairs Branch,  
G-3, APOEFPOD

1. Request withdrawal of all recognition requests from  
my organization. The Hunters or BOM Guerrillas.

2. Exceptions to this request are the cases of the "Bal-  
sani Fighters" of the Balasag Islands, and, that of the guer-  
rilla casualties.

3. Request further that this be granted after the an-  
nouncement of official recognition of the "1st Hunters-BOM  
Guerrilla Cadre Regiment" which includes most of the strictly  
deserving members of my unit.

s/ Terry "Balasani" Agososo  
t/ Terry "Balasani" Agososo  
Major, USA, O-42203 BA  
Acting Legion Commander

Photostatic copy filed in the safe

REPRODUCED:  
28 Feb 47

PROTACIO CASIANO  
1st Lt Inf AUS  
Chief, Records Section

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THE HEADQUARTERS, HUNTERS ROTC GUERRILLAS  
44th PROVISIONAL REGIMENT

20 January 1946

SUBJECT: Recognition of Officers and Enlisted Men  
of the P.I.C. Provisional Battalion  
44th HUNTERS ROTC Regiment

TO : The Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO 707

1. The following is the 'old' roster of the Philippine  
Independent Constabulary (P.I.C.) Provisional Battalion, 44th  
HUNTERS ROTC Guerrilla Regiment:

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

Captain LUCITO C. SANTIAGO -----	Commanding Officer
1st Lieutenant SERAFIN VILLAFIOR -----	Executive Officer
2nd Lieutenant SALVADOR MANLUPING-----	HQ Tr. Commander & Provost Officer
2nd Lieutenant Briccio dela Rosa-----	Bn S-3
3rd Lieutenant Pedro Sierjas-----	Bn S-2

1. 1st Sgt. Malaya Digan	12. Cpl. Juan Derla - Mesgr.
2. T/Sgt. Dominador Abulencia	13. " Anastacio Profentara-cook
3. S/Sgt. Francisco Corpuz	14. " Emilio Vasquez-cook
4. S/Sgt. Henry Lewis	15. " Ernesto Bautista-Mesgr.
5. Pvt. Dionicio Cruz	16. Pvt. Ramon Bernal
6. " Buenaventura Tubera	17. " Ciriacoo Acop
7. " Ramon Tobias	18. " Reynaldo Tobias
8. " Reynaldo Marquez	19. " Celestino Calicdan
9. " Eugenio Torralba	20. " Gaudencio Salezar
10. " Romulo Cruz	21. " Jose Mercado
11. " Bayani de Villon	22. " Tranquilino de Leon

COMPANY "A"

Captain HILARION DE LOS SANTOS -----	Company Commander
1st Sgt. Francisco Geronimo-----	Company Sergeant
T/Sgt. Henry Santos -----	Company Clerk
Cpl. Anselmo Getdula-----	Messenger

FIRST PLATOON

Platoon Leader -----	1st Lieutenant LUCIO SILVESTRE
Platoon Sergeant-----	Sgt. Delfin Tabaranza

Cpl. Antonio Garrucho	Cpl. Venancio Villanueva
Pfc. Perfecto Balañgot	Pfc. Ruperto Ruiz
Pvt. Diosdado Reña	Pvt. Domingo Pichay
" Eulogio Diosma	" Felix Maximo
" Antonio Corda	" Pedro Castillo
" Leandro Gonzales	" Daniel Lozano
" Peregrino Ipac	" Enrique Kwan
" Juanito Balignasay	" Eulogio Juego
" Felipe Erese	" Antero Galero
" Nicasio Jimenez	" Potenciano Ybera
" Jose Mortel	" Arsenio Entienza
" Deogracias Dagum	" Juan Paminuan
" Lucio Alvarez	" Belarino Buena Flor
" Marcelino Gayco	" Alfredo Fonticilla
" Jose Aguso	" Agrifino Alejandro
" Eusebio Maniquiz	" Adriano Alvarez
" Potenciano Padillio	" Efren Panlilio
" Telesforo Tiangco	" Domingo Cordova
" Ceferino Aves	" Jose Sta. Maria
" Agriles del Mundo	" Santiago Bernabe
" Tomas Mariñas	" Eduardo Lopez
" Sotero Roca	" Dominador Toledo

## SECOND PLATOON

VICENTE BAUTISTA ----- 2nd Lieutenant, Platoon Leader  
 Rodolfo Corriche ----- 1st Sgt., Platoon Sergeant

Cpl. Emilio Copanco	Cpl. Antonio Lahoz
Pfc. Prudencio Carlos	Pfc. Jose de Luna
Pvt. Eliseo Suplido	Pvt. Ramon Barreto
" Deogracias Hernandez	" Gaudencio Bondad
" Emilio Farifas	" Emiliano Abanacos
" Diosdado Galang	" Emiliano Santos
" Beato Calayo	" Pelayo Flores
" Abraham Gabo	" Amerigo Aldea
" Isao Palogan	" Bienvenido Dato
" Jose Morales	" Jose Villaroza
" Anselmo Santiago	" Juanito Reyes
" Leon Gatchalian	" Aquilino De Vera
" Dominador Esguerra	" Arsiton Abes
" Primo Ortiz	" Hipolito Paguibitan
" Gavino Cruz	" Gerardo Sandoval
" Lauriano Gatbuntan	" Mauro Tolentino
" Artemio Dixon	" Pablo San Vicente
" Jose Manay-ay	" Glicerio Parial
" Ricardo Lutera	" Emiliano Cabra
" Mario Lamzon	" Valeriano Binayas
" Isageni Castro	" Ramon Arconada
" Arcadio Lemas	" Pedrito Ferrer

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COMPANY "B"

Captain ESPERIDION BRIONES ----- Company Commander  
 1st Sgt. Dionisio Mansilla ----- Company Sergeant  
 T/Sgt. Salvador Himantog ----- Company Clerk  
 Cpl. Manuel Tolentino ----- Messenger

## FIRST PLATOON

1st Lieut. MANUEL TABERNERO -----	Platoon Leader
Sgt. Eladio Morales -----	Platoon Sergeant
Cpl. Federico Aquino	Cpl. Jaime Papica
Pfc. Tomas de Leon	Pfc. Anselmo Gadia
Pvt. Florencio Ormeton	Pvt. Ramon Mansenido
" Delfin Pizzero	" Andres Ross
" Teofilo Dial	" Francisco Punzal
" Conrado Galvez	" Rodolfo Razon
" Emiliano Cunanan	" Jose Espeña
" Teopisto Bringas	" Zacarias Espeleta
" Mariano Cayas	" Alberto Saboy
" Jose Viñas	" Melquiades de Leon
" Francisco Manuel	" Maximo Zapanta
" Fernando Tolentino	" Dionisio Libuit
" Baldomero Francisco	" Alfredo Manantan
" Gregorio Gascon	" Cirilo Pasumbel
" Nazareno Lugtu	" Wencislao Santos
" Angel Clemente	" Felimon Manibog
" Macedonio Mora	" Maximo Lovado
" Vicente Villena	" Anselmo Paniganiban
" Jose Castañeda	" Adrenil Lelina
" Leocadio Bacted	" Anastacio Gaerlan
" Pedro Madella	" Lauro Camiguin
" Gaudencio Parlag	" Zozimo Reyes

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## SECOND PLATOON

2nd Lieutenant HILARIO SANGALANG ----- Platoon Leader  
 Sgt. Jacinto Gabauap ----- Platoon Sergeant

Cpl. Cecilio S. Mendoza	Cpl. Martin Briones
Pfc. Vicente Madla	Pfc. Genaro Mendoza
Pvt. Fausto Agustin	Pvt. Francisco Villacorta
" Clemente Gueñira	" Eldefonso Bersano
" Pedro Cabrido	" Pablo Cortez
" Dominador Batoctoy	" Amado Sumeniego
" Agustin Gacho	" Sinfroso Luarca
" Jose Apollo	" Jacinto Jose
" Isabelo Calma	" Ismael Dalfino
" Elpidio Quimson	" Godofredo Gaspar
" Salvador Martilino	" Pascual Franco
" Eduardo de Boien	" Santiago Samson
" Epifanio Santos	" Pascual Susana
" Antonio Pedrosa	" Andres de la Merced
" Adelino Alegre	" Francisco Dawag
" Eladio Cuarteron	" Lazaro Sta. Ines
" Paquito Rosales	" Pacifico Martinez
" Ciriaco de la Cruz	" Pampilo Teason
" Ador Ramos	" Federico Wasan
" Venancio Nabor	" Fernando Briones
" Jose Taguinod	" Telesforo Lustre
" Fidel Aldas	" Eladio Faelma

## SECRET OPERATIVE STAFF

2nd Lieutenant Juan Cabiso----- Tondo, Manila  
 2nd Lieutenant Salvador Acosta----- San Marcelino, Manila  
 2nd Lieutenant Felipe Castro ----- Sta. Cruz, Manila  
 2nd Lieutenant Ignacio Trono----- Personal Aide-de Camp  
 2nd Lieutenant Alfredo Generoso----- San Miguel, Manila

## SPECIAL ATTACH SERVICE

Major CEFERINO APON, Markings' Fil-American, Laguna Regiment to  
 having been appointed Custodian of Records  
 Section as of 17 Oct. 1944  
 Capt. Gonzalo Magsalin, G-2 Hunters ROTC Guerrillas as Liaison  
 Officer to the Central Command.  
 1st Lieutenant Melanio Berces, Anderson Atlanta York Area Guerrilla  
 command as Liaison and Interceptor of Allied  
 Broadcasts from Malacañan Palace to our  
 Command Post.  
 1st Lieutenant Demetrio Manluping, 1st PCOG Regiment as Liaison  
 and Supplier of LIBERATOR PAMPHLETS and Carbine  
 Cartridges.

NO. OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION AS WAS SMUGGLED BY THIS UNIT INTENDED FOR  
 ITS USE AS OF 1 NOVEMBER 1944.

230 Nos. RIFLES (Cal. 30 & all Serviceable)  
 29 Nos. Bayonets  
 2 Nos. RIFLGUNS  
 8,000 Rds. AMMUNITION Cal. 30  
 12,000 Rds. AMMUNITION Cal. 22  
 60 Rds. SHOTGUN Shells, 12 Ga.  
 60 Nos. Revolvers, (Assorted Cal. & Make)

## DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL

	CAPTAINS	FIRST LIEUTENANTS	SECOND LIEUTENANTS	3rd Lts.	ENLISTED MEN	TOTAL
HQ	1	1	2	1	22	27
"A" Co.	1	1	1		93	96
"B" Co.	1	1	1		93	96
OPERATIVES			5			5
TOTAL	3	3	9	1	208	224

Officers --- 15  
 E M --- 200  
 Grand Total ---- 214

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HISTORICAL RECORD

DATES AND ACTIVITIES IN SEQUENCES,

Name: PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENT CONSTABULARY PROVISIONAL BATTALION  
44TH HUNTERS ROTC GUERRILLA REGIMENT (P.I.C.)

Date of Foundation: 5 May 1944

Founder: LUCIO C. SANTIAGO, Capt. Guer. Inf.

Cotemporaries in its Foundation:

HILARION DE LOS SANTOS, Capt. Guer. Inf.  
ESPERIDION BRIONES, Capt. Guer. Inf.

Command Post: SUPPLY OFFICE: Former Constabulary Academy No. 2  
Bureau of Education Bldg. Cabildo  
and Recoletos intersections, Intramuros  
Manila. From 5 May 44 to 1 Oct 44. (Incl.)

ROOM NO 9, 359  
CABILDO STREET,  
INTRAMUROS

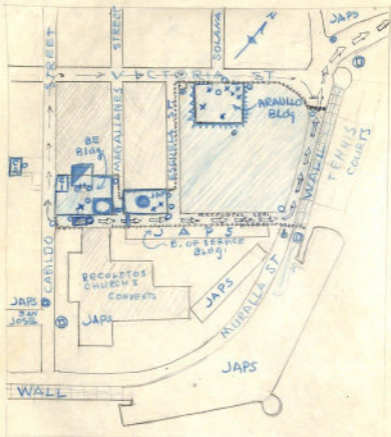
A private living room with bedding equipment  
to accommodate Guerrilla visitors, Liaison Officers  
and contact men. From 1 October 44 to 1 Nov 44.  
(Inclusive).

Order Issued:

- (a) 8 October 1943, the founder gave a temporary appointments to MANUEL TABERNERO, BRICCIO DELA ROSA AND PEDRO SIERJAS to the designations of 3rd LIEUTENANTS herefrom.
- (b) Ordered the completion of the sketch MAP of Intramuros and to have the indications of MILITARY INSTALLATIONS of the Japs therest, as of 30 October 1943.
- (c) 5 May 1944, Appointment of Hilarion delos Santos and Esperidion Briones as Captains, designation of their commands and appointments of the whole battalion staff and Junior Officers.
- (e) 8 August 1944, Propose a despedida party for the purpose of increasing the moral of the command. Held 15 August 1944.
- (f) 28 October, Picked out 20 enlisted men and seven commissioned officers and designated them as the convoy party to convey smuggled arms and ammunition to any designated place. Final plans were:
  1. Provisionary Capt. Lucio Santiago to take immediate command of the convoy unit and Serafin Villalor to be second in command. All orders and instructions should in and under any circumstances come from him directly.
  2. To designate suicidal guards against any eventualities during the process of the execution and to eliminate any undesirable elements therein.
  3. To park our means of transportation, refraining from any possible suspicion in the immediate front of the Armory inside the Academy compounds as was indicated in our Map of Operations on the Recoletos Street not later than 7:00 P.M., the day the truck arrive.
  4. To cut or otherwise disable all telephone line leading to points north and east of Manila. Lucio Silvestre to be left behind to stick up any counter movement with the point of his

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ORIGIN

EXACT REPLICIA  
*Arto C. Santiago*  
 (Estimated)

-  LIMITS OF COMPOUND
-  BARBED WIRE FENCE
-  ARMORY
-  PC HQ SUPPLY ROOM
-  JAP DORMITORY
-  DAMAGED TELEPHONES
-  ROUTE OF TRUCK - 4:00 AM. 1 NOV. 44.
-  POSITION OF TRUCK - 7:00 PM. 21 OCTOBER 44
-  1st C.P.
-  2nd C.P.
-  SECURITY GRDS
-  JAP Sentries
-  ROUTE OF SEC. PATROL
-  37 mm CANNON
-  GATE

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gun and to insure our escape from apprehension. Serafin Villaflor to cut telephone lines and open the bodega under Jap Dormitory.

5. Provisionary Captains Santos and Briones to assume the command of the men to be left behind, contact our destination and spy reactions inside the academy.
6. For Santos to continue financing necessary to individual operations in the city of Manila and for Capt. Briones to send up supplies to the mountains as much and whenever possible.
7. Aid to keep their identity, Take care of papers and refraining to give any information to the whereabouts of the unit. To pacify rest of the members, impose punishment to cases of disloyalty, and insubordination to above.

(Note: Plans above were prepared jointly by Captains Santiago, Briones, Santos of the P.I.C.; and Major Apon of the Marking Fil-American.)

- (g) 1 November 1944 Order of the loading of the fighting equipment on the truck and successfully delivering the same to Taglig, River then to Angono, Rizal.
- (h) Ordered Sgt. Francisco Corpus to go down to Manila and contacted Capts Santos and Briones. They send supplies (limited quantities) such as tobacco, shoes, clothes etc. Sent also the amount of ₱18,000.00 Mickey mouse notes plus the current reports of the season. 17 November 44.
- (i) Ordered the coming up of the available members of the command but was frustrated due to the reason that the Japs infested between points of communication and were on vigilant lookout. 3 December 1944.

CASUALTIES IN THE FIELD

1. 1st Lieut. Serafin Villaflor----- Missing in action since middle part of January 45 in Infanta, Tayabas.
2. 2nd Lieut. Ignacio Trono----- Killed in Action in a combat with Japs and Makapili, Pasong Abo, Antipolo, Rizal on 8 Jan 1945 (confirmed).
3. Cpl. Anselmo Gatdula ----- Apprehended and killed by Japs in connection with the smuggling of arms and ammunition. Early part of Dec 44.
- 4 & 5 Cpl Manuel Tolentino and Pvt. Dionisio Libuit----- Apprehended by Japs on 2 Nov 44 and later put to death in connection of the same smuggling.
6. Pvt. Dionisio Cruz----- Apprehended and put to death by Macapili in the vicinity of Boso-Boso Nuevo, Antipolo, Rizal. 18 November 1944 while foraging.

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2. I hereby certify that the aforementioned enumerations and table of Organization is true and have existed as was certified correct by Capt Primo Feliciano, Inf. (P A) and authenticated by Col. Eusebio Adevoco, Inf. (PA)ASN C-12200, C.O. HUNTERS, ROTC Guerrillas. The request for individual Recognition of the undersigned was submitted by said Commanding Officer with substantial evidence, <sup>that</sup> she be used as reference herewith, and containing statements to that effect.

*Luigito C. Santiago*  
LUIGITO C. SANTIAGO

Captain, Inf.

Bn. Comdr., P.I.C. Prov. Bn.  
4th Hunter ROTC Guar. Reg.

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THE HEADQUARTERS, HUNTERS ROTC GUERRILLAS  
44TH PROVISIONAL REGIMENT

20 January 1946

NOTE:

Original copies of the attached request for individual recognition of the undersigned was submitted to this Office by the Commanding Officer, HUNTERS ROTC as reference pertaining (F.I.C) Provisional Battalion, 44th HUNTERS ROTC, Odeville Regiment.

*Lucio C. Santiago*

LUCIO C. SANTIAGO  
Captain, Gr1a, Inf  
Bn Commander, F.I.C. Gr1a Unit.

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HEADQUARTERS, THE HUNTERS OR ROTC GUERRILLAS  
Parañaque, Rizal

20 January 1946

201(0) HUNTERS

SUBJECT: Lucito C. Santiago, 1st Lieutenant

TO : The Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO 707

1. The following is a chronological record of my guerilla activities:

- 1 Aug 45 - Inducted to the PALAYAN UNIT, 44th Hunters or ROTC Division thru the recommendation of Capt. Primo Feliciano, (Then Lt. Prime and was an Ordnance Officer for said guerilla division). Was included in the division Roster as LUCIO SANTIAGO, appointed 2nd Lieutenant as per SO (Unnumbered) in the Palayan Unit HQ and designated Intelligence Agent in the city of Manila to spy against Filipino servicemen under the then Jap controlled Philippine Executive Commission.
- 5 Aug 45 - Sent on a mission to detect the nature of training employed by the Jap sponsored Philippine Constabulary Academies and after acquiring insufficient information about the same, I was planted by the Palayan Unit thru the verbative order of Capt. Prime for me to apply for training to said institution.
- 9 Aug to  
27 Sep 45- Confinement for training in the Torres High School Compound, then Constabulary Academy No. 3. Graduated 27 September 45 and was assigned to Academy No. 1, Intramuros, Manila as Drill Master and Small Arms mechanic with a rank of Constabulary corporal.
- 3 Oct 45 - Requested leave of absence from said academy, reported to Capt. Prime the detailed points of my mission and discussed with him a newly established possibility to smuggle arms and ammunition in as much as I was already assigned assistant to the academy's armory officer. Instructions given me by Capt. Prime was to make a plan necessary to the accomplishment thereof. (The necessity of contacting him lies on the fact that he, Capt. Prime was the Ordnance Officer, ROTC Guerrillas.)
- 8 Oct 45 - Requested Capt. Prime to include such names of person or number of persons I might pick out to the demands of necessity and who for some grounds would be indispensable to the nature of my work. I then included, upon having been approved, three (3) ex-USaffe men and were conferred with temporary ranks of 3rd Lieutenants. They were:  
1. Manuel Tabernero  
2. Briccio dela Rosa  
3. Pedro Siegjas
- 12 Oct 45- Sent a mission to locate one by the name of Antonio Sadino (alias Nonong). Said person was wanted by the ROTC guerillas for impersonation and willfully soliciting funds against the good name of our Guerrilla Outfit. Sent Briccio dela Rosa to trace him down in the Maypajo Cabaret. Mission not successful due to lack of means of identifying said person and place of abode unknown.
- 27 Oct 45- Contacted Hilarion delos Santos and Esperidion Briones both of whom were ex-USaffe men and then were actually working for some other guerilla units who were sent for espionage in Intramuros, Manila. We knew each other for a common purpose.
- 30 Oct 45- Drafted a sketch map of Intramuros, marking important military installations therein and forward the same to the Town Officer of Parañaque, Rizal.
- 5 Nov 45- Promoted to Constabulary sergeant and given the post of Chief Armorer of the Constabulary Academies in the city of Manila. Was directly in-charge of the armory and key holder of the same.

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- 8 Dec 43 - Rejected an offer of the Constabulary Academy for me to train in the Officers' School due to the ground that it would detriment the realization of the plan to smuggle arms
- 1 Jan 44 - Formed the "TRES CAVALIEROS" composing of Santos, Briones and me. This club was an underground movement inside the academy compound, pledged to our honor to help each other in any eventualities that may arise.
- 5 May 44 - Tres Cavalieros drafted a roster that inducted enlisted me to the command that was growing bigger and bigger each day and which also led to the founding of P.I.C. (Philippine Independent Constabulary) Unit, 44th Hunters or ROTC Guerilla Regiment. Made our Command Post at the Supply Office of Sgt. Santos and the Records Section in my office in the armory. First among the Unit's members were:
- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Serafin Villaflor  | 7. Salvador Acosta    |
| 2. Lucio Silvestre    | 8. Vicente Bautista   |
| 3. Juan Cabiso        | 9. Dionisio Libuit    |
| 4. Manuel Tolentino   | 10. Jaime Papica      |
| 5. Ignacio Trono      | 11. Horacio Sangalang |
| 6. Salvador Manlaping | 13. Alfredo Generoso  |
- 15 Jul 44 - Went to Nueva Ecija and coincidentally got in touch with a friend of mine from the 91st Guerilla Irregular Troops and made a promise to the effect that he will be able to supply me with trucks necessary for the smuggling of arms. Accepted his help because the proposed number of arms to be smuggled was 1,500 rifles, as it was necessary for me to have as many trucks as possible.
- 2 Aug 44 - Completion of the P.I.C. Battalion Roster with more than 200 men to its command including officers. Was elected popularly as battalion CO. Appointed Santos as CO of 'A' Co.; Lucio Silvestre as his first platoon leader and Vicen Bautista as his 2nd platoon leader. Appointed Briones as CO of 'B' Co.; Manuel Tabernero as his 1st platoon leader and Horacio Sangalang as his 2nd platoon leader. Designated the provisional ranks of Captains to the battalion and company commanding Officers and 1st and 2nd Lieutenants to platoon leaders, and 1st Lieutenant to Serafin Villaflor who later was appointed second in command of convoy. Included Maj. Ceferino Apon of the Markings-Fil-America as 2nd Lieutenant of our outfit. (Minor ranks were conferred to a number of men but records were lost or destroyed in Intramuros, Manila.)
- 5 Aug 44 - Contacted Cpt. Prime (then Town Officer of Parañaque, Rizal) and presented out our table of organization including the preparation of desertion en masse. Brought the Papers to Manila for final touches and dated our desertion at the 16th of the month.
- 6 Aug 44 - Prepared a despedida party and dance for underground members sympathizers and supporters. Purpose was to increase moral. Among sympathizers were the civilian employees of the academy and other outsiders who were confidentially informed. Among the supporters were the actual concerns and some of the Philippine Officers of the Academy such as Lieuts. Q. Mabugat, R. Centeno, A. Mata, S. de Vera, Dolfin Jaranilla, Jr., Jose Fernandez, Jr., and a Nueva Ecija Hacendado named Antonio R. Lamzon who supported and advised.
- 15 Aug. 44 - (Occupation of Manila, 1898) Despedida and dance held successfully.
- 16 Aug. 44 - No transportation arrived. We extended our waiting.
- 30 Sep 44 - Sent Lucio Silvestre to the town officer of Taglig, Rizal on a mission to request means of transportation therefrom. Allied bombings in the city of Manila was already rampant and answer was trucks to arrive in Manila on the 17th of October by any means.

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- 1 Oct 44 - Began buying ammunition for assorted caliber of pistols, revolvers, and .30 cal. rifles. Transferred our command post to Room No. 9, 359 Cavillo Street, Intramuros, Manila from the Supply Room of Santos.
- 5 Oct 44- Capt. Gonzalo Magsalin, G-2 of The Hunters or ROTC 44th Division contacted me in my CP and discussed matters pertaining our activities at hand. I showed him and his companion the inlets and exits of the Armory and showed them the fighting equipments stored therein. They slept in our dormitory under pretexted uniformed men. He also relayed the verbatim communication of Capt. Prima that he, Capt. Magsalin will be responsible for the truck requested.
- 15 Oct. 44- Spread underground propaganda inside and outside Intramuros that our long anticipated moment will sooner or later come. My paraphernalia consisted of: a package of I SHALL RETURN cigarettes and matches, Carbine cartridges, typewritten shortwave news from San Francisco Broadcasts, and POGG's LIBERATOR pamphlets which were highly instrumental to the belief of my men in as much as direct evidences were already witnessed.
- 16 Oct 44- Told Lieut. Querobin Mabugat I'll be leaving soon probably "vacationing with a Thousand Rifles". Told me OK if I could do it.
- 17 Oct 44- No truck arrived and had to spend the day with the P.I.C. HQ. Made Santos, in addition to being a Co. CO, the Finance Officer of the Unit and in-charge of soliciting funds. Made Briones, in addition to being a Co. CO, the Supply Officer and Ceferino Apen as the Custodian of Records Section.
- 18 Oct 44- Went to Tipes, Taglig, Rizal; personally contacted Capt. Magsalin and demanded for the trucks. With me were Lucio Silvestre, Manuel Tabernero, Manuel Tolentino, Jaime Papias and Antonio Pedrosa. Got another promise of having only one truck as was available on the 31st of the month.
- 20 Oct 44- Ordered and employed 40 of my men to clean the rifles and packed everything necessary in rifle boxes. Checked personally the soundness and serviceability of every rifle's mechanism.
- 28 Oct 44- Assured of the truck. Gave final instructions to my men and explained to them not to get excited whenever something goes wrong. Squealing punishable by death penalty was emphasized and implanted to their memory. The ROTC motto: MEN WHO ARE NOT AFRAID TO DIE ARE FIT TO LIVE. Picked out 20 trainees, tough and hard-boiled to comprise the convoy party plus seven of my commissioned officers. Ordered to them that we must bring the haul to its destination dead or alive. Plans to be carried out were the following:
1. Provisionary Capt. Lucio Santiago to take immediate command of the convoy unit and Serafin Villafior to be second in command. All orders and instruction should in and under any circumstances come from him directly.
  2. To designate suicidal guard against any eventualities during the process of execution and to take care of undesirable elements therein.
  3. To park our means of conveyance, refraining from any possible suspicion in the immediate front of the armory inside the academy compounds as was indicated in our map of operation on Recoletos street not later than 7:00 p.m.
  4. To cut or otherwise disable all telephone lines within the academy compound and damage all possible communications leading to points north and

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- east of Manila. Lucio Silvestre to be left behind to stick up any counter movement with point of his gun and to assure our escape from apprehension. Lt. Serafin Villaflor to cut telephone wires and open the bodega situated under the Jap dormitory.
5. Provisionary Capts. Santos and Briones to assume command of men to be left behind, contact our destination and spy reactions inside the academy.
  6. For Santos to continue financing necessities in individual operations as would be necessary and for Briones to send up supplies to the mountains as much and whenever possible.
  7. And to keep their identity, take care of papers and refrain from giving any information to our whereabouts. To pacify rest of the members, impose punishment to cases of disloyalties, and insubordination to above.

31 Oct 44 'International' truck arrived Intramuros, 5:00 p.m. in good and running condition. With it was Capt. Magalin and his suicide driver. Truck supplied by the late Engineer Cantano of Pasig, Rizal who was later apprehended and killed by Jap MP's in Ft. Santiago. Posted guards 5:30 p.m.; Bribed Sgt. Anselmo Yap for me to take his place as commander of the guards that evening with P20 Mickey Mouse bills, 6:00 p.m.; Drove the truck and parked there as indicated in plan, 6:30 p.m.; Forced open the PG HQ bodega with an Enfield bayonet, 9:00 p.m.; Began distributing arms and ammunition, 9:30 p.m. Surveyed the compound guards, ordered Villaflor to inflict damage to communication, 10:00 p.m.; Ordered Silvestre to stand guard at the administration building, brought Lts. Vera and Mabugat for a drink, 10:15; GP raided by Jap MP looking for Florentino Trinidad, a member of the ROTC guerillas under the command of Capt. Enrique Albert. Hid said person over the ceiling to escape apprehension in as much as the Japs prefer to approach the room of the uniformed men to inquire the room of Trinidad. Did the trick unpercepted then later made them believe that said person moved to Pangasinan a week ago, then. 11:00 p.m.; 11:30 , the Japs left. 12:00 a.m. brought Trinidad inside the academy compound and armed him with a rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition. Contacted Pvt. Hernandez of Manila Police and planted him in the City Hall to intercept and delay communication.

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12:30 a.m., Opened the armory and ordered the loading. Ordered Silvestre to disarm unwanted personnel. 1:00 a.m., all loaded. Two officers of the Academy were held at coast. At 4:00 a.m. left the academy compound and headed for Taguig, Rizal as directed. Reached Ft. Wm McKinley where we were halted by Jap sentries near the foot of Pasig bridge. Left the car for suicidal stunt and explained that I was ordered to operate in Muntinglupa against guerilla, showed them falsified extract of my order. Released after some explanation and headed our way towards Taguig with headlights off. Arrived Tipaz at around 5:00 a.m. and was met by Col. San Juan, the chief of staff of the Hunters or ROTC Guerillas. Ordered the unloading of the equipment to small bangoes in the Taguig River. Party embarked in a sailboat and sailed for Angono, Rizal at about 6:00 a.m. Reached Angono 1:30 p.m. with Col. San Juan who ~~was~~ ordered the immediate transfer of the party to Taytay then to Bagumbayan, Marikina, Rizal with Serafin Villaflor taking command. Was bounded back to Tipaz with Col. San Juan and Vicente Bautista to make a complete inventory of the haul. Reached Tipaz 5:30 p.m. and immediately made the inventory. Some of the items were:

1. 230 Rifles (Serviceable)
2. 80 Revolvers (Assorted Cal.)
3. 2 Riot Guns (12 Ga.)
4. 3,000 Rounds of Cal. .30 Ammunition
5. 12,000 Rounds of Cal. .22 Ammunition
6. 60 Rounds of Shotgun Shells
7. 50 Nos. Cleaning rods
8. 800 yards of Blue denim (Daong)

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9. 500 Nos. Undershirt (cotton)
  10. 50 pairs Shoes, Leather
  11. 50 Nos. Blanket, Cotton
  12. 4 Nos. Steel Helmet
  13. Spare Parts of Rifles and Revolvers
  14. 100 pairs of tailored Uniforms
- 6:30 p.m., we went back to Angono and met Capt. (Mrs.) Elsworth, G-2, ROTC.
- 2 Nov 44 - Went to Taytay with Vicente Bautista and Lucio Silvestre where we spent the night with Major Tupaz, Provost-Marshal-General, ROTC, Guerillas.
- 3 Nov 44 - Went to Bagumbayan, Mariquina where I found my party with the Division G-4, 44th ROTC. Was trailed by the Japs, took cover and did not fight due to the reason that in case of retreat we would be leaving behind the bulk of our haul which were concealed among the cogon grasses and bamboo thickets of the vicinity. After the Japs turned toward we started immediately for Boso-Boso, Antipolo, Rizal to report to the Division Commander, 44th ROTC Div.
- 6 Nov 44 - Arrived Boso-Boso via Gulugod-Baboy and Binitinan and was met by Maj. Pacifico Jose (Pike Montefalcon) our Regimental CO, 44th ROTC Regiment. Capt. Prime was then our Regimental Executive Officer and with them was Col. Narciso Pia (Villa) our division commander 44th ROTC DIV.
- 7 Nov 44 - Was promoted 1st Lieutenant. (Extract of SO lost in combat later) Hilario delos Santos, Esperidion Briones and Ceferino Apon were conferred with the ranks of 2nd Lieutenants and for them to continue their underground activities in the city of Manila. Designated at the same date as Company Commander, "C" company of the 3rd Bn. under the Command of Capt. David.
- 10 Nov 44 - Combat training began in the ROTC Field School for Officers which lasted 34 days morning session only. Maj. Pedro Francisco was our Plans and Training Officer (G-3)
- 12 Nov 44 - IM School was opened afternoon sessions in concert with the Officers'. Was appointed Recruit Instructor.
- 16 Dec 44 - Graduated from the training school, relieved from being a company commander and assigned Regimental S-3
- 8 Jan 45 - In command of an emergency company during a combat against Japs and Makapili in the vicinity of Sapang Abo east of Kalawis River. Casualty sustained: Ignacio Trono, 1st Sergeant, killed in action. Retreated our unit on the upper ridges of Mt Matutum.
- 9 Jan 45 - Continued our retreat eastward, Maj. Montefalcon, commanding
- 11 Jan 45 - Reached Markings Camp at Padulasang Kabayo.
- 15 Jan 45 - Started for Baras, Rizal and arrived there at about 5:00 p.m. next day 14 Jan 45.
- 12 Feb 45 - Rear Guard commander for a demolition party on a mission to blast the road between Pililia, Rizal and Binoclan, Laguna as per order of the Commanding Officer. Purpose: To offer delay to the mobile unit of the enemy and for demoralization of the Jap army in the Yamashita Line of Defence. Road blasted successfully without encounter.
- 18 Feb 45 - Commanding Outpost No. 2 at the Division Camp, vicinity of Baras, Rizal when attacked by a dual party of Makapili and Japs. Sustained fire to cover the retreat of the main body. No casualty sustained so far but lost all personal records as was burned with the camp during combat. At 8:00 p.m. Patrolled the vicinity and headed a reconnaissance party that located some stranded men of the command.
- 19 Feb 45 - Marched to Tanay at the vicinity of Planas' Place. Contacted malaria and rheumatism.
- 22 Feb 45 - Moved toward Sta. Maria, Laguna and rested at Pililia, Rizal
- 25 Feb 45 - Reached the vicinity of Sta. Maria, Laguna where we made our Rest Camp.
- 26 Feb 45 - Moved toward Paete, Laguna via Pakil and Pangil. Commanding Rear Guard when party encountered Japs and Makapili in the town of Paete near the vicinity of the School house. No casualty sustained but party of the rear guard was

- strended from the main body due to the reason that we sustained our fire to cover retreat. Regimental papers were left to me and transported the same to Pila, Laguna by means of sailboat across the lake.
- 27 Feb 45 - Reached Pila, Laguna 9:00 a.m. ( Pila then was occupied by Guerilla Units ROTC) Reported immediately to Capt. (Miss) Luz for hospitalization, she, being the ROTC Division Headnurse. 10:00 p.m. of the same date Patients in the hospital ordered to move immediately because of an intercepted Jap attack. Party marched to Nanhaya, Laguna, Capt. Luz, in-charge.
  - 28 Feb 45 - Reached Nanhaya with the Convalescence Party about 2:00 a.m.
  - 1 Mar 45 - Crossed the Laguna lake by means of sailboats and disembarked in Biñan, Laguna carrying with me the Segmental Papers. Reported to local authorities of the Hunters or ROTC Guerillas Command. (Biñan then was liberated by the US Army).
  - 2 Mar 45 - Marched our way from Biñan, Laguna to Parañaque, Rizal and arrived at the Hunters GHQ at about 4:30 P.M.
  - 3 Mar 45 - Kept under convalescence in quarters near PCAU #8, Parañaque, Rizal.
  - 4 Mar 45 - Unit attach to the US 1st Cavalry Div.
  - 5 Mar 45 - Requested Sick Leave from Capt Prime for thirty(30) days was granted and took effect the next day.
  - 6 Mar 45 - Unit moved for Angono And at the same time Sgt. Trinidad helped me to Manila where I stayed for sometime at 45 Trabajo, Sampaloc. Sgt. Trinidad tried to locate a hospital for guerillas but could find none. Could not afford to hire a private physician because of lack of finance.
  - 29, Apr 45- Was so weak and thru the help of Lt. dela Rosa and his command ear I managed to reach our home town in San Antonio, Nueva Ecija where I stayed with my wife the rest of the year practically without medical care and where I recuperated my failing health which I had lost during Services. It was a remote town and practically without mail services not until lately. Financial wreck was the primary reason of my late recovery.
  - 19 Jan 46 - Went to Manila and located immediately my Executive Officer for recognition to date.

2. I hereby certify the foregoing enumerations of my activities with the Hunters or ROTC Guerillas is true to the best of my knowledge.

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