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49th REGT, 47th DIV, HUNTERS-
ROTC

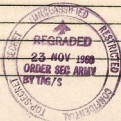
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LIPA TOWN UNIT, 2nd BN, 49th REGT, 47th DIV, HUNTERS-ROTC
NAME OF UNIT

ALFREDO E. POLITICO
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. ROSTER, HISTORY, RQST RECOGNITION - 9 JAN'46 & SUPPORTING PAPERS
4. LTR OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - 18 APR'46 W/WITHDRAWAL OF UNITS FOR RECOGNITION -16 SEPT'46

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APG 707
19 APR 46

Mr. Pedro G. Aquino
Lipa Hunters Unit
3rd Bn, 49th Regt.
Lipa, Batangas

Dear Mr. Aquino:

Your letter dated 22 March 1946 requesting information has been received.

Your application for unit recognition has been filed in this headquarters pending further investigation. A great number of similar applications requiring investigation has been received and a considerable delay is to be expected before final action in your case. However, your application will receive attention at the earliest practicable date and you will be informed promptly when a determination is reached.

It is suggested that you defer further inquiry regarding the status of your application for at least 60 days. Such inquiries are neither necessary nor desirable because the time consumed in additional correspondence and interviews serves to delay final disposition.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. MOORE
Colonel, ADG
Ass't Adj Gen



Lt. Col. H. L. SHAFTEE:

Ltr fr Mr. Pedro G. Aquino, dated 22 March 1946 requesting information regarding the Lipa Hunters Unit received.

Application for recognition of above named unit is in this headquarters pending investigation and they will be notified when a determination has been reached.

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1-True Copy Filed w/OC/ (Lipa Hunter's Unit)
1-True Copy Filed w/370.545 (Unit Recognition)

HUNTERS VETERANS LEGION
1615 Andalucia, Manila

16 September 1946

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Units' Requests for Recognition from
GAB, G-3, AFWESPAC File, request for.

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

1. Request withdrawal of all recognition requests from my organization. The Hunters or ROTC Guerrillas.
2. Exceptions to this request are the cases of the "Bisumi Fighters" of the Batanes Islands, and, that of the guerrilla casualties.
3. Request further that this be granted after the announcement of official recognition of the "1st Hunters-ROTC Guerrilla Cadre Regiment" which includes most of the strictly deserving members of my unit.

s/ Terry "Magtangol" Adevos
t/ TERRY "MAGTANGOL" ADEVOSO
Major, INF., O-42208 PA
Acting Legion Commander

REPRODUCED:
28 Feb 47

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PROTACIO CABIAO
1st Lt Inf AUS
Chief, Records Section

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HEADQUARTERS
HUNTER'S ROTC, GUERRILLAS

7 June '46

1. It is requested that the individual folders of the following units be withdrawn from the file. These units have been combined with other units of Hunter's ROTC Guerrillas, and will not be investigated individually but as part of larger organization.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FILE NO.</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>COMBINED W/</u>
a. Mangahan Unit	Gilbuena	276	427	47th Regt., 47th Div.
b. Co, A, Hunter's	Espineli	146	196	48th Sp. Regt., 47th Div.
c. Cabuyao Unit, 48th Regt., 47th Div.	X	76	X	48th Regt., 47th Div.
d. 4th Military District, Noveleta	Alvarez	125	103	48th Sp. Regt., 47th Div.
e. 48th Inf. Regt., 47th Div	Borja	186	193	48th Regt., 47th Div.
f. Lipa Town Unit	Politico	403	12	2nd Bn., 49th Regt., 47th Div.
g. Maybunga Unit	Garcia	296	35	44th Regt., 44th Div.
h. Rendova Unit	Dinglas	162	318	48th Sp. Regt., 47th Div.
i. San Juan Ermitano Unit	Gabriel	289	56	44th Regt., 44th Div.
j. Marikina Unit	Santos	414	163	44th Regt., 44th Div.
k. C & G Co., 2nd Bn., 49th Regt.	Castillo	415	113	1st & 2nd Bn., 49th Regt., 47th Div.
l. Mabini Mil Area	Vizmanos	424	520	48th Sp. Regt., 47th Div.
m. 45th Regt.	Guerrero	425	1,200	45th Regt., 44th Div.
n. Sta. Mesa Unit	Manalac	426	144	44th Regt., 44th Div.

/s/ Terry "Magtangol" Adeveso
/t/ TERRY "MAGTANGOL" ADEVESO
Colonel, Inf.
Commanding Officer

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Robert L. Morton
ROBERT L. MORTON
1st Lt., Ord.

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HQ HUNTERS OR ROTC GUERRILLAS
X LIPA, HUNTERS UNIT
3rd Bn. 49th Regt.

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22 March 1946

SUBJECT : INFORMATION
TO : GUERRILLA AFFAIRS-BRANCH
(Philippine Army Div. AFWESPAG)
APO 707

1. I have the honor to ask information from your Office the present status of the List of Officers and enlisted-men mentioned in the Certificate of attachment made by Capt. Milton Liebskind of the 221st Medical Co. A/B Div. together with the supporting papers connected therewith;
2. Said list of Officers and enlisted-men are 12 members of the Lipa Hunters Unit of Lipa, Batangas, which is not yet recognized. It was submitted to that office for recognition through Col. Quintin Hellidon of the Loyalty Status Board H. P. A. upon the request of the undersigned;
3. Attached herewith is a certified true copy of my request to Col. Hellidon for reference of those papers;
4. Any information and thoughtful consideration extended in connection with those papers is highly appreciated by our Unit.

Pedro G. Aquino
PEDRO G. AQUINO
 2nd. Lt. Inf. Guer.
 Adjutant
 Lipa Hunters Unit
 3rdBn. 49th Regt.

File

HQ HUNTERS OR ROTC GUERRILLAS
LIPA TOWN UNIT
Srd., Bn., 49th Regt.

9 January 1946

SUBJECT : RECOGNITION
TO : Col. QUINTELL HELLIDON, Loyalty Status Board, HPA

1. As Commander over all guerilla Units and incharge of the Contacting Team of guerilla units in Batangas area, I have the honor to request for recommendation of recognition of the members of the Hunters or ROTC Guerillas as listed in the Certificate of attachment made by Capt. Milton Liebskind, 221st Medical Company A/B, attached herewith;

2. Please be informed that the Officers and enlisted-men mentioned in the certificate are members of the Lipa (Hunters Unit) which are not yet recognized;

3. For reference of the activities of the Lipa Hunters Unit in connection with their guerilla activities before and during the reconquation of the Philippines by the American Forces, I have the honor to furnish you the attached History of the Lipa Hunters Unit together with true copies or copies of our communications, contact, and operations of our Unit during the Zero hour against the Japanese Forces;

4. Any help extended for the recognition and establishment of the guerilla privileges of those 12 men mentioned in the certificate of Capt. Milton Liebskind, 221st Med. Co. will be highly appreciated by the undersigned.

Quintell Hellidon
Lieut. Colonel
Adjutant General, Inf. Guer
Lipa Hunters Unit
Srd., Bn., 49th Regt.

TO : Guerrilla Affairs Section, AFWESPAC, APO 707

1st Indorsement
25 January 1946

1. Forwarded recommending approval.

Quintell Hellidon
QUINTELL HELLIDON
Col 042240 CE PA

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Rec'd 13 Mar '46

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UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FORCES
HUNTERS OR R.O.T.C. GUERRILLAS
47th. DIVISION

25 July 1945

This is to certify that Lt. DAVID PULUMBARIT has been
discharge from the HUNTERS OR R.O.T.C. GUERRILLAS 47th. DIV.
MANGGAHAN UNIT, MUNTINLUPA SECAR this 25th. day of July 1945.

That he has showed his efficiency in discharging his
duties, and showed his sense of responsibility of being an officer.

That he has perform his duties faithfully and with all
his ability.

Lt. David T. Pulumbarit is a discipline man and a good
material in the army.

FRANCISCO GILBUENA
Capt. USPIF
C.O. MANGGAHAN UNIT
Commanding

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28 July 45

Col. Gilson,

The bearer, Lt. David Palumarit, was an officer of the Muntinglupa Unit of the Hunters. He was a guard at Muntinlupa and was very instrumental in the escapes engineered there.

I am sending him there to you to see if you can do anything for him. He is a good officer as the letter in the back states. I am sure you know him for you came from there and one who benefited by this man's help.

I was waiting for you here at Camp Murphy yesterday as you told me when I saw you at HFA.

I would appreciate it very much if you can to have Lt. Palumarit recognized.

Hoping to meet you again soon, I remain

Sincerely,
R. Albert
RUFUS ALBERT
1st Lt. Inf.
P.A.

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UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE IS. FORCES
THE HUNTERS OF ROTC GUERRILLAS
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

21 October 1944

Special Orders)
No. 2)

(E X T R A C T)

Effective this date the following commissions shall be recognized in this Command:

x	x	x	x
	CAPT. BARIANO LACSAMARA, Inf.		
	Asst. G-3, 44th Division		
x	x	x	x

They shall assume office upon receipt of this order and discharge their duties as such.



Joseph A. ...
 Major General
 Colonel, Inf.
 Commanding

DECLASSIFIED Authority *NND88 9078*

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Authority *NNDS 88 1078*

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Name *St. Pedro Aquino +*
Address *7 companions*
Has been Investigated and Cleared by the Counter Intelligence Corps, subject to Restrictions as Noted on Reverse Side.
Date *20 Mar.* Issued By *Harlan A. Westrell S/A*
No. *172* (over) *904* CIC Detachment.

Signature

St. Pedro Aquino

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Authority *NN088 3078*

RESTRICTIONS

*authorized to ride in military
vehicles to Batangas to perform
military mission*

DESCRIPTION

Nationality *Filipino* Age *36*

Height _____ Weight _____

Scars or marks _____



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UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FORCES
THE HUNTERS OR R.O.T.C. GUERRILLAS
3RD BN., 49TH REGIMENT
ATTACHED TO 158 RCT.

2 April, 1945

To : The High Command of Hunters or ROTC, Guerrillas
(Through Proper Channel)

Subject: SPECIAL REPORT

I have the honor to report that on this date Sergeant Severiano Libre, and Sergeant Nicasio Aquino (E-3) of the Lipa Town Unit of the Hunters or ROTC, Guerrillas, have been temporary attached to S-2 511th Parachute Inf. Regiment at barrio Balagbag, Lipa, Batangas. The S-2 of the aforesaid Regiment requested to me to film the above-mentioned men to guide them near the enemy lines at barrio Munting-Pulo, Sapak, and other places in the eastern part of Lipa.

In connection with my report dated March 22, 1945 Officers and enlisted men of said unit now on active duty as per list of personnel submitted to that office.

The High Command, through proper channel, is hereby requested ^{to consider} any action taken in the premises.

Pedro Aquino
PEDRO AQUINO
2nd Lieutenant, Inf. Guer.
Adjutant T-1 & Personnel, Lipa
Town Unit

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158 ACT - GGC

25 March 1945

To: Lt. Pedro Aquino, Inf. Guer.

Received your letter dated 22 March and was really moved by the picture with regards to the evacuees. Of course, this is war and cases like these are of practically ordinary occurrence in these very critical days everywhere. But please keep them up, by whatever means you can do, from the very scanty things you can get hold of, as right now we are still beyond grasp of the things you are asking for - the professional business will be taken care of by the PCAU (Philippine Civil Affairs Unit); the medical supplies available right now are very scanty as there is no quota of medicine for us yet; and the arms - to tell you frankly, are always our first concern too - we have been asking for them time and again, and there is nothing much to it so far. Even here, in spite of the presence of military authorities and the PCAU, prices are too high just the same. We have called the attention of the proper authorities, and nothing seem to be done about it yet.

We won't be promising you things now, but as they come our way and whatever will be of use to us and you, we shall try helping each other in every possible way. It won't be long before Lips is liberated, perhaps by next week - so have your *patience* patience now. We all have undergone three long bitter years - years of super-human endurance - and now with freedom right in our grasp, let us all keep our chins up. People in some areas may be luckier than in other areas - well, that is God's will, and we cannot do anything more than this. Let us all keep our faith and hope for the best.

Regarding those persons you recommended, they have to be acted upon yet by the HQ of the 11th ABN Div. and it may take some time yet as things are very disorderly right now. So I am not assuring you of their incorporation in a short time, but anyhow, they are working for a very worthy and noble cause, so let them all keep it up. Guerrillas and their supporters will surely have the reward by some means by the time the Government is running in good order.

Good Luck and may the blessings of the Almighty Lord be on you all.

Gregorio D. Recio
GREGORIO D. RECIO
Major, Inf. Guer.
Ex. Officer

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UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FORCES
 THE HUNTERS OR THE ROTC GUERRILLAS
 3rd bn. 49th Regiment
 Lipa Town Unit

March 22, 1943

TO - The High Command of the Hunters OR ROTC Guerrillas
 (Through Proper Channel)
 SUBJECT - special report

Please be informed that the attached names of personnel representing the town unit of Lipa of the 3d battalion 49th Regiment remained intact within the municipality of Ibaan. They are guarding the civilians against the Japanese stragglers and some are directing scattered civilian evacuees to the center of evacuation, municipality of Ibaan.

Please be informed further that other members of enlisted men of this unit are active on the front and others were massacred by the Japanese in Lipa and still others can't be located at present due to condition.

Julio P. Quiñones
 1st Lt. JULIO P. QUIÑONES
 (Adjutant and Personnel 3d bn 49th Reg.)

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duly sworn to according to law, hereby depose and certify:

1. That I hereby announce and permit to be announced my CANDIDACY for the Office of PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR for the Province of Batangas for the coming election to be held on December 10, 1940.
2. That I am a resident for more than thirty years of the Municipality of Rosario, Batangas, for which my Candidacy is being presented.
3. That I am a duly qualified elector in the aforesaid Municipality and is a citizen of the Philippines by birth. I also declare that I am eligible to the Office of Provincial Governor.
4. That I belong to the POPULAR FRONT PARTY (Pangkasalukuyan ng Bayan).
5. That my Post-Office Address for all electoral purposes is Rosario, Batangas.
6. That I am generally known by the name of *Casiano*

DR. CASIANO GUERRA ROSALES
 Don CASIANO G. ROSALES
 Mr. CASIANO ROGALES
 Guinco CASTANO ROSALES
 C. G. ROSALES
 CASIANO ROSALES
 NANO or CASI

7. That my expense budget for the electoral campaign shall not exceed One Third (1/3) of the total emolument attached to the Office of the Provincial Governor of Batangas.

8. That any of the names enumerated in No. 6, written in the electoral ballot should be counted in my favor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand and affixed my signature this 23rd day of October, 1940, in the City of Manila.

(Sgd.) Dr. CASIANO G. ROSALES
 Candidate for Provincial Governor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of October, 1940, in the City of Manila, Philippines. AFFIDAVIT exhibited to me his Res. Cert. No. A-3382702 issued at Manila, Philippines, on Feb. 2, 1940.

(Sgd.) Octavio F. Bass
 Notary Public
 Until December 31, 1941

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UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLAND FORCES
THE HUNTERS OR ROTC GUELLAS
CO: 3rd Bn., 49th Regt.

16 January 1945

SUBJECT : Congratulatory Message from Gen. MacArthur
TO : ALL HUNTERS

1. Following is a self-explanatory message received from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of the Southwest Pacific Area:

"PLEASE EXTEND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HUNTERS GUERRILLA UNIT MY GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THEIR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION OF VALUED COMING BERRY DISPOSITIONS PERIOD THEIR SERVICE, ALONG WITH SO MANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES; WHOSE DEEP SEATED PATRIOTISM AND DEVOTION TO THE PRINCIPLES TO WHICH WE IN COMMON SUBSCRIBE, HAS STOOD THE SEVEREST OF BERRY OCCUPATION IN CONTRIBUTING IMMENSURABLY TOWARD THE LIBERATION OF THE PHILIPINO PEOPLE AND THE REDEMPTION OF PHILIPPINE SOIL."

2. To all the ~~Hunters~~ Officers and men, one and all, I ask you to carry on the good work, CARRY ON! IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

BERRY MAGTANJOL
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

Distributions:

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1 CO, 44th Div
1 CO, 47th Div
1 IG
1 G-2
1 Press Relations Office
1 PMS
1 Liaison Office

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1 CO, 46th Regt
1 CO, 47th Regt
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1 CO, 49th Regt

UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ARMY
THE HUNTERS OR ROTC GUERRILLAS
GP: 3rd Bn., 49th Regt.

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16 January 1945

SUBJECT : Order to Strike No. 3
TO : All Hunters and Loyal Guerrillas

1. All members of this command and that of other loyal guerrillas are now authorized and encourage to ambush all Japanese Army messengers, staff officers or unescorted Commanders, within limits of personal and general security.
2. GHQ, SWPA is greatly in need of more vital information as this that can be gathered from captured enemy documents, such as Field or Administrative Orders, log books, diaries, etc., Messages, orders, documents, therefore which could be taken from the person of Japanese Army messengers should at once be forwarded to this HQ.
3. GHQ, SWPA further desires that captured Japanese soldiers and especially, officers, be forwarded to it for questioning and interrogation.
4. EXPEDITE.

-----TERRY MAGTANGOL
Jose P. ...
JESSE P. ...
Capt. Guer. Inf.
C.O., 3rd Bn., 49th Regt.

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UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FORCES
THE HUNTERS OR ROTC GUERRILLAS
49 th REGIMENT

8 January 1945

SUBJECT: NOTICE TO STRIKE
TO : ALL LOYAL GUERRILLAS AND CIVILIANS

STARTING IMMEDIATELY USE EVERY MAN AND EVERY MEANS SUCH
IN YOUR POWER TO DESTROY ALL COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
SUCH AS WIRE COMMUNICATION AND SMALL OUTPOST WITH
RADIOS THAT CAN BE USED BY THE JAPANESE. THIS DOES
NOT APPLY TO THE CITY OF MANILA. REPORT IMMEDIATELY
WHAT DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. IF YOU
CAN NOT DO THE JOB LET US KNOW AND WE WILL CALL FOR AIR-
PLANES. MORE INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW.

SIGNED:

JAY D. VANDERPOOL
Major, General Staff Corps,

Endorsed by the 49th Regiment

FOR THE TOWN COMMANDER:

SIGNED:

TERRY MAGTANGOL
C.O. Hunters

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THE HUNTERS OR ROTC GUERRILLAS
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SIGNED:
JAY D. VANDERPOOL
Major, General Staff Corps,
Indorsed by the 49th Regiment
FOR THE TOWN COMMANDER:

SIGNED:
TERRY MAFANGOL
C. O. Hunters

(Certified True Copies from the copy furnished to us attached
herewith)

Pedro A. Aquino
By PEDRO A. AQUINO
Adjutant G-1 & Personnel
Lipa Hunters Unit
3rd Bn., 49th Regt.

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UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLAND FORCES
THE HUNTERS of ROTC GUERRILLAS
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

12 November 1944

Special Orders)
No. 3)

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The following commissions shall be recognized in this
Command, effective upon assumption of office:

x	x	x	x
1st. 2nd LT. PEDRO AQUINO, Inf., T-1 of the			
Lipa Unit.			
x	x	x	x

They shall be obeyed and respected as such.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES) S. S.
MUNICIPALITY OF LIPA)
PROVINCE OF BATANGAS)

AFFIDAVIT

I, JOSE MA. KATIOBAK, Filipino, married, of legal age and residing in Lipa, Batangas, after having been duly sworn according to law do hereby depose and say:

1. That after the liberation of the town of Lipa, Batangas, military government was established on 23 April 1945, in the said municipality, thru the initiative of PCAU (Philippine Civil Affairs Unit) authorities;
2. That I was appointed by PCAU-11 as Municipal Mayor of this town beginning 23 April 1945, and until now holding the same position as such;
3. That as Municipal Mayor of this town I appointed as subordinate employees some members of guerilla units who actively participated in the liberation campaign of this town, to wit:
 - (a) Est. Lt. Alfredo M. Politico of the ROTC Guerillas as Municipal Secretary;
 - (b) 2nd. Lt. Marciano Abrenica of the ROTC Guerillas as clerk in the office of the Local Civil Registrar;
 - (c) 2nd. Lt. Pedro Aquino of the ROTC Guerillas as extra clerk in the Treasurer's office.
4. That Lts. Alfredo M. Politico and Marciano Abrenica assumed their office on 23 April 1945, and Lt. Pedro Aquino on 1 August 1945. Until now these employees are holding the same positions as such; and
5. That the said employees aside from their duties helped the PCAU authorities in the distribution of relief goods in this town.

IN WITNESS hereof, I sign my name this 31st. day of December 1945, at Lipa, Batangas.

[Signature]
JOSE MA. KATIOBAK

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me (this 2nd day of Jan 1946) by the affiant who exhibited to me his Residence Certificate No. 2344101, dated May 4, 1945, issued at Lipa, Batangas.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC
Until December 31, 1946

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ACTIVITIES OF LIEUT. PEDRO G. AQUINO IN CONNECTION WITH THE
HISTORY OF THE LIPA HUNTERS OR ROTC GUERRILLAS

Under the leadership of Major Juanito Ferrer, Janet or Jacinto del Piler as we called them, and now a Lt. Col. in the Philippine Army, the Hunters or ROTC organization was secretly organized in the Municipality of Lipa. Lieut. Pedro G. Aquino became member of the organization on the early part of 1944, under the leadership of Capt. Ernesto B. Rosado now a 2nd Lt. at Camp Murphy. Lt. Pedro G. Aquino was then made to recruit men in Lipa, which later on was made or formed in one company commonly known as the Lipa Hunters Unit. This Hunters were under Lieut. Alfredo Politico, the Town Commander of the Unit. This Unit is a part of the 3rd Bn., 49th Regt. of the Hunters or ROTC Guerrillas. We established the temporary CP of the Lipa Hunters Unit at Barrio Balagbag on the eastern part of the Poblacion of Lipa, Batangas. Lieut. Pedro G. Aquino and some members of his staff selected Barrio Balagbag as the temporary CP of the Lipa Hunters, because it is near to Barrio Sulok, Lumbang, and Putho which are the center of Japanese Military installation in the premises. Lieut. Pedro G. Aquino was made Adjutant and T-I of the Lipa Hunters Unit. As Adjutant, he supervised our field personnel who are working in the intelligence activities in connection with the Hunters Batangas Intelligence Operatives in our sector. Since the Lipa Hunters Unit has few arms their resistance against Japanese military power was to detect movements of Japanese troops and their strength, to detect new military installation, ammunition dump, communication lines, and shipments of war ammunition. Besides guiding the men of the Lipa Hunters in their underground work against the Japanese, Lt. Pedro G. Aquino had issued loan papers to some wealthy persons in Lipa, Batangas, in supports to the 3rd Bn., 49th Regt. These loan papers were given to us duly signed by the Hunters Headquarters in order to finance and carry the aims of the organization.

On the later part of 1944, the Lipa Hunters Unit was transferred to Sitio Magape near Balete Lake in order to work efficiently with the 3rd Bn. 49th Regt. of the Hunters or ROTC Guerrillas. It was in this place that Lt. Pedro G. Aquino together with the help of his staff that they trained their men in the principles of guerilla warfare and principles of combat. The Lipa Hunters that were already trained were assigned to perform intelligence works for the Headquarters.

Not long after the Lipa Hunters had established their CP at Magape when the extensive Japanese pressure began against the guerrillas. Many civilians were killed who were suspected to be relatives or supporters of the guerrillas. It was during this critical period when Life and Death struggle began between the senseless civilians and the blood thirsty Japs. Lt. Pedro G. Aquino then ordered his men to attend to the evacuation of their families and those supporters and friends of the Hunters. It was during this period that the Lipa Hunters were deployed to various fronts.

On January 1945 when the American landing at Masugbo was already eminent, Lt. Pedro G. Aquino made a temporary CP of the Lipa Hunters at Ibean, Batangas. He contacted various guerrillas Units to work in harmony in the premises. He established his CP and work in coordination with other guerrilla Units. Scouting patrols and road spotters were organized to a large extent to detect movement enemy and to protect civilians from surprised massacre of the Japs. Sabotage squads under his command were order to destroy communication lines and to detect new enemy military installation in our sector.

On March 18, 1945, Lt. Pedro G. Aquino and some of his men left their temporary CP at Ibean and went to Lemery, Batangas, to contact the HQ of the Hunters or ROTC Guerrillas. He and his men with few arms had to hike from Ibean to Batangas in order to reach Lemery. Lt. Pedro G. Aquino and his men contacted the first American Unit at Batangas, Batangas, under Col. Mann who was then the Ex. Officer of said American advanced out fit that they found in the premises. Lt. Aquino furnished Col. Mann with the necessary military information with regards to the enemy military installation at Lipa fronts.

ACTIVITIES OF LIEUT. PEDRO C. AQUINO IN CONNECTION WITH THE HISTORY OF THE LIPA HUNTERS OR TROOP GUERRILLAS

Col. Mann was also informed of the enemy positions at Lipa fronts. He was also further informed of the extend of the guerilla patrols and the road between Lipa and Ibaan. It was during this period that the Lipa Hunters were riverted into Combat Unit. Lt. Aquino Slept Batanges on this date. On the following morning, Lt. Aquino and his party reported again to Col. Mann and they were given military transportation to Lemery by Col Mann. Lt. Aquino and his men reached the GHQ of the Hunters and gave them all military information with regards to the enemy positions at Lipa. It was during our arrival that Lt. Aquino and his men were attached to the 159 RCT. It was also during this risky trip of Lt. Aquino and his men to Lemery that they acquired arms and ammunition. After the Party had secured arms and plenty of ammunition, they returned to their temporary CP at Ibaan under military mission. Not long after Lt. Aquino and his arrived in their temporary CP at Ibaan when the first American Unit under Major Armstrong and Lt. Ryan arrived in their premises. Upon arrival our Sector they were informed of the enemy position at Lipa to give them precaution in their advance. It was during this advance spearhead of the American Unit that the Lipa Hunters had played an important part in their guerilla activities. Some of our Lipa Hunters aided the CIC detachment and some acted as guides of the American spearhead to Lipa. Some of the Lipa Hunters not only acted as guides but some of them were on the firing lines and have seen actions with the American advance forces at Lipa fronts. The courageous Hunters of the Lipa Unit under the command of Lt. Pedro Aquino were Sergeants Severino Llibrea and Nicasio Aquino, who volunteered themselves to guide the 511th A/B Inf. Regiment near the enemy line at the foot of Mt. Malabayat at Lipa near Sulok. These two sergeants were under the care of 3-8 of the 511th A/B Inf. Regt. They looted plenty of Japanese ammunition and supplies in Barrio Japac. They burned these war ammunition and supplies and returned to Lipa through the Barrio of Manting Pulo. It was in this place that they met resistance of the Japanese stronghold. They received continuous firing from the thick bushes at a certain distant under the coconut and coffee plantation. Instantly the American trench-warrior barked and the firing from the bushes was silent. This outfit together with their two guides returned to the CP without casualty. During this time the first Hunters Combat Battalion was still fighting at Cuenco, Base tenger. The members of the Lipa Hunters Unit served as the vanguards of the Hunters organization during the first American advance units in the Lipa fronts.

The Lipa Hunters were the first Guerilleros to establish Guerilla Headquarters in the Municipality of Lipa, Batanges. The installation of the Headquarters was made through the efforts and help of Lt. A. Silva, NCO in the HPA and Lt. Porfirio Latorre. The Lipa Hunters were also attached to the 221st Medical Company A/B during their military installation in Lipa when there was still action going on at Barrio Sulok. The Lipa Hunters Unit immediately established their Headquarters at Lipa to aid and assist any American Unit arriving in the premises and to protect civilian properties from further looting and destructions. When Lipa was liberated and Military government was established, some members of the staff of the Lipa Hunters assisted the Mayor in administration and the execution of peace and order within the Municipality.

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 Adjutant - I & Personnel
 Lipa Hunters Unit

221 Medical Company
11 Airborne

Certificate

This is to certify that the following members of the Hunters Lapa Town Unit were on active duty from 15 April 1945 to 28 April 1945, guarding the Medical Installation of the 221 A. B. Med. Co. at Lapa.

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| ✓ 1. Alfredo L. Politico | 1st Lt. Town Commander. |
| ✓ 2. Pedro G. Aguino ✓ | 2nd Lt. Adj. St-1 |
| ✓ 3. Marciano Abrenica | 2nd Lt. Int. Operative |
| ✓ 4. Francisco Tolentino | Sergeant (Agent) |
| ✓ 5. Luis Aguino ✓ <i>CP</i> | Sergeant (Agent) |
| ✓ 6. Nicasio Aguino | Sergeant (Agent) |
| 7. Leonardo Morada, | Cpl. M. P. |
| 8. David Vergara | Pvt. Cook. |
| 9. Macimino Flores <i>X N OHP</i> | Cpl. Road spotter |
| 10. Gil del Rosario | Pvt. Road Spotter |
| 11. Nicanor Latade | Pvt. Road Spotter |
| 12. Jose Tapalla <i>X</i> | 1st. Lt. Provost Marshal. |

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