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Mr. Jose F. Manglicmot
San Felipe, Zambales

Dear Mr. Manglicmot:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the supplementary rosters of Hq & Hq Co, Companies A, B, C, & D, San Felipe Sector, Squadron C, ZWD, purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, have not been favorably considered for recognition as elements of the Philippine Army.

A set of general requirements for guerrilla recognition, established by General Mac Arthur during the liberation of the Philippines, has been used as a guide in considering the records of these units. After careful investigation and full consideration of all available substantiating records and testimony of witnesses having pertinent knowledge, recognition of these guerrilla units is not deemed to be warranted because of reasons mentioned below:

- a. Adequate records were not maintained of names, ranks, dates of enlistments, dates of promotions, and necessary related information.
- b. Record of service was not established by sufficient acceptable evidence.
- c. Many members apparently lived at home, supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits, and assisted the guerrilla units on a part time basis only.

It is considered that the previous recognition of approximately 273 members of Hq & Hq Co, Companies A, B, C, & D, San Felipe Sector, Squadron C, Magsaysay's Forces, which were recognized by the Commanding General Sixth Army for their aid during the liberation of the Philippine constitutes adequate and just acknowledgement 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,

W. P. MOORE
Lt. Col., AGD
Ass't Adj Gen

1 Incl:
Executive Order No. 68

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13 July 1946

REPORT ON THE "SAN FELIPE SECTOR, SQUADRON
"C", MAGSAYSAY'S GUERRILLA FORCES 2ND

In accordance with verbal instructions from the Chief of Section, Guerrilla Affairs, G-3, AFWESPAC, Lieutenant Morris S. Flory proceeded to San Felipe, Zamboales on 7 July 1946 to contact the "San Felipe Sector, Squadron "C" Magsaysay's Guerrilla Forces, 2ND," in order to determine whether or not this organization should be recognized by the United States Army. The following report is a summary of the investigation and basis for the recommendation.

HISTORY

This unit was first organized in July 1942 under the leadership of Capt Federico Amagna, USAFFE, by order of Capt McGuire and consisted of the San Felipe and Cabangan Sectors. By the end of July it consisted of approximately 100 members, the unit being known as the Western Luzon Guerrilla Forces.

During the early stages of this organization, the unit had very few arms or ammunition. In September 1942 Cabangan was separated from San Felipe through the petition of the Cabangan Sector. The enlistment of San Felipe Sector reached a reported strength of 350 by the end of October 1942 and had its headquarters in the town of San Felipe with Hilarie Peregrino as CO. When the Japs became active in the town the Hq was moved to the Bucas mountains, later transferred to the Mimalagon mountains.

On 14 Nov 1942 Capt Amagna was arrested for unknown reasons and summoned to the Guerrilla headquarters of San Narciso Sector by Lt William Gardner. From then until 1944 his whereabouts became unknown. As an after effect of the arrest of Capt Amagna the San Felipe Sector was ordered to reorganize by Lt Gardner and the Former Sector Adjutant, Capt Menardo Finances was elected CO.

The Japanese became brutal and the guerrilla moved out of the town. The Sector commander was captured and during 1943 and 1944 the Jap Garrison moved out and the town was again in the hands of the guerrillas.

On 15 June 1944 Capt Pedro M. Arco, was appointed Sector CO by Maj Jose A. V. Corpus, provincial governor of Zamboales. Capt Arco appointed officers and enlisted men to work in the provincial government under camouflage so there would be more harmony in the organization. Capt Jose F. Mangilimot, an executive Officer of the Sector became Chief of Police. These two brothers, with the consent of the sector commander

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and the Japanese, organized the Civil Protective Service, their principal duty to maintain peace and order in the town. Through his connection with the guerrillas Capt Manglicot became wanted by the Japs, had to move to the mountains, the unit was dissolved and the "Home Guards" were organized in its stead.

When the news of the American landings in Leyte came the Japs again had left the town and the guerrillas were again in charge. The first contact was made with the Americans on 29 Jan 1945 when the guerrillas of San Felipe helped them unload supplies and furnished them with information and maps. Just after the landings in Zambales the San Felipe Sector was attached to the 151st Inf, supplying the unit with guard details and patrol work with occasional intelligence work after the American landings.

The following units from this Sector have previously been recognized:

Hq & Hq Co -----
 Co A -----
 Co B -----
 Co C -----

Total -----
 228

FINDINGS

The following named persons are those interviewed by the contact team and their statements are the basis for the findings:

1. Mrs. Fontillas ----- Civilian in San Narciso
2. Jess F. Manglicot ---Capt---Co of Sector
3. Cpl Conrado S. Feria---Co A, San Felipe Sector
4. Capt Lazaro Cawagas---Co San Narciso Sector
5. Capt Francisco Cayaban---Ectolan Sector Hq & Hq Co
6. Sgt Eufresino Cayaban---Sqd "B", Ectolan Sector
7. Capt Antonio Decano --- Merrill's Ex Officer
8. Col Leidy -- 70th AAA Group, San Marcelino
9. Manuel Navarro--name left off of roster
10. Felisardo Farinas--name left off of roster
11. Mariano Enstrata--name left off of roster.
12. 2nd Lt Epifanio Abad--Hq & Hq Co of subject unit
13. Narciano Garcia---Co A of subject unit
14. Timoteo Abiva---Co A of subject unit
15. Cpl Juan Feria ---Co B of subject unit
16. 2nd Lt Alfredo Cava --- Co C of subject unit
17. Sgt Paulino Pulinara --- Co C of subject unit

Upon investigation of San Felipe Sector it was found that the leaders of the Sector did not have completed control of the unit. It changed hands many times and at no time were they actually resisting the Japanese. Leaders of the unit worked in collaboration with the Japanese

at the same time claiming guerrilla activities. Jose F. Manglicot was a teacher all during the Japanese occupation and could not have been an active member of the guerrillas. Finones is the only leader who was active as a guerrilla and who was recognized as such. At no time up to March 1945 were the members of this sector engaged in guerrilla activities.

Many of the men of this unit were in the direct pay of PCAU, the names of members of this unit also appear on other rosters of the Maloca and San Narciso Sector.

The names appearing on the supplementary rosters submitted for recognition are mostly those screened from the initial roster when it was recognized. There are no supporting papers to prove the claims, that they were attached to American units. It is concluded that members of this organization did not have full time status as a guerrilla, and what activities they were engaged in were as much help to the Japanese as it was to the Americans. It is also believed that the members of the unit worthy of recognition have been recognized with the above mentioned units, 228 having been recognized.

POLITICAL ASPECTS

There were many aspirants to public office among the leaders of this Sector and if a member did not agree, his name was left off the roster.

RECOMMENDATIONS

After careful consideration of the statements made by the present members and an analysis of the documents presented, it is recommended that with the exception of those members previously recognized, the "San Felipe Sector, Squadron "C", Magaway's Guerrilla Forces, 2ND, " be not favorably considered for recognition.

/s/ Morris S. Flory
/w/ MORRIS S. FLORY
2nd Lt., Cav.,
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Synopsis

REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY ROSTERS OF HQ
& HQ CO, COS A,B,C,& D, W/ROSTERS BY JOSE F. MANGLICMOT, INDORSED
TO THIS HQS BY MACSAYSAY 28 JAN' 46 - FILED W/HQ & HQ CO, SAN FELIPE
SECTOR, SQDN "C", ZMD (file #309-54, TAB 8)

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