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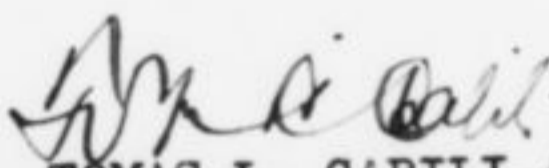
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Commonwealth of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
Malacañan, Manila

1st Indorsement

Office of the Secretary, Department of National
Defense, April 3, 1945.

To: The Chief of Staff, USAFFE, Manila.


TOMAS L. CABILI
Secretary of National Defense



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HEADQUARTERS
USAFFE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
In the Field

To Su. L. Cabili (2)
17/19/45

15 February 1945

Subject: Recognition of USAFFE Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces
To : The President of the Philippines
(Through Chief of Staff, Philippine Army)

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1. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 21, dated October 28, 1944, by His Excellency, the President of the Philippines, request that the Guerrilla Organization known as "USAFFE Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces" under the command of the undersigned be recognized for the following reasons:

a. That this unit was organized on February 1, 1942, initially with few officers and men, formed in small bands and employed to harass the enemy. As time went on, the strength increased steadily. The personnel consists of ex-service men from Philippine Scouts, Philippine Army, Philippine Constabulary and civilian volunteers. The actual strength as of January 4, 1945 was 15,080 officers and men, forty percent of which are in the reserve and need not necessarily be inducted.

b. The area occupied by this unit comprises the provinces of Nueva Ecija, Tarlac and Pangasinan.

c. The armed strength of this unit as of January 4, 1945, was about 2,500 consisting of rifles, automatic rifles, machine guns, carbines, sub-machine guns and Japanese weapons captured from time to time. That number includes the shipment of arms by submarine received on September 1, 1944, and October 21, 1944, at Dibut Bay, Baler. When the guerrilla began hostilities on the night of January 4th, more arms and ammunition were captured from the enemy. Details being attached to various units of the American Liberating Forces were issued more arms. To date, no accurate data as to the exact number of arms on hand is available. The estimated number of arms at this writing can safely be fixed at not less than 4,000.

d. Contact by radio was made with the GHQ, SWPA, in May 1944 through Capt. R. V. Ball, Intelligence Operative from Australia. Since then up to the day of landing in Luzon, this guerrilla unit had constant radio communication with the GHQ and received orders therefrom. Attached are true copies of communications from General Douglas MacArthur dated 14 August 1944 and Col. B. M. Fitch also dated 14 August 1944, addressed to the undersigned and outlining military activities necessary and desirable in the operation for the liberation of the Philippines. Because of these two letters, this organization is believed recognized and operated under this assumption.

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e. On January 4, 1945, the Commander-in-chief, SWPA, gave this unit an order to start hostilities. The record of the activities performed since January 4th is enclosed. Activities prior to this date, although numerous and important, were not put in record and therefore not included in the enclosure. On January 8, 1945, another order was received attaching this unit to the 6th Army for duty. Since then up to date, this unit has been working and co-operating with the 6th Army. The record of attachments made to the Liberating Forces is also enclosed. Letters of commendations have been received from Commanders of American Liberating Forces appreciating the work of guerrilla units being attached to them.

2. In view of the above facts, the undersigned has always been under the impression that the USAFFE, LGAF is "de facto" recognized. Recent development, however, has made the undersigned doubt as to the definite status of this unit, and it is primarily for this reason that this request for recognition is hereby submitted.

Robert B. Lapham
 ROBERT B. LAPHAM
 Captain, US Army
 Commanding

Enclosed:

- 1. Letter of Gen. MacArthur) true copy
- 2. Letter of Col. B. M. Fitch)
- 3. Strength Report
- 4. Record of Activities
- 5. Record of Attachments to Lib. Forces
- 6. Eight Letters of Commendation

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

Office of the Commander-in-Chief

14 August 1944



Dear Captain Lapham:

I take this opportunity of conveying to you, and through you to the members of your forces and the loyal Filipino people who have been supporting your efforts in Central LUZON, my grateful acknowledgment of splendid service to the joint cause of the American and Filipino people.

It is my desire that you direct the efforts of your organization for the time being to the acquisition of information on important enemy dispositions and movements in the area in which you have been operating, giving particular attention to operational spots and airfields and larger enemy concentrations. To further the development of precise and reliable information on the enemy order of battle and plans it is urgent that every effort be made to secure enemy documents, both official and unofficial, and that such documents that fall into your hands, however trivial in appearance, be dispatched to this headquarters at first opportunity for analysis.

To assist you in these objectives, I am forwarding herewith an initial shipment of supplies and funds and a small detachment, consisting of two officers and nineteen men, trained and equipped to develop signal communications to strategic points within the area of your operations, to further the collection of enemy intelligence, to initiate the establishment of an aircraft warning system, and to secure for dispatch accurate data on weather conditions. I shall ship additional supplies to meet your requirements as facilities are available and a secure procedure is developed for such purpose.

Convey my assurance to the loyal people with whom you are in contact that the campaign to liberate the Philippines is proceeding satisfactorily and that the day is not far distant when I shall return to Philippine soil with adequate force to effect their relief.

Very sincerely

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR
General, U.S. Army
Commander-in-Chief

Captain Robert B. Lapham, Inf.

TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
M. I. AGUILA
2nd Lieut., USAFFE, LGAF
Hq., 5th M.D.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

A.P.O.
14 August 1944

SUBJECT: Detachment.

TO : Captain Robert B. Lapham

1. A detachment of two officers and eighteen men under command of Lieutenant Enrique L. Torres, Jr. will be dispatched to your area by submarine on or about 15 August 1944. This detachment will remain under the operational control of this headquarters and will be charged with the development of a radio net designed to reach enemy positions of major strategic importance in your area and to implement plans to provide this headquarters with weather and air warning information. Its several elements will, of course, be alert to the general and specific enemy intelligence.

2. While this detachment will remain under the operational control of this headquarters its facilities will be made available to you and should be so located as to best serve the intelligence collection requirements of your area.

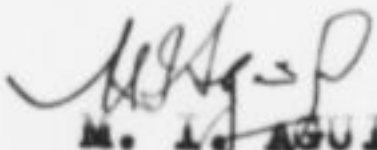
3. It is desired that you render all possible assistance to insure the success of its mission, including reasonable protection of the operating personnel.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

(SGD.) B. M. FITCH
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

cc: 1st Lt. Enrique L. Torres, Jr.

TRUE COPY:


M. I. AGUILA
2nd Lieut., USAFFE, LGAF
Hq., 5" MD



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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General

APC #25,
16 February 1945.

Subject: Commendation.

To : Captain Robert B. Lapham, Infantry, Commanding Officer, LGAF,
USAFPE.

1. This is to acknowledge the valuable service you and the members of your guerrillas have rendered to the 25th Infantry Division since the arrival of the Division on Luzon, Philippine Islands. Records of this headquarters indicate that some nine hundred members of your command have been employed with the various units of this Division. They have served the Division in combat against the enemy; they have done outpost duty; they have gone on numerous patrols and have conveyed information concerning the enemy forces which has been of inestimable value. Their skill in the art of warfare and their courage and disregard for personal safety and comfort have been an inspiration to all who have witnessed their activities. They have exercised a high degree of military discipline and training. In my opinion, the officers you have chosen and commissioned to lead your forces have shown exceptional leadership and understanding of command functions and reflect credit on your good judgment.

2. This means is also being taken to inform you of my appreciation of your work individually with the 25th Infantry Division. It is known that your efforts have been tireless and ceaseless in directing your forces and making them available where needed. The high standards of organization and close control of your guerrilla forces have made it possible for them to be assigned and coordinated with Army units with the maximum military efficiency. It is my sincere belief that the value of your organization is due largely to your leadership, skill in organization, and courage and daring in the face of extreme hardships and personal danger.



C. L. MULLINS, JR.,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
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2nd Lieut., USAFPE-LGAF
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HEADQUARTERS 25TH DIVISION ARTILLERY
Office of the Commanding General

APO #25,
16 February 1945.

Subject: Commendation.

To : Captain Robert B. Lapham, Infantry, Commanding Officer, LGAF,
USAFFE.

This is to inform you of my appreciation for the work of two hundred Filipino guerrillas, officers and men of your command who have served with the 25th Division Artillery since the arrival of the 25th Infantry Division on Luzon, Philippine Islands. These men have rendered important service to our units and have performed various hazardous duties calling for skill and courage. It has been especially necessary during this campaign to secure artillery field pieces against enemy infiltration. In the accomplishment of this mission, your men have proved of particularly invaluable assistance.

(SGD.) Wm. P. BLEDSOE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
M. I. AGUILA
2nd Lieut., USAFFE-LGAF
Hq., 5" MD



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A.P.O. 43
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Since arrival in the PIs Feb. 16/45 on Jan 9th
I have had under my command Capt. Tom Chongay
with at least 300 guerrillas. We were the first
to use them. In every way from holding front line
positions, to long distance patrolling they have
excelled. I am proud of them, they have had six
killed in action and twenty five wounded in action--
I still have my original outfit-- They are part of
us ---

(SGD.) J. P. CLELAND
Col. 103 Inf.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aquila
M. I. AQUILA
2nd Lieut., USAFFE-LGAF
No., 5^o MD



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HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding Officer
Rear Echelon

16 February 1945.

Subject: Performance of Duty by Guerrilla Unit.

To : Captain Robert B. Lapham,
Commanding Officer, LGAF, USAFFE.

1. Since 20 January 1945 the 101st Squadron, LGAF has been continuously employed under my supervision as scouts, guides and guards. Their performance and attention to duty has been superior.
2. The 101st Squadron under the leadership of Captain Aproniano M. Corrales has proved itself to be worthy of high praise as well disciplined, well led soldiers, ever eager to come in contact with enemy forces.
3. The tireless energy and driving force of Captain Corrales is largely responsible for an efficient well knit organization that commands respect of all those who have come in contact with the 101st Squadron.
4. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with a unit that you have organized and trained and it is hoped that they may be able to serve as part of the Philippine Army in the future.

(SGD.) C. H. MILES,
Lieutenant Colonel,
U. S. Army.

A TRUE COPY:

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RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

Based on reports received as of
February 12, 1945

SQDRN. NO.	DATE	PLACE	BRIEF ACCOUNT	CASUALTY	
				Enemy	Own Troops
311	: 29 Nov. 44	: Bibiclat, Aliaga	: Met and engaged Jap patrols	: 20	: 1 wnd. : 1 missing
311	: 23 Dec. 44	: Murcon, Talav	: Ambushed by 300 enemy troops	: None	: 20
201)	:	:	:	:	:
205)	: 27 Dec. 44	: Talabutab Sur	: Ambushed by Huks	: 6	: 60
211)	:	:	:	:	:
269	: 5 Jan. 45	: Umingan, Pang	: Attacked Jap garrison	: 3-k 6-w	: None
HQ. PMA	: 6 Jan. 45	: S. Quintin, Pang	: Attacked Jap Garrison	: 5	: None
	:	:	: Derailed 1 loco. engine, 1	:	:
229	: 5 Jan. 45	: Curba, Guimba	: pass. car and 2 frt. cars resulting in Jap. casualties	: 30	: None
206-A	: 6 Jan. 45	: Pasong Intsik	: Attacked Japs guarding brdg.	: 4	: None
320	:	: Tayug-Villa-	:	:	:
	: 7 Jan. 45	: sis Highway	: Ambushed enemy truck	: Unknown	: None
1	: 27 Dec. 45	: Lambakin	: Engaged by the Huks (2000)	: 80	: 3k - 2 w
-do	: 4 Jan. 45	: San Carlos	: Attacked by 200 Huks	: 7	: None
-do	: 5 Jan. 45	: Caalibanbangan	: Attacked enemy convoy	: Unknown	: 1
311	: 5 Jan. 45	: Rizal road	: Met by Huks while on mission	: 20	: None
1)	:	:	:	:	:
311	: 6 Jan. 45	: Pinagpanaan	: Ambushed 4 enemy trucks	: all killed	: None
333)	:	:	:	:	:
206 A	: 7 Jan. 45	: Lennec, Guimba	: Attacked Jap outpost	: 6	: None
	:	:	: Attacked Jap positions and	:	:
269	: 6 Jan. 45	: Umingan, Pang.	: engaged enemy in 2 hrs, then ambushed a truck and a car	: 13	: None
	:	:	:	:	:
P.M.	: 6 Jan. 45	: Lauren, Umingan	: Attacked Jap outpost	: 5	: None
300	: 8 Jan. 45	: Lupao, N.E.	: Ambushed a Jap sniper	: 1	: None
111	: 8 Jan. 45	: Sta. Maria	: Ambushed a Jap convoy 16 trucks	: 20	: 1-k, 1-w
403)	:	:	:	:	:
404)	: 8 Jan. 45	: Pura, Tarlac	: Ambushed two enemy trucks	: 30	: 1-k, 13-w
	:	:	: Ambushed 2 caromatas & 3 carts	: 3	: 1 civilian
HQ. Pang	: 6 and 8	: Toboy, Asingan	: Ambushed enemy car & 1 truck	:	:
	: Jan. 45	: Chile, Binalonan	: car turned turtle & truck	:	:
	:	:	: burned	: 43	: None
269	: 7 Jan. 45	: Carayungan Br.	: Attacked Japs working on brdg	: 50	: None
S-111	: -do-	: Sta. Maria	: Engaged enemy patrol	: 15	: 1
300	: 8 Jan. 45	:	: On a sniping mission	: 2	: None
403 &	: 8 Jan. 45	: Pura, Tarlac	: Attacked Jap garrison	: 37	: None
404	: -do-	: Victoria, Tar.	: Raided Ricoa guarded by Jap	: 15	: None
Civil-	:	:	:	:	:
ians	: 9 Jan. 45	: Rizal, Cuyapo	: Pursued run-away Japs from 206 -A raid	: 5	: None



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				Enemy	Own Trp.
268	7 Jan. 45:		:Ambushed 3 enemy trucks	: 25	: 1
230	8 Jan. 45:	Quezon, N. Ecija	:Attacked Jap garrison	:Unknown:	: 1
267	7 Jan. 45:	Caanaon, S. Tomas	:Ambushed two enemy cars	:Unknown:	: None
206 -A	8 Jan. 45:	Sta. Clara	:Attacked Jap position en- :trenched in a cement wall	: 22	:3-k, 1-w
122	9 Jan. 45:	San Felipe	:Ambushed two enemy trucks	: 68k-2w:	: None
124	8 Jan. 45:	Bogayong, Bin.	:Ambushed two enemy trucks	: 15	: None
122	9 Jan. 45:	Rosario, Pozzor.	:Ambushed two enemy trucks	:Unknown:	: None
122	10 Jan. 45:	Camangaan, Pang.	:Ambushed enemy patrol	: 13	: None
124	9 Jan. 45:	Bugayong, Bin.	:Ambushed 8 enemy trucks	: 8	: None
311	10 Jan. 45:	Baloc, Guimba	:Ambushed two enemy trucks	: 40	: None
300	10 Jan. 45:	San Antonio	:Engaged a Jap Patrol	:1k, 3w	: None
1	8 Jan. 45:	Macabuked, Aliaga	:Attacked Jap s supervising : threshing	: 8	: None
268	10 Jan. 45:	S. Juan, Moncada	:Ambushed Jap convoy	: 15	: None
227	10 Jan. 45:	Cabaruan	:Ambushed Jap patrols	:Unknown:	: None
East Sec.					
	9 Jan. 45:	Tarlac Area	:Spasmodic attacks on Japs	: 56	: None
213	6-10Jan.45:	N. Ecija Area	:Ambuscade and sporadic en- :gagements with enemy	: 76	: None
1	10 Jan. 45:	Zaragoza, N. E.	:Attacked Jap garrison	: 17	: None
122	10 Jan. 45:	Cabangaran, Bin.	:Ambushed a Jap truck	: 3	: None
124	10Jan. 45:	Manaog, Panga.	:Ambushed Jap patrols	: 3	: None
300	11 Jan. 45:	Parista	:Ambushed 8 Jap trucks	: 3	: None
223	11 Jan. 45:	Aliaga, N. Ecija	:Ambushed Jap patrols	: 4	: None
	4 Jan. 45:	Guimba-Munoz RR	:Derailed a trainload of Japs	:Unknown:	: None
	5 Jan. 45:	Lenne, Guimba	:Raided Jap on trenchment	:1-k 1-w:	: None
206-A	6 Jan. 45:	-do-	: -do-	: 4	: None
	7 Jan. 45:	Guimba &P. Int.	:Engagement in town proper : then raided Japs repairingbn:	: 4 : 6	: None : None
	8 Jan. 45:	Sta. Clara, Cu.	:Attacked Jap temp. garrison	: 22	: 3
267	9 Jan. 45:	Porais, S. Jose	:Engaged enemy in open field	: 17	: None
	17 Jan. 45:	S. Tomas, Munoz	:Engaged enemy patrol who were :wrecking havoc on civilians :In the encounter, big enemy :reinforcements arrived unde: :tected, hence, the encircle- :ment of the men.	:Unknown: : 42	: 42
1-CoA:	12 Jan. 45:	Aliaga, N. Ecija	:Attacked Jap Garrison	: 21	: None
1-CoB:	-do-	Carmen-Zaragoza	:Ambushed Jap truck	:1 truck:	: load : 2-w
221	9-10Jan.45:	Abar &S. Nino	:Ambushed enemy patrols	: 3	: None
Ter. Sec	10 Jan. 45:	Tibag	:Raided Jap Bivouac area	: 18	:None
300	13 Jan. 45:	Lupao, N. Ecija	:Encountered Jap patrols	: 7	: None



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Tarlac:	8 Jan. 45:	Gerona-Paniqui Rd.:	Ambushed enemy trucks	: 32	:None
West Sector:	9 Jan. 45:	Camiling-Tarlac Rd.:	Ambushed an enemy truck	: 23	:None
	10 Jan. 45:	Baneg, Camiling	:Attacked Jap units	: 20	:None
	12 Jan. 45:	Culibangbangan, Pan:	Attacked pilot of Jap plane	:	:
			: on forced landing	: 1	:None
PANG. Sec.:	14 Jan. 45:	CIC Hq. Pozorrubio	:Jap snipers tried to sneak in:	: 1	:None
			:was seen by sentinel	:	:
	5 Jan. 45:	Guimba-Pura	:Derailed a frt. car of Japs	: 5	:None
	-do-	Nagpandayan, Guimba:	Raided Jap garrison	P 14	:None
	-do-	San Manuel, Guimba	:Surprised Japs threshing rice:	3	:None
	6 Jan. 45:	Kawayang Bugtong	:Surprised Japs threshing rice:	3	:None
	6 Jan. 45:	Pasong Intsik	:Attacked Japs guarding brdg.:	Unkn.:	1
206	7 Jan. 45:	Guimba, N. Ecija	:Sniped a lone Jap M. P.	: 1	:None
	8 Jan. 45:	Guimba, N. Ecija	:Sniped one Jap	: 1	:None
	8 Jan. 45:	Bucabo, Guimba, N. Ecija	:Chased 3 Jap patrols	: 3	:None
	10 Jan. 45:	Guimba-Pura	:met Japs coming from north	: 1	:None
	14 Jan. 45:	Victoria-Guimba	:Engaged Japs moving Vic-Guimba	15	:None
214	9 Jan. 45:	Gapan-Baluarte	:Ambushed Jap patrol	: 1	:None
268	13 Jan. 45:	S. Manuel, Moncada	:Ambushed enemy trucks and en-:	50	:1-k, 1w
			:gaged them on destination	:	:
216	11 Jan. 45:	Mangino, Gapan	:Attacked Japs threshing rice	: 3	:None
217	12 Jan. 45:	S. Antonio-Jaen Rd.:	Attacked Japs moving supplies:	3	:None
218	13 Jan. 45:	Penaranda, N. E.	:Attacked Jap positions	: 3	:None
T. Area:	16 Jan. 45:	La Paz	:Encountered Japs & Hukbos	: 1	:None
	17 Jan. 45:	Panampunan, Tarlac:	Encountered a lone Jap	: 1	:None
	-do-	Buhilit, Tarlac	:Met a Jap patrol	: 2	:None
	19 Jan. 45:	Parais, San Jose	:Japs in civilian clothes tried	:	:
			:to pull a fast one; posing as	:	:
			:Filipinos, they waved for the	:	:
			:men to come near.	: 6	:
227	18 Jan. 45:	S. Jose-Rizal-Bong.:	Ambushed 2 enemy trucks	: 60	:None
311	21 Jan. 45:	Sto. Domingo	:Attacked Japs plundering civ.:	3	:None
311	20 Jan. 45:	La Torre, Talavera	:Ambushed Jap convoy	: 20	: 2 w
215	14 Jan. 45:	Gapan, N. E.	:Trailed & trapped a Makapili	: 1	:None
214	15 Jan. 45:	Malimba Creek	:Removed a signboard for defect-	:	:
			:ive brdg resulting in death of	:	:
	16 Jan. 45:	-do-	:Japs in 2 trucks & 1 auto	:Unkn	:None
			:attempted to get arms left by:	:	:
			:Japs	: 11	:None
	17 Jan. 45:	Guinandusan	:Engaged a Jap-Makapili comb.:	37	:7k-5w
	20 Jan. 45:	Baluarte, Gapan	:Engaged a Jap squad commandeer-	:	:
			:ing carts and carabaos	: 1	:None
268	31 Jan. 45:	Bantug, Cuyapo	:Chased 8 Jap stragglers try-	:	:
			:ing to pillage civilians	: 8	:1k-1w
227	31 Jan. 45:	Lumbangbayan, Munoz	:Encountered Japs while on pat.	1	:None
Bronco Unit:	5 Feb. 45:	Munoz, Nueva Ecija:	Attacked enemy position knock-	:	:
			:ing off 2 tanks & MG nests	:Unkn	:None
227	1 Feb. 45:	Munoz, Nueva Ecija:	Encountered enemy MG nests	:None	: 1
228	25 Jan. 45:	S. Jose-Caridad Rd.:	Endeavored to snipe a Jap sen-	:	:
			:tinel, was fired at by Japs on:	:	:
			:tree tops	:None	1
Jaen Sec 2	2 Feb. 45:	Jaen, Nueva Ecija	:Ambushed Jap truck convey	:Unkn	:None

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SQDRN. NO.	DATE	PLACE	BRIEF ACCOUNT	CASUALTY	
				Enemy	Own Trp.
	28 Jan. 45	Labit, Urdaneta	Raided Jap position	6	None
188	-do-	Palina, Urdaneta	-do-	2	None
&	-do-	Labit, Urdaneta	-do-	12	None
265	-do-	-do-	-do-	1	None
	29 Jan. 45	-do-	-do-	6	None
	30 Jan. 45	-do-	-do-	1	None
	-do	Cabaruan Area	On a mopping-up operation	4	None
	-do-	Colosnaboa, Villasias	On a scouting mission		1k-lw
			were fired at by 400 Japs		
218	2 Feb. 45	Las Pinas, Pinaran	Encountered Japs while on patrol duty	3	1
			While on Rec'n. patrol with Lib. Forces, encountered Japanese	150	None
288	2 Feb. 45	Tabulac	Chased Jap. Patrol	1	
	7 Feb. 45	Disol	Encountered Jap snipers	4	
	-do-	Sinipit-Bubon	Encountered 9 Japs	9	
	-do-	Maragol	Chased Jap snipers	1	
	10 Feb. 45	Palestina	Ambushed 2 enemy trucks	10	None
222	2 Feb. 45	San Juan, Munoz	Encountered Japs while with Liberating Forces	7	1k-lw
399	3 Feb. 45	Munoz	Met Canaps while on patrol	4	None
311	8 Feb. 45	Rizal, N. Ecija Sapang Kawayan	A lone Pvt. ambushed a lone Jap Officer	1	None
	4 Feb. 45	Cabaruan Hills	On mopping operation with 6th Rangers, 3 Am. missing	1	None
188	9 Feb. 45	-do-	On mopping operation	1	None
	8 Feb. 45	-do-	On mopping operation	1	1k-lw
227	Feb. 6/45	Munoz, Nueva Ecija	Siege of Munoz	Unknown	3

CASUALTY RECAPITULATION

Enemy ---- 1509 Killed --- 12 Wounded
Own Troops- 157 Killed --- 32 Wounded

Casualty inflicted upon the enemy and suffered by own troops of units attached to Liberating Forces is not included.

NOTE: This record does not include activities on Sabotage and Demolition.

Robert B. Lapham

ROBERT B. LAPHAM
Captain Infantry
Commanding



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43rd DIV.

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NO. OF MEN	DATE ATTACHED	AM. UNITS	FILIPINO OFFICER	AMERICAN OFFICER	PERCENTAGE ARMED	GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
495	14-18 Jan. 45	103 RGT. 43 rd Div.	CAPT. T. CHENGAY	COL. CLELAND		LAPHAM; Various	
536	18 Jan. 45	106 RGT. 43 rd Div.	" BALAGOT	-do-		VOLCKMAN; 2nd Bn. 66 th Inf.	
483	14 Jan. 45	172 RGT. 43 rd Div.	" SEPIN	-do-		VOLCKMAN; 121 st Inf.	
125	16 Jan. 45	-do-	LT. BASCOS	-do-		LAPHAM; 235 Cav.	
112	18 Jan. 45	-do-	CAPT. SERANO	-do-		INDEPENDENT	
50	14-18 Jan. 45	103 FA. 43 rd Div.	" MARANA	-do-		-do- 57 th Inf.	
50	18 Jan. 45	152 FA. 43 rd Div.	-do-	-do-		-do-	
50	27 Jan. 45	169 FA. 43 rd Div.	-do-	-do-		-do-	
52	-do-	192 FA. 43 rd Div.	LT. BASCOS	-do-	Total number armed 1400	LAPHAM; 235 th Cav.	
10	29 Jan. 45	DIVISION ARTY.	-do-	-do-	Automatic ARMS. BAR'S 23 L. MG 11	VOLCKMAN; 2nd Bn. 66 Inf.	
20	-do-	43 rd SIGNAL	CAPT. BALAGOT	-do-			
40	20 Jan. 45	DIV. HQTRS.	-do-	-do-	Sub Machine 28 50 Calibre 2	-do-	
50	18 Jan. 45	181 FA. 43 rd Div.	CAPT. MARANA	-do-	Total 64	INDEPENDENT; 57 th Inf.	
					ARMS:		
					M-I's 695	TOTALS	
					Carbines 225	VOLCKMAN 1089	
					Enfields 130	LAPHAM 672	
					Springfield '03 4	INDEPENDENT 312	
					1054	Total 2073	
					Others armed with captured weapons		

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2nd DIVISION

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NO. OF MEN	DATE ATTACHED	AM. UNITS	FILIPINO OFFICER	AMERICAN OFFICER	PERCENTAGE ARMED	GUERRILLAS ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
210	Various	185 th Inf., 2 nd Div.	CAPT. GARCIA	COL. LEONARD	UNKNOWN	LAPHAM: VARIOUS	



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25th DIVISION

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NO. OF MEN	DATE ATTACHED	AMERICAN UNIT	FILIPINO OFFICER	AMERICAN OFFICER	PERCENTAGE ARMED	GUERRILLAS ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
171	22 Jan. 45	35 th REGT. 25 Div	CAPT. CARRALES	S-2		LAPHAM: 101 SQUADRON	
133	5 Feb. 45	Attached to Service troops	NONE	-do-		INDEPENDENT	
41	4 Feb. 45	161 REGT. 25 Div.	CAPT. B. NOLAI	S-2		LAPHAM:	
292	22 Jan. 45	29 REGT. 25 DIV	CAPT. A. HERNANDEZ	S-2		LAPHAM: 269 th SQDRN.	
100	-do-	Attached to Service troops	CAPT. MARCOS	S-2		LAPHAM: 265 th SQDRN.	
50	12 Feb. 45	25 th DIVISION	LT. ECHEVARRE	S-2		LAPHAM: 300 SQDRN.	
					ARMED	395	
					AUTOMATIC WEAPONS	7	
						TOTALS:	
						LAPHAM:	654
						VOLCKMAN:	
						INDEPENDENT	133
						Total	787



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32nd Div

NO. OF MEN	DATE ATTACHED	AMERICAN UNIT	FILIPINO OFFICER	AMERICAN OFFICER	PERCENTAGE ARMED	GUERRILLAS ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
190	30 Jan. 45	127 th RGT. 32 nd Div	CAPT. NOBRES	MAJ. BROWN		LAPHAM: 168 SQUADRON "F" + "G" COMPANIES	
58	-do-	-do-	LT. NORBENTE	-do-		LAPHAM: "D" COMPANY 5 th Military District	
293	2 Feb. 45	-do-	CAPT. A. SONIEGA	MAJ. ANDERSON		LAPHAM: 268 th SQDRN.	
99	-do-	128 th REGT. 32 nd Div	LT. F. MARANAN	S-2		VOLCKMAN: 14 th Inf. "M" Co.	
31	9 Feb. 45	-do-	CAPT. BALINGAO	S-2		LAPHAM: Pangasinan Anti-Crime Unit	
100	4 Feb. 45	Recon. Bn. 32 nd Div	LT. FERNANDEZ	LT. LILLIG		VOLCKMAN: 14 th Inf. "I" Co.	
31	6 Feb. 45	-do-	-do-	-do-		LAPHAM: Pangasinan Anti-Crime Unit	
					Armed 590		
					Automatic Weapons 10		
						TOTALS:	
						VOLCKMAN	199
						LAPHAM	543
						INDEPENDENT	
						Total	742

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I CORPS

NO. OF MEN	DATE ATTACHED	AMERICAN UNIT	FILIPINO OFFICER	AMERICAN OFFICER	PERCENTAGE ARMED	GUERRILLAS ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
156	1 Feb. 45	I CORPS	CAPT. RAMIREZ	CAPT. RAY HUNT		LAPHAM: Various	
2		I CORPS	CAPT. ESTIPONA		The bridge Guard has 226 arms. Perimeter Guards 1 pistol 8 ML's 17 Carbin's <hr/> 26 Total	LAPHAM: Hq. SQDRN.	

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NO. OF MEN	DATE ATTACHED	AMERICAN UNIT	FILIPINO OFFICER	AMERICAN OFFICER	PERCENTAGE ARMED	GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	
402	1 Feb. 45	1 Inf. Regt. 6 th Div	CAPT. BATIS	CAPT. BATIS		LAPHAM: Various		
35	-do-	-do-	CAPT. CANO	-do-		LAPHAM: 103 SQDRN.		
76	-do-	-do-	CAPT. AQUINO	-do-		LAPHAM: 311 SQDRN.		
11	-do-	-do-	CAPT. WILIATA	-do-		LAPHAM: 303 SQDRN.		
9	-do-	63 rd Regt. 6 th Div	CAPT. JOSON	CAPT. WELLS		LAPHAM: 213 SQDRN.		
53	-do-	-do-	CAPT. MARCOS	-do-		LAPHAM: 267 SQDRN.		
116	-do-	20 th Inf. Regt. 6 th Div.	CAPT. FERNANDEZ	MAJ. CHILDERS		LAPHAM: 320 SQDRN.		
13	-do-	SIG. 6 th Div.	LT. PASCAR	CAPT. SWANSON		LAPHAM: 311 SQDRN.		
8	-do-	ENGINEERS 6 th DIVISION	LT. FERRA	CAPT. CIEHL		LAPHAM: 206 SQDRN.		
					Armed Automatic Weapons	650 7	TOTALS: VOLCKMAN LAPHAM INDEPENDENT Total	123 123

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10	20 Jan 45	158 th COMBAT	NONE		10 Armed No Automatic weapons	INDEPENDENT	
						TOTALS:	
						VOLCKMAN	1
						LAPHAM	
						INDEPENDENT	10
						Total	10


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ASSIGNMENT OF LGAF USAFFE UNITS
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In Charge of:	Sq. No.:	Date:	Date:	Place of operation:	To what unit attached:	Off. in Charge:	Casualties:
Unit Attached:	No. Men:	Atchd:	Ret.:				
Capt. E. Johnson	213	100	1/27	1/31	Cabanatuan	6th Rangers	Lt. Col.
Sgt. E. Riman	do	8	-do-	-do-	-do-	Alamo Scouts	Mucey
Pfc. Edwin Dumaguindin	206	1	1/28		Baloc	6" Cav. Rec'n	1" Lt. Carl Hopkins
Cpl. Edwin villo	206	1	1/30	2/3	Guimba	Gen & C of S	G. Hoffman
Lieut. C. Tumibay	221	35	1/31		Cabanatuan	1" Cavalry	C/o Capt. Taylor
Lieut. Abdon Aquino	-do-	34	1/31		Cabanatuan	1" Cavalry	C/o Capt. Taylor
Lieut. Reyes	-do-	36	1/31		Cabanatuan	7" Cavalry	Taylor
Lt. Vasquez	235	12	1/31		Cabanatuan	1" FA Cav. Division	C/o Capt. Taylor
Lt. Calautit	1	v29	1/31		Cabanatuan	1" Cavalry	C/o Capt. Taylor
Cpl. Alvero Seroma	221	2	1/31	2/3	Baloc	13 A. T.	Major woods
Lts. Sinense & Sacatane	206	35	1/31		Baloc	20" Inf.	Unknown
Lieut. A. Manialong	300	36	1/31		Baloc	6" QM	Lt. Matthews
Sgt. Jose Ulep	206	20	1/31		Bound for Manila	112 Cav.	Colonel Grant
Lt. Montemayor	130	30	1/31		Muñoz	20" Inf.	
Capt. Mocom	311	150	1/31	2/1	Talavera	20" Inf.	
Lt. Camde	333	2	1/31		Aliaga	1" Cavalry	Captain Taylor
Cpl. M. Borja	206	1	1/26		(Guide)	Cannon Co.	20" Infantry

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In Charge of:	Sq. No.:	Date Atchd:	Date Ret.:	Place of operation:	To what unit Attached:	Off. in charge:
Pfc. E. Mateo	:206	:2	:1/26	: (Guide)	: 6" Recon.	: Major Vincent
Lt. Adolf Lembong	:270	:60	:1/20	: Umingan and Lupao	: 1st Bn 1" Inf	: 6" Division
Cpl. A. Ganapin	:206	:8	:2/1	: Guimba	: 6" Engr. Bn.	: Captain Anox
Captain J. Gubrian	:227	:sqdn	:2/1	: Muñoz	: Co. 1 3/4 Bn	: 20" Inf.
Cpl. A. Apostol	:206	:20	:2/1	: Guimba	: 2" Bn. 112 Cav.	: Col. Mcmains
Capt. A. Soniega	:268	:121	:2/1	: Pangasinan	: 25" Div.	: Col. Bond
Lts. Rombo San Pedro Mendoza	:201	:4	:1/28	: Cabu, Bangad	: Alamo Scouts	: Lieut. Dove
Captain Estipona	:Dist	:HQ. Co.	:25	: 2/3	: Col. Ssatar	: Col. Ssatar
Lt. A. Ireneo	:206	:18	:1/31	: Guimba	: G-2 1 Corps	: G-2 1 Corps
Pvt. F. Galvez	:206	:1	:2/2	: Guimba	: 92" Evacuation Hosp.	: Lt. H. V. Klockner
Sgt. G. Madriago	:206	:4	:2/2	: Guimba	: Co. C 6" Engr. Bn.	: Capt. M.E. Manly
Cpl. Juanito Bigornia	:300	:2	:2/2	: Guimba	: 1 Corps	: Maj. Gen. Swift w/Capt. Estip
Sgt. M. Tiu	:229	:38	:2/2	: Guimba Maligaya	: 622 Ord. Am.	: Lt. E. Rust
	:300	:2	:2/2	: Guimba	: no company	: Lt. Col. Beaunem
Lt. B. Belmonte	:NEMA	:20	:1/22	: Muñoz	: 6" Div. F.A.	: Lt. Col. Beaunem
Pvt. Ben Caloma	:206	:1	:2/3	: To Manila	: General's Bodyguard	: Alamo Scouts
Captain B. Fausto	:229	:100	:2/4	: Muñoz	: Photo section	: Lt. H. Lieto
					: Unit B. GHQ	: Halter
					: 63" Inf. Regt.	: Col. E. Yon

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In charge of:	Sq. No.:	Date	Date	Place of operation:	To what unit:	Off. in-	Casualty
Unit attached	No. Men	atchd	Ret.	Place of operation:	Attached	charge	L.F: LGAF
Lieut. B. Marquez	:267	: 50	:2/4	:2/8	: Muñoz	: 63" Inf. Regt.	: Col. E. ion
Captain C. Mocum	:150	: 311	:2/2	:2/1	: Tabulara Sn. Jose	: 1st Inf. Regt.	: Lieut. Brannan
Lieut. M. Florentino	:311	: do	:2/2	:2/1	: Mayapyap, Caban	: 1st Inf. Regt.	: Lieut. Brannan
Lieut. M. Florentino	:311	: do	:2/2	:	: Tabulara Sn. Jose	: 1st Inf. Regt.	: Col. Rees
Capt. Pajota	:All	: Men	:2/3	:	: Cabanatuan	: 1" Cav. Div.	: Colonel Stadler
Capt. Jozon	:213	: Men	:2/3	:2/5	: Cabanatuan	: Alamo Scouts	: Lt. Dove
Pvt. Sala Bartolome	:206	: 1	:2/4	:	: Pura	: 44" Tank Bn.	: Major Barksdale
Lt. C. B. Aquino	: 1	: 8	:1/19	:1/28	: Tarlac and N. Kojia	: 37 Rec'n. Co.	: Lt. Stagenberg
Sgt. D. Juan Jr.	:225	: 1	:1/23	:1/26	: Cuyapo	: 204 Inf.	:
Pfc. Pable Lacabra	:225	: 1	:1/23	:	:	: -do-	:
Cpl. Jose Andong	:206	: 10	:2/4	:	: Guimba	: 92" Evacuation Hosp.	: Lt. H.B. Klockuer
Cpl. T. Pedro	:222	: 4	:2/2	:	: Rizal, San Jose	: 1st Bn. 1st Inf.	: Captain Batie
Pvt. B. Liwag	:222	: 1	:2/3	:	: CLAS - San Jose	: E Co. 2" Bn. 63" Inf.	: Lieut. Mainville
Pfc. A. Pedro	:222	: 1	:2/4	:	: CLAS - San Jose	: 2" Bn. 63" Inf.	: Captain M. Dickson
Sgt. F. Paasian	:222	:34	:2/3	:	: San Juan CLAS	: 760 F. A.	: Maj. Byers Lt. Col. Mac
Capt. Saddul	:222	:All	:	:	:	:	:
	:	: Men	:2/3	:	: Maligaya CLAS	: 63" Inf.	: Col. ion

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Lieut. Benito Co	:399	: 6	: 2/3	:	:Burgos, Muñoz	:25" Rec'n.	:Lieut. A. Dodge	:
Sgt. N. Nolasco	:380	:20	: 2/5	:	:	:Air Observers	:Lt. Ismael	:
Captain A. Soniega	:268	:128	: 2/2	:	:Cuyapo	:32" Div. 128 inf.	:Maj. A. Anderson	:
Lieut. G. Ferrer	:311	: 42	: 2/6	:	: San Jose v Concepcion, Zaragoza, San Antonio	:1st inf. 6" Div	:Col. Rees	:
Lieut. P. Aquilisan	: 1	: 6	: 1/22	: 1/24	: Santa Mesa	: adv. Guard	: 1st Lieut. Volk	:
Lieut. Quijano	: 1	: 12	: 1/25	: 1/29	: La Paz, Zaragoza Jaen & Sta. Rosa	: -do-	: 1st Lieut. Winn	:
Lieut. A. Gapsin	: 1	: 12	: 1/29	: 2/3	: Aliaga and Santo Domingo	: 754 Tank Bn.	: Lieut. Jeklicker	:
Sgt. W. Phillips	: 1	: 8	: 2/2	: 2/3	: La Paz	: -do-	:	:
Lt. C. Calderon	: 1	: 8	: 1/29	: 2/3	: Aliaga, Sto. Dom.	: -do-	: Lieut. Jeklicker	:
Lt. C. Calderon	: 1	: 15	: 2/3	:	: Zaragoza	: sq. & Serv. Co. 1913 engr. Aviation Bn.	:	:
Lt. Villamayor Capt. Diaz	: 1	: 90	: 1/29	: 1/31	: Baloc	: B Co. 20 Inf	: Captain Boggs	:
Captain A. Aquino	:103	:600	: 2/1	:	: Rizal and Bongabon	: 1st Inf.	: Lt. Col. Swall	:
Lieut. Ismael	:227	: 3	:	:	: Muñoz	: 191 E. A.	:	:
Lieut. Ferrer	:311	: 50	: 2/5	:	: San Jose	: 1" Inf. 1" Div	: Col. Rees	:
Pvt. S. Pascual	:225	: 1	: 1/17	: 2/6	: Cuyapo, Guimba	: Co. A 86 Chem. APO	:	:
Cpl. P. Pazarro	:225	: 1	: 2/5	:	: Guimba	: 5th Field Hosp	: Capt. H. Murray	:
Lieut. M. Mendoza	:201A	: 1	: 2/2	:	: Cabu, Cabanatuan	: 1st Cavalry Tank Dest.	: Col. Staudler	:

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD BATTALION, TWENTIETH INFANTRY
A.P.O. # 6

12 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding Officer, Squadron 227, LGAF

1. I desire to commend the Company of your organization that has been attached to this battalion during the period of January 31, 1945 to date.

2. During the battle for the town of MUNOZ, your men were of great value in locating and eliminating enemy snipers, and dug-in emplacements. They were of great help in providing local security for the battalion. On one occasion a small party from your Hq. Platoon located and eliminated three enemy trying to infiltrate into the C.P.

3. When not actually engaged in combat, members of your squadron were of great assistance in evacuating the wounded and carrying ammunition and water to our front line elements.

4. It is a pleasure and a privilege to commend such men.

(SGD.) C. J. VAN SICKLE,
Lt Col, 20th Inf,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
M. I. AGUILA
2nd Lieut., USAFFE-LGAF
Hq., 5" MD



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HEADQUARTERS
SECOND BATTALION, FIRST INFANTRY
A.P.O. # 6

9 February 1945

SUBJECT: 103rd Regiment, USAFFE, L.G.A.F.

TO : Major ROBERT LAPHAM

1. The 103rd Regiment, USAFFE LGAF under command of Capt. AQUINO reported to the 2nd Bn., 1st Inf. on February 1 1945 at CURVA. At that time, Lt. Col. THOMAS F. WALL, commanding the 2nd Bn., directed them to remain with him to assist him in his mission of extensive patrolling in the RIZAL sector and protecting the right flank of the 6th Division.
2. Since that time, the 103rd has proven of great value to this command, serving as guides, guards and obtaining detailed information of the enemy and his dispositions. Their information on RIZAL was instrumental in allowing elements of the 6th Division to occupy that town with only negligible opposition.
3. When this battalion moved to CAPISUAN they were directed to accompany it with the view of further activity in the country north and northeast of RIZAL.
4. It is hoped that in view of their excellent work and cooperative spirit, their failure to report promptly to your headquarters may be overlooked at this time.

(SGD.) THOMAS E. DOWNIE
Major, 1st Infantry
Commanding

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
M. I. AGUILA
2nd Lieut., USAFFE-LGAF
Hq., 5th MD



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HEADQUARTERS TWENTY SEVENTH INFANTRY
A. P. O. #25

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8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation.

TO : Whom It May Concern.

From 19 January 1945 to date, Squadron 269, USAFFE Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces, under the command of Captain Antonio M. Hernandez, has been under my immediate supervision.

In the employment of the Squadron as Scouts, combat and reconnaissance patrols, bridge and installation guards, guides and interpreters, they have performed assigned responsibility in a willing spirited manner. Their participation with the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, in the battle of Pemienta on the night 29-30 January 1945, was characterized by able leadership and complete cooperation with the Liberating Forces.

Constantly handicapped by lack of equipment and the full knowledgment of modern tactics, their aggressive and desire-to-please attitude remain high. Their reaction and behaviour during severe enemy mortar and artillery concentrations was highly commendable.

The services of every officer and enlisted man of Squadron 269 is deserving of praise and at all times during attachment to the 27th Infantry, their performance of duty was meritorious.

(SGD.) RUDOLPH L. BAHR, Jr.,
Captain, 27th Infantry



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HEADQUARTERS TWENTY SEVENTH INFANTRY, A. P. O. #25, 9 Feb. 45

TO: Whom It May Concern.

The high quality of work done by Squadron 269, USAFFE Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces is noted with pleasure. It would be hard to put a value on the great service rendered this Headquarters by Squadron 269.

(SGD.) PHILIP F. LINDEMAN,
Lt. Col., 27th Infantry,
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
M. I. AGUILA
2nd Lieut., USAFFE-LGAF
Hq., 5th MD

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY

APO 442

2 February 1945

AG 330.13 A-1

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, Luzon Guerrilla Armed Forces, APO 70.

1. The Commanding General, Sixth Army, is in receipt of a radiogram from the Commander-in-Chief in connection with the recent liberation of prisoners of war from the Cabanatuan Prison Camp. This radiogram is quoted in part as follows: "The Commando raid was magnificent and reflects extraordinary credit on all concerned".

2. It is desired that this message from the Commander-in-Chief be conveyed to each member of your command who participated in this operation.

By command of Lieutenant General KRUEGER:

(SGD.) JOHN B. COOLEY
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

A TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
M. I. AGUILA
2nd Lieut., USAFFE-LGAF
Hq., 5thMD



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CONSOLIDATED STRENGTH REPORT
AS OF JANUARY 6, 1945

Squadron Number	COMMANDERS	Actual Strength	Remarks
<u>NUEVA ECIJA AREA</u>			
1	: Capt. Angelo Jimenez	: 1,244	:
333	: Capt. Dominador B. Basco	: 108	:
103	: Capt. Abdon Aquino	:)	:
103 - A	: 1st Lt. Leandro Maxion	:) 3,263	:
205	: 1st Lt. Pedro Novicio	:)	:
201	: Capt. Luis Cruz	:)	:
211	: Capt. Simplicio Paulino	:)	:
202	: Capt. Juan Pajota	: * 699	:
203	: -do-	:)	:
204	: -do-	:)	:
206	: Capt. Gemeniano de Leon	: 177	:
206 - A	: 2nd Lt. Gil S. Dizon	: 215	:
213	: Capt. Eduardo Joson	: 156	:
221	: 1st Lt. A. P. Espiritu	: 225	:
227	: Capt. J. Gubrian	: 163	:
267	: 2nd Lt. Benjamin Marquez	: 218	:
268	: Capt. Alfredo Soniega	: 190	:
300	: 1st Lt. Alfonso Echevarre	: 181	:
303	: 1st Lt. Leopoldo Zulueta	: 120	:
303 - A	: 2nd Lt. D. dela Merced	: 60	:
304	: 1st Lt. Angel R. Cano	: 360	:
311	: Capt. Carlos Nocum	: 494	:
222	: Capt. Jose Saddul	: 118	:
223	: 2nd Lt. Dominador Briones	: 132	:
224	: 2nd Lt. Vicente Moreno	: 145	:
225	: 2nd Lt. Alfredo Palacio	: 211	:
226	: 2nd Lt. Julio Barriga	: 139	:
229	: Capt. Francisco Joves	: 238	:
380	: 1st Lt. Florencio Flores	: 275	:
130	: 1st Lt. Napoleon Serafica	: 206	:
399	: Lim Lam Bing & Co. Liong Sey	: 61	:
245	: Lt. Ubaldo Dizon	: 73	:
228	: Lt. Grospe	: 160	:
235	: Capt. Jose Carlos	:)	:
236	: -do-	:)	:
237	: -do-	:) 462	:
238	: -do-	:)	:
239	: -do-	:)	:
240	: -do-	:)	:
214	: Capt. Dioscorro de Leon	:)	:
215	: -do-	:)	:
216	: -do-	:) 592	:
217	: -do-	:)	:
218	: -do-	:)	:
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Squadron Number	COMMANDERS	Actual Strength	Remarks
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(Cont.)			
270	1st Lt. Adolf Lembong	65	
	Dist. HQ. & HQ. Serv. Sqdrn.	205	
<u>TARLAC AREA</u>			
	Tarlac West Sector HQ. Co.	36	
401	Capt. Laureano Ramos)	
402	-do-)	356
403	Capt. Diosdado Aganon)	
404	-do-)	700
<u>PANGASINAN AREA</u>			
	HQ. Pangasinan Military Area		
	Capt. Tom Chengay, Sec. Comdr.)	
102	Capt. Faustino Mensalvas)	
111	1st Lt. Ulpiano Velasquez)	
122	1st Lt. Luis R. Alagano)	
168	Capt. Feliciano Nobres)	
269	Capt. Antonio Hernandez)	
320	1st Lt. Alberto Gonzales)	
100	Antonio Garcia)	3,234
123	Capt. S. J. Dulay)	
124	Lt. Patricio Galinato)	
112	Ex-Service Men East Sector)	
121	-do-)	
133	-do- Central Sector)	
104	-do- Western Sector)	
144	Sabotage Sqdrn. Western Sector)	
101	Capt. Aproniano Corales)	
188	1st Lt. Nicomedes dela Cruz)	
	Total.....	15,080	



Robert B. Lapham
 ROBERT B. LAPHAM
 Captain, Infantry
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21 December 1944

(Date)

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TO: LAPHAM

FROM: MACARTHUR

NR: 10

REFERENCE DEMOLITION TEAM MENTIONED IN YOUR NR THIRTEEN OF ELEVEN
DECEMBER PD DESIRE THAT YOU RE-INFORCE ANDERSONS MISSION IN THE CENTRAL
LUZON PLAIN WITH PRIORITY TO THE CULUMPIT AREA PD MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS
WITH ANDERSON DIRECT PD ADVISE DECISION

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10 October 1944
(Date)

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TO : LAPHAM

FROM: MACARTHUR

NR : 16

RE YOUR NR BAKER TWO OCTOBER NOUGHT FOUR PD VESSEL ALREADY ENROUTE
 EASY TAKE ABLE TWO NOUGHT OCTOBER AT FORMER SITE PD PREFER NOT TO CHANGE
 SITE UNLESS NECESSARY PD BAY NORTH OF DIOTORIN POINT UNSATISFACTORY DUE
 TO PRESENCE OF SMALL ISLANDS AND SHOALS AT ENTRANCE PD UNLOADING COULD
 BE OFFSHORE BETWEEN DIOTORIN AND DICAPANISAN POINTS PD ADVISE ON OR
 ABOUT ONE FIVE OCTOBER WHETHER YOU STILL RECOMMEND CHANGE OF SITE PD
 SECURITY SIGNALS TWO WHITE RECTANGULAR PANELS PLACED TWO HUNDRED METERS
 APART PD ROUTINE CONTACTING AND UNLOADING PROCEDURE



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31 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : LAPHAM
NR 28 31 AUGUST

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STOP NUMBER ONE COMPLETED. PARTY AND SUPPLIES
SAFELY LANDED AND VESSEL DEPARTED AUGUST 30.

*This message marks successful completion
of first phase of Central Luzon operation -
3 days ahead of schedule. Will not
comment pending info on final phase -*

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DW* *not
file*

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TO : LAPHAM
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 10

ARRIVAL VESSEL YOUR AREA DELAYED FOUR RPT FOUR DAYS POSTPONE
SECURITY SIGNALS ACCORDINGLY



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Received on this ____ day of August from Private Courtney Whitney Jr., A.C., special courier of General Headquarters, SWPA, dispatches as follows;

1. Letter from the Commander-in-Chief dated 14 August 1944;
2. Directive from GHQ dated 14 August 1944, Subject: "Detachment."

ROBERT B. LAPHAM
Captain, Infantry



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 Deputy C/S _____
 G-1 _____
 G-2 _____
 G-3 _____
 G-4 _____
 Adjutant General *✓* _____
 Antiaircraft O _____
 C Engineer O _____
 C Signal O _____
 Surgeon _____
 Pub Relations O _____
 C Regulating O _____
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 Comdr. ANF _____
 Comdr. AAF _____

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 Concurrence _____
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TS 274 A

A.P.O. 500
14 August 1944

SUBJECT: Detachment.

TO : Captain Robert B. Lapham

1. A detachment of two officers and eighteen men under command of Lieutenant Enrique L. Torres, Jr. will be dispatched to your area by submarine on or about 15 August 1944. This detachment will remain under the operational control of this headquarters and will be charged with the development of a radio net designed to reach enemy positions of major strategic importance in your area and to implement plans to provide this headquarters with weather and air warning information. Its several elements will, of course, be alert to general and specific enemy intelligence.

2. While this detachment will remain under the operational control of this headquarters its facilities will be made available to you and should be so located as to best serve the intelligence collection requirements of your area.

3. It is desired that you render all possible assistance to insure the success of its mission, including reasonable protection of the operating personnel.

By command of General MacARTHUR:



B. M. FITCH,
Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General.

cc: 1st Lt. Enrique L. Torres, Jr.

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TS 274B

A.P.O. 500,
14 August 1944

SUBJECT: Detachment.

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By command of General MacARTHUR:

B. M. FITCH,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.



1st Lt. Enrique L. Torres, Jr.

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TO : LAPHAM
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 09

ARRANGE COMMUNICATIONS TO PERMIT IMMEDIATE DISPATCH URGENT PRIORITY
TO KING ABLE ZEBRA OF ANY ENEMY INTEREST IN RENDEZVOUS AREA PRIOR TO CONTACT
OF VESSEL



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TO : LAPHAM
FROM: MACARTHUR
NR : 08



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RE MSGS SIX AND SEVEN VESSEL NOW DUE AT RENDEZVOUS TWENTY EIGHT AUGUST PD IN ADDITION TO DAYLIGHT SECURITY SIGNALS DESIRE YOU TO BURN AT RENDEZVOUS SITE TWO SMALL BONFIRES ON BEACH ONE HUNDRED METERS APART ON NORTH SOUTH AXIS FROM NAUGHT THREE NAUGHT NAUGHT HOW TIME TO NAUGHT THREE ONE FIVE HOW BEGINNING ON DATE OF EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF VESSEL AND CONTINUE EACH NIGHT FOR THREE NIGHTS OR UNTIL CONTACT ESTABLISHED PD KEEP WATCH SEAWARD FOR BLINKER FLASH SIGNAL CONSISTING OF A SERIES OF OBOES IN GROUPS OF FOUR PD WHEN SEEN IF SITE IS SECURE REPLY WITH FLASHLIGHT SIGNAL CONSISTING OF A SERIES OF WILLIAMS IN GROUPS OF FOUR PD REPRESENTATIVE FROM VESSEL WILL THEN COME ASHORE IN RUBBER BOAT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RENDEZVOUS LATER DURING DAY PD PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAYTIME CONTACT AS OUTLINED IN MSG NR SIXTEEN SHOULD STILL BE FOLLOWED CAREFULLY PD GIVE THIS UTMOST SECRECY PD ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING THIS MSG PD BURN

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TO : LAPHAM
FROM: MACARTHUR
NR : 07

REFER MSG NR SIX VESSEL WILL BE DELAYED FOR SEVERAL
DAYS DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES PD CORRECTED EASY TARE
ABLE WILL BE ADVISED WHEN KNOWN PD ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND
UNDERSTANDING OF PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN MSG SIX



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TO : LAPHAM
FROM: MACARTHUR
NR : 06

FURTHER TO OUR MSG NR THREE YOUR NR EIGHT RENDEZVOUS WILL BE WITHIN DIBUT BAY AS RECOMMENDED PD VESSEL TENTATIVELY DUE THERE EIGHTEENTH AUGUST PD MORE EXACT ETA WILL BE ADVISED YOU AFTER VESSEL SAILS PD ON DATE VESSEL DUE DISPLAY IN PROMINENT POSITION ON POINT AT SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO DIBUT BAY AND EASILY VISIBLE SEAWARD TWO WHITE DISCS TWO METERS DIAMETER ONE HUNDRED METERS APART ON POLES THREE METERS HIGH PD PUT SIGNALS IN PLACE AT NAUGHT SIX NAUGHT NAUGHT HOURS HOW TIME AND REMOVE AT NAUGHT EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT HOURS CMA PLACE AGAIN AT ONE SIX NAUGHT NAUGHT HOURS AND REMOVE WHEN VESSEL SURFACES OR AT DARK PD FOLLOW SAME SIGNAL PROCEDURE DAILY FROM DATE VESSEL EXPECTED UNTIL CONTACT ESTABLISHED OR ADVISED OTHERWISE PD REMOVE SIGNALS AT FIRST SIGN OF ENEMY PATROLS CMA PLANES OR LAUNCHES IN VICINITY AND REPLACE ONLY WHEN ALL CLEAR PD WHEN VESSEL SURFACES GO ALONGSIDE IMMEDIATELY IN SMALL BOAT TO ARRANGE DETAILS OF UNLOADING PD PREPARE AS MANY LARGE BANCAS AS POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE SUPPLIES AND PERSONNEL PD SEND NOT OVER TWENTY MEN ABOARD VESSEL TO UNLOAD CARGO AND SPLIT MEN INTO TWO GROUPS EACH HEADED BY A RELIABLE FOREMAN OR OFFICER TO ASSURE THAT MEN WILL DEVOTE ALL TIME

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TO : LAPHAM

TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF MISSION AND NOT INDULGE IN TRADING
 WITH CREW OF VESSEL PD IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT VESSEL BE UNLOADED AS
 RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR MEN BE IMPRESSED WITH
 THAT IDEA PD IF POSSIBLE ESTABLISH A RADIO STATION AT SITE OF
 RENDEZVOUS TO BE ABLE TO GIVE DAILY INFO AS TO SECURITY OF SITE PD
 IF NO UNLOADING DIFFICULTIES ARE EXPERIENCED WITH THIS SHIPMENT
 REGULAR SHIPMENTS POSSIBLE IN FUTURE PD ADVISE YOUR UNDERSTANDING
 OF DETAILS OF THIS MESSAGE PD OBSERVE UTMOST SECRECY BURN MESSAGE
 AND WORK SHEETS WHEN READ AND UNDERSTOOD



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TO : LAFHAM
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : *✓*

HAVE YOU ANY INFORMATION AS TO SITE IN NORTHERN LUZON WHERE
A PARTY COULD BE LANDED AND BE ABLE TO CONTACT MAJOR VOLKMAN PD
ALSO ADVISE OF ANY INFO YOU HAVE AS TO WHERE A PARTY COULD BE
LANDED TO CONTACT AND REINFORCE GOVERNOR ABLANS ORGANIZATION PD
TREAT THIS WITH UTMOST SECRECY



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