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Exhibit "A"

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MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND APPEAL

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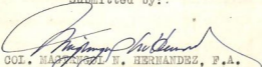
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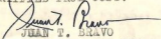
Decision Rendered by the PHILCOM now PHILCOR
on the case of the recognition of the

1ST MANILA REGIMENT, NORTH MANILA
UNIT OF THE AMERICAN DOMINION FOR-
CES, GUERRILLAS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Submitted by: .


COL. MASTERSON N. HERNANDEZ, F.A.
Commanding

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ASN O-47901

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TO : THE SECRETARY OF WAR, U.S.A

FROM : COL. MAGTANGOL N. HERNANDEZ, F.A.
Commanding

SUBJECT: MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND APPEAL
Re Decision Rendered by the PHILRYCOM,
now PHILCOM, on the recognition of the
1st Manila Regiment, North Manila Unit,
American Dominion Forces, Guerrillas of
the Philippines.

This is an appeal to the Secretary of War of the United States of America on the three adverse decisions rendered by the Guerrilla Affairs Division (GAD) PHILRYCOM, now PHILCOM, copies of which form part of the fifteen (15) folders sent to the office of said Secretary of War, through our duly authorized member and representative, Capt. F. Ben Brillantes. (Capt. Brillantes is presently in Washington, D. C. also in representation of the Philippine Ex-Political Prisoners' Association.)

Two weeks before the departure of Gen. George F. Moore, former Commanding General of PHILRYCOM, from the Philippines, the mover of this appeal had commissioned Capt. Juan T. Bravo, ASN 047901, to contact Major Landsdale, liaison officer of the (PIO) Public Information Office, U.S.A., to set us a date for a social and friendly call of some of the high ranking officers of my guerrilla Unit, the American Dominion Forces (ADF).

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The liaison officer during the two weeks period of contact failed to give us a date.

At the eleventh hour, it had been thought then to send by mail the last petition of the Unit for the reconsideration of the recognition of services rendered by the Officers and men and for the payment of their salaries in arrears during the Japanese occupation. The duplicate copy of said petition is included as part of the fifteen (15) folders which are presented as supporting papers of the Unit. Up to this date no decision has as yet been rendered nor a communication to this effect reached us. It is possible that the petition for reconsideration may have been lost in transit in view of the length of time that had elapsed.

Facts advanced to support the reopening of the case of our Unit are:

1. The request for reconsideration submitted to Gen. Moore has not been acted upon as regards ocular or further investigation of the following:

(a) The taking part in the resistance movement of Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, former Chief of Staff and C.O. of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the adviser and one of the organizers of the ADF; and

(b) The fact that none of the members composing the Unit of the ADF has been screened.

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2. The USAFFE members of the Unit received their back pay, while of the un-inducted reserve officers and civilian volunteers who joined the resistance movement, 550 out of the 2,585 Off & men who were recognized during the liberation on the strength of attachment papers, original of which have been filed with (GAD) Guerrilla Affairs Div., U.S.A., have been paid for their attachment services only.

3. Papers to substantiate the existence of the Unit during Japanese occupation are existent and sufficient in the files of the U. S. A.

In view of the aforementioned facts, this urgent request for recognition and payment of the services of the officers and men, subject of this Motion and Appeal, is being forwarded to the office of the Secretary of War, U. S. A.

Forwarded and submitted this 28th day of March, 1949.

/s/ MAGTANGOL N. HERNANDEZ
/t/ MAGTANGOL N. HERNANDEZ, P. A.
Commanding

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January 21, 1949

Subject; Return of Papers,
1st Manila Reg. MMU ADF

The CG
PHILOM, Fort McKinley
Rizal, Philippines

Sir:

With reference to the request embodied in the resolution and other papers appertaining, herewith enclosed, please allow us, to reiterate our earnest desire for the possession of our 15 folders representing compiled official papers which we caused to present in the Command to substantiate, legal claims of our 2,585 officers and enlisted men composing the 1st Manila Regiment, North Manila Unit American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines for payment of services rendered during Japanese occupation.


In connection therewith we believe that that Command has no use with the said papers, inasmuch as the appeal of our men requesting for personal and ocular investigation especially the participation of General Rafael Jalandoni in the resistance movement was never given any action. Those papers will then be carried personally to Washington, D. C. by our Asst. Director, Propaganda Div., Capt. Francisco Ben Brillantes, directing our last appeal to top brasses and government officials there for the re-opening of our case for recognition and payment of our Unit.

It is hoped that the above request be given immediate action, we beg to remain.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd.) MAGTANGOL N. HERNANDEZ
Major FA HNDP
S-4 Hq Service Troops

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The Executive Officer, Capt. Juan T. Bravo, (ADF) American Dominion Forces Guerrillas in the Philippines was ordered by Col. Magtangol W. Hernandez to make press releases so as to call a general assembly of all the officers of the Unit to be held Saturday, 1500 hrs on 15 Jan 49 at GHQ, 554 Dapitan, Sampaloc, Manila to discuss important matters affecting the Organization.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly was opened promptly at 1500 hrs, Saturday, 15 Jan 49 at GHQ, 554 Dapitan, Sampaloc, Manila, Col. Magtangol N. Hernandez presiding and Capt. F. Ben Brillantes, Executive Secretary. The following officers were present in the Assembly:

Present

1. Col. Magtangol N. Hernandez
2. Lt. Col. German Wambanco
3. Lt. Col. Bienvenido E. Dollento
4. Major Teodoro M. Sotto
5. Major Antonio C. Amor
6. Major Inocencio C. Tan
7. Major Domingo Jacinto
8. Capt. Lino Palpal-laloc
9. Capt. Modesto Castillo
10. Capt. Francisco Ben Brillantes
11. Capt. Jose Lukban
12. Capt. Bayani Hernandez
13. Capt. Jaime Zandueta
14. Capt. Severino Dungo
15. Capt. Arsenio C. Valencia
16. Capt. Adel Quizon
17. Capt. Guillermo P. Batac
18. Capt. Manuel Bacorta
19. Capt. Mariano Lozada
20. Capt. Ponciano de Guzman
21. Capt. Eugenio M. Basada
22. Capt. Juan T. Bravo
23. Capt. Jose Trinidad
24. Capt. Caturian Hernandez
25. 1st Lt. Cipriano Bayro
26. 1st Lt. Constantino V. Guerrero
27. 1st Lt. Perla V. Cruz
28. 1st Lt. Bonifacio L. Vistan, Jr.
29. 1st Lt. Genaro del Rosario
30. 1st Lt. Vicente Esporlas
31. 1st Lt. Eduardo de la Torre
32. 1st Lt. Noe T. Celso
33. 1st Lt. Jose C. Soltis
34. 1st Lt. Felino A. Tolentino

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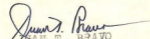
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Present

35. 1st Lt. Silverio Purisima
36. 1st Lt. Tranquilino Gamboa
37. 1st Lt. Arsenio de Guzman
38. 1st Lt. Rafael de Guzman
39. 1st Lt. Cipriano Tarlengco
40. 1st Lt. Pedro A. Bragado
41. 1st Lt. Wenceslao Gabriel
42. 1st Lt. Dadislao Agahan
43. 1st Lt. Pangilalo Gaerlan
44. 2nd Lt. Luis C. Amor
45. 2nd Lt. Manuel Castilla
46. 2nd Lt. Teofilo T. Valera
47. 2nd Lt. Jose Vicente
48. 2nd Lt. Manuel Herrero
49. 2nd Lt. Fortunato H. Mendoza
50. 2nd Lt. Ponciano Rivera
51. 2nd Lt. Juan Beronilla
52. 2nd Lt. Floridel Hernandez
53. 2nd Lt. Ceferino B. Noguera
54. 2nd Lt. Bonifacio del Rosario
55. 2nd Lt. Salvador Manzano
56. 2nd Lt. Romeo Chicano
57. 2nd Lt. Vicente Barcenilla

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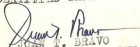
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The most salient subject taken in the assembly was a Resolution giving Captain F. Ben Brillantes authority a la blanche-carte to represent the American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines in order to request audiences of top brasses and government officials in Washington, D.C., USA and submit the appeal of 3,000 guerrilla officers and men of the Unit many of whom had been political prisoners throughout the Philippines interned, incarcerated and tortured during the Japanese occupation of which are represented by the Philippine Ex-Political Prisoners' Assn.

Officers of the American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines sitting in banc adopted and approved the resolution presented by Capt. Jose Lukban as per attached resolution.

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R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas, Capt. F. Ben Brillantes has been designated as one of the two-man mission of the Philippine Ex-Political Prisoners' Association to Washington D. C., USA, and being the Asst. Director of the Propaganda Division, ADF, attached to the Staff, GHQ: -

Be it resolved that he be vested blanket authority to present papers of the ADF in Washington, D. C., USA to substantiate claims of our 3,000 members;

Be it resolved also that Over All Commander Col. Magtangol N. Hernandez should form a committee of staff officers to proceed to PHILCOM, Fort McKinley, Rizal province, Philippines to personally request top brasses of the US Army allow the return of the 15 folders of compiled original papers submitted by him in said Command to substantiate the claims of the 2,585 Off & EM of the 1st Manila Regiment, North Manila Unit, American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines; and

request to be in Washington and government officials should be further brasses and government officials should audiences to hear the appeal of our members for reconsideration and recognition of their services rendered during the Japanese occupation by the US Army as fully established by papers at hand and upon official communication and press releases of the Command that this Unit was really in existence only with the alibi that services had been fragmentary and at the same time ignoring the presence without due and proper investigation of Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, ADF; as the personal advisor since the inception of our Unit up to the time of the Liberation.

Wherefore, Capt. Brillantes be made the lone official representative of this Unit and this resolution be unanimously carried and approved by all officers present in the Assembly.

VOTATION BY VIVA VOCE

In Favor

Dissenting

All

None

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The above resolution after having been carried and approved typewritten is hereby signed by me this 15th day of January in the Year of Our Lord, 1949.

(Sgd.) JOSE LUKBAN
Capt. Inf., AFP
Now on duty detailed with
JAGO, HNDP

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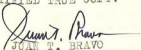
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the above are original copies of the minutes and resolution presented in the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of officers, ADF, held on 15 January 49 at GHQ, ADF, 554 Dapitan, Sampaloc, Manila.

(Sgd.) JUAN T. BRAVO
Capt., Inf. AFP
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 1st MANILA REGIMENT - NORTH MANILA UNIT
 554 Dapitan, SAMPALOC
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24 May 1948

SUBJECT: Re-Examination and revision of recognition dates for the 1st Manila Regiment, North Manila Unit (NMAU) American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines based as follows: Request and pleading for the

TO : Adjutant General, PHILRYCOM
 AFO 707

Inviting attention of His Honor, the CG
 PHILRYCOM

1. With reference to the basic letter of Guerrilla Affairs Division, Headquarters, PHILRYCOM, dated 19 May 1947 enumerating therein pertinent requirements for guerrilla recognition of a directive issued by Gen. MacArthur, and in cognation of a recent letter received bearing the same subject, reply to a recent letter explaining if that HQ will not consider it out of order to place the blame on "force majeure", a fortuitous event unavoidable that hindered in the submission of complete documentary evidence to comply with established regulations, to wit:

(a) (Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence). The 1st Manila Regiment, North Manila Unit, American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines had been maintaining besides the fifteen (15) bulky folders of original documents which were submitted on 8 March 1948, individual records in card forms (patterned and adapted from Philippine Army card system) of military services of my men such as accomplishments in the performance of their duties, activities in connection with propaganda of the early return of General Douglas Mac-Arthur bringing with him a host of American liberators and counter-propaganda to counteract the probable effect of a totalitarian Philippines, morning reports, travel orders, receipts of monies and supplies commandeered from rich civilians to maintain life during resistance period and other notes and reports of combat officers in the field, - like commendations and citations, letters of resignations, acceptance and transfers of personnel, and copies of oath of office; but these documents were unfortunately lost during the flood of November, 1944 and further more it is now next to impossible to rebuild them to be finished up to the dead line date set by HQ PHILRYCOM.

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- (b) (The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the in opposition to the enemy). This statement may be considered elastic the fact that in my humble belief my men were so strategically distributed in sectors of operation not occupied by other or different guerrilla units such as the ROTC Hunters, the BOLGA Bulacan Military Area (BMA), the Markings FAIT, the HUKBALAHAPS, etc. and that the places occupied by my men were very dangerous because they kept vigilance of the activities of the enemies in their garrisons; the only testamentary evidence is our Historical Sketch prepared by me with the help of my Staff Officers while it was corrected and annotated by the adviser of the Unit, Major General Rafael Jalandoni, Chief of Staff, HNDP.
- (c) (Adequate records were not maintained (dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information). - Such statement has been religiously complied with upon the submission of Special Orders a component of the fifteen (15) folders mentioned above which were retrieved from under kitchens of officers in custody of the records of the regiment.
- (d) (Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its leaders, because of desertion of personnel to join other units). The compliance of this statement is embodied in subparagraph (a); there is no instance case of desertion in our ranks.
- (e) (Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupation and family obligations). - This statement is only good before your careful screening of each individual record of my men to determine their fitness as 1942, 143, 1944 or 1945 guerrillas; in view of this, and in case your good offices will finally extend its recognition and authorize us do the rotation and shifting of men, out of the 2,585 enlisted personnel and 136 officers covered by our latest roster of troops excluding casualties only a thousand may be left who had been very active during the intervening periods of expansion of the regiment due to rigid screening as to their faith and confidence and activities done with the unit.

2. Believing that the liberal interpretation of the directives set for the recognition of guerrillas will be ap-

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plied to my unit, other papers were not submitted or rebuilt because the originals had been washed away by the flood of November, 1944 from air raid shelters; to submit portions of the required documents worn out by handling, by termites or by age, was thought of to be sufficient proofs to convince our benefactors to the existence of our unit moving as an element of the Philippine Army patterned under U. S. Army T/O & E.

3. Setting aside sentiments, pride and modesty, please let me request to plead for fair justice and equity for my men again and again coupled with fervor prayer of

devotion to the good offices of the CG, PHILRYCOM for the suspension of the strict effect of the said directives; that even the 549 officers and men previously recognized by AFWESPAC, the recognition dates be revised and set back from the date of inception and creation of the 1st Manila Regiment, North Manila Unit, American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines (a October 42).

4. Enclosure is a copy of my letter dated 28 April 1948 for purposes of information.

5. Hopeful, I beg to remain and earnestly await favorable results.

(Sgd.) MAGTANGOL N. HERNANDEZ
Lt. Col. - FA
(As Previously Recognized)
Commanding

City Address:

Major Magtangol N. Hernandez, FA HNDP
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 1st MANILA REGIMENT - NORTH MANILA UNIT
 554 Dapitan, Sampaloc
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28 April 1948

SUBJECT: Re-examination and revision of recognition date for the 1st Manila Regiment, North Manila Unit (NNU American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines promised on the following statements of facts: Request and appeal praying for a detailed

TO : Maj. Gen. George F. Moore
 CG, Philippin Ryukyus Command
 APO 707

1. In the behalf that a reasonable period of time had already elapsed since the filing of additional supporting papers (8 March 48) of the 1st Manila Regiment ADF NNU which were compiled and arranged chronologically into fifteen (15) folders of original documents to substantiate the claim of our officers and men for the American sacred pledge to regard for their sacrifices in helping win the war, on 20 April 48, I went to inquire at the Guerrilla Affairs Division, HQ PHILRYCOM, of any such action taken thereon.

2. In the headquarters, I was shown a duplicate copy of a letter dated 14 April 48, purporting to be the final disapproval of our claim which I was told that the original copy was mailed on 16 April 48.

3. I was saddened by the news that my men, who had followed me in dangers, fighting bravely and courageously, strengthened of course, by their loyalty to their government and guided or nurtured by Fil-American friendship hoping that their patriotism will seal firmly and solidly the bond of comradeship between American and Filipino peoples, seem to have been fast forgotten and ignored by their administrators.

4. In view of the fact that American Officers handling now our claim papers are not the same who had seen my men shouldering weapons of death during America's darkest hour, it is opined that our case is not entirely hopeless clinging always to the unshakable belief and undiminished faith in the well known American spirit of fairness and justice.

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5. In behalf of the civilian volunteers who some of them had died or been tortured when caught while discharging their duties and in their efforts in harrasing the enemy by sabotaging army installations or had suffered and died in order to propogate the news of the promise of an early return of General Douglas MacArthur bringing with him American liberators, I am appealing to the CG, PHILRYCOM once again for a just and equitable solution that these civilians should be taken care of and properly rewarded as promised by the benevolent President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his radio addresses to the Filipino people.

6. This appeal is also being made, based on the firm belief that due to many inevitable changes of personnel in the GAD, HQ PHILRYCOM, the papers of my Unit might not have been given the due attention, consideration and exhaustive study and analysis as claimed by the Division concerned of the U. S. Army.

7. Several letters that will prove that my Unit had been known in places where there were guerrillas abound in Luzon and attest its existence in relation to the overall resistance movement in the Philippines had already been submitted to GAD, HQ PHILRYCOM.

8. In my humble opinion, besides the work and activities of the Regiment, the Unit was proven by the former American liberators to be a bonafide guerrilla organization created and organized during enemy occupation before its 5th battalion was recognized.

9. As Major General Rafael Jalandoni, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines was then my personal adviser for my outfit from the date of its organization up to the date of its disbandment, in justification of the services rendered by my men, he is being referred to the CG PHILRYCOM for inquiry and contact for purposes of verification as to the veracity of the statements contained in our historical sketch re his knowledge of the existence and activities of my regiment during the Japanese occupation.

10. In conclusion, it is urged to reiterate my request praying for a detailed re-examination and revision of the recognition dates of my small Unit basing on principles of justice and fairness of the American people.

(Sgd.) MAGTANGOL N. HERNANDEZ
Colonel - FA
Commanding

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NOTE:

I have caused to be attached a letter of
Capt Bravo of my unit, one among many which I received.
I think that the letter is pathetic, enough to add color
to my pleading, for fair justice and equity.

(Initialed) MAGTANGOL N. HERNANDEZ

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"Q" Company, 5th Bn
1st Manila Reg., RMU ADF

22 May 1948

TO: Col. Magtangol H. Hernandez
554 Dapitan, Sampaloc, Manila

Dear Colonel:

I am terribly shocked upon receipt of your note relating to the total disapproval by the satellites of the Gen., PHILRYCOM of our guerrilla claim for the reward of those reservists (uninducted to the USAFFE) and civilian volunteers who had fought to die against a barbarous foe.

My eyes do not still believe of the action taken by GAD HQ, PHILRYCOM because if those American Officers now handling our papers had only seen our men during the liberation period after their landing in Bonca beach, Lingayen Gulf, who most of us were sick of malaria, beri-beri, dysentery and infected with insect bites and many undernourished and famished; only then those American soldiers will believe how we had suffered painfully to carry on the fight through the long years of Japanese occupation in order to protect our birthrights and to forever foster the principles of American democracy which we cherish above life itself. Our beloved Captain Marcelo Absalon who had succumbed of broncho pneumonia just after the liberation of Manila and another Sgt. Rosalie Soriano who died in the Victoriano Luna General Hospital in Mandaluyong of beri-beri complex are two of our casualties as a result of too much exposure in our field operation. Colonel, shall we leave the widows and orphans of those who died for a cause attended only by a cruel fate?

I know that the average American is very kind, unselfish and benevolent. A proof of these traits is that ~~state~~ yesterday, I received a package from Mrs. Rose L. Heston of 804 Central Ave W Richmond, California, U. S. A. for delivery to one of our Staff Sergeants, Catalina Sabino Moores, the widow of late Pfc Aubrey L. Moores of the Armed Forces of the United States. Mrs. Heston, the sender of this package is the sister of Mr. Moores.

In order that you will believe me, I am enclosing the tag for your information.

I think, you still remember the six-footer GI, Pfc Aubrey L. Moores who came during the contact of our regiment by the U. S. Army Investigating Team to testify for and corroborate with my statements during the investigation. He had the full knowledge of the situation and condition of our boys just after the liberation, the fact that he himself had treated me of insect bites and chronic dysentery.

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RIGHT then and there, the roster of a battalion was approved and recognized. Men covered by this roster had been processed for their liberation pay and reprocessed by RPD personnel for future back pay.

During the investigation, it was proven:

1. That our organization was a bonafide guerrilla unit created and organized during Japanese occupation;
2. That our boys were full time guerrillas fed thru the charity of friends and by procurement of food and supplies by commandeering from rich civilians;
3. That our fire arms and ammunitions had been procured mostly through the sabotage and liquidation system and these arms had been surrendered to the Provost Marshall of the U. S. Armed forces; and
4. That attachment papers had to be submitted as a prerequisite before the recognition of our 549 men selected from the regiment and combined under a battalion.

Colonel, it is really very queer and awkward as well as it is foolish and contradictory to the principles of a balanced mind to consider the 549 men as 1945 guerrillas. We the reservists and civilian volunteers who had been reprocessed by American GI's in the RPD, were advised to go home and wait for our "back pays". The saddest part of the procedure is to be told after three (3) long years of patient waiting that our claims had been disapproved only that we failed to submit the paper side of the unit in due form despite the presentation of the condition and appearances of our boys just after the liberation. Do you think, Sir, that it is fair justice and equity when our comrades-in-arms, the USMFPs had been the recipient of substantial back pays as members of the ADP while the reservists and civilian volunteers were left with open mouth (watery) saliva falling down?

Bear in mind, Colonel, that most of our boys are ignorant and indigent who most of them had lost their love ones and all during the enemies' occupation. Ignorance and indigency are very susceptible to the treat of communism and other isms. Who knows that Taruc is a better leader than ourselves that many had already joined his legion of communist HUKBALAHAPS.

SIR, I think that our last resort is by notifying your Staff Officers and make a courtesy call to see personally General Moore thru his PIO, Major Landsdale, 2nd Floor, Hancock building for an appointment to air our grievances

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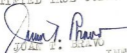
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after giving him a rousing farewell and our everlasting wishes for his good health on his von voyage return to the United STATES.

For him to command, I remain very respectfully,

(Sgd.) JUAN T. BRAVO

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Exhibit "U"

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 GUERRILLA HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN DOMINION FORCES (ADF) GUERRILLAS IN THE PHILIPPINES
 1st MANILA REGIMENT * NORTH MANILA UNIT
 M a n i l a

1 March 1948

SUBJECT: Revision of Recognition Date for the 1st Manila Regiment, North Manila Unit (NMU), American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines, Request for

TO : Commanding General
 Philippine - Ryukyus Command
 APO 707

1. The Unit listed below is recognized by the Commanding General, APWESPAC as having been an authorized element of the Philippine Army, serving with the Armed Forces of the United States on the date appearing in the column headed "Present Recognition Date".

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Recognition</u>
			<u>Date</u>
1st Regular Manila Unit	70	16 Jan -	18 May 45
Bn HQ, HQ Co & Co's P & Q 5th Bn, 1st Regiment, American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines, North Manila Unit (NMU)	479	15 Feb -	15 Jun 45

2. (a) The HQ Regtl Staff, HQ & HQS Co, the 1st and 3rd Bns, together with their respective Staffs, ADF NMU were left behind pending recognition.

(b) It is desired that these units (a) be included in the revision of recognition inasmuch as the Officers and Enlisted Personnel composing the recognized 5th Bn, ADF NMU were picked or selected from the old 1st, 3rd and 5th Bns, ADF NMU.*

*To mention, the CO of the 3rd Bn was recognized and identified himself as Captain under the 5th Bn. Capt. Guillermo P. Bataac of "C" Co, 1st Bn, was processed as 2nd Lt, 5th Bn. The roster of the recognized 5th Bn may be checked up against the whole 1st Manila Regiment, ADF for correct information. (Soldier No. 10)

3. (a) The ADF NMU on 2 October 1942, consisted of the below listed non-standard Philippine Army Units:

Unit

Magtanggol Propaganda Unit (MPU)

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composing of 14 officers and
19 Enlisted Personnel - SO 10 October 42 (Folder 3)

(b) On 26 October 1942, the Magtangol Propaganda Unit upon reorganization and expansion due to increase of personnel was redesignated as the Magtangol Intelligence Bureau (MIB), to wit:

Unit
Magtangol Propaganda Unit (MPU)
composing of 22 Officers and 68
Enlisted Personnel.*

* Covered by a roster of troops of the
Unit dated 31 Oct 42, (Folder No. 4)

(c) On 31 December 1942, the roster of the Magtangol Intelligence Bureau (MIB) had an increase, to wit:

Unit
Magtangol Intelligence Bureau (MIB)
composing of 33 Officers and 168
Enlisted Personnel (Folder No. 5)


(d) On 1 January 1943 due to considerable increase of officers and enlisted personnel, the Magtangol Intelligence Bureau (MIB) was redesignated the Magtangol Guerrilla Corps (MGC) and reorganized to consist the following:

Unit
Magtangol Guerrilla Corps (MGC)
on 31 January 1943 consisted of a
Regtl HQ Staff, a HQ & HQS Co;
and a Bn known as the 1st Bn with
a total strength of 82 officers
and 926 enlisted personnel. (Folder No. 6)

(e) By 15 March 1943, the 3rd Bn of the 1st Manila Regiment, MGC, MMU was formed and the whole unit consisted as follows:

Unit
Magtangol Guerrilla Corps (MGC)
composed of the 1st and 3rd Bns
with their Staffs, the Regtl HQ
Staff and HQ & HQS Co with a
total strength of 114 officers
1,697 Enlisted Personnel. (Folder No. 7)

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(f) By the 1st of June 1943, due to rapid increase of its personnel, the 5th Bn of this Unit was formed and the whole Unit showed the following strength:

Unit

Magtangol Guerrilla Corps (MGC)
composed of the 1st, 3rd and 5th
Bns with an aggregate total
strength of 130 officers and
2,587 Enlisted Personnel. (Folder No. 8)

4. Due to many changes of assignments and transfers of officers and personnel and the deduction of casualties another roster was prepared for 31 December 1943. (Folder No. 9)

5. On 31 August 1944, the Magtangol Guerrilla Corps was finally redesignated the 1st Manila Regiment, American Dominion Forces (ADF) Guerrillas in the Philippines, North Manila Unit carrying with it the total strength of the MGC, NNU. (Folder 10)

6. On 26 October 1944, the Suicide Battalion or the 5th Bn of Dare Devils was formed of selected men from different Bns (1st, 3rd and 5th Bns ADF NNU) who were either natives of the places of operations or those who could speak the dialects fluently.*

*These were the Officers and Enlisted Personnel presented and submitted for recognition. (See attached roster) (Folder No. 12)

7. (a) On 28 February 1945 another roster was prepared to show the present strength of the ADF NNU deducting all casualties who died in line of their duties either during Japanese occupation or American liberation. (Folder No. 11).

(b) Casualty list is also attached as integral part of the Historical Sketch of the Unit. (Folder No. 13)

8. General Orders covering authorities re-founding of the Organization and policies set to govern the movements of troops by the Commanding Officer ADF NNU; (Folder No. 2); Special Orders reciting appointments, inductions, transfers, assignments, etc. (Folder No. 5); Several Propaganda Leaflets saved among the numerous typewritten propaganda which were properly disseminated and distributed to all concerned, typewritten carbon copies of propaganda and counter propaganda against the enemy which were retrieved from among officers who could save them (Folder No. 14); a few attachment papers left to support the liberation recognition of the 1st & 3rd Bns are herewith attached also as integral parts of the historical

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- Sheet No. 4 -

Sketch of the Unit subject for revision of recognition date (Folder No. 15).

9. Lest it be forgotten, coordination papers between this subject Unit and other Units of the Markings, Ramsey's Anderson's, Volckman's etc., except the FAIT under the command of Col. Hilario Esguerra an extract copy of his affiliation with this Unit mistook to be the 1st Regular Manila Division is also attached (Folder No.15); have been filed for the recognition of the 5th Bn ADM with AFWSSEAC.

10. Some of these papers have been recovered from members of the subject Unit, coming from the provinces, Okinawa and Guam aside from those saved from the searching eyes of the enemies; typewritten rosters, general orders, special orders etc., at the dorsal sides of notes to avoid suspicion had to be put left un-noticed, aged by Father TIME and deposited under the kitchen of officers who were in the custody of the secrets of the organization. These papers were retrieved most of them intact, compiled and arranged for submission to support the revision of recognition of the Unit.

11. Request therefor that if these papers are sufficient proofs to warrant the revision of recognition, the revised recognition date be set back to 2 October 1942, the formal date of the Organization of the Magtangol Propaganda Unit (MPU), the nucleus of the 1st Manila Regiment, American Dominion Forces (ADF), North Manila Unit (NMU).

(SGD.) MAGTANGOL N HERNANDEZ
Colonel - FA
Commanding

(In Handwriting)

8 March 1948

Receipt if acknowledged of additional supporting papers from Major Magtangol N. Hernandez, Commanding Officer, 1st Manila Regt, NMU, ADF, on 8 March 1948.

(Sgd) G. N. FONDREN
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