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FILE NO. AGRD-VA SUBJECT 201 CARDOS, Agustin C. C-12 151 500

TO Commanding Officer FROM Chief, Veterans Br DATE 19 Sep 51 COMMENT NO. 1

1. Mr. Johnston's letter of 14 September 1951 is in reply to Major Baken's letter of 9 August 1951 in which Maj. Baken raised the point that, if VA was determining all Missing Status under Staff Memo #14 as inactive status, there was no point in AGRD's continuing to show the reason for such Missing Status.

2. The point came up in the case of the above captioned veteran, whose period of missing under Staff Memo #14 was a period of "Unrecognized Guerrilla Service" under a recognized officer, which VA indicated would be considered inactive service. Major Baken's letter was apparently for the purpose of getting a definite commitment from VA that we need not any longer take the trouble to give the reasons for Missing status under Staff Memo #14. The case of CARDOS, Agustin C., was used to point up reasons for such certifications and to face them squarely with the problem of deciding whether or not such certifications were desired in the future.

3. Mr. Johnston's letter of 14 Sept 51 and the attachments give the VA decision on cases of this nature.

4. No change in our policy was involved nor - in view of VA's acceptance of this type of service as 'active' service under their criteria - is any change required. The matter of "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized officer" is contained in our Veterans' Branch Adjudication SOP and is fully discussed in Appendix B, thereof, on pages 5 to 9. VA Central Office has copies of this policy and should not have needed to write the original radiogram which caused this correspondence.

5. The correspondence in this case is in my precedent & policy file. There are information copies in the 201 file of the subject. The same distribution will be made of the current correspondence.

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OTTO STANHISER
Capt AGC
Chief, Veterans Branch

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Manila, Philippines

September 14, 1951

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C- 12 151 500
CARDOS, Agustin C.

Commanding Officer
8133D Army Unit
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 928

Attention: Major P. M. Baken

Dear Major Baken:

This has reference to your letter dated July 10, 1951, file AGRD-SC-201- CARDOS, Agustin C., C12 151 500, in which advice was requested as to whether the AGRD should continue to distinguish between "Unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized Commissioned Officer" and "Unrecognized anti-Japanese activity" in certifying service information of former members of the USAFFE.

The Solicitor of the U.S. Veterans Administration has reconsidered its prior determination, with consideration given to the information furnished in your excellent and comprehensive letter of July 10, 1951 and in the opinion dated August 9, 1951, held that: "Unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" may be accepted as service such as to entitle the claimant to benefits under laws administered by the Veterans Administration. Paragraph 11 of the Solicitor's opinion referred to, a copy of which is attached, includes the form of certification that would be acceptable for that purpose. A copy of letter dated August 16, 1951, from the Assistant Administrator for Claims covering the same subject matter is also attached and you will note in paragraph 4 of his letter that he has requested that AGRD continue to report and distinguish between "Unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized Commissioned Officer" and "Unrecognized anti-Japanese activity" in view of the said Solicitor's opinion.

Sincerely yours,

s/ E E Johnston
t/ E. E. JOHNSTON
Adjudication Officer

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August 9, 1951
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TO : Assistant Administrator for Claims
FROM: The Solicitor
SUBJ: C-12 151 500
CARDOS, Agustin C.

1. This has reference to your memorandum of July 27, 1951, transmitting therewith copy of a letter dated July 10, 1951, from P. M. Baken, Major, Infantry, Director, S & C Division, Headquarters 8133D Army Unit, Adjutant General Records Depository, (PHILIPPINE ISLANDS) which was forwarded to you by letter of July 16, 1951, from the Manager, Manila, Philippines.
2. The opinion of this Office of January 3, 1951, in the instant case, responsive to your submission of December 18, 1950, recited from the statement of facts -

" . . . that the veteran entered active service on March 18, 1942 as a member of the Philippine Commonwealth Army, and he is not shown to have served as a Philippine Scout or as a member of the Army of the United States. On May 7, 1942 he entered into a missing status, and on October 5, 1942, while engaged in anti-Japanese activities under Major P. B. Osman, a commissioned officer of the Philippine Commonwealth Army recognized by and cooperating with the Armed Forces of the United States, he was wounded in line of duty. . . "

3. The submission also quoted from a report of the service department, dated July 28, 1949, that -

" "Further investigation revealed that subject veteran's unrecognized anti-Japanese activities included services Under Maj. Perfecto B. Osman for the period 20 Jun 42 to 5 Oct 42 and under Lt. Arturo F. Alcantara for the period 1 Sep 44 to 31 Oct 44; Major Osman and Lt. Alcantara are both recognized officers of the 6th MD. . . " "

4. Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the opinion read:

"2. In A.D. No. 746 dated May 23, 1947, it was held in part that:

'Any member of the Commonwealth Army who was ordered into and served in the armed forces of the United States, or any person who served in such forces, is potentially entitled to benefits under the applicable laws; the fact of such service being shown by the record, or certification of the United States armed forces. It must be shown in any case that at the time injury (disease) or death occurred:

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 16, 1951

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TO: Mr. R. B. Lovett, Manager
VA Regional Office
Manila, Philippines
APO 928, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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C- 12 151 500
CARDOS, Agustin C.

1. This is in reply to your letter of July 16, 1951 and in further reference to the communication from this office dated March 15, 1951 relative to the claim for disability compensation filed by the above named veteran.
2. The principal claims folder is herewith returned and your attention is invited to the Solicitor's Opinion of August 9, 1951 in which it is stated in substance that the certification of the United States Armed Forces that this former member of the USAFFE rendered unrecognized guerrilla service under a commissioned officer of the U.S. Army, Navy, or Marine Corps or under a commissioned officer of the Commonwealth Army recognized by and cooperating with the United States Forces, meets the requirements of A. D. 746 and entitles the veteran to payments of disability compensation, if otherwise in order.
3. In view of this Opinion, this veteran's payments of disability compensation should be restored as of the date of discontinuance. Any other cases, that may have been adjudicated in accordance with paragraph 6 of the letter of March 15, 1951 should be reviewed and similarly adjusted, if certification as in the Cardos case is received showing guerrilla service in USAFFE cases.
4. In view of the present opinion it is also requested that the extra copy thereof be furnished to Major P. M. Baken, Director, S&C Div., Headquarters 8133D Army Unit, AGRD (Philippine Islands), and that he be requested to continue making certifications to the VA as outlined in his letter in the Cardos case showing guerrilla service under a recognized officer. In other words, it is desired that a distinction be made between "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" and "unrecognized anti-Japanese activity".

s/ Willis Howard
t/ WILLIS HOWARD
Assistant Administrator for Claims

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Assistant Administrator for Claims

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" (a) The person was serving in the armed forces of the United States either individually or as a member in a component of the Commonwealth Army ordered into such service, or

(b) That he was serving, albeit in an irregular force, under a commissioned officer of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps; or under a commissioned Officer of the Commonwealth Army recognized by, and cooperating with the United States forces.' (Emphasis added)"

"3. The memorandum of the Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service, addressed to the Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans Appeals, and dated July 31, 1950 (which memorandum was referred to in your submission), after quoting Paragraph 3(b) of TB 8-106 contains the following:

'A careful consideration of the above paragraph would seem to exclude Philippine Army men from consideration except in cases where they are recognized guerrillas or have returned to military control.'

"4. When the guerrilla service of a person who is a member of the Commonwealth Army has not been recognized by the Armed Forces of the United States (as required in A.D. No. 746), as in this case, such service can not be accepted by the Veterans Administration for the purpose of payment of benefits under the provisions of Public Law 301, 79th Congress, approved February 18, 1946, 60 Stat. 6, 14, 21. The question presented by you is answered accordingly."

5. Major Baken's letter of July 10, 1951, discusses the differentiation between "unrecognized" certifications and "one day recognition". In discussing the facts in the instant case Major Baken states that the Veteran Cardos served with the 61st Inf Regt, until disbanding of that unit on May 22, 1942, following surrender of the United States Forces in the Philippines. Cardos did not surrender to the enemy, but joined the 6th Military District (guerrilla) on June 1, 1942. He was an active member of the guerrilla forces until May 7, 1945, on which day he returned to military control; his name, however, is not listed on any reconstructed troop roster, casualty roster or letter of individual recognition of the 6th Military District. He mentions the fact that the certification of service gave the subject veteran the following service:

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"Releaguered	-	18 Mar 42 to 6 May 42
Missing	-	7 May 42 to 22 May 42
No Casualty Status	-	23 May 42 to 31 May 42
Missing	-	1 Jun 42 to 6 May 45
Regular PA Service	-	7 May 45 to 15 May 45"

That the periods of Missing Status with entitlement to pay were lifted as follows:

- " 7 May 42 to 22 May 42 - With his unit prior to disbandment
- 1 Jun 42 to 19 Jun 42 - Unrecognized anti-Jap activities
- 20 Jun 42 to 5 Oct 42 - Unrecognized grla sv under Maj P. Osman, 6th MD.
- 6 Oct 42 to 31 Aug 44 - Unrecognized anti-Jap activities
- 1 Sep 44 to 31 Oct 44 - Unrecognized grla sv under Lt. A. Alcantara, 6th MD."

7. The letter then goes on to point out that in the instant case

" . . . it is herein made of record that additional information was recently found among the organizational records of his unit showing that he rendered guerrilla service under recognized Commonwealth Army officers, not only during the periods shown above, but also from September 1943 up to August 1944. In other words, the above breakdown should show that subject veteran had unrecognized guerrilla service under recognized Commonwealth Army officers from Sep 43 to 31 Aug 44, instead of unrecognized anti-Japanese activities only during the same period as now shown on the latest certification. . ."
(emphases supplied)

8. While not specifically stated as a question, it seems to be apparent from Major Baken's letter that the question is asked whether a change in the present method of certification showing "Unrecognized Guerrilla service under (name, rank and unit of recognized commissioned Officer).", instead of "Unrecognized anti-Japanese activity.", as previously reported in the instant case, would be a sufficient certification of service under Administrator's Decision No. 746 to permit favorable adjudication in cases where the facts warrant.

9. As is pointed out in Administrator's Decision No. 746,

" . . . Any member of the Commonwealth Army who was ordered into and served in the armed forces of the United States, or any person who served in such forces, is potentially entitled to benefits under the applicable laws; . . . "

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10. The Administrator's Decision further states as to proof of such service -

" . . . the fact of such service being shown by the record, or certification of the United States armed forces. It must be shown in any case that at the time injury (disease) or death occurred:

- "a. . . .
- b. That he was serving, albeit in an irregular force, under a commissioned officer of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps; or under a commissioned officer of the Commonwealth Army recognized by, and cooperating with the United States forces."

11. The proposed certification,

"Unrecognized Guerrilla service under (name, rank and unit of recognized commissioned officer).",

may be accepted as meeting the requirements of Administrator's Decision No. 746, and favorable adjudication in such cases, if the facts otherwise permit, is authorized.

s/ E. E. Odom
t/ EDWARD E. ODOM

Att. Corresp.

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UNITED STATES
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
ESCOLTA AND DAVID STREETS
MANILA, PHILIPPINES

August 27, 1951

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: 3058-8

The Manager
Manila Regional Office
U. S. Veterans Administration
APO 928

Capt. R. C. Rudell
Chief, Records Branch
8133d Army Unit
Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 928

Dear Capt. Rudell:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 21, 1951 transmitting photostatic copies of nine (9) rosters as described in the attached copy of your letter dated Aug. 21, 1951.

Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Palmer
J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

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21 August 1951

The Manager
Manila Regional Office
U. S. Veterans Administration
APO 928

ATTN: Mr. J. E. Palmer
Adjudication Officer Recognized Guerrilla Rosters

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Transmitted herewith are photo copies of the following nine
(9) recognized troop and casualty rosters; which were not initial-

1. Squadron 218, SENES, LGAF
2. Squadron 235, PMA, LGAF
3. "B" Co 304th Bn 2nd Tarlac Regt, Bruce Grlas, STMD
4. 2nd Yay Regt (Suppl) MFAT
5. Vinzon's Div-Turko's Command (LGAF)
6. 1st Regt (SO #150) LGAF
7. NACOCO Intell Unit and Regimental Hqs, 14th Inf,
USAFIP NL
8. Squadron 403 TES, LGAF (Casualty Roster - MIA)
9. NACOCO Intell Unit and Regtl Hqs, 14th Inf,
USAFIP NL (Casualty Roster - Executed)

Please acknowledge receipt.

Sincerely yours,

R. C. RUDELL
Capt INF
Chief, Records Branch

Incls:
9 photostat rosters

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UNITED STATES
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
ESCOLTA AND DAVID STREETS
MANILA, PHILIPPINES

August 14, 1951

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: 3058-8

Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository
PHILCOM (AF), APO 928

SUBJ: Recognized Guerrilla Rosters

Dear Sir:

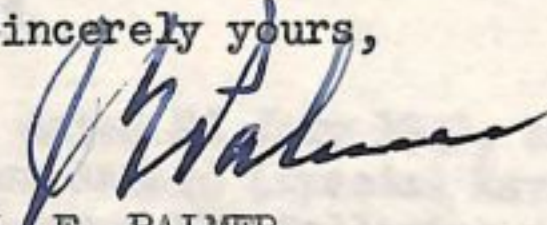
This refers to recognized guerrilla rosters currently in the possession of your Headquarters, copies of which were not initially transmitted to the USVA Manila Regional Office.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of photostatic copies of the following guerrilla rosters:

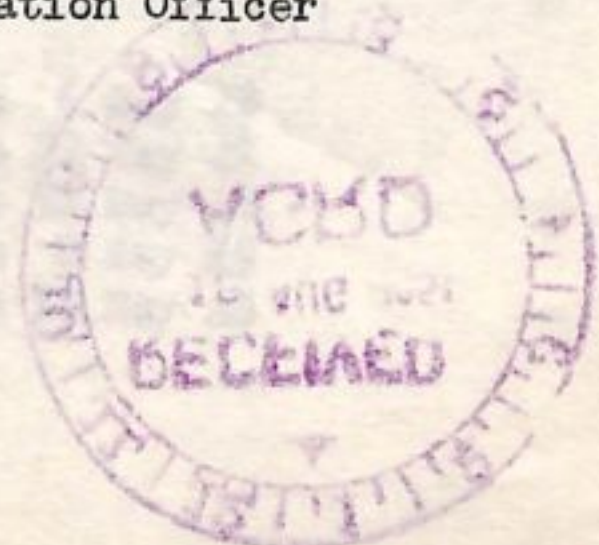
- 1) Squadron 111 (SUPPL), Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces (LGAF)
- 2) Squadron 123 HUNT'S Guerrillas NP (North Pangasinan)
- 3) Squadron 214 SENES NEMA LGAF

Captain Rudell, on delivering the foregoing rosters, advised this office that the balance of the rosters needed to complete our records will be delivered within the next ten days. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

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C-12 151 500

10 July 1951

The Manager, Manila Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration, USVA Bldg.,
Escolta and David Streets, Manila
(ATTENTION: Mr. J. E. Palmer)

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Reference is made to your letter dated 29 June 1951, File No. 3058-S, relative to the case of CARDOS, Agustin C., C-12 151 500, cited in the radiogram from your Central Office requesting information on the reasons why the Army employs "unrecognized certifications" instead of "one day recognition" in this and in similar cases.

According to the record of the above-entitled case, subject veteran was a member of the Philippine Commonwealth Army inducted into the service of the Armed Forces of the United States. He was inducted into the USAFFE on 18 March 1942 pursuant to the military order of the President of the United States of 26 July 1941, and served with the 7th Co. Warning Service, 61st Inf Regt up to the disbandment of his unit on 22 May 1942 following the surrender of the US Forces in the Philippines. He did not surrender to the enemy, but joined the 6th Military District (guerrilla) on 1 June 1942. He was an active member of the guerrilla forces until 7 May 1945, on which date he returned to military control. His name, however, is not listed on any reconstructed troop roster, casualty roster or letter of individual recognition of the 6th MD. He was discharged from the service on 15 May 1945.

Our latest certification of service, dated 28 July 1949, subsequently confirmed correct by Memorandum for Record (Special Review Project) dated 7 August 1950, gave subject veteran the following service:

- Beleaguered - 18 Mar 42 to 6 May 42
- Missing - 7 May 42 to 22 May 42
- No Casualty Status - 23 May 42 to 31 May 42
- Missing - 1 Jun 42 to 6 May 45
- Regular PA Service - 7 May 45 to 15 May 45

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The periods of Missing Status (with entitlement to pay) shown above, were amplified as follows:

- 7 May 42 to 22 May 42 - With his unit prior to disbandment
- 1 Jun 42 to 19 Jun 42 - Unrecognized anti-Jap activities
- 20 Jun 42 to 5 Oct 42 - Unrecognized grla sv under Maj P. Osman, 6th MD.
- 6 Oct 42 to 31 Aug 44 - Unrecognized anti-Jap activities
- 1 Sep 44 to 31 Oct 44 - Unrecognized grla sv under Lt. A. Alcantara, 6th MD.

The foregoing breakdown of his Missing Status, insofar as his guerrilla activities are concerned, was based on available authentic organizational records kept by the 6th MD during the guerrilla days, most of which records are now in the custody of this headquarters. In fairness to subject veteran, it is herein made of record that additional information was recently found among the organizational records of his unit showing that he rendered guerrilla service under recognized Commonwealth Army officers, not only during the periods shown above, but also from September 1943 up to August 1944. In other words, the above breakdown should show that subject veteran had unrecognized guerrilla service under recognized Commonwealth Army officers from Sep 43 to 31 Aug 44, instead of unrecognized anti-Japanese activities only during the same period as now shown on the latest certification. However, the propriety of effecting the above changes at this time is doubtful in view of the decision of the Solicitor of the Veterans Administration in this case, specifically relating to that type of service.

The 6th Military District, in which veteran rendered guerrilla service from 1 June 1942 to 6 May 1945, was recognized as an overall command as of 20 June 1942. According to organizational records of this Military District, veteran was assigned successively to its different combat components, until on 1 Nov 1944, he was transferred by appropriate orders to "A" Transport Co., 63rd Inf, Combat Team, 6th MD. All the component units of the 6th MD in which veteran served were once recognized by the former Guerrilla Affairs Division (GAD) and subject veteran's name was listed on the approved troop roster of "A" Transport Co, 63rd Inf, Combat Team, submitted by the unit to the Guerrilla Affairs Division. However, when the troop rosters of the different components of the 6th MD were reconstructed by GAD in 1948, the unit on whose troop roster subject veteran's name was listed, "A" Transport Co, 61st Inf, Combat Team, was deleted from the recognized components. The deletion was effected in a Memorandum dated 16 March 1948, signed by the Commanding General, Philippines Ryukyus Command, Subject: "Reconstructed Guerrilla Troop Roster of the 6th Military District", the pertinent portion of which reads:

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The reasons why in this case and in similar cases this headquarters employs "unrecognized" certifications instead of "one-day recognition" are believed well known to you because that term was adopted by this headquarters after your office fully concurred with its use. The "one-day recognition" cannot be employed because this headquarters has no authority to confer guerrilla "recognition" to any person whose guerrilla service was not "recognized" by GAD, no matter how meritorious his guerrilla services might have been. But while this headquarters has no authority to "recognize", as was done by the former Guerrilla Affairs Division, this headquarters has authority under the Missing Persons Act to determine whether or not persons entitled to the benefits of said Act rendered guerrilla services. Thus, under the MPA, former members of the USAFFE (persons covered by the Act) are considered in a Missing Status and entitled to pay during periods of active guerrilla service, irrespective of whether or not such service was "recognized" by GAD. It is to be noted, however, that the same consideration cannot be given to civilian guerrillas not "recognized" by GAD, because such persons do not have any official military standing and are therefore not within the purview of the Missing Persons Act. With respect to civilian guerrillas, recognition granted by GAD conferred on them the status (which they never had before) of persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, either individually or as members of a component of the Commonwealth Army ordered into such service. But with respect to former members of the USAFFE, recognition did not have the same effect, because these personnel have previously acquired the status (which they have not lost) of members of a component of the Commonwealth Army ordered into the service of the Armed Forces of the United States by virtue of the Presidential Order of 26 July 1941.

In discussions with your office on Branch Memorandum No. 1, Veterans Branch, AGRD, which in part outlines the use of the descriptive phrase "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer", it is recalled that the same was proposed by representatives of this headquarters in order to solve what amounted to an impasse as a result of VA's rejection of our Missing Status determinations under the MPA as interpreted in Staff Memorandum No. 14, AFWESPAC, 27 Dec 45, and the Army's lack of authority to make determinations of service under VA policies as proposed by your office. VA's main objection to our certification then was that determinations of Missing Status under Army policies (especially Staff Memo No. 14) were too lenient to suit your laws, rules and precedents. For example, the Army determines former members of the USAFFE in a Missing Status (hence on active service) under the MPA and Staff Memo No. 14 for periods, during the enemy occupation and prior to return to military control, when the veterans were ill of service-connected disease or injury, evading capture, in hiding to avoid capture, or performing some guerrilla activity which, according to VA, did not meet the five-point criterion employed by Guerrilla Affairs Division as evidenced solely by the fact that GAD did not grant

them guerrilla recognition. Under your policies, principally VA AD #746, these periods are considered periods of inactive service. While it was insisted, with respect to guerrilla service, that only such guerrilla service as was recognized by GAD was considered active service under VA AD #746, it was nevertheless conceded that periods of active guerrilla service of a former member of the USAFFE, though not recognized by GAD, might be considered meritorious (active service) by VA provided that veteran rendered it in a guerrilla unit under the command of a commissioned officer of the Commonwealth Army, Navy or Marine Corps, or under a commissioned officer of the Commonwealth Army recognized by and cooperating with the US forces, and provided further that the same is certified by the Army (AGRD). The merits of the latter situation may be discerned from the following illustrations:

Two former members of the USAFFE, i.e., militarized personnel, joined the same guerrilla outfit at the same time, served in the same unit and under the command of the same commissioned officer. These two soldiers participated in a combat operation and both of them sustained injury at the same time and under the same circumstances. The unit was recognized by GAD, and their commanding officer was also recognized as a commissioned officer. The recognition of the unit and of the officer covered the period of service and date of injury of these two men. For some reason or another, only one of them appears on a reconstructed troop roster or casualty roster or letter of individual recognition approved by GAD. Under the MPA and Staff Memo No. 14, both these men are considered in a Missing Status during the period of guerrilla service which culminated in injury to both. Under VA policies, however, as then understood, only the one who was recognized by GAD would be entitled to consideration, while the one who was not recognized by GAD would be considered on inactive service. It is plain that both of them were militarized personnel, both were injured at the same time and under the same circumstances, yet both do not receive the same consideration from VA. However, if the Army certifies that the latter was rendering guerrilla service under the command of a recognized commissioned officer at the time of the injury, he might be given the same consideration as his more fortunate comrade.

The present case of CARDOS, Agustin, who according to the Army's records actually rendered guerrilla service in a recognized unit under recognized Commonwealth Army commissioned officers, and who was injured while in such service, typifies the case of the person who had the misfortune of not being recognized by GAD, but who has been certified by the Army to have rendered guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer.

As shown above, the term "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" was adopted, for want of a better term, to describe guerrilla service which was not "recognized" by GAD, in order

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In other words, Army and VA policies with respect to guerrilla service rendered by a former member of the USAFFE may be compared thus: The Army considers guerrilla service rendered by such a veteran as Missing Status (hence active service) under the MPA and Staff Memo #14, whether or not the guerrilla service was recognized by GAD. On the other hand, VA classifies guerrilla service into three categories, namely, first, guerrilla service recognized by GAD as manifested on a reconstructed troop roster, casualty roster or individual letter of recognition; second, guerrilla service not recognized by GAD as above, but certified by the Army as having been rendered by the veteran in a guerrilla unit under the command of a commissioned officer of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or under the command of a commissioned officer of the Commonwealth Army recognized by and cooperating with the US forces; and third, guerrilla service not recognized by GAD and not rendered under the command of a commissioned officer, etc. The first category is definitely active service, the second might be considered active service under the provisions of VA AD #746, and the third is definitely inactive service.

Since the term "Missing Status" is indeed applied by the Army to various situations most of which are considered inactive service by VA, but some of which may be considered active service, it is understandable that a certification of plain "Missing Status" was inadequate to enable VA to determine whether a veteran, for any time during a "Missing Status", was on active or inactive service as provided for in your VA AD #746. Accordingly, AGRD representatives suggested in Branch Memorandum No. 1, that all periods of Missing Status of a former member of the USAFFE be broken down by AGRD into the different situations involved, and each situation appropriately described to show veteran's activities. With respect to guerrilla service, the same would be broken down into the following and each described and certified thus:

Period of Guerrilla service recognized by GAD - "Recognized Guerrilla Service"

Period of Guerrilla Service not recognized by GAD but rendered under a commissioned officer, etc. - "Unrecognized Guerrilla service under (name, rank and unit of recognized commissioned officer)."

Period of Guerrilla service not recognized by GAD and not rendered under a commissioned officer, etc. - "Unrecognized anti-Japanese activity."

By that manner, VA will be able to apply its policies. The procedure as outlined in Branch Memorandum No. 1, overcame VA's objections to AGRD's Missing Status determinations. It was concurred in by the Veterans Administration and immediately put into effect.

As shown above, the term "Unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" was adopted, for want of a better term, to describe guerrilla service which was not "recognized" by GAD, in order

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to distinguish it from guerrilla service which was "recognized" by GAD. That is to say, the terms "recognized" and "unrecognized", as used in AGRD certifications to describe guerrilla service of former USAFFE personnel, have a restricted meaning. They refer merely to the fact of "recognition" formalized by the former GAD as manifested on approved reconstructed guerrilla troop rosters, casualty rosters, or letters of individual recognition.

It is correct to say that "unrecognized guerrilla service under a commissioned officer" is guerrilla service not recognized by GAD, but it is not accurate to say that such guerrilla service is not recognized by the Army, in the sense that the Army does not give credit for such service, for the plain truth is that full credit is given by the Army for such service under that certification to VA. The foregoing distinction will not of course be valid if VA's requirement that guerrilla service should be "recognized by the armed forces of the United States" is meant guerrilla service recognized by the former GAD only. Although the guerrilla recognition program has already been terminated by the former Guerrilla Affairs Division, the only Army agency given the authority to grant guerrilla recognition, available information shows that many individuals rendered active guerrilla service but were not granted recognition by GAD. Many of these individuals were former members of the USAFFE, whose guerrilla activities must of necessity be inquired into by this headquarters, as required by Army policy. As previously stated, the Army no longer has the authority to confer the "recognition" which GAD was formerly authorized to grant, but it has authority to determine whether or not a former member of the USAFFE actually rendered guerrilla service. Consequently, when a former member of the USAFFE is determined by the Army to have rendered active guerrilla service, but the same was not recognized by GAD, the Army employs the term "unrecognized" instead of "recognized", in certifying the information to VA, in order to prevent confusion and any possible misconception by VA that the guerrilla "recognition" program completed by GAD in 1948 is still going on. It is therefore emphasized that an AGRD certification to the effect that a former member of the USAFFE rendered "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" of the Commonwealth Army should not be taken literally to mean, because of the word "unrecognized", that the guerrilla service rendered was unworthy of consideration, and has been rejected by the Army. On the contrary, the very fact that the Army certified to VA that such a veteran was in a Missing Status for having rendered "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" is itself proof that it is the Army's determination that the guerrilla service rendered, though not granted "recognition" by GAD, is worthy of consideration, and that the Army officially holds, acknowledges, and makes of record the fact that the veteran rendered active guerrilla service during the period in question. It is also emphasized that this type of service determination is limited to cases of former USAFFE members, and only where the available proof of guerrilla service rendered

Ltr to Mr. Palmer, MRO, USVA dtd 10 Jul 51, continued.

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under a commissioned officer is of unquestioned validity.

The same may be said of the phrase "unrecognized anti-Japanese activity." A certification to that effect means that the Army holds the veteran to have performed guerrilla service or anti-Japanese activities, but that the same was not accorded "recognition" by GAD. However, it is understood that the service rendered is considered by VA as "inactive service" because it was not rendered under the command of a commissioned officer of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or under a commissioned officer of the Commonwealth Army recognized by and cooperating with the US forces, as required, apparently, by VA policies.

This discussion is given in order to explain the reasons why the Army employs the term "unrecognized", as requested by your Central Office, as well as to clarify the meaning which this headquarters intended to convey by it. This is not designed to influence, in any manner whatsoever, the interpretation and application of VA policies.

The term "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" may indeed be misconstrued unless its background is fully understood. However, it is believed that its significance was adequately explained to the Veterans Administration prior to the time VA gave its concurrence to its adoption. The current system of breaking down guerrilla service, which has been followed by AGRD for the last two and a half years, has complicated to a certain extent AGRD's procedures. Instead of certifying merely that guerrilla service of a former member of the USAFFE was "recognized" or "not recognized" (by GAD), as the case may be, a further distinction has to be made by AGRD when the guerrilla service was not recognized by GAD into "unrecognized anti-Japanese activity" or "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer". Considering the importance of the distinction, as AGRD understands it, the determination is not so simple to make.

The opinion of the Solicitor of the Veterans Administration rendered in this case of CARDOS, Agustin on 3 January 1951, would seem to regard "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" as inactive service. Under this opinion therefore, there is no longer any necessity for AGRD to make a distinction between "unrecognized guerrilla service under a recognized commissioned officer" and "unrecognized anti-Japanese activity" in certifying service information of former members of the USAFFE. If said opinion will be applied by VA on all cases, please advise this headquarters so that AGRD's policies may be adjusted accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

P. M. BAKEN
Major INF
Director, S & C Division #32

- 6 Incls:
1. Individual Cas Rpt
 2. Cert of Discharge
 3. Memo Disqualified Personnel
 4. Afdvt of Francisco C Carbon
 5. Afdvt of Julian C Chaves
 6. Memo for Record 2 Feb 49

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Completed by AGAB on July 2

Unrecognized guerrilla June 29, 1951 Major P. B. Osman, 6th MB,
from 20 Jun 42 to 5 Oct 42.

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Reconstructed guerrilla rosters of the 6th MB shows the following
recording:

Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 63rd Inf, CT
PHILCOM (AF), APO 928

Attention: Major P. M. Baken arises, is why the name of CARDOS,
Agustin C., does not appear in any of the recognized rosters, since the
officer that he is alleged to have served under at the time he was in-
Dear Major Baken: in a recognized roster. From the foregoing, it appears
that Major Osman, his alleged Commanding Officer, was informed of the
This supplements our telephone conversation of Thursday, June 28,
1951, on the subjects: "Service under a Commissioned Officer" and of
"One-Day Casualty Recognition". or would have listed his name for in-
clusion in the Casualty Rosters or in the Troop Rosters.

Attached is a copy of radiogram received from our Central Office
which, in part, reads as follows: is our MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
dated February 4, 1949, which records the minutes of the conference held
in the "REFER TO CASE OF CARDOS, AGUSTIN C., C 12 151 500 IN WHICH CERTI-
FICATION FROM ARMY CITED UNRECOGNIZED GUERRILLA SERVICE UNDER RE-
COGNIZED COMMONWEALTH ARMY OFFICER. INFORMAL ADVICE HERE FROM
FORMER MRO EMPLOYEE INDICATES THAT SUCH CERTIFICATIONS IN DISABI-
LITY CASES ARE MADE GENERALLY IN MERITORIOUS COMBAT CASES. FOR
ASSISTANCE IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS DESIRE RADIO GIVING . . . particular
INFORMATION ON LIVING CASES HAVING SUCH CERTIFICATIONS . . . informed
ALSO ADVISE BRIEFLY REASONS ARMY EMPLOYEES "UNRECOGNIZED" CERTIFI-
CATIONS INSTEAD OF ONE-DAY RECOGNITION IN SUCH CASES." service
under the maxim: "Once a Scout always a Scout". Therefore, there was

I also attach for your information a copy of the opinion rendered
by The Solicitor of the Veterans Administration on January 3, 1951, in
the case of CARDOS, Agustin C., ASN 029247, Private, 7th Co, Warning
Service, 61st Inf Regt. The facts in the instant case show that subject
veteran has been certified as having the following service:

- Beleaguered 18 Mar 42 to 6 May 42
- Missing for recognition 7 May 42 to 22 May 42
- No Casualty 23 May 42 to 31 May 42
- Missing 1 Jun 42 to 6 May 45
- Regular PA Service 7 May 45 to 15 May 45

Information on file shows that individual claims to have been
wounded on October 5, 1942, during a raid on the enemy garrison at
Emmanuel Hospital, Capiz. Certification under Item 6 of VA Form #32

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completed by AGRD on July 28, 1949, shows, in part:

Information explaining the policy followed by the Army in cases similar to "Unrecognized guerrilla service under Major P. B. Osman, 6th MD, from 20 Jun 42 to 5 Oct 42." in meritorious combat cases.

Reconstructed guerrilla rosters of the 6th MD shows the following recordation: currently of record in the VA casefile of subject individual. Kindly return data when it has served your purpose.

"Osman, Perfecto B - Major, Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 63rd Inf, CT 6th MD."

Sincerely yours,

One of the questions that arises, is why the name of CARDOS, Agustin C., does not appear in any of the recognized rosters, since the officer that he is alleged to have served under at the time he was injured does appear in a recognized roster. From the foregoing, it appears that Major Osman, his alleged Commanding Officer, was informed of the necessity to apply for recognition with Guerrilla Affairs Division. It also follows, that he must have advised all members of his command of the need to apply for recognition or would have listed his name for inclusion in the Casualty Rosters or in the Troop Rosters.

Related to this subject matter is our MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD dated February 4, 1949, which records the minutes of the conference held in this Office on January 28, 1949. I enclose the only copy I have on file of this conference and I would appreciate your returning it after it has served its purpose. Particular attention is called to paragraphs 7 and 8.

My recollection of conferences had with the Army on this particular subject, is to the effect that Philippine Scouts were definitely informed that their services during the Japanese occupation would be recognized by the Army and considered as a resumption of the former PS service under the maxim: "Once a Scout always a Scout". Therefore, there was no need of their applying for recognition with the Guerrilla Affairs Division. However, the thought is advanced that the same viewpoint may not appear in order with respect to all former Commonwealth Army men who performed service during the Japanese occupation. It might apply to former PA personnel who served in certain Units where there is evidence of record that none of the members of that Unit applied for guerrilla recognition. However, in the instant case, since the Commanding Officer applied for recognition, it appears, as above stated, that the members of his Unit must have known of the required procedure.

In order that I may be in a position to make an intelligent reply to the attached radiogram DF 2888, I would appreciate your giving me

information explaining the policy followed by the Army in cases similar to the instant one, particularly whether such certifications as above referred to are principally made in meritorious combat cases. 58RS

To further aid you in studying the subject matter, I enclose copies of affidavits currently of record in the VA casefile of subject individual. Kindly return data when it has served your purpose.

Sincerely yours,

/s/t/ J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

- Encls: Radiogram DF 2888
- Solicitor's Op. 1-3-51
- Individual Casualty Report
- Certificate of Discharge
- Memo: Disqualified Personnel
- Affid. of Francisco C. Carbon
- Affid. of Julian C. Chaves
- MEMO FOR THE RECORD 2-4-49

copy of a letter written to the Administrator of the VA, which is self-ex-

our Central Office, the office do not maintain rosters maintained

Adjudication Officer

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the above names since added to the list of disqualified personnel. The Central Office does not maintain rosters maintained

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NAME AND TITLE	DATE
ADJUDICATION OFFICER	26 Jan 51
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set of line numbers. Recheck this HQ reveals that alias names only appear on the Revised Roster. Line numbers cited in HQ letter correspond to those on Initial Reconstructed Troop Roster this HQ.

Mr. Palmer informed by telephone at 0835, 24 Jan 1951 re above differences. He will recheck their rosters & submit supplemental reply to CG USA. Also informed that this HQ initiated action and not HQ as he assumed. He appreciated having this brought to his attention & clarified. I expressed thanks for furn. of copies, even though we previously rec'd by of HQ HQ.

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	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DATE <i>24 Jan</i>	COORDINATION
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		<i>24 Jan</i>	INFORMATION
3	<i>Dep Comdr</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	NECESSARY ACTION
		<i>[Signature]</i>	NOTE AND RETURN
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			SIGNATURE

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No further action deemed necessary.

Recheck by MPO USVA of the current routes will reveal the alias names since we did that prior to dispatching memorandum to FAB on 4 Oct 50. W/O classification this could confuse Wash. people

FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>E. RINALDI</i>	DATE <i>24 Jan 51</i>
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>DIRECTOR S & G Division</i>	TELEPHONE <i>3</i>



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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration Building
Escolta & David Sts.
Manila, Philippines

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J. E. Palmer

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

January 19, 1951

IN REPLY REFER TO: 58R8

Commanding Officer
AGRD, PHILCOM (AF) APO 928


Attention: Major Eugene Rinaldi

SUBJECT: Changes to Roster of Batute Infantry Regiment,
Anderson's Guerrillas

1. There is attached for your information a copy of a letter written by The Adjutant General on December 18, 1950 to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs on the foregoing subject matter, which is self-explanatory.

2. Also attached is a copy of our letter to our Central Office, advising that copies of rosters maintained in the office do not show the alterations that have been made on the rosters maintained at DPRB, St. Louis, Mo.

+ AGRD Manila.


J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

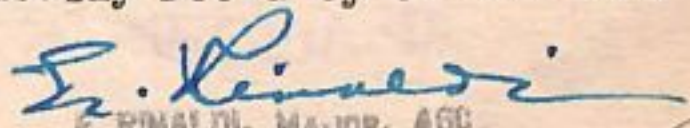
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MEMO FOR RECORD:

24 Jan 51

Perusal of this corres revealed that MRO USVA may have misunderstood TAG request since their ltr to CO USVA made reference to a different roster & line numbers. Recheck this HQ revealed that alias names only appear on the Revised Roster. Line numbers cited in MRO letter correspond w/those on Initial Reconstructed Troop Roster this HQ.

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E. RINALDI, MAJOR, AGC

DIRECTOR S & C DIVISION

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if possible, give veteran's name and file number, whether
n, service or serial number should be given.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of The Adjutant General
Washington 25, D.C.

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(4 Oct 50)

18 December 1950

of this office indicates that a copy of the roster was also furnished the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Manila, Philippines, and it is requested that appropriate action be taken by your agency with reference to the copy of the roster in Manila.

Major General Carl R. Gray, Jr., USA Retired
Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Gray:

EDWARD P. WITSELL
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

It has been discovered that certain additions of doubtful authenticity were made subsequent to the approval of the Roster of the Batute Infantry Regiment, Headquarters, Bulacan Military Area, Anderson's Guerrillas. The additional names listed below were made in original type on copies of the roster:

<u>Line Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Alias Added in Original Type</u>
11	Batongbakal, Valentin	Anacleto Hermognas
27	Gatchalian, Agustin M.	Filomeno Anastacio
42	Horca, Cornelio	Lorenzo del Rosario
44	Jacinto, Julianito D.	Meliton Vicente
64	Melquiades, Mariano	Florante San Diego
77	Oliva, Pacifico B.	Victorio Perez
82	Rama, Flavio dela	Eugenio Mariano
96	Tuason, Arsenio	Claudio de Vera

It is not the policy of the Department of the Army, once a guerrilla unit is recognized, to effect complete changes of first names or last names on the approved roster which might provide for the recognition of individuals other than those listed on the approved roster. Such changes are not considered corrections of clerical errors, but inadmissible substitutions of names on a recognized roster.

The only corrections of names which are permissible on a recognized roster are those which are obviously clerical errors, such as misspelled names, transposed names, and incorrect initials. It appears that the entry of the aliases referred to above was accomplished subsequent to the approval of the roster in question contrary to the policy of the Department of the Army, and it is requested, therefore, that such aliases be disregarded if they appear on your copy of the roster.

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Manila Regional Office

The records of this office indicate that a copy of the roster referred to above was also furnished the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Manila, Philippines, and it is requested that appropriate action be taken by your agency with reference to the copy of the roster in Manila.

To: Director, Foreign Relations Service
Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

*True Copy
W. Mahoney, USV/A,
Adj. Officer, USV/A,
M. R. Co.*

/s/t/ EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

1. In your letter of January 13, 1953 on the subject matter, copy of the roster of the 4888 Central Postal Directory (AF).

2. In your letter of January 13, 1953, you stated that the roster of the 4888 Central Postal Directory (AF) was compiled by the Adjutant General, USA, and that the roster was furnished to the Adjutant General, USA, for his information. It is noted that the roster was compiled by the Adjutant General, USA, and that the roster was furnished to the Adjutant General, USA, for his information.

3. Based on the foregoing information, this office has advised you that a copy of the roster referred to above is being furnished to you for your information. The roster was compiled by the Adjutant General, USA, and that the roster was furnished to the Adjutant General, USA, for his information.

4. Under existing and established procedures, the roster referred to above shall be reviewed periodically and the names of individuals listed therein may only be accepted as authentic if the names appear on the initial or subsequent roster. For this reason, the addition of names to the roster has not been accepted by this office or by AFSA as a valid recordation.

*Noted by [unclear]
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cc: Dir, SIC Div, AFSA, PHILIPPINES (AF).

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Manila Regional Office
APO 928, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

January 30, 1951

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TO: Director, Foreign Relations Service
Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: Assistant Administrator for Claims

SUBJ: Changes to Roster of Batute Infantry Regiment,
Anderson's Guerrillas.

1. This supplements our letter of January 19, 1951 on the subject matter, copy of which was furnished AGRD, PHILCOM (AF).

The Director, S and C Division, AGRD, PHILCOM (AF), has called our attention to the fact that the doubtful authenticity shown on the roster of the Batute Infantry Regiment, Anderson's Guerrillas, in the form of aliases added in original type to 8 names on the roster, was called to the attention of The Adjutant General by AGRD Headquarters. He stated that the additions had been made on the Revision roster of the Batute Infantry Regiment, Anderson's Guerrillas, and not on the initial re-constructed troop roster.

2. Based on the foregoing information, this office has checked against copy of the revision roster maintained in this office. This revision roster had not been checked at the time that our letter of January 19, 1951, was written. The revision roster does contain the additions which have been made in original type on the copy maintained here.

3. Under existing and established procedures, the revision roster contains the revised recognition dates of the guerrilla units. The names of individuals listed therein may only be accepted as authentic if the names appear on the initial re-constructed troop roster. For this reason, the addition of an alias to the cited names has not been accepted by this office or by AGRD as a valid recordation.

*Noted by CO, Dep Comdr,
Vet, Rec + Invest Div*

R. B. LOVETT
Manager

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cc: Dir, SAC Div, AGRD, PHILCOM(AF).

*Noted
File in Central
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Regional Office
Manila, Philippines
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San Francisco, California

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January 19, 1951

TO : Director
Foreign Relations Service
Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

ATTN: Assistant Administrator for Claims

SUBJ: Changes to Roster of Batute Infantry Regiment,
Anderson's Guerrillas

1. Your letter of December 28, 1950, with photostat of the Adjutant General's letter of December 18, 1950 on subject matter has been checked against the guerrilla rosters maintained in this office.

2. A copy of the Initial Reconstructed Troop Roster of the Batute Regt, BMA (VA File No. 22) as maintained in this office, shows the following on the names referred to in letter of December 18, 1950:

(1) Valentin Batongbakal	- Pvt	Line 67	page 58
(2) Agustin Gatchalian	- Sgt	Line 11	page 57
(3) Cornelio Horea	- Pvt	Line 83	page 59
(4) Julianito Jacinto	- Pfc	Line 23	page 57
(5) Mariano Melquiades	- Pfc	Line 28	page 57
(6) Pacifico Oliva	- Pvt	Line 92	page 59
(7) Flavio de Rama	- Pfc	Line 60	page 58
(8) Arsenio Tuazon	- Pvt	Line 100	page 59

These rosters do not contain reference to any alias of the foregoing named individuals.

3. A copy of The Adjutant General's letter together with a copy of this reply to your letter is being referred to the Commanding Officer, AGRD, PHILCOM (AF), for his information.

R. B. LOVETT
Manager

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8133D SERVICE UNIT
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
APO 928

- 1. Anderson's Command (Lt Col Anderson) 8133D SERVICE UNIT
- 2. Balabac Command (Lt Col Anderson) 8133D SERVICE UNIT
- 3. Balaok Command (Lt Col Anderson) 8133D SERVICE UNIT
- 4. Balaok Command (Lt Col Anderson) 8133D SERVICE UNIT
- 5. Balaok Command (Lt Col Anderson) 8133D SERVICE UNIT

7 December 1950

The Manager
Manila Regional Office
U. S. Veterans Administration
Escolta & David Streets
Manila, Philippines
(Attention: Mr. L. F. Sims)

Dear Mr. Sims:

This replies to your letter dated 29 November 1950, file No. 56R8-2 in which you requested information regarding the operational areas of the guerrilla commands listed on the IBM rosters.

Attached as an inclosure is a list of the commands and their location. Where information was available the commander of the unit has been indicated and in some instances the approximate strength.

Two (2) copies of the list are being furnished in the event you desire to retain one.

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)
E. RINAIDI
Major AGC
Director, S & C Division

- 1 Incl:
- List of Guerrilla Commands and their Location (Dup)

Memorandum

Prepared by James + Bob S + C Div

(Signature)

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. Anderson's Command (Lt Col Anderson)	6,796	Infanta, Tayabas
2. Bohol Command	1,000	Carmen-Butuan, Bohol
3. Bulacan Military District District Hq & Sp Trps (Lt Col Perez)	1,200 72	Pinamalayan, Mindoro Manila
4. Cebu Area Command (CAC) (Lt Col James M Cushing) 82nd Division	9,821 (2,666)	Maslog, Asturias, Lardon Balamban (Mobile Hq)
5. ECLGA GHQ (Lt Col Ramsey) Advisors Hq (Lt Col Santos)	3,125 20	Bayambang, Pangasinan Montalban, Rizal
6. Fil-American Irregular Troops Batangas Guer-Ibaan Regt Guerra Co Ibaan Regt- Luasing Co Ibaan Regt - Nasugbu Bn Batangas Town Unit - Beredo Co Iriga Co - Iriga Naga Co McKinley Div, McKinley Brigade 1st Regt, 12 Inf Regt, 2nd Bn Co A 1st Prov Bn (Straughn)	8,167 15 3,379 35,000	Batangas Batangas Nasugbu, Batangas Batangas, Batangas Iriga, Camarines Sur Naga, Camarines Sur Guadalupe, Makati, Rizal Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya Rizal
7. Hunters ROTC Guerrillas GHQ (Col Adevosio) Paranaque Gr1a Hq (Magtanggol) 44th Division: Regt'1 Hq (Lt Col San Juan) 45th Regt: 47th Division Miguel Ver Regt (Col Adevosio) Sto Tomas Unit, Marking's	29 28 5	Cutod, Nasugbu, Batangas Paranaque, Rizal Infanta, Tayabas Sta Cruz, Laguna Banaga, Talisay, Batangas Mt Boso-Boso, Antipolo Sto Tomas, Batangas
8. Leyte Area Command (Col Kangleon)	3,941	Sogod, Leyte
9. LGAP Dist Hq & Hq Det (Sup) 1st Regt: Regt'1 Staff & Hq Sv Co (Maj Arellano) 103rd Squadron Tarlac Military Area (TMA) 401st Squadron: Cos "A" & "C" (Capt Ramos) 320th Squadron (Maj Hernandez)	30 11 92 118 120	Umingan, Pangasinan Duncan, Carranglan Nueva Ecija Baler, Tayabas Gerona, Tarlac Masantol, Pampanga
10. Magirog Unit, CUFQF	1,187	Gen Trias, Cavite
11. Marinduque Command (Untalan)	400	Boac, Marinduque

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UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION
11. [Faded]	[Faded]	Albay, Sorsogon
12. Markings Fil-American Troops [Faded] (Capt Ortega)	11,710	Antipolo, Rizal
13. Masbate Guerrilla Regiment	(894)	Placer, Masbate
14. Mindoro Command [Faded] (Col Tiagan)	1,200	Pinamalayan, Mindoro
15. Palawan Sp Inf Bn (Maj MUYCO)	1,119	Tapul, Palawan
16. President Quezon Own Guerrillas (Col Umali)	6,525	Tiaong, Tayabas (Also in entire Tayabas now Quezon)
17. Samar Area Command	3,250	Manila
18. 6th Military District (Col Peralta)	22,334	Daanbanwa, Lambunao, Iloilo
19. 7th Military District (Abcede)	8,167	Diao, Binabagan, Occidental Negros
20. Bruce's Guerrilla, Southern Tarlac MD Hq, STMD	15	Bamban, Tarlac
1st & 2nd Tarlac Regt (Bruce's Grlas)	198	Licab, Nueva Ecija
21. Sulu Area Command (SAC) (Lt Col Suarez)	3,379	Bato-Bato, Tawi-Tawi
22. 10th Military District USFIP	35,000	Camp Keithley, Dansalan, Lanao
23. III Army Corps, David's Command, FAIT	299	Nagcarlan, Laguna
24. USAFIP NL 11th Inf (Col Blackburn)	330	Benguet, Mt Province (Mobile)
15th Inf		Ifugao, Cagayan
66th Inf		Ilocos Norte & Abra
121st Inf		Benguet & La Union
		Ilocos Sur & Abra
25. Zambales Mil Dist (Magsaysay's Guerrillas)	301	Zambales
26. Allado Det (Maj Allado)	5,118	Dasmaringas, Cavite
27. Allas Intelligence Unit (Capt Allas)	30	Tayug, Pangasinan
28. Allied Intelligence Bureau (AIB) 1st Fltn (Lt Aguncion)	1,762	Alcala, Pangasinan
29. American Dominion Forces in the Philippines (Maj Matibag)	101	Fasay, Rizal
30. Barrion's Manila Division 1st Inf Regt:	5,153	Novaliches, Rizal
Regt'l Hq (Col Barileta)	8	Manila
45th Inf Regt		San Francisco Del Monte Quezon City

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
31. Bicol Brigade	5,613	Albay, Sorsogon
54. 2nd Bicol Inf Regt		Naga, Camarines Sur
Bicol Rinconada Patriots (Capt Ortega)	72	Iriga, Camarines Sur
55. Blue Eagle Force	60	Legaspi, Albay
32. Blue Eagle Regt, AUSA or Malakas Div	1,443	
Regt'l Hq (Col Ylagan)	(9)	Bato, Camarines Sur
57. Rainbow Bn (Capt Abelada)	110	Nasugbu, Batangas
33. Cabanero Det PS (Cabanero)		Rizal
34. Castaneda (FACGF)	7,046	Volcano, Taal, Batangas
59. Chinese Guerrilla Units	1,166	Dasmariñas, Cavite
35. Chinese Guerrilla Units		San Nicolas, Pangasinan
36. Cooper's Unit A Co Romblon Special Bn		Manila
60. Cooper's Unit A Co Romblon Special Bn		Mayaguez, Pangasinan
37. DI Combat Area		Romblon
61. DI Combat Area		Guinayagan, Quezon
38. Erne Regt		Bauan, Batangas
62. Erne Regt		Manila
39. Esguerra Regt	196	Silang, Cavite
63. Esguerra Regt		Lumban, Bulu
40. Fifty-Seventh Infantry	625	Manila
64. Fifty-Seventh Infantry		Pasey, Rizal
41. Fighter's Regt	2,333	Urdaneta, Pangasinan
65. Fighter's Regt		Floridablanca, Pampanga
42. Filipino Vol Det (Lt Jose)	71	Alfonso, Cavite
66. Filipino Vol Det (Lt Jose)	17	Villarica, Pangasinan
43. Squadron 155, NAFMD	330	Manila
67. Squadron 155, NAFMD		Legaspi, Albay
44. 1st Regt Manila Div	42	Sta Rita, Pampanga
68. 1st Regt Manila Div		Balayan, Batangas
45. Flor Inf Prov'l Bn	153	Manila
69. Flor Inf Prov'l Bn		San Jose, Pampanga
46. Gagalac Grla Unit (Capt Gagalac)	301	Libog, Albay
70. Gagalac Grla Unit (Capt Gagalac)		Guinobatan, Albay
47. Gold Area Unit Flie 6th MD	5,325	Lemery, Batangas
71. Gold Area Unit Flie 6th MD		Manila
48. Grandea Det, PS (Lt Grandea)	46	Masbate Island
72. Grandea Det, PS (Lt Grandea)		Manila
49. Hukbalahap Units	1,762	Manila
73. Hukbalahap Units		Minalin, Pampanga
50. J Btry 33rd Vic		Sta Cruz, Laguna
74. J Btry 33rd Vic		Baguio
51. USAFIP Kalayaan Command (Gomez)	53	Naga, Camarines Sur
75. USAFIP Kalayaan Command (Gomez)		Naga, Camarines Sur
52. Lawin's Pat & Suicide Force	591	Tondo, Manila
76. Lawin's Pat & Suicide Force		Tondo, Manila
53. Licopa Grla Unit (Glint) (Capt Licopa)	200	Tondo, Manila
77. Licopa Grla Unit (Glint) (Capt Licopa)		Tondo, Manila

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
54. Liberator's Bn	42	Catanduanes
55. Lipa Grla Hq Combat Team (Capt Ilagan)	60	Lipa, Batangas
56. Live or Die Unit, 10th MD (Alvarez)	74	Lipa, Batangas
57. Lubang Vol Co (Capt Abeleda)	110	Lubang
58. Maculot Bn (Pasia)	832	Taal Volcano, Taal, Batangas
59. Maharlika Unit		San Nicolas, Pangasinan
60. Mapandan Grlas	872	Mapandan, Pangasinan
61. Matta's Brigade	300	Guinayagan, Quezon
62. Military Intel Sv (Nelson Gp) (Manzano)		Manila
63. Mine Sweeping Unit, USAFFE	92	Launtawa, Sulu
64. Morelos Regiment		Pasay, Rizal
65. Northwest Pampanga MD, Ind	2,019	Floridablanca, Pampanga
66. Pangasinan Southern Grla Forces (Mendoza)	71	Villasis, Pangasinan
67. Pigao Ind Pltn (Lt P. gao)	43	Legaspi, Albay
68. Pioneer Balayan Town Grlas (Lt De Guzman)	42	Balayan, Batangas
69. Philippine Scouts	163	Masantol, Pampanga
70. Phil Nat'l Vol Army Co (Capt Osial)	127	Guinobatan, Albay
71. Reyes Regt	5,325	Imus, Cavite
72. Rizal Grla Gp Hq (MFAT)	46	Rizal
73. San Jose Grla Unit		San Jose, Batangas
74. 7th AIB, Det		Negros and Siquijor Islands
75. 7th Regt 34th Div		Isabela
76. Soriano's 1st Ind Grlas (Soriano)	124	La Union
77. Special Intell Sec (Capt Aspiritu)	29	Munoz, Nueva Ecija
78. Tanauan Guerrillas		Tanauan, Batangas

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UNIT	INITIALS	CIRCULATE	STRENGTH	LOCATION
	DATE	COORDINATION		
79. Tanib & Dayrit Grlas Forces			41	Batangas, Batangas
80. Tapanan's Guerrillas			1,068	Naic, Cavite to 5088-2
81. Thirty-First Inf Prov'l Bn (Maj Ramel)			398	Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya
82. Three-Hundredth Inf Grla Sqdn (Cunanan)			27	Tarlac
83. Thorp's Grla Regt			832	Villasis, Pangasinan
84. 206th Grla Bn Indep				Casiguran, Tayabas
85. Vera's Tayabas Guerrillas			871	Lopez, Tayabas
86. Vinzon's Div, Turko's Command			300	Daet, Camarines Norte
87. USAFFE Vet Guerrilla Unit				Nabua, Camarines Sur
88. USA World War Vets (Santaromana)			92	Manila
89. Zabat Guerrillas				Oas, Albay
90. Patnanungan Grla Forces			116	Polillio, Polillio Is

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 OFFICER: *[Signature]*

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2			FILE
			INFORMATION
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REMARKS

1) @ Is read + study the attached request with a view of determining just how much of this data is readily available + which can be furnished MRO USVA.

2) Coordinate w/ Chief Vet Bd as required

3) Reply to be for my signature

Complied with [Signature]

FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>[Signature]</i>	E. RINALDI	DATE <i>1 Dec</i>
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	MAJOR AGC DIR S & C DIV	TELEPHONE <i>3</i>

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Manila Regional Office
APO 928, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

November 29, 1950

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: 58R8-2

Major Eugene Rinaldi
Director, S & C Division
AGRD, PHILCOM (AF), APO 928

Dear Major Rinaldi:

In accord with our telephone conversation of this date, there is transmitted herewith a copy of Central Office letter dated October 20, 1950 requesting information regarding the operational area of each guerrilla command listed in front of the IBM rosters. There is also transmitted two copies of the list contained in the front of IBM rosters.

It is requested that you furnish this office with the operational area of each command contained on the attached list and also any additional information as to other names by which the command may have been known, if this information is available in your files.

Your compliance with this request will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

L. F. SIMS
Acting Adjudication Officer

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CO ltr. dated 10/20/50
2 copies of list

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October 20, 1950

NINETY GUERRILLA COMMANDS LISTED IN IBM ROSTERS

TO: **Manager**
VA Regional Officer
APO 928, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

ATTN: **Adjudicating Officer**

SUBJ: **Ninety Guerrilla Commands Listed in Front of IBM Rosters**

1. To assist this office to make proper identification of various guerrilla commands and in the verification of service, it is requested that you furnish the operational area of each command on every island in the Philippines and any other names by which the command may have been known. In view of the many difficulties encountered on the island of Luzon, it is requested that special attention be afforded to the commands operating thereon.

2. Kindly expedite your reply. It is not anticipated that you furnish a comprehensive report but a general outline which will suffice for our purposes.

1. Andersons Command
2. Bohol Area Command
3. Cebu Area Command
4. East Central Luzon Guerrilla
5. East Luzon Guerrilla
6. Fil-American Irregular Troops
7. Ilocos Area Command
8. Ilocos North Guerrilla
9. Ilocos South Guerrilla
10. Magirog Unit
11. Marikina Guerrilla
12. Marking's Fil-American Troops
13. Masbate Guerrilla Regt
14. Mindoro Provisionary Batt
15. Palawan Special Battalion
16. President Quezon's Own Guerrillas
17. Samar Area Command
18. 6th Military District
19. 7th Military District
20. South Tarrac Military District
21. Sulu Area Command
22. 10th Military District
23. Third Army Corps

Bataan Guerrilla Regt
in Bataan

2. Ilocos North Guerrilla
in Ilocos North

3. Ilocos South Guerrilla
in Ilocos South

10. Magirog Unit
in Ilocos North

11. Marikina Guerrilla
in Marikina

12. Marking's Fil-American Troops
in Marikina

13. Masbate Guerrilla Regt
in Masbate

14. Mindoro Provisionary Batt
in Mindoro

15. Palawan Special Battalion
in Palawan

16. President Quezon's Own Guerrillas
in Luzon

17. Samar Area Command
in Samar

18. 6th Military District
in Luzon

19. 7th Military District
in Luzon

20. South Tarrac Military District
in Luzon

21. Sulu Area Command
in Sulu

22. 10th Military District
in Luzon

23. Third Army Corps
in Luzon

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NINETY GUERRILLA COMMANDS LISTED IN IBM ROSTERS

1. Andersons Command
2. Bohol Area Command
3. Bulacan Military Area
4. Cebu Area Command
5. East Central Luzon Guerrilla
6. Fil-American Irregular Troops
7. Hunters ROTC
8. Leyte Area Command
9. Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces
10. Magirog Unit
11. Marinduque Guerrilla Force
12. Marking's Fil-American Troops
13. Masbate Guerrilla Regt
14. Mindoro Provisionary Battalion
15. Palawan Special Battalion
16. President Quezon's Own Guerrillas
17. Samar Area Command
18. 6th Military District
19. 7th Military District
20. South Tarlac Military District - known as Bruce Guer in Tarlac
21. Sulu Area Command
22. 10th Military District
23. Third Army Corps

- ① Batangas Guer - Ibaan Regt
Guerra Co in Batangas.
- ② Ibaan Regt - Luasing Co - Batangas
- ③ " " = Masugbu Bn in Masugbu "
- ④ Batangas Town Unit - Beredo Co
in Batangas, Batangas.
- ⑤ Irija Co = Irija in Camarines Sur
- ⑥ Naga Co in Naga Camarines Sur
- ⑦ McKinley Div, McKinley Brigade in
Guadalupe, Makati Regal
- ⑧ 1st Regt, 12th Regt, 2nd Bn Co A
in Bagabag N Vizcaya.
- ⑨ 1st Pro Bn (Straughn)
in Mt. Batangas Regal

24. USAFIP North Luzon
25. Zambales Military District

INDIVIDUAL UNITS

26. Allado Detachment
27. Allas Intell Unit
28. Allied Intell Bureau
29. American Dominion Force in the Phil
30. Barrion's Manila Division
31. Bicol Brigade
32. Blue Eagle Regiment
33. Cabanero Det PS
34. Castaneda FACGF
35. Chinese Units
36. Cooper's Unit A Co, Romblon Spec Bn
37. DI Combat Area
38. Erni Regiment
39. Esguerra Regiment
40. 57th Infantry
41. Fighters Regiment
42. Fil Vol Detachment
43. 1st Bn Sqdn 155 NWPMD
44. 1st Reg Manila Division
45. Flor Independent Provincial Bn
46. Gagalac Guerrilla Unit
47. Gold Area Unit Flie 6th MD

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48. Grandes Detachment PS
49. Hukbalahap Units
50. J Btry 33rd Vic
51. Kalayaan Command
52. Lawin's Patrol and Suicide Force
53. Licopa Guerrilla Unit
54. Liberators Battalion
55. Lipa Guerrilla Hq
56. Live or Die Unit
57. Lubang Vol Co
58. Maculot Battalion
59. Maharlika Unit
60. Mapandan Guerrillas
61. Matta's Brigade
62. Military Intell Serv
63. Mine Sweeping Unit
64. Morelos Regiment
65. Northwest Pampanga MD
66. Pangasinan South Guerrilla Force
67. Pigao Ind Platoon
68. Pioneer Balayan Town Guerrillas
69. Phil Scouts Prov Regt
70. Phil Natl Vol Army Co
71. Reyes Regiment
72. Rizal Guerrilla GP Hq
73. San Jose Guerrilla Unit
74. 7th AIB Detachment

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75. 7th Regt 34th Div Prov
76. Soriano's 1st Indep Guerrillas
77. Special Intell Sec
78. Tanauan Guerrillas
79. Tanib or Dayrit Guerrilla Forces
80. Taparan's Guerrillas
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APO 928

AGRD-V

12 SEP 1950

The Manager, Manila Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration, USVA Bldg.,
Recolta and David Streets, Manila
(ATTENTION: Mr J E Palmer)

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Reference is made to your draft of a proposed letter to Mr. Searles Edwards, subject: "Verification of Philippine Guerrilla Reconstructed Rosters". Comments of this headquarters on pertinent portions of your draft follow:

Re your par #3: The "Revision" Roster of Vinzon's Division, Turko's Command (Bicol Brigade) with strength of 696 is the only approved roster of the unit. It is therefore, singularly significant that no separate "original reconstructed" roster exists.

The Revision Roster was approved and reconstructed by the Guerrilla Affairs Division on 1 Nov 1948. It is the only officially recognized roster of the entire unit, with a strength of 696, and is explained in the Letter of Recognition of the unit, dated 18 Nov 1949, a copy of which is on file in this headquarters, and, it is believed, in your office, also.

Our copy of the Letter of Recognition (a true copy signed by WOJG E. J. Brown, whose integrity is unquestioned) was copied from a true copy bearing the initials H. M. C., presumably those of Harold M. Cushman, former GAD officer, on whose word your office has placed much credence.

The "Revision" roster in this case should be regarded as the "original reconstructed" roster. Your office had a copy of it at the time the IBM listing was made, yet it was omitted from the listing. It is believed that this omission can be attributed to a misinterpretation of the Letter of Recognition referred to above.

Re your par 4b: It is noted that AGRD and VA, MRO seem to agree, generally, on the number of recognized guerrillas. As to the discrepancy in the number of Rosters, VA and Army apparently have different interpretation of what constitutes a roster. The list of recognized members of

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Ltr to Mr. Palmer, MHO VA re Verification of Philippine Guerrilla Recon-
structed Rosters - 11 Sep 50, continued.

NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BLDG. AND ROOM NO.	INITIALS
1. Commanding			
ATTN: Maj			
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an overall command may be considered as one roster by your office, although it may, in fact, consist of many rosters of its different components, i.e., company and similar unit rosters. The experience given, which purports to substantiate your conclusion, cites AGRD's alleged certifications of recognized guerrilla service in the latter part of 1948 and during 1949, where-
in hundreds of certifications were allegedly made by AGRD, based on obsolete rosters. I take exception to such a statement as I do not believe that such an allegation is based on facts and can in any way be adequately substantiated.

For one thing, AGRD has never had in its possession an "obsolete" roster. For that matter, no authority exists whereby any roster can be changed in any way, and the rosters presently in use will be obsolete only when the present program is successfully completed. This is not considered to be forthcoming in the foreseeable future.

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- RECORDED
- RECORDED
- RECORDED SIGNATURE
- INFORMATION

RE: Ver
Admittedly, AGRD has made errors in Guerrilla certifications. These are almost microscopic, when viewed in the light of the nearly insurmountable obstacles imposed on the Army's mission; and all can be fully and properly explained, as can any error resulting from human limitations.

I enclose
Mr. Searle
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The statement contained in your par 4b, last paragraph on page 3 of your draft " - - - it is vital that the rosters used by the VA for compiling the IBM alphabetized listings be checked only against the roster reconstructed by GAD or rosters determined by it to be valid and acceptable" is not quite clear. It leaves doubt as to who will decide authenticity of rosters. As guerrilla recognition was an Army function, it is believed the Army should decide which rosters are authentic.

Re your par 4c: VA may not have been furnished some of the approved reconstructed rosters. On the other hand VA might have been, but they could have been lost or mislaid. At any rate, the conclusion that, if a roster on file at AGRD is not on file in VA, such roster is not authentic, it is not based on sound logic.

Concerning Roster #309 mentioned on page 6 of draft, AGRD requested confirmation of existence of an approved reconstructed roster of the unit from St. Louis, a copy of which is now in VA MHO's custody. Reply of St. Louis stated that they could not locate any such roster. It appears, now, that only VA MHO has such a roster. The authenticity of this roster bears examination.

In conclusion be assured of this headquarters' willingness to be of whatever assistance it can.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. H. GOLD
Lt Col AGC
Commanding

(50)
E. RINALDI
MAJOR AGC
DIR S & C DIV

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TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BLDG. AND ROOM No.	INITIALS
1.	Commanding Officer, AGRD, ATTN: Major Page, Exec. Officer	PHILCOM (AF)		DATE
2.				INITIALS DATE
3.				INITIALS DATE
4.				INITIALS DATE

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- RECOMMEND SIGNATURE

- PREPARE REPLY
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- NOTE AND RETURN
- INFORMATION

REMARKS: RE: Verification of Philippine Guerrilla Reconstructed Rosters.

I enclose a draft of a proposed letter to Mr. Searles Edwards, VA Liaison Officer, St. Louis, Missouri, on the above subject matter, which is self-explanatory.

The subject matter has been discussed over the telephone with Mr. W. S. McClelland, who first called the attention of this office to apparent omissions that have been made in compiling the IBM alphabetized listings.

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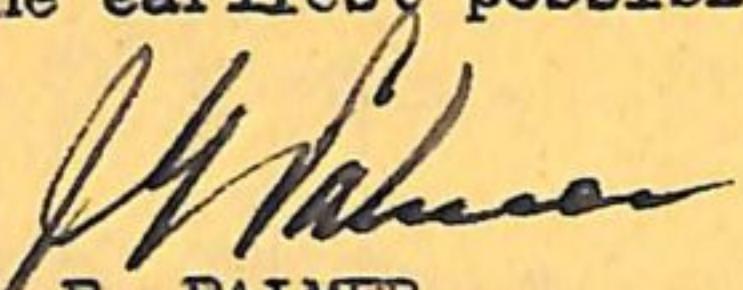
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3. Your attention is particularly called to inspecting the rosters referred to by Vinson's Division, Turko's Command (Bicol Br

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It will be appreciated if you will kindly have the letter checked. If there are any suggestions or corrections that you deem to be in order, kindly so advise me so that the appropriate corrections or changes may be made before the letter is released. A copy of the final letter will be sent to you for your files.

Your prompt cooperation in this matter will be sincerely appreciated so that we can forward the sample rosters to St. Louis at the earliest possible date.


J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer
VARO Manila P.I.

Sept. 6, 1950

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appear in the original reconstructed rosters.

TO: Mr. Searles Edwards
VA Liaison Officer
Records Administration Center, AGO
St. Louis 20, Missouri

against all acceptable reconstructed rosters, you are referred to the
SUBJ: Verification of Philippine Guerrilla Reconstructed Rosters
Following communications or items of information:

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Director, Foreign Relations Service, Washington, D. C., dated Dec. 31, 1949, subject: "Rosters Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILIPPINES". Copy enclosing a copy of a memorandum dated August 17, 1950, from the Assistant Administrator for Contact and Administrative Services. This memorandum contains instructions for the shipment of fifteen (15) "doubtful" rosters to the Records Administration Center, St. Louis 20, Missouri, for verification with the official rosters. We enclose, for your information, copies of
a) Enclosed copy of memorandum from Mr. Bronson to the Director, Foreign Relations Service, dated Aug. 17, 1950, advising that the Adjutant General states that his office has in its possession 2,487 rosters as compared to the 720 rosters quoted by the VA. Success at the completion of its project on June 30, 1948, re-slip (VA Form 3230) is attached to each roster. This, together with letter to the Director, Foreign Relations Service, dated Dec. 31, 1949, copy attached, marked Exhibit (4), explains the basis on which the validity and authenticity of the respective rosters are being questioned.
2. Pursuant to instructions set forth in Mr. Bronson's memorandum, we are this date transmitting to you, by registered airmail, fifteen (15) guerrilla rosters. They are described in attached Exhibit (3). A reference to the Director, Foreign Relations Service, dated Dec. 31, 1949, copy attached, marked Exhibit (4), explains the basis on which the validity and authenticity of the respective rosters are being questioned.
3. Your attention is particularly called to the "Revision" roster of Vinson's Division, Turko's Command (Bicol Brigade), Strength - 696. This roster was not included in the IBM alphabetized listings for the reason that the original reconstructed roster was not available to this office. Due to this fact, the authenticity and validity of the roster was questioned, as each name appearing in the Revision roster must also ap-

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appear in the original reconstructed roster, at December 1947.

4. So that you may be brought up to date on the subject matter and the vital need to have the IBM alphabetized listings carefully checked against all acceptable reconstructed rosters, you are referred to the following communications or items of information:

- a) Letter to Director, Foreign Relations Service, Veterans Administration, Washing D. C., dated Dec. 31, 1949, subject: "Rosters Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILIPPINES", Copy attached for ready reference and marked Exhibit (4). This letter explains, in brief, the reasons for questioning the validity and authenticity of practically all recordations reduced to IBM alphabetized listings; can be of value to the VA, it is vital that
- b) Enclosed copy of memorandum from Mr. Bronson to the Director, Foreign Relations Service, dated Aug. 17, 1950, advising that the Adjutant General states that his office has in it's possession
- c) 2,487 rosters as compared to the 720 rosters quoted by the VA. Since GAD, at the completion of its project on June 30, 1948, recognized approximately 269,000 individuals and the IBM alphabetized listings contain the names of 260,000 individuals, obtained from the 720 rosters, it is apparent that the AGO and the VA cannot be referring to the same type of rosters. Without the benefit of inspecting the rosters referred to by the AGO, it appears that the 2,487 rosters referred to pertains to all rosters in the possession of the AGO. This probably includes rosters compiled in 1945 and 1946, many of which were later determined as invalid and required reconstruction. It is believed that the project of reconstructing

rosters Rosters was commenced by GAD on or about December 1947. US Army

The foregoing explanation of the difference in the number of rosters

in the possession of the AGO and in the VA may be substantiated by

experience had in the VA MRO with the initial certifications of

guerrilla service, by the Army. In the latter part of the calendar

year 1948 and during the calendar year 1949, this office received

hundreds of certifications of allegedly recognized service from the

Army, which were later found to be erroneous, as the certifications

had been made from rosters in its possession, determined to be

obsolete. 1st Recon date - From 28 Jan 45 to 7 Feb 45

In order that any verification to be made by the Army, of the re-

constructed rosters can be of value to the VA, it is vital that

the rosters used by the VA for compiling the IBM alphabetized listings

be checked only against the rosters reconstructed by GAD or rosters

determined by it to be valid and acceptable.

c) AGRD, PHILCOM (AF), has checked the IBM listings against Rosters

it had in its possession. A list of Rosters AGRD has in its pos-

session and which it considers as valid, but which have not been

included in the IBM listings, has been furnished the MRO. None of

the rosters listed as having been omitted are in the possession of

the MRO, except the REVISION roster of Vinzon's Div-Turko Command,

mentioned in par. 3, s pra. If the rosters omitted from the IBM

are authentic, then it shows that the VA was not furnished a copy

of all reconstructed and acceptable rosters by GAD. The list

follows:

(7) Casualty roster (Missing in Action) -

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- (1) 2nd Yay Regt (Suppl) MFAT - attached to 38th Inf Div US Army
From Capt. Wilson G. Santos to Pfc Venancio Gasmido
Str - 36
Signed by K. H. Neubauer
Approved: 2 Jan 1948
Reconstructed by GAD, PHILRYCOM
- (2) Sqdn 235 LGAF - (Major Robert B. Lapham's Grilas)
Command Post - 235th Sqdn, 136th Inf Regt, 33rd Div,
US Army attached
Commanding Officer - Negalasca, Eliseo B.
From Nevalasca, Eliseo B., Capt - Ventura, Faustino, Pvt
Strength - 142 (5 officers & 136 EM)
Approved by Hqs PHILRYCOM: 7 Jan 1948
Signed by K. H. Neubauer
Reconstructed by GAD, PHILRYCOM
- (3) Sqdn 111 (Suppl) LGAF
Initial Recgn date - From 28 Jan 45 to 7 Feb 45
From 2nd Lt Barba, Cornelio to Pvt Casayuran, Igmidio
Total Strength - 59
Approved: 20 Jan 1948
Signed by K. H. Neubauer
Reconstructed by GAD HQ PHILRYCOM
- (4) Sqdn 214, SENES, NEMA, LGAF
Roster of officers and troops of Sqdn 214 as recgn April 24,
1945 by Headquarters, USAFFE
From Capt Cirilo Manuel to Pvt Isayas Parungao
Strength - 19
Signed by K. H. Neubauer
Approved: 13 Jan 1948
Reconstructed by Gria Affairs Div, Hq PHILRYCOM
- (5) Sqdn 218, LGAF
CO - Amado B. Ramos, 1st Lt
Attached to 128th Infantry
From 1st Lt Ramos, Amado B. to Pvt Tapang, Juan
Signed by K. H. Neubauer
Approved: 12 Jan 1948
Reconstructed by GAD HQ PHILRYCOM
Strength - 33 (5 officers and 28 EM)
- (6) Vinzon's Div-Turko's Command (Bicol Region)
CO - Lt Col Francisco D. Boayes (Turko)
From Pvt Abad, Juanito to Pvt Zurbano, Wilfredo
Total Strength - 696
Approved - 1 March 1948
Reconstructed by GAD Hq PHILRYCOM
Signed by 1st Lt J. H. Manzano
- (7) Casualty roster (Missing in Action) - Sqdn 403, Tarlac

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- (7) Casualty roster (Missing in Action) - Sqdn 403, Tarlac
East Sector, LGAF
CO - Capt Marcelino U. Aganon
Strength - 2 (Pvt Astrero, Gabriel and Pvt Parazo, Avelino)
Approved: 26 June 1947
Signed by Capt Jack K. Van Overen
- (8) Special Order #150 (Extract) - requesting inclusion of
7 personnel of Sqdn 1, LGAF, in the recognized roster of
1st Regt, PA, LGAF
From Sgt Pedro Nacu to Pfc Benjamin Fernandez
Approved: 23 Jan 1948
Reconstructed by GAD, HQ PHILRYCOM
- (9) Ltr fr Hq 1st Tarlac Regt, STMD, San Miguel, Tarlac
dtd 27 Dec 45, subj: "Recgn, Request for", (304th Bn,
2d Tarlac Regt, 12 EM) GSCPG 091 8th Ind Requesting
for inclusion of 5 individuals in the roster of
B Co 304th Bn, 2nd Tarlac Regt
From 1st Sgt Raymundo de Jesus to Pvt Valentin Lungus
Approved: 17 Dec 1947
Reconstructed by GAD, HQ PHILRYCOM
- (10) NACOCO Intell Unit and Regtl Hqs, 14th Inf - USAFIP NL
NACOCO INTELL Unit - From Col Enriquez, Manuel P. to
S/Sgt Mina, Antonio
Regtl Hqs, 14th Inf - From Enriquez, Manuel P. to
1st Lt Antonio Garcia.

Furthermore, it appears that the VA may have copies of certain rosters, deemed by it as valid, copies of which were not furnished to AGRD, PHILCOM (AF). For instance, the IBM listings include the following rosters which the Army did not have copies of, at the time of the conclusion of the IBM project:

Roster #28 - 2nd Bn, Buenavista Regt, 3rd Brigade
Strength - 695

(This roster has since been determined to be a duplication of Roster #36 entitled, 3rd Brigade Hqs BMA)

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Roster #62 - A Co 2nd Bn 12th Inf Regt, 1st Regt McKinley Div
(This roster has been determined to be a duplication of Roster #721 of the 12th Inf, Co A, McKinley Div LGAF), Manila

Roster #101 - 1st Sqdn
1st Sqdn (Suppl NEMA, LGAF) been noted by AGRD;

Roster #109 - Sqdn 201 LGAF key punch operators:
(It is questionable whether this roster is a duplication of Roster #107)

Roster #179 - Roster of Troops atchd to Sv Co from 320th Bn
PMA, LGAF

Roster #309 - 45th Inf Regt (Component of Saber Force)

Roster #325 - 2nd Med Pltn Camarines Sur Intell AC Blue Eagle Force

5. For your information, all rosters used by the VA for the IEM project were numbered.

Roster #329 - 2nd Regt (Suppl) Bicol Brigade

Roster #439 - Bn Staff, 2nd Moreno Bn, Erni Regt, IV AC MFAT

Roster #573 - 577 - Deletion and Correction Letters of ECLCA (5 folders)

6. By reference to the Deletion and Corrections, ECLCA, as follows:

- (a) I - Deletions
- (b) II - Corrections
- (c) Corrections

a) The fool-proof procedure that was to be used in compiling the following discrepancies have also been noted by AGRD:

Reconstructed guerrilla rosters by Guerrilla Affairs Division was IEM Vol. 31 shows: RIVERA, Martin, listed in casualty roster (KIA) Bulacan Military Area

The casualty roster shows:
RIVERA, Martin, KIA, 31st Inf
Bulacan Military District

b) Copies of all reconstructed (Bulacan Military Area and Bulacan Military District are different military organizations) to the VA or to AGRD as originally agreed upon;

IEM Vol. 36 shows: TUNALYUAN, Mariano

c) The illegibility of rosters It should read: such previous handling:
TUMALIUAN, Mariano, Hq & Hq Sv Co
11th Inf, USAFIP NL

IBM shows: CALURA, Julian
It should read:

GALURA, Julian, D Co Med Bn
6th Prov'l Regt, TMA LGAF

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IBM SHOWS: ROMULADO, Bonifacio
It should read:
ROMUALDO, Bonifacio
B Co San Marcelino Sector, Sqdn D 2MD

The following omissions from IBM listings have been noted by AGRD;
apparently, they were omitted by key punch operators:

- NEBRES, Bienvenido Med and Hosp Co, GHQ, USAFIP NL
- CADAYAS, Guilabo B co 1st Bn 66th Inf, USAFIP NL
- WAGAN, Angel (CAS KILD) 5th Inf Div, PQOG
- CHECA, Gabriel H Co 65th Inf 6th MD

5. For your information, all rosters used by the VA for the IBM project were numbered. The folder entitled "NUMERICAL LISTINGS OF RECOGNIZED GUERRILLA ROSTERS TO BE USED WITH IBM ALPHABETICAL LISTINGS AND GUIDE RULE" was furnished with each complete set of IBM rosters.

6. By reference to the foregoing, it will be noted that apparently the main reasons for questioning the validity of the IBM listings are the following:

- a) The fool-proof procedure that was to be used in compiling the reconstructed guerrilla rosters by Guerrilla Affairs Division was not consummated as planned. (See par. 7 of letter dated Dec. 31, 1949, attached);
- b) Copies of all reconstructed guerrilla rosters were not furnished to the VA or to AGRD as originally agreed upon;
- c) The illegibility of recordations, due to much previous handling, of ~~the~~ many of the rosters used by the VA in compiling the IBM listings, resulted in many errors being made by the key punchers in transferring the information from the rosters to the IBM listings.

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So that errors in the certification of guerrilla service may be kept at a minimum, it is urged that every reasonable effort be made to complete at the earliest possible date the project of verifying the Philippine Guerrilla Reconstructed Rosters.

J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

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MEMO ROUTING SLIP

NAME OR TITLE <i>Chief Vet</i>	INITIALS <i>Mr</i>	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DATE	CIRCULATE
2		CONCURRENCE
		FILE
		INFORMATION
3		NECESSARY ACTION
		NOTE AND RETURN
4		SEE ME
		SIGNATURE

REMARKS

Comments in attached Diggins have been noted by CO Abtd and 2 O Abtd.

Have Mr. McLeeland prepare a reply for signature of 2 O embodying the comments of Diggins. Also expedite + route thru me

*Mr McLeeland:
Prepare reply
JMB*

NAME OR TITLE <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE <i>8 Sept 50</i>
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION MAJOR AGC DIR S & C DIV	TELEPHONE 136

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exists, unless its former responsible officials are regre

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FILE NO. AGRD-V
TO Ex O, AGRD

SUBJECT Verification of Philippine Guerrilla Reconstructed Rosters
FROM OIC, Adm-Ros Sec, VB

DATE 8 Sep 50

COMMENT NO. 1

THRU: Dir, S & C Div
Chief, Veterans Branch *fmb*

1. Par 3. The "Revision" roster of Vinzon's Div, Turko's Command (Bicol Brigade), strength- 696 is the only approved roster of the unit. There is therefore no separate "original reconstructed" roster for the unit. If Mr. Palmer is looking for that, he will never find it. The Revision roster was approved and reconstructed by GAD, 1 Nov 48. That it is the only officially recognized roster of the entire unit, with a strength of 696, is explained in the Letter of Recognition of the unit, dated 18 Nov 47, a copy of which is on file in this headquarters, and it is believed, at VA. Our copy of the letter, a true copy signed by WOJG E. J. Brown whose integrity is unquestioned, was copied from a true copy bearing the initials H.M.C., presumably belonging to Harold M. Cushman, the same former GAD officer on whose word VA placed much credence. The "Revision" roster in this case should be regarded as the "original reconstructed" roster. VA had a copy of it at the time the IBM listing was made, yet it was not included on the listing. It is an error attributable to failure to interpret correctly the Letter of Recognition above referred to.

2. On Par 4b, it is noted that AGRD & VA, MRO seems to agree generally on the number of recognized guerrillas. On the discrepancy in the number of rosters, VA & Army may have different interpretations of what constitutes a roster. The list of recognized members of an overall command may be considered one roster by VA, although it may in fact consist of many rosters of its different components, i.e., company rosters. The experience given, which purports to substantiate Mr. Palmer's conclusion, cites AGRD's alleged certifications of recognized guerrilla service in letter part of 1948 and during 1949 wherein hundreds of certifications were allegedly made by AGRD, based on obsolete rosters. There is no grain of truth to this, and it is believed that Mr. Palmer cannot substantiate it.

3. On Par 4b, last paragraph on p. 3 - The statement "- - - it is vital that the rosters used by the VA for compiling the IBM alphabetized listings be checked only against the rosters reconstructed by GAD or rosters determined by IT to be valid and acceptable." What is the antecedent of it? VA or GAD? If it is GAD, it no longer exists, unless its former responsible officials are regrouped. If it is VA, are there personnel there qualified to do the job correctly. It is suggested that this point be clarified. Guerrilla recognition and certification of service being army functions, the Army should decide which rosters are authentic.

4. On Par. 4c, VA may not ^{have} had been furnished some of the approved reconstructed rosters. On the other hand, VA might have been, but they got lost or were misplaced. Who knows? At any rate, the conclusion that if a roster on file at AGRD is not on file in VA, such a roster is not authentic, is not based on sound logic. VA's distrust on security measures adopted by the Army (AGRD) is evident.

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5. On Roster #309 enumerated on page 6 of ltr, AGRD requested St. Louis for confirmation of existence of an approved reconstructed roster of the unit, a copy of which is now in VA MRO's custody. Reply of St. Louis stated that they could not locate any copy of such reconstructed roster (1st Ind of Jul 50, AGO, DA, RAC, signed by John de la Garza Jr., on file at Roster Section). It appears now that only MRO VA has such a roster, for neither AGRD nor St. Louis has it. The authenticity of what MRO VA has bears examination.

6. Has Mr. Palmer contacted Mr. Cushman on the matter of the authenticity of those rosters? Mr. Cushman was the one who personally delivered copies of the rosters to RPD & MRO. His competence to give an opinion as to the validity of the rosters in question is apparently satisfactory to VA. Mr. Cushman, as Mr. Palmer stated, was placed in charge of the same rosters when he was under VA's employ.

W. S. McLELLAND JR
W. S. McLELLAND JR
WOJG USA

1 Incl:
Draft of proposed
ltr to Mr. Searles Edwards,
VA Liaison Off, RAC.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
Wallace Field, Manila
APO 900

AGRD-A

25 April 1950
March 30, 1950

Mr. Amado N. Bautista
Secretary, Executive Committee
Guerrilla Screening Board
Wallace Field, Manila

Dear Mr. Bautista:
Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 30 March 1950, in which you request a list of recognized guerrillas who applied for arrears in pay but were not paid due to lack of supporting evidence, or because their claims were submitted after the deadline date.

The list should, as much as possible, show the name, address, rank and pay rates. A list, such as what you have requested, does not exist in this headquarters. It is impracticable at this time to prepare such a list, as it would involve the examination of over 600,000 individual 201 files to determine the status of each case and making a roster check to establish whether or not the veteran is recognized, which would require months to complete. Under present commitments AGRD cannot spare the subject records holdings for screening, and if spared adequate space would not be available.

This headquarters no longer has the personnel for such a screening operation, or the authority to allow examination of the files by other government agencies, to the extent desired in your letter.

Very respectfully,
Sincerely,
FOR THE CHAIRMAN:

Wm M. Gold
Wm M. GOLD
Lt Col AGD
Commanding
SECRETARY, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
GUERRILLA SCREENING BOARD

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Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
GUERRILLA SCREENING BOARD
Wallace Field, Manila

March 30, 1950

The Commanding Officer
Adjutant General Records Depository
PHILRYCOM, Balara
Quezon City

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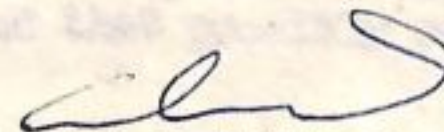
I have the honor to request for a list of recognized guerrillas who applied for arrears in pay and/or quarters allowance but whose claims have not been acted upon because the supporting papers were incomplete or for some other reasons were caught by the deadline. The list should, as much as possible, show the name, address, rank and organization of the veteran, the inclusive dates of services applied for and the names and address of the nearest of kins in case of deceased veterans.

This request is made in view of the fact that the Board intends to include the names of these guerrillas who have not received their arrears in pay in its report to the President in connection with the work on screening unrecognized but deserving guerrillas.

Should it be necessary we shall send representatives of this Board to do the clerical work in connection with the preparation of such a list.

Very respectfully,

FOR THE CHAIRMAN:



AMADO N BAUTISTA
Secretary, Executive Committee
GUERRILLA SCREENING BOARD

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	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Area of Operations</u>
AGRD-A 370.64	114	JWP/ja Camarines Sur
2d Regt	107	do
2d Med Plat.	20	do
Various Vol Guerrilla (Mag-)	120	do
Mr. Margarito de Villa	27	do
Iriga, Camarines Sur		
Philippines		

FEB 2 1950

Dear Mr. De Villa:

Your letter of February 11, 1950, addressed to the Public Information Office, PHILAIRCOM, has been referred to this headquarters for reply.

Data of record in this command do not readily lend themselves to providing the information you desire. As you know, neither the recruitment for or operations of guerrilla organizations was confined to a particular geographical area, such as Camarines Sur. During the days of guerrilla activity, Camarines Sur was a part of a geographical entity commonly referred to as the "Bicol Provinces." According to the records of this headquarters, a total of sixty-eight (68) guerrilla units operated in the "Bicol Provinces" (Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Albay, Sorsogon, and Catanduanes. These 68 units had a total recognized strength of 6,772.

As to Camarines Sur, there are listed below the units whose operations in this province are of record in this headquarters. It is to be noted that in many cases our guerrilla rosters do not reveal the area of operations of the unit. The inference, therefore, is that the following list may be incomplete and that possibly other units operated in Camarines Sur.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Area of Operations</u>
FAIT:		Camarines Sur
Iriga Co.	113	do
Naga Co.	115	do
Bicol Brigade:		
Jamito Med. Co.	28	do
Hq Det 1st Bn	17	do
Bicol Rinconada Patriots	72	do
Railroad Engr Co.	108	do

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 PHILCOM (AF) & 13TH AIR FORCE
 Ltr to Mr De Villa (continued)

Triga, Camarines Sur
 February 11, 1950.

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Unit	Strength	Area of Operations
Nabua Co.	114	Camarines Sur
Combat Engr Co, 2d Regt	107	do
2d Med Plat.	20	do
USAFFE Vet Guerrilla (Mar- gate Co.)	120	do
53rd Inf:		
Hq & Hq Det	27	do
Padua Bn:		
A Co	115	do
B Co	115	do
C Co	115	do
Med Plat	21	do
54th Inf:		
A Co	122	do
Hq & Hq Co	35	do
Base Hosp	17	do
1st Combat Co (SIB)	118	do
Special Plat, 3rd Bn	20	do
1st Prov Plat	39	do
Plat of 2d Bn	39	do
1st Prov Co, 3rd Bn	114	do
1st Prov Plat, 3rd Bn	38	do
Kalayaan Command:		
USFIP Guerrilla Hq	53	do
De Vera's Unit	120	do
Signal Corps	15	do
Mata's Brigade:		
Origene's Platoon	30	do

Total 2,017

ATTN:

REMARKS:

1. If this data is hoped that the foregoing data will be of some assistance to you. It is hoped that the foregoing data will be of some assistance to you. It is hoped that the foregoing data will be of some assistance to you.

2. Return your comments and basis letter to me.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. PAGE
 Major AGD
 Director, S & C Division

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 PHILCOM (AF) & 13TH AIR FORCE
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R O U T I N G S L I P

Iriga, Camarines Sur
 February 11, 1950.

FR	TO	FOR
		App Action
	CO, AGRD	Approval
	Dep Comdr	Comment
	Exec Off	Compliance
	Adjutant	Concurrence
	Pers Off	Consideration
	Adm Asst	Correction
	Message Ctr	Destruction
	Central Files	Discuss w/me
	Hq Comdt Div	Dispatch
	Supply	Distribution
	Billeting Off	Draft Reply
	Motor Off	Inform All
	Club Off	Information
	ADJMT DIV	Initials
	Arr in Pay Br	Issue Order
	Clms Sv Br	Notation
	Con. Aud. Fis	Note & File
	S&C DIVISION	Note & Return
✓	Director	Processing
✓	Vets Br	Signature
	Proj "J" Br	Report
	Inv Br	Prepare Reply
	Records Br	For Signature
	C.I.C.	Of:
	Post Engr	

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quest a certified true copy of
 or units for the province of
 al number of men recognized un-
 1948, deadline for guerilla

fully,

Margarito de Villa
 MARGARITO DE VILLA

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ATTN:

REMARKS: *Mr. McHolland*

1. If this information is readily and easily obtainable, ok. I fear, tho', this would be a tremendous task to determine.

2. Return your comments and basis letter to me.

1st Ind. D/P-JMW/ecr/erg

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 E, APO 74

17 FEB 1950

ant General Records Depository

d direct reply to writer of basic
 advised of this reference.

AL TURNER:

B. D. Turner

Jed
 (Name or Initial)

23 Feb
 (Date)

Iriga, Camarines Sur
February 11, 1950.

Public Information Office
PHILAIRCOM (Philippine Air Command)
(Formerly PHILRYCOM)
M a n i l a

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to request a certified true copy of all recognized guerilla groups or units for the province of Camarines Sur, stating the total number of men recognized under each unit, as of June 30, 1948, deadline for guerilla recognition.

Very respectfully,

Margarito De Villa
MARGARITO DE VILLA

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① Mr. Page
② Mr. B...

AG 201-De Villa, Margarito 1st Ind. D/P-JMW/ecr/erg
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AIR FORCE, CLARK AIR FORCE BASE, APO 74

17 FEB 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 900.

For appropriate action and direct reply to writer of basic communication who has not been advised of this reference.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TURNER:

C.H. Lieurance

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22 LT., AGD
ASST. ADJ. GENERAL

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Letter to Colonel Fertig, dated 13 Dec 49 re Reconstruction of Rosters
10th Military District (Guerrilla)

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PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 900

AGRD-V

13 December 1949

TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

SUBJECT: Reconstruction of Rosters 10th Military District
(Guerrilla)

JAMES G. BELLING
1st Lt Adjutant

TO : Colonel Wendell W. Fertig
Headquarters, 5429 ASU ROTC Detachment
Colorado School of Mines
Golden, Colorado

1. Reference is made to your letter on the above subject dated 23 November 1949, addressed to the Commanding General, Philippines Air Command, APO 900, which has been referred to this headquarters for reply.

2. Reconstructed rosters of the 10th MD, prepared and approved by Guerrilla Affairs Division, are on file in this headquarters. They have been and still are being used as the basis of determinations for arrears in pay and for certifications of military service to the U.S. Veterans Administration.

3. Your stated object in suggesting a recheck of the reconstructed rosters of the 10th MD, namely, to avoid the possibility of fraud, is very much appreciated, because it is a matter of great concern to us. It is fortunate, however, that the organizational records of the 10th Military District have been preserved, and are now in the possession of this headquarters. These records have been of immeasurable value as an aid in determining the merits of claims of members of the 10th MD. In addition thereto, this headquarters contacts, as the need arises, former members of the 10th MD who are in a position to know vital information concerning the organization. Among such former members is Capt. Filemon S. Lagman whom you mentioned in your letter.

4. A recheck of the reconstructed rosters of the 10th Military District in order to identify deserving individuals whose names were omitted from the rosters but which should have been included therein would now serve no useful purpose. This headquarters is not authorized to grant recognition to unrecognized guerrillas, or to make changes, alterations or corrections on any guerrilla roster approved

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HEADQUARTERS 5429 ASU ROTC DETACHMENT

Ltr to Colonel Fertig, dtd 13 Dec 49 re Reconstruction of Rosters
10th MD (Guerrilla) continued.

SUBJECT: Reconstruction of Rosters 10th Military District
by Guerrilla Affairs Division. Insofar as this headquarters is
informed, the U.S. Army's guerrilla recognition program in the
Philippines definitely terminated on 30 June 1948.

TO: Commanding General, Philippine Air Command
APO 333, 7/2, **FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:**
San Francisco, California

1. It has been reported to me that reconstructed rosters for the
10th Military District have been placed with your command and that many
legitimate names have been omitted from these rosters. In order to check
the accuracy of this report it is suggested that you have these rosters
checked for my name as commanding officer, 10th Military District, from
date of organization 15 September 1942 to my release on or about 24 June
1946. An additional name that is reported as omitted is Lt. Antonio Gosar,
who was wounded in action and later retired for total disability from
these wounds.

JAMES C. BILLINGS

1st Lt. INF

Adjutant

2. Immediately following the liberation of the Philippines all
records of my command (10th Military District) were delivered to Head-
quarters, Army of the Philippines, and thereafter were inaccessible.
My departure from the Philippines was delayed until 15 April 1946 in
order to act as consultant for the Guerrilla Affairs Section, Missing
Persons Division, AFWESPAC. Even at that time unauthorized additions and
deletions were suspected but could not be verified as the complete rosters
had not been released by Headquarters, Philippine Army.

3. To avoid the possibility of fraud and to verify the exactness
of the reconstructed rosters it is suggested that they be reviewed by
a board of officers who served with my command. Captain Filson S. Legman,
MSG, AMDF, AFD, Floridablanca, Pampanga, P.I., was the Adjutant, 10th
Military District from its inception and could give invaluable assist-
ance in this matter. There are several other officers from the Adjutant
General's or G-1 Sections of headquarters, 10th MD, who are reserve
officers, Philippine Army, and could be called back to duty for this
purpose.

4. In June 1946 the Commander-in-Chief, AFPAC, approved recognition
of approximately 47,000 officers and men under command of the 10th Military
District. With this number involved the necessity of careful check for the
purpose of avoiding fraud is evident.

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HEADQUARTERS, 5429 ASU ROTC DETACHMENT

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

GOLDEN, COLORADO

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23 November 1949

SUBJECT: Reconstruction of Rosters 10th Military District
(Guerrilla)

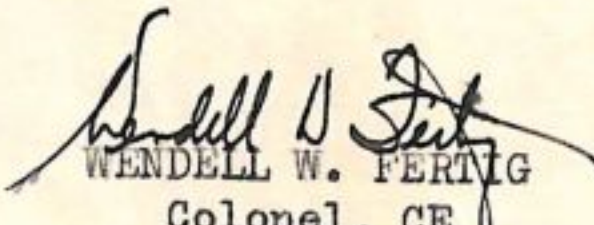
TO: Commanding General, Philippine Air Command
APO 900, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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WENDELL W. FERTIG

Colonel, CE

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Subject: Reconstruction of Rosters 10th Military District
(Guerrilla)

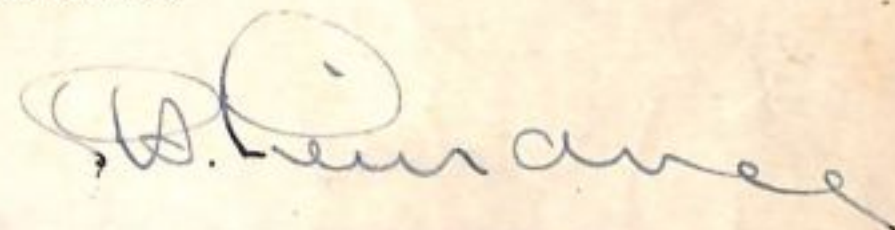
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TO: Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository
APO 900

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TURNER:

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2nd Lt, AGD
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Major J. W. Page
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APO 900
20 May 1949

The Manager, Manila Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration, US VA Bldg.,
Escolta and David Sts., Manila
(ATTENTION: Mr J E Palmer)

Attached is a memorandum pertaining to general information which was prepared by Lt. K. H. Neubauer at the request of the undersigned on the occasion of his recent visit to this office.
Dear Mr. Palmer:

The information referred to is considered to be sufficiently important to be transmitted herewith memorandum pertaining to general information operating personnel in our Central Office. Since Lt. Neubauer did not have the opportunity of signing the memorandum, it has been transcribed, we will appreciate your obtaining his signature thereon and returning it to this office by the customary courier.
duly signed by Lt. K. H. Neubauer, as requested in your letter dated 18 May 1949, addressed to Major J. W. Page.

If Lt. Neubauer is not available, a statement by one of the other officers in your headquarters containing similar information will suffice.
Sincerely yours,

Your cooperation in the foregoing matter will be appreciated.

Incl: a/s

P. M. BAKEN
Major Inf yours,
Chief, Veterans Branch
Service and Certification Division

J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

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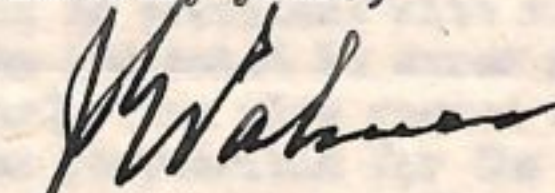
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Adjudication Officer

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PHILIPPINES COMMAND

APO 900
19 May 1949

MEMORANDUM TO -

Mr. J. E. Palmer
Adjudication Officer
US Veterans Administration
Manila Regional Office

In compliance with your verbal request for an explanation as to the main reasons why there are so many discrepancies in the names of individuals whose names have been manifested on reconstructed Guerrilla rosters from the names that appear on Adjudication Forms 3101, or the names that the individuals may carry in civilian life, where they pertain to one and the same person, you are advised as follows:

The responsibility for the insertion of an individual's name upon a guerrilla roster was placed upon the Guerrilla Commander. Guerrilla Affairs Division was primarily responsible to determine whether the Guerrilla Unit was worthy of recognition. After Guerrilla Affairs Division determined the proper number of individuals to be included within the rosters, investigating officers of the Division were responsible for a cursory review as to what names were placed upon these rosters. In connection with this, most Guerrilla Commanders charged with the responsibility for preparing the rosters were not completely familiar with the individuals who were included within the roster. The Guerrilla Commander received the majority of names to be placed upon a roster from subordinate officers of the organization. Therefore, upon recognition being granted to a number of individuals included on a roster the possibility exists that numerous individuals included therein were erroneously listed in so far as the names were concerned. This is prevalent with regard to individuals' names being misspelled, ranks indicated in error and serial numbers incorrect. This is particularly true with regard to Roop Rosters wherein Guerrilla Affairs Division was responsible for the review of thousands of names included on hundreds of rosters. It was an impossible task for an investigating officer to determine if each individual's name was correctly entered within a roster.

With reference to Casualty Rosters, the over-all Guerrilla Commander was required to submit to Guerrilla Affairs Division the most deserving individuals that he, the Guerrilla Commander, deemed worthy of recognition. Guerrilla Affairs Division proceeded to screen the rosters and ultimately placed a limitation on the number of individuals to be accorded casualty recognition within a specific unit. As in the case of Troop

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Rosters the responsibility of who should be placed on the roster and a verification as to the authenticity of the individual's name included therein was the responsibility of the Guerrilla Commander. In many instances the review of a 201 file pertaining to a specific individual when verified against the guerrilla roster reveals a misspelling of the name. In the majority of instances it has been conclusively indicated that the individual's name as revealed by a claimant, affiant, death certificates, orders, etc., is correctly stated within the 201 file whereas the name as listed within the casualty roster is incorrectly spelled.

With respect to aliases, it was the policy of Guerrilla Affairs Division that individuals who utilized an alias would not be included on a roster submitted for recognition with their alias name. Again it was the responsibility of the Guerrilla Commander to determine whether the name as listed on the roster was the individual's given name or the alias name. Numerous instances have arisen wherein aliases were noted on a roster. Guerrilla Affairs Division would remove the individual's name from that recognized roster and in the event the man's true name could be determined it would be placed therein. It can be fairly well established that many individuals are still listed on Guerrilla Rosters with an alias name instead of their given name. This fact has been revealed through the review of thousands of cases within AGRD.

units were initially recognized independently during the period 29 January 1945 to 15 June 1945. The Zamboales Military District was disbanded 31 January 1946 by letter, Headquarters, 86th Infantry Division, dated 28 May 1946, subject, "Disbandment."

Kenneth H. Neubauer
KENNETH H. NEUBAUER
1st Lt CAC
Asst Chief, DS, Vets. Br. AGRD

3. The initial period of recognition of 208 members was revised to 26 September 1945 by letter, Headquarters, 86th Infantry Division, August 1946, subject, "Revision of Recognition Dates for 86th Infantry Troops." The initial period of recognition of 3,741 members was revised to 26 September 1945 by letter, Headquarters PHILSTCOM, dated 27 January 1947, subject, "Revision of Recognition Dates for Maguway's Guerrilla Forces, Eastern Military District," which was corrected by letter, Headquarters PHILSTCOM, dated 27 February 1948, subject, "Revised Periods of Recognition of units of the Zamboales Military District." Additional periods of recognition were granted to 1,000 members by letter, Headquarters PHILSTCOM, dated 26 February 1948, subject, "Revision of Recognition Dates for the Zamboales Military District."

4. The Commanding Officer was the only person granted promotion subsequent to initial recognition; all other promotions indicated on this roster are set forth to establish the recognized rank of individual's as determined by initial recognition. Promotion and date of recognition are the same.

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

APO 707
1 March 1948

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reconstructed Guerrilla Troop Roster
of the Zambales Military District

1. Attached hereto is the reconstructed roster of 10,441 recognized guerrillas of all component units of the Zambales Military District. This roster constitutes the only official roster and is the consolidation of 177 initial and supplementary rosters recognized by Headquarters Sixth Army, Headquarters AFPAC, Headquarters AFWESPAC and Headquarters PHILRYCOM.

2. The Zambales Military District was not originally recognized as an overall command. The District Headquarters, Zambales Military District, was recognized 29 January 1945; however, component units were initially recognized independently during the period 29 January 1945 to 15 June 1945. The Zambales Military District was disbanded 31 January 1946 by letter, Headquarters, 86th Infantry Division, dated 28 May 1946, subject, "Disbandment."

3. The initial period of recognition of 208 members was revised to 26 September 1945 by letter, Headquarters AFWESPAC, dated 12 August 1946, subject, "Revision of Recognition Date for Aglao Mountain Troops." The initial period of recognition of 1,141 members was revised to 26 September 1945 by letter, Headquarters PHILRYCOM, dated 27 January 1947, subject, "Revision of Recognition Dates for Magsaysay's Guerrilla Forces, Zambales Military District," which was corrected by letter, Headquarters PHILRYCOM, dated 27 February 1948, subject, "Revised Periods of Recognition of units of the Zambales Military District." Additional periods of recognition were granted to 1,000 members by letter, Headquarters PHILRYCOM, dated 16 February 1948, subject, "Revision of Recognition Dates for the Zambales Military District."

4. The Commanding Officer was the only person granted promotion subsequent to initial recognition; all other promotions indicated on this roster are set forth to establish the recognized rank of individuals as determined by initial recognition; therefore, date of promotion and date of recognition are the same.

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5. The dates or periods of recognition of individuals will be as indicated on the reconstructed roster regardless of the dates or periods of unit recognition. Where the term "to date" is used to indicate the terminal date of recognition of the individuals listed on the reconstructed roster, the final date of payment or the date of discharge from the Philippine Army, whichever is applicable, will be used.

6. Known duplications have been eliminated in the compilation of the reconstructed roster. Adjudication of claims of individuals whose names may be duplicated will be governed by the initial or earliest recognition authorized.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MOORE:

J. W. ANDERSON
Major General, U S Army
Deputy Commander and
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ R. E. Cantrell
t/ R. E. CANTRELL
Captain, AGD
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This replies to your letter dated 29 November 1950, file No. 5888-2 in which you requested information regarding the operational areas of the guerrilla commands listed on the IBM rosters.

Attached as an inclosure is a list of the commands and their location. Where information was available the commander of the unit has been indicated and in some instances the approximate strength.

Two (2) copies of the list are being furnished in the event you desire to retain one.

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)
E. NINARDI
Major AGC
Director, S & C Division

1 Incl:
List of Guerrilla Commands
and their Location (Dup)

Mr Sims informed by phone 11 Dec that this is all the data we have.

(Signature)

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. Anderson's Command (Lt Col Anderson)	6,796	Infanta, Tayabas
2. Bohol Command	1,000	Carmen-Butuan, Bohol
3. Bulacan Military District District Hq & Sp Trps (Lt Col Perez)	1,200 72	Pinalayan, Mindoro Manila
4. Cebu Area Command (CAC) (Lt Col James M Cushing) 82nd Division	9,821 (2,666)	Maslog, Asturias, Lardon Balamban (Mobile Hq) in entire Tayabas now Quezon
5. ECLGA GHQ (Lt Col Ramsey) Advisors Hq (Lt Col Santos)	3,125 20	Bayambang, Pangasinan Montalban, Rizal
6. Fil-American Irregular Troops	22,334	Dambawa, Lantoso, Iloilo
7. Batangas Guer-Ibaan Regt Guerra Co Ibaan Regt- Luasing Co	8,157	Batangas Batangas
8. Ibaan Regt - Nasugbu Bn Batangas Town Unit - Beredo Co Iriga Co - Iriga Regt (Bruce's Gryas) Naga Co	15	Nasugbu, Batangas Batangas, Batangas Iriga, Camarines Sur Naga, Camarines Sur
9. McKinley Div, McKinley Brigade 1st Regt, 12 Inf Regt, 2nd Bn Co A	3,379	Guadalupe, Makati, Rizal Bagabag, Nueva Viscaya
10. 1st Prov Bn (Straughn)	35,000	Rizal
11. Hunters ROTC Guerrillas Command, FAIT GHQ (Col Adevosio)	299 29	Cutod, Nasugbu, Batangas
12. Paranaque Gr1a Hq (Magtanggol) 44th Division: 45th Regt Hq (Lt Col San Juan) 45th Regt: 47th Division Miguel Ver Regt (Col Adevosio)	28 5	Paranaque, Rizal Iligan, Cagayan Infanta, Tayabas Sta Cruz, Laguna Banaga, Talisay, Batangas Mt Boso-Boso, Antipolo
13. Sto Tomas Unit, Marking's Guerrillas		Sto Tomas, Batangas
14. Leyte Area Command (Col Kangleon)	3,941	Sogod, Leyte
15. LGAF Intelligence Unit (Capt Allan) Dist Hq & Hq Det (Sup)	11	Umingan, Pangasinan
16. 1st Regt: Regt'l Staff & Hq Sv Co (Maj Arellano) 103rd Squadron	92	Duncan, Carranglan Nueva Ecija Baler, Tayabas
17. Tarlac Military Area (TMA) 401st Squadron: Cos "A" & "C" (Capt Ramos)	118	Gerona, Tarlac
18. 320th Squadron (Maj Hernandez)	120	Masantol, Pampanga
19. Magirog Unit, CUPGF	1,187	Gen Trias, Cavite
20. Marinduque Command (Untalan)	400	Boac, Marinduque

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12. Markings Fil-American Troops	11,710	Albay, Samar
13. Masbate Guerrilla Regiment	(894)	Antipolo, Rizal Lipa, Dasmariñas Sur
14. Mindoro Command, AUSA of Malabon Div	1,200	Flacer, Masbate
15. Palawan Sp Inf Bn (Maj Muyco)	1,119	Pinamalayan, Mindoro Bato, Dasmariñas Sur
16. President Quezon Own Guerrillas (Col Umali)	6,525	Tapul, Palawan
17. Samar Area Command Units	3,250	Rizal Tiaong, Tayabas (Also in entire Tayabas now Quezon)
18. 6th Military District (Col Feralta) Bn	22,334	Manila
19. 7th Military District (Abcede)	8,167	Daanbanwa, Lambunao, Iloilo
20. Bruce's Guerrilla, Southern Tarlac MD Hq, STMD	15	Diao, Binabagan, Occidental Negros
21. 1st & 2nd Tarlac Regt (Bruce's Grilas)	196	Silang, Cavite Bamban, Tarlac Licab, Nueva Ecija
22. Sulu Area Command (SAC) (Lt Col Suarez)	3,379	Bato-Bato, Tawi-Tawi
23. 10th Military District USFIP	35,000	Camp Keithley, Dansalan, Lanao
24. III Army Corps, David's Command, FAIT	299	Nagcarlan, Laguna
25. USAFIP NL 11th Inf (Col Blackburn)	330	Benguet, Mt Province (Mobile)
26. 15th Inf		Ifugao, Cagayan
27. 66th Inf		Ilocos Norte & Abra
28. 121st Inf		Benguet & La Union Ilocos Sur & Abra
29. Zambales Mil Dist (Magsaysay's Guerrillas)	302	Zambales
30. Allado Det (Maj Allado)	5,118	Dasmariñas, Cavite
31. Allas Intelligence Unit (Capt Allas)	30	Tayug, Pangasinan
32. Allied Intelligence Bureau (AIB) 1st Pltn (Lt Asuncion)	1,762 44	Alcala, Pangasinan
33. American Dominion Forces in the Philippines (Maj Matibag)	101	Pasay, Rizal
34. Barrion's Manila Division 1st Inf Regt:	5,153	Novaliches, Rizal
35. 1st Regt'l Hq (Col Barilea)	8	Manila
36. 45th Inf Regt		San Francisco Del Monte Quezon City

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31. Bicol Brigade	5,613	Albay, Sorsogon
2nd Bicol Inf Regt		Naga, Camarines Sur
Bicol Rinconada Patriots (Capt Ortega)	72	Iriga, Camarines Sur
Blue Eagle Force Team (Capt Ilagan)	60	Legaspi, Albay
32. Blue Eagle Regt, AUSA or Malakas Div	1,443	
Regt'l Hq (Col Ylagan)	(9)	Bato, Camarines Sur
Rainbow Bn (Capt Abolada)	110	Nasugbu, Batangas
33. Cabanero Det PS (Cabanero)		Rizal
34. Castaneda (FACGF)	7,046	Dasmariñas, Cavite
35. Chinese Guerrilla Units	1,166	Manila
36. Cooper's Unit A Co Romblon Special Bn		Romblon
37. DI Combat Area		Bauan, Batangas
38. Erne Regt		Silang, Cavite
39. Esguerra Regt	196	Manila
40. Fifty-Seventh Infantry	625	Urdaneta, Pangasinan
41. Fighter's Regt	2,019	Alfonso, Cavite
42. Filipino Vol Det (Lt Jose)	17	Manila
43. Squadron 155, NAFMD	330	Sta Rita, Pampanga
44. 1st Regt Manila Div		Manila
45. Flor Inf Prov'l Bn	162	Libog, Albay
46. Gagalac Grla Unit (Capt Gagalac)	301	Lemery, Batangas
47. Gold Area Unit Flie 6th MD	5,285	Masbate Island
48. Grandea Det, PS (Lt Grandea)		Manila
49. Hukbalahap Units	1,762	Minalin, Pampanga
70th Hukbalahap Southern Luzon Comd		Sta Cruz, Laguna
50. J Btry 33rd Vic		Baguio
51. USAFIP Kalayaan Command (Gomez)	53	Naga, Camarines Sur
52. Lawin's Pat & Suicide Force	591	Tondo, Manila
53. Licopa Grla Unit (Glint) (Capt Licopa)	200	Tondo, Manila

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54. Liberator's Bn	42	Catanduanes
55. Lipa Grla Hq Combat Team (Capt Ilagan)	60	Lipa, Batangas
56. Live or Die Unit, 10th MD (Alvarez)	74	Lipa, Batangas
57. Lubang Vol Co (Capt Abeleda)	110	Lubang
58. Maculot Bn (Pasia)	832	Taal Volcano, Taal, Batangas
59. Maharlika Unit		San Nicolas, Pangasinan
60. Mapandan Grlas	871	Mapandan, Pangasinan
61. Matta's Brigade	340	Guinayagan, Quezon
62. Military Intel Sv (Nelson Gp) (Manzano)		Manila
63. Mine Sweeping Unit, USAFFE	92	Launtawa, Sulu
64. Morelos Regiment		Pasay, Rizal
65. Northwest Pampanga MD, Ind	2,019	Floridablanca, Pampanga
66. Pangasinan Southern Grla Forces (Mendoza)	71	Villasis, Pangasinan
67. Pigao Ind Pltn (Lt P, gao)	43	Legaspi, Albay
68. Pioneer Balayan Town Grlas (Lt De Guzman)	42	Balayan, Batangas
69. Philippine Scouts	163	Masantol, Pampanga
70. Phil Nat'l Vol Army Co (Capt Osial)	127	Guinobatan, Albay
71. Reyes Regt	5,325	Imus, Cavite
72. Rizal Grla Gp Hq (MFAT)	46	Rizal
73. San Jose Grla Unit		San Jose, Batangas
74. 7th AIB, Det		Negros and Siquijor Islands
75. 7th Regt 34th Div		Isabela
76. Soriano's 1st Ind Grlas (Soriano)	124	La Union
77. Special Intell Sec (Capt Espiritu)	29	Munoz, Nueva Ecija
78. Tanauan Guerrillas		Tanauan, Batangas

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79. Tanib & Dayrit Grlas Forces	41	Batangas, Batangas
80. Taparan's Guerrillas	1,068	Naic, Cavite
81. Thirty-First Inf Prov'l Bn (Maj Ramel)	398	Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya
82. Three-Hundredth Inf Grla Sqdn (Cunanan)	27	Tarlac
83. Thorp's Grla Regt	832	Villasis, Pangasinan
84. 206th Grla Bn Indep		Casiguran, Tayabas
85. Vera's Tayabas Guerrillas	871	Lopez, Tayabas
86. Winzon's Div, Turko's Command	300	Daet, Camarines Norte
87. USAFFE Vet Guerrilla Unit		Nabua, Camarines Sur
88. USA World War Vets (Santaromana)	92	Manila
89. Zabat Guerrillas		Oas, Albay
90. Patnanungan Grla Forces	116	Polillio, Polillio Is

That the copy be immediately furnished to the Special Agent in Charge, Manila, and the Special Agent in Charge, Cebu, for their information and for the information of the Bureau. It is suggested that the information contained therein be immediately covered against the original system and that a prompt decision be rendered as to the authenticity thereof.

It is suggested that the original be retained in Central Office and operational use thereof deferred pending decision as to authenticity of same. S. L. Lewis, Major 1.

The other two sets are being retained in this office pending the decision of the Bureau as to the authenticity of the information contained therein. If found authentic, one of the sets will be delivered to the adjacent Bureau, Bureau of Military Affairs, (AF), for their use as certifying copies. The other set will be retained for use by the AF.

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Dec. 31, 1949

Manila Regional Office
APO 900 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
December 31, 1949

TO : Director, Foreign Relations Service
Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN : Assistant Administrator for Claims

SUBJ : Rosters Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division,
PHILRYCOM

W. A. J. WILSON
CAPTAIN
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1. This office has now completed the first step in reducing the names of all individuals to an alphabetical listing who are believed to have performed valid recognized guerrilla service with the Armed Forces of the United States in the Philippine Islands during World War II. This list consists of 260,975 names segregated into 38 volumes per set and was made from rosters delivered to the MRO by the Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILRYCOM, which include casualty rosters which were not reconstructed as they were deemed acceptable as initially made and rosters of individual recognitions.

2. Four individual sets, double spaced, of the 260,975 names have been completed. Two sets were forwarded to you through APO channels via parcel post, registered mail, on December 29, 1949. For the reasons hereinafter set forth, the following recommendation is made:

a. That one set be immediately forwarded to the Records Administration Center, AGO 4300 Good Fellow Boulevard, St. Louis 20, Missouri, for its permanent custody, with a request that the information contained therein be immediately checked against the original rosters and that a prompt decision be rendered as to the authenticity thereof;

b. That the second set be retained in Central Office and operational use thereof deferred pending decision as to authenticity from AGO, St. Louis, Missouri.

The other two sets are being retained in this office pending the decision from AGO as to the authenticity of the information contained therein; if deemed acceptable, one of the sets will be delivered to the Adjutant General, Records Depot, PHILCOM (AF), for their use in certifying recognized guerrilla service to the Veterans Administration and the second set will be retained for use by the MRO.

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Rosters Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILRYCOM

3. Current shipment to you is being made in the form of ten (10) packages containing two (2) complete sets of 38 volumes each. Each set comprises five (5) packages so that a total of 10 packages should arrive at your office in approximately seven to nine days. We are including for each set a guide rule to interpret the columnar entries in the rosters.

4. A second IBM run of four (4) single spaced sets has already been initiated and the sets should be completed in approximately six weeks. Since you previously stated that Central Office required four (4) sets of the rosters, three (3) of these single spaced sets will be forwarded to you unless you notify us that a lesser number will suffice. The fourth set will be referred to AGRD, PHILCOM (AF) so that they may have two sets for their use - one double spaced and one single spaced. If upon reconsideration of the needs of Central Office it is determined that two sets of the roster will suffice, then it is contemplated to deliver one set to Headquarters National Defense Forces, Philippine Army, and one set for the use of the Philippine Veterans Board.

5. There is a certain reasonable basis for doubting the correctness of all rosters that have been reduced to the alphabetical listing in the bound volumes that are being sent to you and, therefore, it is recommended that before the information contained in the bound volumes is accepted as authentic and used for operational purposes, the information therein should be verified and checked against the original reconstructed rosters compiled by Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILRYCOM. These original rosters together with all records and data pertaining to the project consummated by the said Guerrilla Affairs Division are now at AGO Records Administration Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

6. In explanation of the foregoing recommendation, you are informed that on or about November 1947 the Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILRYCOM, decided that it was necessary to reconstruct all guerrilla rosters compiled up to that date. This decision was made necessary by the discovery of many irregularities and anomalies which had been committed with the rosters such as the substitution of names and the inclusion of many names of individuals who were not recognized at the time the original rosters were compiled.

7. Major Harold Cushman, who was then in charge of one of the sections of the Army's Guerrilla Affairs Division responsible for reconstructing the guerrilla rosters, advised the Adjudication Officer of this station that a reconstruction procedure had been established by Guerrilla Affairs Division which was considered to be fool-proof and which would either prevent the commission of anomalies or would enable an examiner to readily detect any irregularity or anomaly that may be committed with the rosters. The proce-

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Rosters Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILRYCOM

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The procedure that was planned was as follows: First, all guerrilla rosters and evidence pertaining thereto were to be rechecked and upon a roster being considered as acceptable, the Certifying Officer would place on each sheet of every roster that was reconstructed the following marks of authenticity:

a. a rectangular rubber stamp mark stating: "Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, Hqrs. PHILRYCOM";

b. a rubber stamp mark showing: "Approved", followed by the date of approval, "Hqrs. PHILRYCOM.";

c. the initial or signature of the Approving Officer was to be placed on the round rubber stamp mark of "Approved".

8. The project of reconstructing the guerrilla rosters was completed on June 30, 1948. Copies of the reconstructed guerrilla rosters were said to have been distributed as follows: the complete original set was forwarded to the Records Administration Center, AGO, St. Louis, Missouri, together with all evidence and data used in the compilation of the project; one (1) duplicate set was delivered to Recovered Personnel Division, PHILRYCOM, now AGRD, PHILCOM (AF); one (1) duplicate set was sent to Headquarters, National Defense Forces, Philippine Army; one (1) duplicate set to Philippine Veterans Board, Manila, P. I.; two (2) duplicate sets delivered to Manila Regional Office, USVA, one of which was forwarded to Central Office, Attn: Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service.

9. Upon the consummation of the foregoing project by Guerrilla Affairs Division, Major Harold Cushman was employed by the Manila Regional Office of the Veterans Administration and was placed in charge of the unit responsible for certifying to the correctness of the determinations made by the Army of alleged recognized guerrilla service. Major Cushman's background of experience in the Guerrilla Affairs Division, together with his excellent personal qualifications, made him the ideal person for this work. He had been the liaison officer between Guerrilla Affairs Division, Recovered Personnel Division, Claims Service, Headquarters Philippine Army, Veterans Administration, Philippine Veterans Board and other Government agencies; Special Investigator of Guerrilla Claims and Irregularities. Consequently, this office relied heavily on Major Cushman's determinations in all questions relating to determinations of guerrilla service. Major Cushman remained in the employment of this office until May 6, 1949, when he resigned to accept private employment in Australia.

10. This office commenced the project of reducing the names of all individuals in the reconstructed guerrilla rosters/ to an alphabetical listing on May 4, 1949. In October 1949; prior to completion of this operation, the attention of the Adjutaciation Officer at this station was called to a roster of "Unrecognized Guerrillas" (46th Inf, Regt., 44th ROTC, Hunters Div.), referred for inclusion which did not appear to be authentic. Thereupon, he checked other rosters.

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and found what appeared to be serious deviations from the original plan and procedure which was contemplated to make the project fool-proof.

11. For instance, some of the rosters that contained the rectangular rubber stamp mark "Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, Hqs. PHILRYCOM" failed to have the round rubber stamp of approval (see Par. 7, (b) above) but in lieu thereof had the word "Approved" typed in an ordinary round rubber date stamp and failed to have the initials of the Approving Officer on the "Approved" stamp; other rosters failed to have the rectangular rubber stamp mark showing: "Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, Hqs. PHILRYCOM"; other rosters have an ordinary date stamp with a typewritten notation: "Reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILRYCOM"; other rosters merely contained a rubber stamp signature in lieu of the original authentic signature of the officer who was supposed to have certified to the correctness of the rosters.
12. In one instance there is a roster dated January 5, 1948, addressed to the Commanding General, AFWESPAC, entitled, "Roster of Enlisted Men, Unrecognized" with the following notation: "Submitted herewith is the roster of unrecognized enlisted men, 46th Inf. Reg't, 44th ROTC or Hunters Division incorporated in the 3d Bn. Provisional Saber Force". This roster contains on each sheet the round rubber stamp "Approved" and the accepted rectangular stamp mark on the left hand side of the sheet and the name of the Certifying Officer is on the lower right hand corner. (Attached is a letter dated 2 Dec. 1949 from the Chief, Veterans Branch, S & C Div., AGRD, PHILCOM (AF), expressing an opinion that the roster is valid and contains the names of recognized guerrillas.)
13. Another roster that appears to be questionable is the roster of the Maculto Bn. with a strength of 512 members, extended recognition from 3-4-45 to 9-26-45 by letter from Hqs. PHILRYCOM, dated 5 January 1945, which roster contains an ordinary rubber date stamp with the word "Approved" typed immediately above the date of 22 Nov. 1947. This would indicate that the roster was approved prior to the letter of authority granting recognition.
14. Another roster that appears questionable is the following: Composit Bn., 7th Inf. Regt. 34th Division, Isabela Area (Independent). This roster has only a round rubber date stamp dated 12-2-47 with the word "Approved" typed therein and the signature on the stamp of Marion C. Albright, 1st Lt. FA.
15. Another roster that appears questionable is the following: San Jose, Batangas Guerrilla, Company Headquarter, total strength of 193, which fails to show that it was reconstructed and only contains the rubber date stamp dated 11-22-47 with the word "Approved" typed immediately above the date.

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16. The Adjudication Officer at this station held a conference with representatives of AGRD, PHILCOM (AF), citing the above specified variations from the original proposed plan that was to be followed by Guerrilla Affairs Division in making the project fool-proof. Since the officers responsible for consummating the project of reconstructing the guerrilla rosters have been transferred from this area, a satisfactory explanation for the above cited variations cannot be made by the Staff currently on duty at PHILCOM (AF). It is believed that if the original plan was actually carried out, then it may have been followed in the reconstruction of the original set of rosters which were forwarded to Records Administration Center, AGO, St. Louis, Mo. It is further believed that due to the urgency for the completion of the project with a target date of June 30, 1948 being set to reconstruct rosters containing several hundred thousand names which were finally reduced to approximately 260,000 names, that the original plan was substituted in making up the duplicate sets, which may account for the use of rubber stamp signatures of alleged certifying officers and the other variations that have been specified.

17. Furthermore, when rosters were first delivered to the MRO, we were informed that they contained the names of 269,000 recognized individuals. Later, additional rosters were forwarded which had inadvertently been omitted in the initial delivery. Since the current project consists of 260,975, it is assumed that there may be some rosters of recognized individuals in AGO, St. Louis, copies of which were not forwarded to the MRO, thereby requiring a supplement to the current sets.

18. The need for prompt checking and verification of the alphabetical listing of recognized guerrillas is obvious. This office will appreciate being notified of the findings of AGO, St. Louis, at the earliest possible date, so that if printed alphabetical listing is deemed to be acceptable, it may be placed into immediate use.

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Acting Manager

Enc.
Letter of Major P. M. Baken,
Chief, S & C Div., AGRD, PHILCOM (AF)
dated 12/2/49.

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2. This suspension does not apply to cases of veterans who volunteered for service in the Military Police Command in 1945, and whose service is only current service.

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When Guerrilla Service cannot be certified to VA even if the Person's Name is Listed on a Recognized Guerrilla Roster.

A person's name may be listed on a reconstructed initial troop roster or casualty roster (as distinguished from individual letter of recognition). However, no period of recognized service may be certified to VA in the following cases:

1. If the person is listed on the reconstructed initial troop roster and he died prior to the recognition of the unit, he is not considered recognized. Reason: AGRD has no authority to set back the recognition so as to include at least the date of death. This is true even in a case where such a person did not actually die but is missing, whereabouts unknown. VA is notified that although the person is listed on the reconstructed initial troop roster, no recognized guerrilla service may be certified because he died (or became missing, whereabouts unknown) prior to the recognition of his unit and that his casualty status is not officially recognized.

NOTE: This case should be distinguished from those recognized as casualties (on a Casualty roster), who are entitled to recognition on the date of casualty. GAD's directive specifically recognizes them for that day.

2. No recognized guerrilla service may be certified to VA on a person whose name is listed on a troop roster or casualty roster, when there is positive evidence that he did not have any guerrilla service at all. For example: A person is listed as Killed In Action in August 1944 on a casualty roster. Positive evidence on

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file shows that he died of TB at home on 3 Jan 42. It is clear in this case that the person never performed any guerrilla service which could be recognized by GAD, and that his name must have been erroneously listed on the casualty roster. VA is informed that although the person's name is listed on a casualty roster (or troop roster), positive evidence shows that he did not perform any guerrilla service.

It must be emphasized that here, there is positive evidence of lack of service, and not merely lack of evidence of service. Every person granted recognition by GAD is presumed to have performed guerrilla service. When evidence of service is lacking, AGRD develops the file by correspondence or Field Investigation. Service is not denied simply because there is lack of evidence of service. But service is denied when there is positive evidence that the person did not have any guerrilla service at all. Cases falling under this category are very rare.

NOTE: The Army presumes that GAD accomplished the guerrilla recognition program properly; that GAD recognized those deserving recognition and denied recognition to those who did not deserve. Accordingly, AGRD has been directed to follow, and follows what GAD had determined, except in those rare cases where positive evidence is present showing that a person granted recognition did not have any service. AGRD cannot embark into a program of gathering evidence to disprove the validity of each and every determination made by GAD. This would amount to a review of GAD's accomplishment which this headquarters has no authority (nor is it qualified) to do.

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