

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS of SUGAR CENTRALS BEARIN, PALMA and SNA
NAME OF UNIT ISIDRO, G-13

Homobono V. Pido
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for Recognition, ltr. dated 30 Jan. 1946, w/supporting papers
4. Ltr. fr. Mr. H.V.Pido, dated 16 Feb. 1946
5. NEC ltr. Hq. Philrycom, dated 28 April 1947, w/TLR by Lt. Jaranilla Jr.

REMARKS:

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SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for : Type of Communication
FROM : Honobono V Pido 414 Penerubbia, Manila : ltr

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1st Lt Delfin Jaranilla Jr *DJ* : :

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TO: _____ FROM: _____
_____ : *WMA 28 april 47*

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col Gerald F Hillard:

1. The "National Volunteers of Sugar Centrals Bearin, Palma and San Isidro" otherwise known as "G-13", consisting of 13 members has not been favorably considered for recognition. No members have previously been recognized. This is an initial investigation of an independent unit.
2. This unit does not fulfil the requirements of the five basic points for recognition.
3. No useful purpose will be served by any further investigation of this unit.
4. No members are worthy of recognition and the three casualties claimed should not be favorably considered.

Delfin Jaranilla Jr
Lt Delfin Jaranilla Jr

Concur: *C.H. Wentzell*
Maj C H Wentzell
Chief, Unit Inv Sec

Concur: *S J Falga*
Lt Col S J Falga
Chief, Unit Branch

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-REPUBLIC COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Mr. Homobono V Fido
414 Pensarubia, Manila
Philippines

Dear Mr. Fido:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the National Volunteers of Sugar Centrals Beerin, Palms and San Isidro, G-13, purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

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

- a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.
- b. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.
- c. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- d. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- e. The number of officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, was excessive and not reasonably proportionate to the United States Army or to pre-war Philippine Army tables of organization.
- f. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.
- g. Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupation and family obligations.

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It is desired to emphasize that each claimant member of the unit is considered to have had just and adequate appraisal for recognition when his services were evaluated concurrently with this study of the unit with which he claims membership. Individual requests were not necessary nor appropriate then, or now, as their acceptance would in effect constitute unjustified duplication of consideration of one individual by this headquarters. However, this does not preclude submission for casualty recognition by those individuals who are qualified and feel justified in entering such claims. Upon request by interested individuals, appropriate forms will be forwarded.

Your attention is invited to Presidential Executive Order No. 68, Commonwealth of the Philippines, copy of which is attached, for any necessary action in connection therewith.

Sincerely,

1 Incl
Executive Order No. 68
dtd 26 Sept 45

THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

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W. J. Jaramilla Jr.
LT WELTON JARAMILLA JR

Concur: Maj C H Wentzell
Chief, Unit Inv Sec

Concur: Lt Col S J Falos
Chief, Unit Branch

REPORT ON THE "NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS OF SUGAR CENTRAIS BEARIN, PALMA AND
SAN ISIDRO, G-13"

1. On 21 April, 1947, Lt Delfin Jaramilla Jr. examined the unit file of the "National Volunteers of Sugar Centrais Bearin, Palma and San Isidro, G-13".

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See attached unit file)

3. FINDINGS:

a. The following persons were interviewed and their statements are reflected in the findings:

Salvador Abocdo
Homobono V Fido

Overall Comdr 7th MD Negros Island
CO G-13, Mat Vol of Sugar Centrais

No field investigation was deemed necessary after a careful examination of the unit file and a proper evaluation of the statements of both the CO, subject unit, and the Over-all Commander, 7th MD.

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. This unit appears to be the remnant of the National Volunteers, a pre-war semi-military organization which was disbanded when war broke out. No proof whatever of the subject unit's claimed activities was presented. Subject unit claimed to have engaged in intelligence work during the Japanese occupation and to have had close connections with Cebu, Capiz, Iloilo, Antique and Manila, but no copies of intelligence reports, correspondence or even any instructions or directives to substantiate the unit's claims of intelligence operations was presented. Lt George Shene who was assigned to investigate this unit in June 1946 interviewed the unit commander, Homobono V Fido, in Manila. No evidence was presented by Mr. Fido at that time nor ever since.

c. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy. The unit did not possess any fire arms, its primary mission was intelligence, with propaganda and the furnishing of medicine as incidental activities. The subject unit was never attached to nor a part of the 7th MD (Negros).

d. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy. There is no material on file by which the value of the alleged intelligence reports and supplies furnished to the guerrillas by the subject unit can be judged. Neither is there any commendation or commendatory correspondence on file. During the liberation the unit did not appear to have been attached to any U. S. Army units.

e. Adequate records were not maintained, no unit orders, (Special or General), reports (daily, monthly), roster (monthly or even one kept following the Japanese occupation) are on file.

f. The number of officers commissioned and non-commissioned was excessive. Of the strength of 13 members there is one major, one Captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, one second sergeant, two corporals, and five privates.

g. The unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization. It appears that the unit did not have any specific operations plan, and had no definite entity to whom reports were to be made. In other words, it was just free lancing.

h. Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupation and family obligations. The members of the unit remained in the towns pursuing their regular means of livelihood. As Maj Abcede (then Lt-Col) put it "They did not go up to the hills with us".

i. Maj Salvador Abcede, over-all commander of the 7th MD, the only recognized guerrilla command on Negros Island, stated that there are no other units on Negros Island worthy of recognition as these were either absorbed into the 7th MD or else driven out or into hiding. In a written statement made at the request of Lt Jaramilla, Maj Abcede stated that the above units were not heard of in the Island of Negros as late as December 1945 (See Incl 1).

j. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit. No members are worthy of recognition and no casualty roster was submitted.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS: This unit does not appear to have any political affiliations or aspirations.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the "National Volunteers of the Sugar Central's Bearin, Palma and San Isidro, G-13", be not favorably considered for recognition.

Delfin Jaramilla Jr.
DELFIN JARAMILLA JR
1st Lt., PA (PA)

1 Incl
Incl 1 - Certified True Copy,
Statement Maj S Abcede, 7th MD

HEADQUARTERS
RESERVE OFFICERS' SERVICE SCHOOL (AF)
Camp Alabang, Rizal

7 March 1947

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Guerrilla Units in Negros

TO: The Commanding General, PHILRYCOM
AFO 707
ATTN: Chief, GAD, G-3, PHILRYCOM

1. LT DELFIN JARANILLA JR, FA, (AF), came to me today for information regarding the status and authenticity of the following supposedly guerrilla units in Negros claiming recognition:

- a. Ticoy-Ticoy Command - Moises Padilla
- b. North Negros Guerrilla Area - Jose V. Aguilar
- c. National Volunteers of Bearin, Palma and San Isidro Sugbu Centrals - H. V. Fido
- d. Victorias Hunters Legion -

In a general statement, I know that the above units were not heard of in the island of Negros even as late as December 1945. The 7th Military District (Recognized Guerrilla Unit) is the only guerrilla unit in Negros after it absorbed the remnants of the Puring Unit (Wild Bandit Group) and the members of the Gador Unit who were left by Col Gador.

2. It is to be noted that MOISES PADILLA above is a 1st Lieutenant in the 7th Military District (Recognized Guerrilla Unit). Also that JOSE V AGUILAR is the preacher and is the same person who was seeking commission and permission from our 7th Division, 7MD to organize a unit both of which were disapproved by us.

3. It is possible that same groups may have received certification from American Units during the period April-August 1945. But the activity participated in by these men were purely labor or "cargador" basis as there were men hired by PCAU for hauling Army supplies in the campaign in the mountains of NW Negros.

4. Until Lt Jaranilla interviewed me, I had not heard of the above-mentioned organizations. In fairness to the members of my organization, I recommend that these units should not be considered for recognition as guerrilla units, except for persons actually indorsed by the responsible subordinate commanders of units of the 7th Military District (Recognized Guerrilla Unit).

Certified True Copy:

*Encl 1
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TK 198*
Nelson Voorhees
NELSON A. VOORHEES,
Major, Infantry./s/ Salvador Abcede
/t/ SALVADOR ABCEDE
Major, Infantry
Formerly CO, 7th Military District
(Recognized Guerilla Unit)

GSCPB

414 Penarrubia, Manila
February 16, 1946

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The Commanding General
AFWESPAC
In charge of Guerrilla Recognition
Mandaluyong, Rizal

S i r :

File.
Last January 20, 1946, I submitted personally all my papers relative to request for recognition of G-13 as a Guerrilla Unit before AFWESPAC officials at the Far Eastern University Building.

If there is anything that requires my personal interview, I beg to inform that Office of my address:

City Address - 414 Peñarrubia, Manila
Office " - Public Lands Div., Bureau of Lands,
Manila

the latter address is where I am now employed as Public Lands Inspector.

In connection with our application for recognition, it is my earnest desire to give satisfaction to my men who rendered excellent service to the Philippines and to the United States of America, particularly to the families who are left behind by the (3) three deceased. Because of their devotion and sacrifice to duty, the world has been made a safe place to live in.

Trusting for favorable action on our said application, the undersigned remains

Very respectfully,

Honorable V. Pido
HONORABLE V. PIDO
Major, G-13

414 Peñarrubia, Manila
January 30, 1946

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The Commanding General
AFWESPAC
Far Eastern University Building
Manila

Sir:

I have the honor to attached hereto Roster of Personnel of G-13 which is self-explanatory.

Two months before the war broke out on December 8, 1941, the undersigned was Adjutant with the rank of Colonel of the National Volunteers of the Sugar Centrals Bearin, Palma and San Isidro, Occidental Negros. When the Japanese landed on Negros Occidental on May 1942 our military organization was disbanded in view of the lack of arms. However, the undersigned organized G-13 at Silay, Occidental Negros on September 10, 1942 with the primary aim of continuing the resistance movement by giving valuable informations to the USAFFE and helping them secure their needs. We conducted our activities secretly by using our numbers and transmitting advanced reports to our soldiers on the probable trips of the Japanese from one place to another. The Filipino PC rendered to us considerable help. The needs of our soldiers in the mountains was taken care of. We were able to save the lives of hundreds of civilians by telling them to move before the Japs conducted their slaughter acts. Local medicine were applied to sick persons and soldiers. We made continuous propaganda on the sure coming of Uncle Sam to redeem the Philippines. We had close connections with Cebu, Capiz, Iloilo, Antique and Manila. Three of my men met ignominious deaths at the hands of the enemy, although we exerted utmost efforts to conduct our movements carefully. The undersigned himself was investigated once and received punishments, however, fate was to his side, hence, he was set free due to lack of evidences. In order to get rid off suspicions, the undersigned took pain in selecting men of major ages for purposes of attaining success in all our endeavors.

For references re character and moral status of the undersigned, the following are hereby referred to:

Sec. Jose Loacin of Health
Sec. Alfredo Montelibano of the Interior
and National Defense
Sec. Jose R. Reyes of the Office of the
President
Attorney Jacinto Borja of Malacañan
Col. Gabriel Gador of the Phil. Army
major Antonio Tanzar, "

In view of the above, recognition of G-13 as Guerilla Unit is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

Hombono V. Rido
HOMOBONO V. RIDO
Major, G-13
414 Peñarrubia, Manila

To the Commanding General
 AFWESPAC
 Far Eastern University Building
 Manila

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 ROSTER OF PERSONNEL
 Organized in Silay, Occ. Negros
 on September 10, 1942

Number	Name	Rank	Age	Sex	Civil Status	Educational Attainment and Experience	Address	Remarks
1	Hombone V. Pido	Major	47	M	Married	Education & Law Student R. O. T. C. Adjutant, Nat. Volunteers Centrals Bearin, Palma & San Isidro Gov't. Employee 1918-1941	Silay, Occ. Negros	Now at 414 Peda- rrubia, Manila
2	Emigdio C. Pido	Capt.	50	M	Married	Law Graduate Ex-Principal Teacher Elem. School Notary Public	Cadiz, Occ. Neg.	
3	Jose M. Batucan	1st Lt.	39	M	Married	Senior, Law Student Gov't. Employee, ROTC	Lillean, Cebu	
4	Juanite Geolinge	2nd Lt.	48	M	Married	High School Graduate	Bacolod City	
5	Felix Mercurio	1st Sgt.	49	M	Married	" " "	" " "	Caught & tortured to death by the Japs at Bacolod on 1944
6	Enrico Abeller	2nd Sgt.	42	M	Married	High School Graduate Gov't. Employee	Silay, Occ. Neg.	
7	Francisco Abeller	Corporal	40	M	Married	High School Graduate Municipal Teacher	Silay, Occ. Neg.	
8	Amado Baluyet	Corporal	43	M	Married	High School Graduate	"	Killed by the Japanese in Manila on Jan. 1945
9	Segundo Abquilan	Private	45	M	Married	1st Year High School Gov't. Employee	Silay, Occ. Neg.	
10	Federico Sumed	Private	30	M	Married	2nd Year High School	Calive, Capiz	
11	Faustine Hugo	Private	64	M	Married	6th Grade Intermediate	Silay, Occ. Neg.	
12	Joaquin Santillan	Private	51	M	Married	3rd Year High School	Silay, Occ. Neg.	
13	Lasing Ferrer	Private	41	M	Married	High School Graduate Gov't. Employee	"	Killed by the Japanese in Silay 1943

Manila, Jan. 30, 1946

Respectfully submitted,

Hombone V. Pido
 HOMBONE V. PIDO
 Major, G-13

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Check list for Investigation Teams and Determination of Guerrilla Units or Individuals for Recognition

1. G-13 SILAY, Negros Occ.
Name of Unit Location

(a) _____
Name of overall command

(b) _____
Name of overall commanding officer address

(c) Hernando V. Pido 414 P.O. HARRUBIAN, MANILA, P.I.
Name of unit commanding officer address

(d) _____
Name of using unit

(e) None SEPT. 1942
Authority for organization of Unit. 1) date organized 2) date reorganized

_____ 17 MAR 1945
3) inactivated

(f) Strength in officers and EM 1942 13 1943 13
1944 12 1945 10 1946 _____

(g) Personnel lost: None
used for replacements to other units

: None
because of dissatisfaction with units

: None
because of inter-unit quarrels

: _____
Casualties (Unit)(Ind) 3 dead wounded

(h) Personnel: _____

USAFFE No. officers EM

: _____
P.A. No. officers EM

: _____
P.S. No. officers EM

: 13 4 9
Civilians No. officers EM

Personnel procure copies of any S.O., that may affect any of the personnel.

2. Equipment:

(a) Weapons available (type) 1942 3 Revolvers 1943 None
1944 None 1945 None 1946 _____

How procured

USAFFE Soldiers

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(b) Transportation available Trucks Motor cars
 How procured purchase _____ confiscation
 capture military necessity

(c) Radios available for broadcasts None
 Radios available for reception None

(d) Weapons still in hands of unit None

(e) Weapons turned in by unit None To whom None

3. Activities including type

	During Occupation	Liberation
(a)	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Supply</u>
(b)	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Supply</u>
(c)		
(d)		
(e)		
(f)		
(g)		
(h)		
(i)		
(j)		

(additional papers can be added)

4. Accomplishments (chronological sequence)

- (a) None
 Destruction of Phil. property (bridges) etc.
- (b) None
 Destruction of Japanese
- (c) None
 Capture of Japanese property (including type)
- (d) None
 Enemy casualties

5. Methods used to procure supplies in local areas.

- (a) None
 Amount purchased
- (b) P400
 Amount donated
- (c) None
 Captured from Japanese
- (d) None
 Landed from planes or other methods by U.S.

(1) Type in all cases

6. Contact and Liaison maintained with other units. (friendly - otherwise)

- (a) Col. MATA
 Name of units
Lt. KINGEL 73/MA
CAPT. JOSE ARANETA
- NEG OCC MTS (same as Tolosa)
 Locations
SILAY NEG OCC
act. 4, 1943 (3 months)
SILAY, NEG OCC
23-44

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7. Conflicts with other Guerrilla Units. None Cause.

8. Contact has been made by team with available sources for information.

(a) ANDRES ^{MelGAR} ~~BelGAR~~ MERCHANT, S. IAY, NEG. OCC.
 Civilians in areas

(b) MAYOR ALFONSO SEVERINO S. IAY, NEG. OCC.
 Local governmental authorities

(c) (Yes in Dec)
 Local M.P. Units as to present condition concerning unit under investigation

(d) _____
 Any other reliable source.

9. _____
 Control of Unit by their own officers

10. CIVS.
 Units present activities

11. _____
 Political Aspects

12. _____
 Condition of equipment on hand (all types)

13. 3 in Manila 6 in Neg. Occ. (S. IAY)
Influencing factors not otherwise specified
76 papers.

Signature of all officers from GAD working case.