

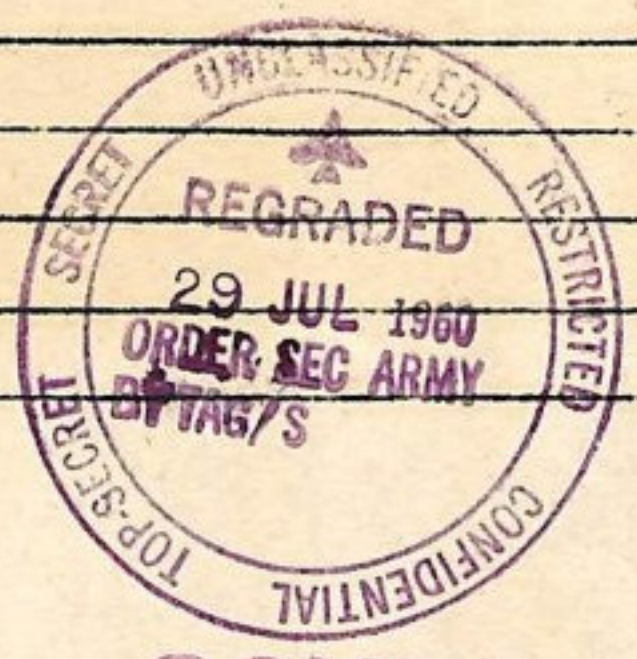
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VOLUNTEER GUARDS ORGANIZATION AT CAIBIRAN
NAME OF UNIT

COL DAMIANO CORPIN
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

- 1. Complaints
- 2. Investigating Officer's Notes
- 3. Request for recog (thru U.S. High Commissioner)
- 4. NFC ltr - 17 Jul '46
- 5. NFC ltr - 20 Jul '46
- 6. Ltr to American Ambassador - 25 Jul '46

REMARKS:



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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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AGO 707
25 JUL 1946

The Honorable
Paul V. McNutt
The American Ambassador
Manila, Philippines

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, dated 20 June 1946, forwarding the correspondence of Mr. Damiano Corpin to this Headquarters for appropriate action.

Letter to Mr. Corpin, copy of which is attached, stated that the individuals mentioned in the Volunteer Guard Organization at Caibiran, Tacloban, Leyte, did not meet the set of general requirements for guerrilla recognitions, as established by General MacArthur during the liberation. Therefore, this Headquarters cannot favorably consider the request for recognition of Mr. Corpin.

Respectfully yours,

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

1 Inclosure:
Letter, this Headquarters
to Mr. Damiano Corpin

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Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan:

Receipt acknowledge of the letter from the U. S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, dated 22 June 1946, transmitting request of Mr. Damiano Corpin, Tacloban, Leyte, for compensation for the Volunteer Guards Organization at Calbiran.

1. Ambassador informed that the record of this unit was considered in the light of a set of general requirements for guerrilla recognition, established by General MacArthur during the liberation, and it did not conform to those requirements.
2. Ambassador informed that Mr. Corpin has been advised of this decision.

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GUERRILLA AFFAIRS BRANCH

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TO	Date	REMARKS
S/Sec	7/9	4. write remark m/c
Capt Manay	7/12	1 + 6 T/Sec
Chief	7/12	Dispatch fine HLC wcm
Type	7/13	Use new title + rewrite HLC
Capt Manay	7/15	1 + 6 T/Sec
Chief	7/15	Dispatch. Who write in the new address wcm to McNutt I don't know. I hope it is correct but I was not aware that any Amer. official was referred to as "His Excellency".
Major Tate	7/16	Instruct m/c that ^{all} "Info cys for RPD" will go direct to RPD from here. This is now ready for mailing R/R.
m/c	7/16	Dispatch fine
Sgt. Lewis	7/16	Rewrite M/R HLC
T/Sec	7/16	↑ off taking action should be Capt Manay ck
Capt Manay	7/17	1 + 6 T/Sec
Chief	7/17	Dispatch
m/c	7/18	Dispatch fine HLC JUL 9 1950
File	7/19	Dispatched 6-3 PM R/R

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

APO 707

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Mr. Damiano Corpin
Volunteer Guards at Caibiran
Tasloban, Leyte

20 JUL 1946

Dear Mr. Corpin:

The "Volunteer Guards Organization at Caibiran", 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 available substantiating records, recognition of this guerrilla unit is not deemed to be warranted because of reasons mentioned below:

- a. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.
- b. 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.
- c. Many members apparently lived at home, supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits, and assisted the guerrilla unit on a part time basis only.

It is requested that you comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 68, by the President of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945, copy attached.

Sincerely yours,

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

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22 JUL 1946
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1 Incl:
Executive Order No. 68

GSFC copy filed with the 201 file
1-copy filed with the Casualty recon file (370.641)
other files filed with the Unit-cor-file & with the Unit file

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9 July 1946

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Tel OH 725

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Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan:

Request thru the High Commissioner's Office, of Mr. Damiano Corpin, CO of the Volunteer Guards at Caibiran, Leyte, dated 10 June 1946, for compensation.

1. Guerrilla Affairs Branch Administrative Form No. 3-A forwarded with paragraphs a, k and l as basis for non-recognition.
2. By its own admission this unit was a Volunteer Guard Unit.
3. Chief of Investigation Section does not concur in use of this form letter. It implies an investigation has been made which has consisted only of a perusal of the papers.

DOUGLAS C. MERRAY, Capt., Inf., O-24899

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				RADIO CITE
G-3 File No: GSC__			Date 28 June 46	
SUBJECT: Request for compensation for the Volunteer FROM : Damiano Corpin (Guards Organization at Caibiran)			Type of Communication Letter	
CROSS REFERENCES:				
FOR ACTION BY: (file symbol only)		SUSPENSE DATE	CONCURRENCES	
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OFFICER TAKING ACTION (and initials) Capt. D. C. Murray, O-24899, Inf.				
<u>Policy</u>	<u>Non-policy</u>	Recommending <u>approval</u>		
(File symbol)		(action)	APPROVED	
TO: _____ _____		FOR: _____ _____		Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan:

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Capt., Infantry

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G-3, PHILIPPINE ARMY DIVISION
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TO	Date	REMARKS
Capt Murray	7/4	df
Adm	7/7	Retype Ltr + M/R. Return only original M/R Ltr and buck slip from Maj Frazier. Return Wom
T/sec	7/10	4.
Capt Murray	7/12	1+6
Chief	7/12	Dispatch
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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

AGO 707

17 JUL 1946

201
Mr. Damiano Corpin
Volunteer Guards at Caibiran
Taalban, Leyte

Dear Mr. Corpin:

Receipt is acknowledged at this headquarters of your letter dated 10 June 1946 regarding compensation for the Volunteer Guards at Caibiran for services rendered to the resistance movement.

Patriotic civilians the world over, have freely given their services to volunteer organizations and rendered valuable services in their free time to promote the safety of civilian populations and protect important installations, during the recent world crisis.

The thanks of their fellow men, and the satisfaction of a job well done are the gratuities extended to them by a grateful world.

Yours and all the other members of similar organizations throughout the world should derive great personal satisfaction from the many part-time and off-duty jobs you have undertaken. It is indeed fortunate that a people in time of national crisis, will cooperate wholeheartedly for the common benefit, without thought of personal remuneration or gain.

In view of the fact that there is no evidence that the individuals mentioned in the Volunteer Guards at Caibiran have been performing full-time work as a military unit, to the exclusion of all civilian pursuits, this headquarters cannot favorably consider any request for recognition or remuneration.

It is requested that you comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 68, by the President of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945, copy attached.

Sincerely yours,

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



1 Incl:
Executive Order #68

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12 July 1946

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Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan:

Request thru the High Commissioner's Office, of Mr. Damiano Corpin, CO of the Volunteer Guards at Calhiraan, Leyte, dated 10 June 1946, for compensation.

1. Guerrilla Affairs Branch Administrative Form No. 3, forwarded as basis for non-recognition.
2. By its own admission this unit was a volunteer Guard unit and as such does not meet the requirements of a guerrilla unit.

Capt. DOUGLAS C. MURRAY

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GUERRILLA AFFAIRS BRANCH

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TO	Date	REMARKS
Capt Murray	6/24	3 + Return to Maj. Lites M/C
Sgt [unclear]	6/25	? DCM
CAPT MURRAY	6/26	SIR, I BELIEVE THIS IS A NEW OUTFIT. ITS NOT IN OUR FILES, THERE ARE FEW VOL GUARDS BUT NONE IN LENTE NOR A UNIT UNDER DIAMOND CORPIN. - GEP
May D	6/27	1-7-5 Note: 2 separate ltrs OK DCM (Suggest expediting the ltr since the Office of the High Commissioner will be abolished soon)
Adm	4/27	Type & Return to DCM - ack - into above - 2 letters.
Capt Murray	7/2	1. 7/sec
Adm	7/2	Maj Frazier has directed change of form ltr. Retype ltr + M/R for Copin DCM
Capt Murray	7/3	1. The
Chief	7/3	Dispatch DCM
G-3 PA	7/5	Dispatched M/C
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LIAISON W/NAVY	DISCUSSION WITH ME
LIAISON W USMC	DISPATCH
INSPECTOR GENERAL	DISTRIBUTION
PUBLIC RELATIONS O	FILING
HQ COMDT	FOLLOW-UP
A C/S, G-1	INFORM ALL CONCERNED
A C/S, G-2	INFORMATION
A C/S, G-3	INITIALING
A C/S, G-4	ISSUING ORDERS
A C/S, G-5	NOTATION & DESTRUCTION
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22 June 46

L. E. Lissel
1st Lt, WAC

Name or Initials-----
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CHIEF OF TRANS	CORRECTION
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Name or Initials

Date

Tacloban, Leyte, P. I.
June 10, 1946



The American High Commissioner
Manila, P. I.

Honorable:

In the name of the Volunteer Guards Organization in the Philippines as a whole and of the members of the Volunteer Guards Organization at Caibiran, Leyte, P. I., in particular, I have the honor to send this petition, with the aim in view that proper steps will be taken by the authorities concerned particularly, the Government of the United States of America, for the consideration of our desires and purposes.

The Volunteer Guards was organized in order to serve the people. It was an organization which resembles to the "Home Guards" of the British people, which, during her trying days of the war had done great services to the country and peoples. In the Philippines, during the Guerillas Activities in the resistance movement of our people against the Japanese Control of domination, we the members of the Volunteer Guards were working side by side with the members of the armed forces of the United States in the Philippines.

Volunteer Guards were organized for service. In our organization, officers, non-commissioned officers and leaders of the different units, were duly appointed in order to divide the different functions of the organization and to execute the same in full co-operation and co-ordination with the activities of the soldiers of the United States in the Philippines and the members of the different Guerilla organizations.

Volunteer Guards, as the name suggested, were the guards of the people. Different patrol points were being guarded by the members of this organization and vital information were reported on time to the Commanding Detachment and also to the people, who were scattered in the many different hidden places of their evacuation.

Volunteer Guards, were the agents of the resistance movement personels. They were the men responsible for the procurement of foods and materials, like rice, corn, camotes, and other foodstuffs, and for the sending of same to the different points of destination. These were some of the most difficult jobs of the volunteers.

Volunteer Guards were in the vanguard. In places where Japanese control was rather efficient, the presence of a soldier was hard and unsafe. In this case, the volunteers were called upon to do the dangerous jobs of scouting. Not in few cases, but rather in many instances, these volunteers were exposed to dangers and really others died in the field complying orders to be accomplished. Moreover, volunteers had accomplished deeds of actual fighting as you can see in the records of the different places in the Philippines.

Volunteer Guards were loyal and self-sacrificing as could be said of any other organized forces in the Philippines. Theirs was a case of duty and devotion to love of country. Altho they did not count the costs of their labor and sacrifices during the dark days of our country, yet, by this time at the dawn of peace they find that their lot is no better than the rest of the Filipino patriots who were with them in the field of battles. Yet they felt that they should be given a break, like them, and should also be treated equally by means of financial aid, compensation, rehabilitation, or recognition by the government..

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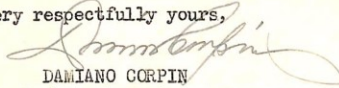
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For the above reasons, we, the members of the Volunteer Guards, at Caibiran, Leyte, P. I., particularly, do hereby ask, pray, and request your Honorable Office to take such action as will give the volunteer guards of the recognized guerillas such benefits as were given to other members of the resistance movement in the Philippines during the Japanese occupation.

Very respectfully yours,



DAMIANO CORPIN
Colonel, Volunteer Guards,
Caibiran, Leyte.

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HQTRS. "C" Co. 1ST BN. 96TH INF. 98ND DIVISION
LEYTE AREA COMMAND
In the Field

10 Sept. 1944

MEMORANDUM for-
VG Captain, Caibiran

1. Be sure to stock food (unmilled corn or palay)-
100 cavans- as reserve supply for my company and not to be
used except for emergency.
2. Aside from the above, order every unit leader of
the VG (Bo. & Central) to prepare at all times 1 cavan of
milled corn or clean rice ready for use.
3. List always the donations separate from those to
be paid so it would be easy to attend to them.
4. For strict compliance.

(SGD.) ANTONIO V. MERCADO
2nd Lieut., Inf.
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:



DAMIANO CORPIN
VGs Colonel of Caibiran

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HQRS. "C" Co. 1ST BN. 96TH INF. 92ND DIVISION
LEYTE AREA COMMAND

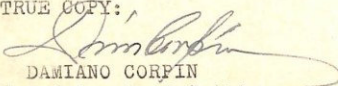
26 Nov. '44

MEMORANDUM for-
VG Colonel ~~l~~ Corpin, & VG Lt. Viñegas, Caibiran

1. This command request you to secure papers for the use of our "SERVICE RECORDS" for the whole Co. Let it be understood that we are not begging you instead we will pay for it as soon as it arrives in our headquarters at Talisay, Capocan. We need this very badly.
2. We want you or any one of you to visit at our CP over this said place because I'm at present assigned here. We have also extra rifles, so please try your very best to visit us before the end of this month. As it is now we are fighting side by side with the Americans somewhere in the field and over the Hills.
3. For immediate and strict compliance.

(SGD.) FELIPE MASECAMPO
Sgt. "C" Co. 96th Inf.,
LAC

A TRUE COPY:


DAMIANO CORPIN
VGs. Colonel of Caibiran