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"B" CO, 1ST BN, AURORA FARMER'S BN  
NAME OF UNIT

VICENTE VALDEZ  
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for recognition w/rosters - 14 Feb'46
4. RFC ltr & TLR - 2 May'47

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REMARKS:



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G-3 File No. GSCP U 091 PI	Date:			RADIO CITE
			29 April 1947	
SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for	Type of Communication			
FROM : Vicente Valdez	Ltr			
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FOR ACTION BY:	SUSPENSE DATE	CONCURRENCES		
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OFFICER TAKING ACTION (and initials)				
Lt. L. J. Sonders				
Policy : Non-Policy	Recommending			
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TO:	FOR:	WMA 30 April 47		

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col Gerald F Lillard:

1. Co. "B", 1st Bn., Aurora Farmer's Bn. (Ind) consisting of 92 men, has not been favorably considered. No members have been previously recognized.
2. This unit does not fulfill the requirements of the five basic points for recognition. See attached Team Leader's Report.
3. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
4. There are no members worthy of recognition and there is no evidence that casualties were sustained.

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Concur: *excellent*  
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Chief, Unit Inv Sec

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PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APO 707

2 MAY 1947

Mr. Vicente Valdez  
Bureau of Forestry, Forest Station  
Iligan, Isabela  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Valdez:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Company "B" 1st Battalion, Aurora Farmer's Battalion, 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. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- c. A definite organization was not established.
- d. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- e. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.

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

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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

R. E. CANTRELL  
CAPTAIN, AGD  
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

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TEAM LEADER'S REPORTReport on Co "B", 1st Bn., Aurora Farmer's Bn.,  
Independent

1. On 25 April 1947, Lt. Sonders examined the request for recognition and the unit file of Co "B", 1st Bn., Aurora Farmer's Bn., Ind., Gamu, Isabela.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY:

No history or chronological sequence of activities were submitted to substantiate claim of the subject unit for recognition.

3. FINDINGS:

a. After a careful examination of the unit file, no field investigation was deemed necessary by the investigating officer.

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. A roster of 92 officers and men, who allegedly comprised the unit, and a request for recognition by the unit commander, dated 14 February 1946, were the sole supporting documents submitted. No records of enlistment, induction, dates of promotions or any other pertinent information relative to the unit are contained in the unit file. There is nothing to support a presumption that the unit was an active guerrilla unit.

c. Adequate records were not maintained. (See paragraph a. above)

d. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its officers. No evidence was submitted to imply that the unit ever existed.

e. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization. No records of the unit are contained in the unit file. There is no reason to believe that such a unit was active or existed.

f. No useful purpose will be served by further investigation of this unit. There are no members worthy of recognition and there is no evidence that casualties were sustained.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS:

No political affiliations or aspirations are evident.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Co "B", 1st Bn., Aurora Farmer's Bn., Inf. be not favorably considered for recognition.

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC  
GUERRILLA AFFAIRS BRANCH G-3

APO 707  
21 Mar 46

SUBJECT: Letter of Acknowledgment

TO : Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, APO 75

1. This will acknowledge receipt of request for recognition of "B" Company, Aurora Farmers' Battalion, Camu, Isabela.
2. This request has been placed in our files pending investigation of this unit.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:

Incl: n/c

M/R

1. Request for recognition and order of "B" Company, Aurora Farmers' Battalion, Camu, Isabela, has been placed in our files pending investigation by a contact team, this branch.
2. Receipt acknowledged to Headquarters, Philippine Army.

Central File (21 Mar '46) # \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit File #456 Pending

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Iligan, Isabela  
February 16, 1946

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General Headquarters  
Fil-American Irregular Troops  
P.M.O. Unit,  
Manila

S I R S :

I have the honor to submit herewith the Roster of "B" Company of "Aurora Farmers" Battalion under my command. The sectors belonging to this company comprise the Barrios of Ochoaigosa and Cabugayan in the municipality of Zam. Isabela, and Barrio Esperanza in the municipality of Aurora, Isabela. In this Roster the Barrio of Cabugayan is not included as it is already included in the newly formed "D" Company of Captain Aquilino Ylarnes, formerly Battalion Commander of First Battalion of the Aurora Farmers' Battalion. With the severance of Cabugayan this company is reduced from its original strength of 120 to only 87 excluding officers.

It should be noted in this Roster that only few are able to sign because the members are out from their respective barrios in pursuit of livelihood. In case, however, it is necessary that they are needed to be assembled the respective platoon leaders are already instructed to assemble them upon receipt of an order.

In this connection it is requested that the Barrio of Cabugayan be incorporated to this company being its integral part in the original organization.

It is further informed that my business address is "Davao of Forestry, Forest Station, Iligan, Isabela, inasmuch as I am employed in the said Bureau with official station at Iligan, and all future correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

Very respectfully,

VICENTE VALDEZ  
Captain, "B" Company  
Aurora Farmers' Battalion

Farmers' Battalion  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion "B" Company  
Aurora, Isabela

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No	Name	Position	Age	Sex	Residence	Occupation	Name and Place of employment	Signature	Thump Marks	Remarks
	Valdez, Vicente	Capt.	42	M	Aurora Isabela	Ranger	Bureau of Forestry Iligan, Isa	Vicente Valdez		
	Cayan, Ambrosio	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut Ex. 046	46	M	Aurora, Isa	Farmer	Aurora Isabela	Ambrosio Cayan		
	Galapon, Rufino	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut Platoon Leader	37	M	Gabasiangan Isabela	Farmer	Gamu Isabela			
	Salazar, Lorenzo	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Platoon Leader	36	M	Esperanza Aurora Isabela			Lorenzo Salazar		
	Valdez, Agustin	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lieut Platoon Leader	37	M	Aurora Isabela	Farmer	Aurora Isabela	Agustin Valdez		
Members										
1.	Balinang, Restituto	Pfc	34	M	Esperanza Aurora, Isa	Farmer	Aurora Isabela	Restituto Balinang		
2	Oba, Jose	pvt.	22	M	"	"	"	Estanislao Oba		
3	Acio, Estanislao	"	45	M	"	"	"			
4	Acio, Valentin	"	32	M	"	"	"	Valentin Acio		
5.	Apaga, Eronas	Pt	22	M	"	"	"	Ermas Apaga		
6.	Asuncion, Castor	"	35	M	"	"	"	Castor Asuncion		



7	Apaga, Pantalion	Pvt	46	M	Esperanza Aurora Isabela	Farmer	Aurora, Isabela	Pantalion Apaga
8	Arellano, Cesario	"	22	M	"	"	"	
9	Arellano, Lorenzo	"	46	M	"	"	"	Lorenzo Arellano
10	Burnagat, Fausto	"	46	M	"	"	"	Fausto Burnagat
11	Cabrera, Feliciano	"	33	M	"	"	"	Feliciano Cabrera
12	Calija, Nemesio	"	38	M	"	"	"	Nemesio Calija
13	Cristobal, Santiago	"	22	M	"	"	"	
14	Domingo, Antero	"	28	M	"	"	"	Killed in action April 9, 1942
15	Felipa, Cemon	"	22	M	"	"	"	
16	Fernandez, Rafael	"	23	M	"	"	"	
17	Fernandez, Semeon	"	24	M	"	"	"	Semeon Fernandez
18	Fernandez, Tiborcio	"	50	M	"	"	"	Killed in action April 13, 1942
19	Fonsica, Federico	"	23	M	"	"	"	Killed on way to Sta Cruz
20	Infiel, Bacan	"	37	M	"	"	5035	Bacan Infiel

21	Infiel, Banggat	pvt	37 M	Esperanza Aurora, Isq	Farmer	Aurora Isabela	
22	Infiel, Basag	"	25 M	"	"	"	Basag Infiel
23	Infiel, <sup>Bangsan</sup> <del>Banasan</del>	"	34 M	"	"	"	Banasan Infiel
24	Infiel, Eging	"	21 M	"	"	"	Eging Infiel
25	Infiel, Gonsab	"	36 M	"	"	"	Gonsab Infiel
26	Infiel, Pasilan	"	35 M	"	"	"	Pasilan Infiel
27	Infiel, Pedro	"	28 M	"	"	"	Pedro Difil Infiel
28	Infiel, Gongab	"	27 M	"	"	"	Gongab Infiel
29	Galeon, Tomas	"	<del>44</del> 44 M	"	"	"	Tomas Galeon
30	Galasinao, Miguel	"	25 M	"	"	"	
31	Ganela, Andres	"	27 M	"	"	"	
32	Ganela, Florentino	"	20 M	"	"	"	Florentino Ganela

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33	Teodoro Graganta, <del>Teodoro</del> <sub>20</sub>	Pvt	26	M	Esperanza Aurora Isabela	Farmer	Aurora Isabela	Teodoro Graganta
34	Lucas, Sotero	Pvt	28	M	"	"	"	
35	Madayag, Eulogio	"	37	M	"	"	"	Eulogio Madayag
36	Magaoay, Felipe	"	21	M	"	"	"	Felipe Magaoay
37	Olnagan, Pablo	"	41	M	"	"	"	Pablo Olnagan
38	Perdido, Anastasio	"	41	M	"	"	"	
39	Plasique, Pedro	"	70	M	"	"	"	
40	Plasique, Eufrosenio	"	24	M	"	"	"	
41	Quija, Crisanto	"	24	M	"	"	"	Crisanto Quija
40	Ramirez, Miguel	"	23	M	"	"	"	Miguel Ramirez
42	Ramilb, Macario	"	28	M	"	"	"	Macario Ramilb
46	Suanzon, Quirino	"	48	M	"	1037	"	Quirino Suanzon

45	Suanzon, Antonio	pvt	26	M	Esperanza Aurora Isabela	Farmer	Aurora Isabela	Antonio Suanzon
46	Salazar, Federico	pvt	21	M	"	"	"	Federico Salazar
47	Salazar, Santiago	pvt	40	M	"	"	"	Caught and killed by the enemy
48	Tobocol, Eusebio	pvt	41	M	"	"	"	Eusebio Tobocol
<del>Valdez, Agustin</del>				<del>pvt</del>	<del>M</del>	<del>Aurora Isabela</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>"</del>
49	Valdez, Gregorio	pvt	55	M	Esperanza Aurora Isabela	"	"	Gregorio Valdez
50	Valdez, Baldomero S.	S-2	39	M	"	"	"	killed while on observation duty
51	Villanueva, Alfredo	pvt	29	M	"	"	"	Alfredo Villanueva

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52	Baldado, Roman	Platoon Sergeant	41	M	Catagan, Zamboanga	Farmer			
53	Bala, Apolinario	First class private	62	M	"	"			
54	Abrogena, Simposo	Private	39	M	"	"	Abrogena, Simposo		
55	Bala, Avelino	"	27	"	"	"	Bala, Avelino		
56	Bala, Mariano	"	44	"	"	"	Bala, Gerardo		
57	Bajo, Luis	"	35	"	"	"			
58	Buduan, Evaristo	"	23	"	"	"			
59	Buduan, Maximo	"	26	"	"	"			
60	Caramot, Mariano	"	36	"	"	"	deceased		
61	Casio, Perfecto	"	32	"	"	"			
62	Castillo, Cirilo	"	31	"	"	"	Cirilo Castillo		
63	Castillo, Orendalino	"	28	"	"	"	O. Castillo		
64	Castillo, Ramo	"	22	"	"	"			
65	Cosme, Basilio	"	25	"	"	"	deceased		
66	Cosme, Braulio	"	45	"	"	"			
67	Cosme, Eulogio	"	37	"	"	"	Eulogio Cosme		
68	Lemingo, Clemente	"	23	"	"	"	Died in line of duty		
69	España, Pedro	"	46	"	"	"			
70	España, Jacinto	"	21	"	"	"			
71	Gatapan, Claro	"	60	"	"	"			1039
72	Gatapan, Eulogio	"	28	"	"	"			

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77	Salapom, Marino	Private	24	M	Cubasingan, Genue, Ia.	Farmer			
78	Ladia, Pedro	"	39	"	"	"		Edro Ladia	
79	Mendoza, Antonio	"	31	"	"	"			
80	Mabatlan, Eleso	"	45	"	"	"			
81	Natividad, Juan	"	46	"	"	"		Juan Natividad	
82	Nueva, Abdonio	"	25	"	"	"		Abdonio Nueva	
83	Olyo, Martin	"	27	"	"	"		Martin Olyo	
84	Oliver, Damaso	"	39	"	"	"		Damaso Oliver	
85	Palabay, Maximo	"	30	"	"	"		Maximo Palabay	
86	Peralta, Emeterio	"	40	"	"	"			
87	Peralta, Fabian	"	27	"	"	"			
88	Ratio, Miguel	"	35	"	"	"			
89	Rombona, Semcon	"	38	"	"	"			
90	Sarosa, Alejandro	"	40	"	"	"			
91	Sarosa, Luis	"	22	"	"	"			
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