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1ST BN, 5TH REGT, 1ST DIV, PAIT
NAME OF UNIT

JOSE M LUNA
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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- 1. Complaints
- 2. Investigating Officer's Notes
- 3. Request for recognition - 15 Mar 46
- 4. NFC letter & TLR - 27 Mar 47

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REMARKS :



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G-3 Form No. 2 : HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINES-MARKUS COMMAND : SEQUENCE NO. 1345
 : OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 : :
 : OFFICE RETAINED RECORD

G-3 File No. GSCPU 091 PI : Date: 25 March 1947

SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for : Type of Communication
 FROM : 1st Bn, 5th Regiment, Straughn's FAIT : Letter

GROSS REFERENCES

FOR ACTION BY: : SUSPENSE DATE : CONCURRENCES

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OFFICER-TAKING ACTION (and initials)
Lts Breaz & de Rivera
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(File Symbol) (Action) : APPROVED
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col Gerald F. Lillard:

1. The 1st Battalion, 5th Regiment, Straughn's FAIT, consisting of 80 men has not been favorably considered. No members have previously been recognized.
2. This unit does not fulfil 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. This unit is included in the 1st Division, Straughn's FAIT, which was not favorably considered.

4. There are no members worthy of recognition. No casualty roster has been submitted.
 RAUL DIAZ DE RIVERA R. de Rivera FA Pete C. Breaz PETE C BREAZ 2d Lt, Inf Breaz

1. Concur: Capt S. C. Buchanan Chief, Unit Inves, Southern Luzon
2. Concur: Maj C. H. Wentzell Actg Chief, Unit Branch Wentzell
3. Concur: Col G. F. Lillard Director, GAD

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PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 PI /523

✓ APO 707
27 MAR 1947
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Mr. Jose M. Luna
c/o Bonifacio S. Araullo
2751 T. Herran St
Sta Ana, Manila

Dear Mr. Luna:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the 1st Battalion, 5th Regiment, 1st Division, FAIF, 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. A definite organization was not established.
- d. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its leaders.
- e. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.

This decision on the proposed unit roster 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.

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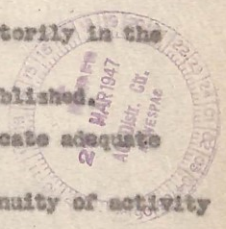
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Your attention is invited to Presidential Executive Order No. 68, Commonwealth of the Philippines, copy of which is attached, for any necessary action in connection therewith.

Sincerely,

1 Incl:
Executive Order No. 68

THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

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Actg Chief, Unit Branch
3. Concur: Col G. F. Lillard
Director, GAD

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Authority NND883078Report on 1st Division, FAIT

1. Lts Pete C Breaz and Raul D de Rivera proceeded to Nagcarlan, Laguna on 3 March 1947, to investigate the 1st Division, FAIT.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY:

(See attached Unit File)

3. FINDINGS:

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

Col Bonifacio S Araullo	Commanding Officer, 1st Div
Col Nazario M Atienza	Commanding Officer, 1st Regt
Col Marcelo Ibanez	Commanding Officer, Regt
Col David	Commanding Officer, III Corps
Col M T Dikit	Commanding Officer, 3rd Div, FAIT
Col B S Sedano	Commanding Officer, McKinley Div
Capt Buenaventura Villañueva	Commanding Officer, 7th AIB
Capt Emilio Zerrudo	1st Lt, 7th AIB

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. Col Araullo could not produce evidence indicative of an active resistance. Up to the early liberation period Araullo lived in Manila, and the units of his claimed division operated passively and independently of his control.

c. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy. The majority of his units in Laguna and Batangas have already been not favorably considered. He claimed a battalion or two in Manila proper, engaged in supply and intelligence. These men lived at home. During the liberation campaign Araullo claimed to have had an active unit; actually all his units lacked arms. Araullo claimed to have attempted to have protected the electric plant in Lumban, Laguna. Col Atienza made it quite plain that this was merely a mock attempt inasmuch as he lacked both men and weapons. This electric plant was destroyed. Col David's men dominated Laguna, thus it was impossible for Araullo's unit to have been active in that locality at the same time.

d. A definite organization was not established. After the death of Gen Lim, Araullo proclaimed himself Commanding Officer of the FAIT. Prior to this time he lived in Manila and, according to Col David, was engaged in the buy-and-sell business. In August or September 1944, he arrived in Laguna and proclaimed himself the Commanding Officer of the FAIT. Until then he was unknown in that area. Two of Col David's regimental commanders accepted him because they had previously fallen out with their former commanding officer. These were the only units that did accept him at that time. Later, other unit Commanding Officers submitted their rosters to him because they believed he was the true head of the FAIT. He apparently

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consolidated these rosters into a 1st Division. His division contains two battalions from the McKinley Division (FALT), the Tamarao Regiment from David's III Corps, the 1st Regiment, II Laguna Division which neither accepted nor rejected him, and parts of the 1st and 2nd Batangas Regiments (which is safe to assume he did not contact until after Luzon was liberated). Apparently an organization was established on paper only.

e. Performance of this unit did not indicate adequate control by its commanding officer. Araullo's units stretch from Pangasinan to Batangas, and most of these units did not have any form of contact with him until after the liberation campaign. Col Atienza stated that Araullo, during his stay in Laguna, was more of a bother than a leader. It was a standing joke among Atienza's men that Araullo constantly required a bodyguard of twenty men when he did not actually expose himself to danger. Araullo himself seemed to be a topic for jesting in Laguna. The Commanding Officer was given two weeks notice of the investigation, yet no one was present at the appointed time.

f. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization as proven by the facts mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.

g. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit; there are no members worthy of recognition.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS:

This unit has no apparent political aspects or affiliations.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this unit be not favorably considered for recognition.



RAUL D de RIVERA
2nd Lt, FA (PA)



PETE C BREAZ
2nd Lt, Inf

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1st BATTALION, 5th REGIMENT, FIL-AMERICAN GUERRILLA
FORCES, UNDER COL HUGH STRAUGHN (PS)

15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Guerrilla Recognition

TO: Guerrilla Affairs Branch, AFWESPAC
Philippine Army Section

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Invest.*
1. The 1st Battalion, 5th Regiment, Fil-American Guerrilla Forces has rendered to the United States Government as well as to the Philippine Commonwealth meritorious service in the common cause of destroying the enemy, since its organization until the final day of liberation.
 2. Roster and report of its activities are submitted herewith for consideration, requisite to recognition of the unit.
 3. Request, therefore, that the unit under my command be recognized for its services, processed and inducted to the Philippine Army as an integral part thereof.

J. M. [Signature]
Major
Commanding Officer

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Received 2 copies of this report.
5 Nov. 1945
[Signature]
Major [unclear] on staff

1st BATTALION, 5th REGIMENT, FIL-AMERICAN GUERRILLA FORCES, UNDER COL. HUGH STRAUGHN, P.S.

1. On or about April 16, 1943, after an exchange of underground communications with COL. Hugh Straughn, P.S., thru Capt. Ernesto Abuyen of the Philippine Scouts, I was appointed an officer with the rank as Major to take the lead in the resistance movement in the City of Manila, against the Japanese Occupation of the Philippines and I was authorized to organize a "Guerrilla Unit" and designated it as the 1st BATTALION, 5th REGIMENT, FIL-AMERICAN GUERRILLA FORCES, under COL. HUGH STRAUGHN, P.S.

2. Immediately upon receipt of the aforementioned instructions, I started the difficult task of organizing said "Guerrilla Unit." At first, I made contact with my trusted men, such as Jose Luna Jr., Urbano Buan, Zacarias Tabaniag, Charles Krueger, Abraham Estrella and Florentino Jose who were subsequently appointed captains and were assigned to take charge not only in effecting the complete organization of the Battalion but also in carrying out the activities to be undertaken.

3. The members of this "Guerrilla Unit" with their respective ranks, assignments and dates of induction are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1. Jose M. Luna	April 16, 1943	Major	G. O.
2. Urbano Buan	April 22, 1943	Captain, Executive Officer	
3. Jose Luna Jr.	-do-	Captain, Adjutant	
4. Zacarias Tabaniag	-do-	Captain, C.O. "A" Co.	
5. Charles Krueger	-do-	Captain, C.O. "B" Co.	
6. Abraham Estrella	-do-	Captain, C.O. "C" Co.	
7. Florentino Jose	-do-	Captain, C.O. "D" Co.	
8. Francisco Asecho	May 1, 1943	1st Lt. "A" Co.	
9. Jose Villalon	May 6, 1943	1st Lt. "B" Co.	
10. Jesus C. Antonio	May 8, 1943	1st Lt. "C" Co.	
11. Pedro Carino	May 11, 1943	1st Lt., "D" Co.	
12. Teodorico de Gula	April 22, 1943	2nd Lt. "A" Co.	
13. Serafin R. Nadal	May 6, 1943	2nd Lt. "B" Co.	
14. Graciano Frias	June 1, 1943	2nd Lt. "C" Co.	
15. Ildefonso Santos	June 8, 1943	2nd Lt. "D" Co.	
16. Jose P. Ramos	April 23, 1943	Master Sgt.	
17. Augusto Medina	April 25, 1943	1st Sgt. "A" Co.	
18. Jose Almonte	-do-	1st Sgt. "B" Co.	
19. Florencio Omega	April 26, 1943	1st Sgt. "C" Co.	
20. Benjamin Carrillo	April 27, 1943	1st Sgt. "D" Co.	
21. Antonio Ramos	July 1, 1943	Tech Sgt. Office Force "A"	
22. Rolando R. Luna	July 1, 1943	Tech Sgt. Office Force "B"	
23. Pedro Esteban	-do-	Tech Sgt. Office Force "C"	
24. Gerardo Angeles	July 7, 1943	Tech Sgt. Office Force "D"	
25. Doroteo Alandy	July 8, 1943	Staff Sgt. Supply Force "A"	
26. Antonio Sarmiento	-do-	Staff Sgt. Supply Force "B"	
27. Armando Salvano	July 12, 1943	Staff Sgt. Supply Force "C"	
28. Salvador Orendain	July 15, 1943	Staff Sgt. Supply Force "D"	
29. Florentino Lingood	July 15, 1943	Sergeant "A" Co. Duty Sgt. "A"	
30. Alberto Guspangco	July 1, 1943	Sergeant "A" Co. Duty Sgt. "B"	
31. Eustacio L. Alianza	July 15, 1943	Sergeant "A" Co. Duty Sgt. "C"	
32. Emilio Sison	July 25, 1943	Sergeant "A" Co. Duty Sgt. "D"	
33. Ruperto Orallo	July 28, 1943	Sergeant "B" Co. Duty Sgt. "A"	
34. Edgardo Nadal	July 3, 1943	Sergeant "B" Co. Duty Sgt. "B"	
35. Benjamin Estrella	-do-	Sergeant "B" Co. Duty Sgt. "C"	
36. Rufino Mercado	July 30, 1943	Sergeant "B" Co. Duty Sgt. "D"	

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
37. Jose Gutlay	July 20, 1943	Sergeant "C"	Co. Duty Sgt. "A"
38. Jose Espaje	July 4, 1943	Sergeant "C"	Co. Duty Sgt. "B"
39. Benito Nicolas	July 20, 1943	Sergeant "C"	Co. Duty Sgt. "B"
40. Vicente L. Angeles	July 25, 1943	Sergeant "C"	Co. Duty Sgt. "D"
41. Apolonio P dela Virgen	July 9, 1943	Sergeant "D"	Co. Duty Sgt. "A"
42. Vicente F. Andres	July 20, 1943	Sergeant "D"	Co. Duty Sgt. "B"
43. Amado de Joya	July 27, 1943	Sergeant "D"	Co. Duty Sgt. "C"
44. Benjamin Songco	July 30, 1943	Sergeant "D"	Co. Duty Sgt. "D"
45. Pedro V. Mangahas	August 1, 1943	Corporal "A"	Co. 1st Plt. 1st Sq.
46. Ernesto Toledo	August 5, 1943	Corporal "A"	Co. 1st Plt. 2nd Sq.
47. Mariano Quiambao	August 6, 1943	Corporal "A"	Co. 1st Plt. 3rd Sq.
48. Pedro Bernardino	August 6, 1943	Corporal "A"	Co. 2nd Plt. 1st Sq.
49. Florencio Garcia	August 8, 1943	Corporal "A"	Co. 2nd Plt. 2nd Sq.
50. Jose S. Leoncio	August 8, 1943	Corporal "A"	Co. 2nd Plt. 3rd Sq.
51. Dominador Tabora	August 8, 1943	Corporal "B"	Co. 1st Plt. 1st Sq.
52. Ernesto H. Batoy	August 10, 1943	Corporal "B"	Co. 1st Plt. 2nd Sq.
53. Dominador Garcia Jr.	August 10, 1943	Corporal "B"	Co. 1st Plt. 3rd Sq.
54. Orlando N. Lusung	August 11, 1943	Corporal "B"	Co. 2nd Plt. 1st Sq.
55. Salvador Guepangco	August 5, 1943	Corporal "B"	Co. 2nd Plt. 2nd Sq.
56. Jose de la Cruz	August 12, 1943	Corporal "B"	Co. 2nd Plt. 3rd Sq.
57. Guillermo Arce	August 15, 1943	Corporal "C"	Co. 1st Plt. 1st Sq.
58. Fidel Musico	August 1, 1943	Corporal "C"	Co. 1st Plt. 2nd Sq.
59. Manuel Escudeta	August 15, 1943	Corporal "C"	Co. 1st Plt. 3rd Sq.
60. Tomas Amado	August 20, 1943	Corporal "C"	Co. 2nd Plt. 1st Sq.
61. Liberato Rosalita	August 24, 1943	Corporal "C"	Co. 2nd Plt. 2nd Sq.
62. Pedro de los Santos	August 25, 1943	Corporal "C"	Co. 2nd Plt. 3rd Sq.
63. Amado A. Eguerra	August 26, 1943	Corporal "D"	Co. 1st Plt. 1st Sq.
64. Alberto Quiambao	August 20, 1943	Corporal "D"	Co. 1st Plt. 2nd Sq.
65. Benjamin Jose	August 25, 1943	Corporal "D"	Co. 1st Plt. 3rd Sq.
66. Miguel Puno	August 30, 1943	Corporal "D"	Co. 2nd Plt. 1st Sq.
67. Leonardo Decano	August 30, 1943	Corporal "D"	Co. 2nd Plt. 2nd Sq.
68. Juan Martin	August 30, 1943	Corporal "D"	Co. 2nd Plt. 3rd Sq.
69. Gregorio Barcibal	Sept 2, 1943	Pfc "A"	Co. 1st Plt. 1st Sq.
70. Florante Hernandez	Sept 5, 1943	Pfc "A"	Co. 1st Plt. 2nd Sq.
71. Ciriano Ramil	Sept 6, 1943	Pfc "A"	Co. 1st Plt. 3rd Sq.
72. Remigio Pincala	Sept 6, 1943	Pfc "A"	Co. 2nd Plt. 1st Sq.
73. Catalino Fausto	Sept 8, 1943	Pfc "A"	Co. 2nd Plt. 2nd Sq.
74. Teofilo Herona	Sept 8, 1943	Pfc "A"	Co. 2nd Plt. 3rd Sq.
75. Alejandro Villanueva	Sept 10, 1943	Pfc "B"	Co. 1st Plt. 1st Sq.
76. Vicente Guepangco	Sept 11, 1943	Pfc "B"	Co. 1st Plt. 2nd Sq.
77. Pedro Salonga	Sept 11, 1943	Pfc "B"	Co. 1st Plt. 3rd Sq.
78. Jose Camagong	Sept 12, 1943	Pfc "B"	Co. 2nd Plt. 1st Sq.
79. Benigno Hernandez	Sept 14, 1943	Pfc "B"	Co. 2nd Plt. 2nd Sq.
80. Petronillo Aransano	Sept 16, 1943	Pfc "B"	Co. 2nd Plt. 3rd Sq.
81. Gregorio R. Ignacio	Sept 17, 1943	Pfc "C"	Co. 1st Plt. 1st Sq.
82. Amado Plata	Sept 17, 1943	Pfc "C"	Co. 1st Plt. 2nd Sq.
83. Jose A. Zabanal	Sept 17, 1943	Pfc "C"	Co. 1st Plt. 3rd Sq.
84. Primo Perez	Sept 19, 1943	Pfc "C"	Co. 2nd Plt. 1st Sq.
85. Juanito Villaranda	Sept 20, 1943	Pfc "C"	Co. 2nd Plt. 2nd Sq.

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4. To carry out effectively the resistance against the enemies during their occupation of the Philippines, the following measures were adopted: -

- (a) Sabotage
- (b) Financial Aid
- (c) Raising of Morale

5. After due consultation to the ranking officers of the Guerilla Unit, the following were designated to take charge of said activities: -

1. Sabotage - Capt Charles Krueger
2. Financial Aid - Maj Jose M Luna, assisted by Capt Urbano Buan, and Capt Florentino Jose.
3. Raising of Morale - Capt Zacarias Tabaniag and Capt Abraham Estrella.

6. Sabotage as a particular activity is worthy of mention because with the good showing made, it has directly or indirectly worked hardship and annoyance to the Japanese and contributed in weakening their strength. The Japanese trucks running on the streets of the City of Manila and suburbs often stopped due to flat tires. Capt Krueger and his men were on the alert and secretly devised ways and means to bore holes on tires, thereby causing no little annoyance and delay in the transportation of Japanese troops and war materials. In this mission the men in charge and his men had gone as far as the neighboring provinces of Rizal, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Nueva Ecija and Tayabas. Besides causing flat tires, they also resorted to stealing gasoline, automotive parts and electrical equipment kept in the International and Mora bodegas and thereafter used them to their advantage in furthering and intensifying the resistance movement against the enemies. This particular activity had caused so much inconvenience and hardship to the residence nearby or in the places where the same occurred and the Japanese retaliated by holding the so called "zona". In Malabon, Rizal, Gagalangin, Manila, Pililla, Rizal, Siniloan, Laguna, not mentioning places the people suffered and experienced the brutal practices and effect of the "zona" thus the people were starved, a great number died either of hunger or of beating, maltreating, etc. Hence for prudence, the sabotage activity was thereafter carried out with due precaution so as not to molest, harm and do hardship on the peaceful citizens.

7. As regards the activity of Financial Aid, I was in charge and I assisted by Captains U. Buan and F. Jose. Collections of voluntary contributions was made from members who are financially able and willing to do so and supported the resistance movement, from time to time and the amount collected was turned over to me for disposal. Said collection together with a substantial sum from my own pocket, was wisely spent by this guerilla unit in furthering its activities, such as giving aid to the members greatly in need, for expenses on food and of members attending to sabotage, to collection of funds, going from place to place to secure and spreading of encouraging news from "Voice of Freedom" and other sources. Some of the funds were turned over to Capt Abuyen. Unfortunately the receipts were burned when my house was destroyed by fire on November 13, 1944 but Capt. Abuyen can attest to this statement.

The last of the activities undertaken by this "Guerrilla Unit" was the raising of morale of the members, their friends and supporters of the resistance movement against the Japanese Forces. The hearing of the news from The Voice of Freedom, news from San Francisco and other news agencies and transmitting them to the members of the unit assigned to this particular job, jointly headed by Capts Zacarias Tabaniag and Abraham Estrella, under cover and with much vigilance on their part, because the Japanese were always alert and after the neck of violators of order not to hear news from abroad the two men jointly in charge with their trusted members were able to secure and spread it oftener than was expected. Undoubtedly

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the broadcast of fresh and encouraging news among the members of the "Guerrilla Unit" and supporters has kept in high degree their morale and their faith in the final victory of the cause America and her allies.

8. The Headquarters of this unit was originally and secretly established at 82 Lamayan, Santa Ana, Manila, Philippines. However for the sake of exigency, it was later on transferred to Angono, Rizal, temporarily, where I evacuated together with my family. From there, I made secret contacts with my guerrilla unit and enjoined them to continue with the discharge of their respective assigned activities. Due to delicate situation at that time about the middle of 1943, I was forced to move my headquarters to 410 Penarrubia, Binondo, Manila, my own house and former residence. The Guerrilla activities of this unit culminated with the arrest of myself and my son Jose M. Luna Jr, as guerrilla suspects at our house referred to above on the early morning (1:00 AM) August 22, 1943. My son was released 13 days thereafter but I was detained for about 40 long days in Fort Santiago, Far Eastern University and University of the Philippines, all in Manila. For the first 6 days of our detention we were given no food except for little water as the grass around came in handy. Our hands were tied up. After rigid questioning by the Japanese Investigators, I was exonerated. I was investigated three times and in all instances I was required to kneel while answering questions and received corporal punishment. As far as I remember no arrest among the members of this unit was made except the one above mentioned, due to precautionary measures adopted. Upon my release, I again resumed to direct the activities referred to until the arrival of the American Forces of liberation in the City of Manila.

9. On or about November 13, 1944, my house at 410 Penarrubia, Binondo, was unfortunately burned due to incendiary bomb from an American plane and as a consequence thereof all my belongings, such as books, furniture, clothes, including all the papers connected with the guerrilla activities were burned. Despite of this, I transferred my residence to 2533 Smaclero St, Sta Cruz, Manila, and there continued the resistance with more vigor than ever before. One encouraging news was the landing of the Americans in Leyte, Philippines, and then in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. Despite the vigilance of the Japanese and their attempt to curb the guerrilla activities in the City of Manila, the same continued secretly with more force until the final liberation of the City of Manila was effected.

10. It may not be amiss to recall the fact that this guerrilla unit, from its organization and throughout its existence has directly or indirectly contributed something to the final victory of the American Forces of liberation in the Philippines, particularly in the City of Manila. The activities of this unit such as sabotage, financial aid and raising the morale, have not been in vain and each and every member thereof has the satisfaction of having rendered services to their country, the Philippines in her final liberation from the brutal enemies, and of having contributed to the ~~liberation of the country~~ realization of the cause America has been fighting for to be treasured in their memory throughout the rest of their lives. On 9 February 1945 with the approval of General Griawold then Commanding General of the XIV Corps, I organized the Civilian Transportation Pool under the Provost Marshall's Office. I have as my commanding officer, Major Ralph W. Dempsey, CD, and the majority of the members listed under paragraph 3 worked in the Pool. The object of the pool was to rehabilitate all enemy and commercial type motor vehicles that were abandoned on the public thoroughfares, placed them in service and issue them to a military agency to help in the prosecution of the war efforts.

Jose M. Luna
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