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STATUS	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARMY/SERVICE	RACE	RELIGION	HT	WT	HAIR	EYES	MARKS	MM/SCU
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<b>MORNING REPORT LOCATOR CARD</b>											<b>REMARKS</b>	
<b>GAINS</b>		<b>OTHERS</b>										
A PRESENT - assigned & joined.		S ABSENT - from duty as AWOL.		0								
B ABSENT - assigned not yet joined.		T PRESENT - return to duty from AWOL.		1								
C PRESENT - arrival & assignment, from other theaters, or in cont. US from outside cont. US.		- PRESENT - arrival at new station, transfer of an intact unit within the cont. US/theaters.		2								
D PRESENT - in military control from dropped as AWOL.		2 ABSENT - sick.		3								
E PRESENT - arrival & assignment from the cont. US.		3 PRESENT - from not yet joined/returned sick.		4								
<b>LOSSES</b>		4 ABSENT - departure on TD/DS from cont. US to theaters, or between theaters.		5								
K TRANSFER - within cont. US or within theaters.		5 PRESENT - returned from TD/DS.		6								
L TRANSFER - cont. US to outside cont. US/inter theater.		6 ABSENT - departure on DS within cont. US or within theaters.		7								
M SEPARATION - battle casualty; missing/captured/death.		7 ABSENT - departure on TD/DS to the cont. US from outside the cont. US.										
N SEPARATION - other than by death or battle casualty.		<b>NOTE - "Theaters" includes bases &amp; departments</b>										
O SEPARATION - all deaths except killed in action.												
P SEPARATION - dropped from rolls as AWOL.												
Q TRANSFER to the cont. US from outside cont. US.												
<b>DETACHED SERVICE</b>												
1 PRESENT, NOT ASSIGNED - arrival to US.												
2 DEPARTS - relief team effectiveness.												

W.D., A.G.O. FORM NO. 303 1 NOVEMBER 1944

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FAROS BRIGADE, FAIT  
NAME OF UNIT

GEORGE O'ZANA NOVOU'ROU  
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. NFC/DL ltr dtd 11 Dec '47

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REMARKS:



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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCFU 091 PI / *2417*

APO 707

11 DEC 1947

Mr. George O'Zana Novou'rou  
Baclaran, Paranaque  
Rizal, Philippines

Dear Mr. Novou'rou:

This will acknowledge receipt of your two letters, the first, dated 25 September 1947, directed to the President of the United States requesting the President's intervention in behalf of the untimely initial claim for recognition of Faros Brigade, Fil-American Irregular Troops; the second, dated 20 November 1947, to the Commanding General, this headquarters, requesting recognition of the George-Andre Unit, Fil-American, and forwarding pertinent papers in support of the claim thereof.

It is desired to inform you that this headquarters had been conducting a program of guerrilla recognition for one year prior to the announcement, on 1 February 1946, of the deadline date of 15 March 1946 for the submission of applications for recognition of guerrilla units. Subsequent press and radio releases announcing the final dates for the acceptance by this headquarters of application for individual guerrilla claims, reiterated the deadline date of 15 March 1946 for the acceptance of unit claims. Inasmuch as information regarding this closing date was widely disseminated throughout the Philippines by press, radio, and municipal agencies, it is considered that all concerned had ample opportunity to prepare unit applications for recognition by 15 March 1946.

During this entire period the question of guerrilla recognition was constantly brought before the citizens of the Philippines to such degree that it would appear indeed unusual that records of a unit could not be found and submitted to this headquarters within this extended period. It is desired to point out that this headquarters has never been arbitrary in reaching a decision, the presentation of compelling evidence ever being a deciding factor. Perusal of the records and evidence presented in behalf of the George-Andre Unit, Fil-American, fails to reveal such compelling evidence. It reveals, however, that all records and evidence are of very recent origin and do not satisfy the criteria used as a guide in the recognition of guerrilla units.

In cognizance of the foregoing facts, it is with regret that this Headquarters must inform you that your request for recognition of the George-Andre Unit, Fil-American, cannot be accepted for consideration.

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Returned herewith are the papers forwarded in your letter of  
20 November 1947.

Sincerely,

1 Incl  
Papers of Unit

**J. E. CANTRELL**  
CAPTAIN, AGD  
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

Lt Col Wallace M Hanes:

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25 September 1947

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organization, FAROS BRIGADE, Fil-American Irregular Troops, under  
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I do not know where I and my guerrilla members are going to  
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stay within ourselves, unless otherwise given due justice. We are seeking  
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if I am going to submit it just now to HQ PHILRYCOM, APO 707.

I do not give any bit of criticism to the Deadline Policy of AFWESPAC  
(now PHILRYCOM). But ... I just would like to voice out that our  
patriotism in fighting for DEMOCRACY has no deadline. My men fought and  
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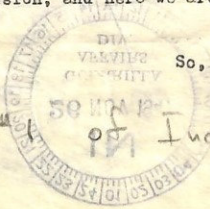
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We are referring our cases to you, Mr. President. We know exactly  
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So, therefore,

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Respectfully,

GEORGE O'ZANA (NOUVOU'ROW)  
Colonel Infantry  
Co. FAROS BRIGADE, FAIT

HQ. FAROS BRIGADE, FAIT  
BACLARAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
Baclaran, Paranaque, Rizal  
Philippines.

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# INITIAL ROSTER MATTA'S UNIT

PHILIPPINE SENATE  
MANILA

Julio 24.

Mi querido Frate Matta  
Una vez mas deseo  
felicitarlo y lo felicito  
por su trabajo en el mundo  
por la labor patrio-  
tica que ha hecho  
durante la ocupacion  
de los japoneses, como  
tambien por su  
cooperacion a las  
fuerzas armadas.  
Como guerrillero  
nuestro record es  
de los mejores, etc.

PHILIPPINE SENATE  
MANILA

Todo por los dete-  
nidos prisioneros  
que habian tenido  
con los japoneses.  
Me encorralo  
en que me cuenta  
como uno de sus  
amigos.

Respetuosamente,  
Natividad B. Matta

**NATIVIDAD B. MATTA**  
BRIGADIER GENERAL, COMMANDING

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