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BLANCO UNIT, FAIT
NAME OF UNIT

BARTOLONE BLANCO
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for Recognition w/Supporting papers, dtd 1 Mar '45
4. NEG ltr w/TLR dtd 1 Jul '46

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

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Mr. Bartolome Blanco
Vista Park, Manila

JUL 1946

Dear Mr. Blanco:

The "Blanco Unit, FAIT", 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 and testimony of witnesses having pertinent knowledge, 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. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- c. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- d. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.
- e. 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.
- f. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.

It is requested that you comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 66, by the President of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945, copy attached.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. MOORE
Lt. Col. AGC
Asst. Adj. Gen.



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Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan:

1. The "Blanco Unit, Eguerra Regt. FAIT" under the command of Bartolome Blanco, consisting of 400 men has been unfavorably considered for recognition. No members of Blanco Unit have been recognized.

2. Basis for non-recognition:

a. Unit fell apart when Straught and other key men in the organization were captured and there is no proof that they reorganized.

b. No records of any activity were presented and no papers of attachment to support their claim of working with American units.

c. In the history submitted the activities of the whole Regt. were done by 4 or 5 men and there is no mention of Blanco's unit.

d. Many of the men in this unit lived at home and only contributed part-time work.

e. By no means did this unit help in the eventual defeat of the enemy.

3. Col. Adverse and Harking, who operated in the area, state that they never heard of this unit.

PETER R. HERTS O-1339955
2nd Lt. Inf.

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
G-3, Guerrilla Affairs Branch

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REPORT ON THE "BLANCO UNIT"

In accordance with verbal instructions from Chief of Branch, Guerrilla Affairs, G-3, AFWESPAC, Lts. Peter R. Betts and Tirso Cura proceeded to Visita, Paco Manila to contact the "Blanco Unit" in order to determine whether or not this unit should be recognized by the United States Army. The following is a summary of the investigation and the basis for the recommendation.

HISTORY

In December 1942 Manuel Dikit, under orders from Colonel Hugh Straughn, organized a unit known as the "Manila Brigade" FATT. This brigade was composed of several regiments, one of which was the "Third Manila Regiment" commanded by Marcelo Cabautan. Blanco's battalion was in the "Third Manila Regiment". Bartolome Blanco is now in the United States but his Executive Officer, Quirino Samson was contacted.

Blanco recruited men for this unit in Paco where he lived. According to Samson these men were trained in the hills near Fort McKinley until May 1943 and then they began operations in Manila. This unit claims that its main activity was technical - intelligence and this was to include topography, sabotage, disruption of communications and crippling of public utilities. One of its projects, states the history, was the harrassing of the high tension transmission lines of Botcan and Caliraya Hydro-electric Power Plants. In 1943 the Regimental Commander was captured and the Regiment including Blanco's Battalion broke up. Concerning their work during the liberation they claim to have attached as many men as were available to the 37th Division.

FINDINGS

The following named persons are those interviewed by the contact team:

Quirino Samson	Executive Officer, Blanco Unit
Hilario G. Esguerra	CO, 3rd Manila Regt.
Manuel R. Suarez	Captain, Rifle Co., Blanco Unit
Col. Manuel Dikit	Commander of Manila Brigade
Col. D. Banting	Straughn's Div. Commander
Col. Quinting	Commander, S E Luzon Guerrilla Forces
Col. Terry	R.O.T.C. Commander
Col. Mar	Commander, Marking's Fil-Americans

In the history stated that the activity was mentioned and that was the stealing of part of the transmission lines spoken of in the history of this report. The regimental history was a more complete story on activities, but Blanco's Unit was not mentioned. It seems this unit was in existence for some time but most of their work

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was confined to turning in information. After Dikit, Cabautan and Esquerre were captured the whole organization fell apart and there is no proof that Blanco ever re-organized his unit. No morning reports or records of intelligence reports were kept and, while the unit existed, many men lived at home and contributed only part time work. Colonel Terry Adevosso states that there were VAIT forces in Manila during 1943 but when Straughn was captured these units were absorbed by Markings, ROTC or Ramsay. Blanco's Unit was not incorporated into any of these. There is not much to be learned from the history and not much more could be gleaned from interviewing members of the unit. 389 men in "The 3rd Manila Regiment" were recognized and paid last December but none of Blanco's unit have been recognized. There are no papers to substantiate this unit's claim of attachment to an American outfit.

POLITICAL ASPECTS

This unit shows no political aspirations.

RECOMMENDATION

After careful consideration of the lack of evidence to show that this unit did anything, it is recommended that this unit be unfavorably considered for recognition.

Peter P. Betts
PETER R. BETTS O-1339955
2nd Lt. Infantry
Contact Team #4

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UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLAND FORCES
FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS
UNDER COLONEL HUGH STRAUGHN, USA, 02515

1 March 1945

Col. Manuel Dikit (Alias Col. Manulik)
Commanding Officer
Fil-American Irregular Troops
Manila, Philippines

S i r :

In accordance with your instructions, the undersigned, as Assistant Adjutant General of the Manila Brigade of the Fil-American Irregular Troops, submits hereunder, a complete report regarding the organization and activities of our Unit.

During the last quarter of 1943, about nine (9) months after the fall of Manila into Jap hands, a group of patriotic Filipinos, headed by Col. Manuel Dikit, alias "Col. Manulik", started organizing the Manila Brigade of the FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS, and organization actively engaged in guerrilla warfare, originally under the command of Col. Hugh Straughn. In his organization campaign, which had to be done in utmost secrecy due to Jap military pressure, Col. Manulik was assisted by his Adjutant General, Lt. Col. Marcelo Gabautan (Alias Col. Marnasada), Regimental Adjutant Major, Hilario G. Saguerra (Alias Major Daric), and bodyguards, Lts. Pedro Navarro and Arsenio Bernalde (Alias Lt. Arse). Other keymen of the organization were Maj. Magno Topacio, Maj. Honorio M. Ito, Capt. Isidro Machica, Capt. Andres Familiar, Lt. Joseng Daga and Lt. Isagani Eagle.

The outfit maintained direct contact with Col. Hugh Straughn's headquarters in the Sierra Madre Mountains, from where orders were received by Col. Manulik regarding the underground activities of the organization in the City. Col. Manulik's outfit, if not the most foremost, was one of the most prominent and the most active units during those times, because of the various underground activities undertaken by its members. Samples of the various phases of its activities were the sabotaging and harrashing of Jap communication lines, setting fires to arsenals and depots, spying on the movements of enemy troops and supplies, and foremost of all, elimination of City puppets and Jap spies, specially by its ace trigger man, Lt. Pedro Navarro. Complete records of these activities were under the custody of Maj. Hilario G. Saguerra, but unfortunately, most of them were burned in the Major's home in Paco, an area converted into a battleground when the American Forces of Liberation entered the south sectors of the City on or about February 7, 1945.

Due to Colonel Manulik's prominence in the underground circles, both in the City as well as in the General Headquarters in the mountains, his name spread like wild fire, which thus gave information to the Jap spies regarding his underground movements. Col. Manulik was cornered at his home on the eve of March 23, 1945, and was

brought to Fort Santiago, just as he was at the height of his guerrilla career. His early capture, however, did not affect or hinder the progress of the Fil-American Irregular Troops in the City, because after his arrest, Lt. Col. Marcelo Cabautan succeeded him and took command of the City forces with Maj. Hilario G. Esguerra as Adjutant. The three regiments left by Col. Manulik expanded to six Regiments when Lt. Col. Cabautan took over. This included a Cavite Regiment which had to be organized by the latter to be utilized as a hideout for the members of the Unit wanted by the Japs in the City. The underground activities of the Unit were greatly intensified by Lt. Col. Cabautan to show to the Japs that the Fil-American Irregulars of Col. Straugh could give and take. Highlights of activities of the Unit were the various shootings committed by Lt. Pedro Navarro and Capt. Felix Calvarra.

Due to intensified underground activities of the FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS, in conjunction with other guerrilla Units, the Japanese authorities started an all-out offensive to round up all guerrilleros in the City. Under the circumstances, Lt. Col. Cabautan, assisted by his Adjutant, Major Esguerra and bodyguards Lt. Pedro Navarro and Lt. Arsenio Samalde had to lay low in Cavite under the hospitality of Lt. Fabian Tanghali. It was thus the Cavite Regiment of the Fil-American Irregular Troops, under Col. Straugh, was born. Organization started first at Dasmariñas and later spread like flames to the municipalities of Malagasang I, Malagasang II, Imus, Silang, Liptong, Maveleta, Malabon and all other towns. Cavite provided an ideal contact point for other guerrilla units in the south, and served as a convenient hideout for Fil-American Irregulars "wanted" by the Japs, especially Lt. Pedro Navarro for whom the Japs offered a \$10,000 reward for his head. See Fil-American Irregular Troops organizers in Cavite instigated by the Manila Boys, were Lt. Antonio Vega (G-2, U. S. Army Fort Santiago, No. 53), Maj. Gregorio Ilawan, Capt. Andres Familiar, Lt. Fabian Tanghali, Capt. Andres Medina and Others.

The first job that confronted our boys in Cavite was the cry of the people to suppress banditry. The Fil-American Irregulars did not lose any moment attending to this, inasmuch as, after only a few weeks of active warfare with the bandits, Cavite was liberated from these bad elements. Upon orders of Lt. Col. Cabautan, all areas occupied by the Fil-American Irregular Troops there, were declared under martial law. Strict supervision and surveillance was always made by Lt. Col. Cabautan over the Manila and Cavite Regiments, and as all regiments were completely organized, thru the instance of Major Esguerra, a combat company was organized inside the prison camps at Muntinlupa, whereby Capt. Pablo Katly was designated as the commander. Through Maj. Nusrizano Capili, the outfit was able to make the progress of the organization.

In Cavite, the Fil-American Irregulars challenged the Japs on numerous occasions. Trigger squads were given orders to eliminate

the enemy as soon as opportunity arose, and in no time, the name of the outfit became a terror to the Japs. Again, Lt. Pedro Navarro displayed his skill and daring in all encounters, so that his name once more wrote history to all Fil-American occupied territories in Cavite. The Japs, however, would not be outdone. Seeing the precarious conditions of their forces in Cavite, they began to mass troops there and started zonification of all places around to round up all guerrillas. In the meanwhile, conditions in Manila had improved, because the Jap Military Police began concentrating their hunt for the boys, particularly Lt. Navarro, in all Cavite towns. This gave us the opportunity to evacuate the place, and upon orders received from Lt. Col. Gabautan, all Manila Boys, including Lt. Navarro, were instructed to return to Manila and station themselves at Capt. Familiar's residence in Bacalaran. Unfortunately, the transfer of our troops from Cavite to Bacalaran was spied upon, and again the Military Police started an all-out offensive to round up our gang. With heavy Jap pressure in Cavite and a general campaign to round us in Manila, it seems there was no means of escape for the boys. Someway or the other, most of our "wanted" members were able to evade capture by Jap authorities. But, when on August 5, 1943, the Tribune officially announced the capture of Col. Hugh Straughn, the whole members of the outfit became desperate. Vengeance was then in everybody's heart. Again orders were issued by Lt. Col. Gabautan to intensify the underground activities of the organization, especially emphasizing the elimination of all spies responsible for the misfortune of several guerrilleros. Fires on arsenals and depots just started from nowhere; army trucks loaded with soldiers or war materials exploded just like egg shells; Jap sentries fell in the night as if hit by lightning; and Jap spies fell during the day bathed in their own blood - these were doses of revenge perpetrated by the Fil-American Irregulars to the Jap authorities. However, Col. Gabautan did not stay long in his command, because shortly after the capture of Col. Hugh Straughn or to be exact, on the evening of August 12, 1943, he was cornered at his whereabouts in Mabini Street and brought to the Far Eastern Garrison to be tortured. On the same evening, Maj. HUGO Guerra was raided by the Japs at his home in Paco, but he was fortunate enough to evade capture. Ten times his home was raided, but in all instances, the Japs were unsuccessful. With the capture of Col. Gabautan, the arrest of other keymen followed. Major Honorio Matoto, Major Magno Popacio, Lt. Col. Esteban Y. Pestaño, Capt. Isidro Lechion, Capt. Benjamin Reyes, Lt. Jose Orosoo, Capt. Terrible Max and several lieutenants were the victims. With the rounding up of all the keymen of the organization and with conditions extremely "HOT" in Manila, as well as in Cavite, Major H. G. Esguerra then took command of the seemed-to-be hopeless organization. He encountered grave difficulties in continuing the work of the organization, because he had to organize a new staff of officers to help him carry on. In the meanwhile, the Japs were exerting the best of their efforts to get the new commander and Lt. Pedro Navarro for being the last remaining leaders of the group. In spite of these hardships, however, the two with the aid of some Junior Officers,

pushed on the underground activities of the organization. Lt. Navarro, upon orders from the new commander, became more desperate than ever so that his activities were once more the talk of the City. Curtains of the outfit fell when, on October 7, 1948, Major Hilarie G. Esguerra was captured, three days after the arrests of Capt. Valin, Capt. Pamillar and Lt. Joseang Daga. For a while it seemed that the organization was at its end.

During these sequences of events, however, or shortly before Maj. Esguerra was imprisoned in Fort Santiago, Col. Manulik had been transferred from there to the prison Camps in Muntinlupa. This was where the Muntinlupa company within the prison premises played its role. Through Maj. Capili, Col. Manulik was able to delegate orders to the outfit, especially to the Cavite Regiment, which in turn, delegated the orders to the Manila Regiments. For two months, the activities of the Manila Regiments slowed down due to the capture of its leaders. After the lapse of two months, however, Maj. Esguerra, Capt. Valin, Capt. Pamillar and Lt. Joseang Daga, were released from Fort Santiago, through the Amnesty Proclamation of Puppet President Laurel.

The City Regiments entered a new phase. Secretly and cautiously, the newly released leaders worked hard to round up their former men. Under strick Jap Military pressure, Major Esguerra began communicating with Col. Manulik at the Prison camps in Muntinlupa, through the Katly Company and Major Capili. On several occasions he had to send Lt. Joseang Daga personally to contact Manulik at the prison camps to get specific orders regarding the mobilization of all men. Through tact and skill, Col. Manulik was able to give out his orders unnoticed by the prison authorities. He went even to the extent of making promotions to his men outside, among which was the promotion of Major Esguerra to Lt. Colonel. (This promotion was officially made in August of last year as per Major Esguerra's records). However, the efforts of the newly released leaders were limited, inasmuch as Fort Santiago authorities had been checking them from time to time. To avoid suspicion on his part, Maj. Esguerra entered the services of FILWOOD, ostensibly a firewood corporation, only to find out later, that it was an organization of ex-servicemen, headed by Lt. Col. Bienvenido E. Dollente, who had fought in the battlefields of Bataan and Corregidor, actively engaged in guerrilla warfare. This gave light to Maj. Esguerra's mission, and through his past guerrilla records, he was appointed as one of the Company commanders of the FILWOOD outfit. As a FILWOOD employee, he was thus able to conceal his identity and at the same time continue the work of the almost disbanded Fil-American Irregular Troops organized by Col. Manulik. After a few months of being employed, news reached Maj. Esguerra to the effect that Col. Manulik had escaped from the prison camps in Muntinlupa, through the aid of some guerrilla units, and that he was then in Cavite directly taking command of the Cavite Regiment of the Fil-American Irregular Troops. The former did not lose time in contacting the latter, and in due time the two leaders were in communication with one another, with Lt. Joseang Daga being utilized as contact man.

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Besides being a member of the FLEWOOD outfit, Maj. Aguerre concurrently took orders from Col. Masalik from time to time regarding the mobilization of all former members of the five regiments of the Fil-American Irregular Troops in the City. Once more, the organization began its activities, by waging an underground warfare against the Japs. Again, however, the outfit encountered difficulties, especially with regard to the financial problems of the members. This factor greatly affected the morale of the City forces; the means of survival was really a vital problem during those times. A very large number of the group evacuated to the provinces with their families; still a major portion got desperate and even went to the extent of committing suicidal activities, which, although proved costly to our men, were largely responsible for the numerous casualties on the enemy side as a result of sabotaging of several military premises. Major Aguerre thus confronted with these problems when the American Forces of Liberation entered the City and liberated it from the yoke of Jap domination. Besides having a short time for the mobilization of his men, Maj. Aguerre encountered obstacles, among which was the burning of his home in Pace, an area converted into a battle-ground when the Yanks embarked on that place. In his home, valuable records of the organization were lost. This included the rosters of the enlisted men of the City Regiments, and several reports submitted by the members of the outfit regarding their activities. Fortunately, the Officers' rosters together with some other reports were saved, because they were hidden by Maj. Aguerre in the house of his brother in law in Antonio Rivera St., which was spared from the ravages of war.

Some of the activities of the Outfit, as per records now on hand, are mentioned hereunder for the consideration of the higher authorities. While these are but digested from a meager portion of the records of the organization, the veracity of the events cited hereunder should give merit to the FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS, Under Col. Hugh Traugott, U. S. A., 02515.:

MANILA

1. On the eve of December 31, 1942, Lt. Pedro Navarro, upon orders from Col. Masalik, promulgated through Lt. Col. Cabatuan, shot and killed the famous Far Eastern Garrison spy, Juan Sanis, at his residence on Calle Oregueta. (Report on file signed by Lt. Navarro).
2. At dawn of January 15, 1943, Lt. Navarro together with Lt. Arce, through his own initiative, shot a Japanese sentry at the Japs barracks near the Pace Railroad Station. Both escaped unharmed. (Report on file signed by Lt. Arce).
3. On the afternoon of January 30, 1943, Lt. Navarro, together with Lt. Joseang Paga and Maj. Aguerre, threw a hand grenade to one of the passenger cars loaded with Japs to be discharged at the Pace Railroad Station. The incident took place on the railroad tracks between Beata and Kabilan, Pandacan. (Report on file signed by Duxie).

4. On April 27, 1943, Lt. Pedro Navarro stabbed and killed to death Julio Aguilar, a notorious Jap spy, at the corner of Bugallion and Manuguit Streets. (Report on file signed by Lt. Navarro)
5. On April 29, 1943, about 4:00 p. m. Lt. Navarro shot to death three Japanese Secret Service Operatives at the home of Maj. Ceferino Mendoza on Kusang Loob St. It appeared that the Jap authorities were trying to arrest Maj. Mendoza. (Report on file signed by Lt. Navarro).
6. At mid-day of May 5, 1943, while Lt. Navarro was on his way to Paoe, encountered three (3) Jap Military Police, with a Filipino spy, who tried to corner him. Navarro, however, shot it out with them, killing one of the Japs and wounding the Filipino. (Report on file signed by Lt. Navarro.)
7. On September 9, 1943, Lt. Navarro, together with Lt. Arsenio Samalde, was cornered inside the Cine Eden by Japs and Constabulary soldiers. The two fought their way out, but during the encounter, Lt. Samalde was killed. Lt. Navarro, however, accounted for three constabulary soldiers. (Report on file signed by Lt. Joseang Daga).
8. About the middle of June 1943, Capt. Felix Calvarra of Company "A" 1st. Bn., 2nd. Regiment, with five men riding in a carreta bound for Pandacan, to get Jap spy, Gregorio Alcantara, encountered Metropolitan Constabulary men at Calle Amora near Plaza de la Virgen in Paoe. Shooting started whereby Capt. Calvarra accounted for two police puppets, Detectives Cortez and Serafin, and wounding several others. Calvarra lost one of his men. (Report missing, but Maj. Eguerra remembers the event inasmuch as he was there when the incident happened.)
9. About June 30, 1943, Capt. Felix Calvarra of Company "A", 1st. Bn., 2nd. Regiment, who was assigned to the assassination of Jap informer Mariano Reyes, tried to execute his assignment on said date. He, together with four of his men waited for Reyes at Amora St., near Plaza de la Virgen, Paoe. Although Calvarra did not succeed in getting spy Reyes, he had no casualties on his side although met with some opposition with Metropolitan Constabulary men. (Records on file signed by Maj. Eguerra)
10. On July 4, 1943, Calvarra, about 9:00 p. m., met a drunk Jap soldier on Honradoz St., in Sampaloc, and shot him to death. (Report on file signed by Capt. Calvarra.)
11. About the middle of July 1943, Lt. Samalde, upon instructions from Maj. Eguerra, set afire a Jap army truck parked at the corner of San Andres and Wingalong Sts. (Report missing, but the event is remembered by Maj. Eguerra, because he was with Lt. Samalde when the sabotage was done.)
12. On September 1, 1943, Lt. Joseang Daga set afire an army truck parked at Amora St., in Pandacan, near the U. P. public playgrounds (Report on file signed by Lt. Joseang Daga).

18. On August 19, 1943, Lt. Isagani Tagle ordered one of his men to cut Jap telegraph wires in Culi-Culi. (Report on file signed by Lt. Tagle).
14. On September 3, 1943, Lt. Isagani Tagle, who was attached with the Telephone Co., damaged communication lines between the railroad tracks at Pandacan and Pace. (Report signed by Lt. Tagle on file).
15. On June 23, 1944, Cpl. Maximino Hernandez succeeded in setting afire a portion of the Philippine Refining Co., a Jap ammunition and oil factory, which led to his imprisonment in Fort Santiago. (Report on file signed by Cpl. Hernandez)
16. On September 9, 1944, Lt. Tagle damaged communication lines on Taft Avenue (Daitos) upon orders from Major Esguerra. (Report on file signed by Lt. Tagle.)
17. On December 7, 1944, about 5:00 p. m., Lt. Joseang Daga tried to set afire one of the Jap ammunition warehouses in Calle Cristobal. The fire had a good start, but it was immediately noticed by the Japs and was extinguished. (Report missing).
18. On December 20, 1944, Maj. Esguerra set afire an officer's car while on duty at the piers under the employment of FILWOOD. (Memo on file signed by Maj. Esguerra).
19. On January 17, 1945, at 11:00 p. m., Cpl. Hernandez cut telephone wires on Zamora St., between Barrio de la Peña and Pandacan. (Report on file signed by Cpl. Hernandez).
20. On January 20, 1945, at 9:00 p. m., Cpl. Hernandez set afire an army truck parked near the settlement house, Pace. (Report on file signed by Cpl. Hernandez.)
21. On the evening of March 25, 1945, at 10:00 p. m., Major Cuevas, Capt. Pablo Aguilar, Capt. Terrible Max and four privates broke into the Jap military premises on Ormeña Park and took away a bag of hand grenades for use of our Unit. (Report on file signed by Capt. Aguilar).
22. On April 17, 1945, Capt. Pablo Aguilar ordered one of his men to shoot a Pro-Jap policeman who was responsible for the arrests of many guerrilleros. The policeman was shot and killed at Calle Herbosa, Tondo. (Report on file signed by Capt. Aguilar).
23. On April 28th, 1945, Capt. Aguilar and his men encountered Jap military police at Sta. Mesa. There was plenty of shooting and Capt. Aguilar accounted for three Japs, with no loss on his side. (Report on file signed by Capt. Aguilar).
24. On March 22, 1944, Capt. Aguilar and his men while on their way to arrest Jap spy, Mang Terong, who lived in Marikina, encountered Pro-Japs policemen. Trouble started, but Capt. Aguilar saved the trouble of eliminating the policemen, because a Tondo guerrillero who was also at the scene finished the job for him. (Report on file signed by Capt. Aguilar).

25. On April 18, 1944, Capt. Aguilar ordered his Lt. Tercias to set afire one of the Jap warehouses in Pandacan. The attempt was successfully done although we lost one of the boys during the fire. (Report on file signed by Capt. Aguilar).

26. When the Americans entered Pandacan on February 7, 1945, Capt. Aguilar and his men assisted the former in rounding up Jap spies and snipers, and also helped in carrying the wounded to the hospital. (Report on file signed by Capt. Aguilar).

CAVITE

(A great number of the reports on Cavite activities were lost either by fires or from the transfer of troops from Manila to Cavite and vice-versa, to avoid heavy Jap Military pressure).

1. On June 15, 1943, at exactly 3:00 p. m. sharp, the Fil-American Irregular Troops commanded by Lt. Col. Cabautan and Maj. Hilario G. Esguerra attacked the town of Gasparinas, Cavite, and hoisted the American flag on the Patio Grounds of the Municipal Building. (Report on file signed by Maj. Esguerra).

2. On one of the evenings of July 1943, Lt. Col. Cabautan and Major Esguerra together with some Cavite officers, entered Imus, to get Jap spy, Angel Olaz (also a notorious bandit), but encountered Jap opposition. The group accounted for three Jap soldiers, but we lost one of our privates. (Report missing, but event remembered by Capt. Esguerra).

NICHOLS FIELD

1. About mid-November, 1944, Capt. Andres Familiar ordered one of his men to sabotage the airplanes parked at Nichols Field.

His man entered the premises on the pretext of a Jap laborer and set afire one of the planes, but was caught and tied, according to report. Laborer is still missing up to date. (Report made verbally by Familiar to Maj. Esguerra on Rizal Avenue, immediately after the event).

2. On November 27, 1944, Lt. Joseng Daga, set afire one of the army trucks parked at Baclaran. (Report on file signed by Lt. Joseng Daga.)

The above reports are just a meager part of the activities of the Fil-American Irregular Troops, because as already stated, the major portion was lost during the fires in Pasig. When the Americans entered this place, the Fil-American irregulars were also active. Lt. Isagani Tagle was the first guide for the Americans (27th Division). Then Corporals Gregorio Esguerra, Maximo Hernandez and Honorio Basilio followed by joining the American Forces. These men have in their possession at present, certificates to the effect that they were in active service with the American Division that entered Pasig on February 7, 1945.

CASUALTIES

The Outfit had several casualties. Lt. Antonio Vega, Intelligence Officer, was captured by bandits in Cavite and killed in July of 1943. Lt. Col. Marcelo Cabatuan, Lt. Col. Esteban Y. Postaje, Major Magno Topacio, Capt. Isidro Lachica, Capt. Benjamin Meyer and Lt. Jose Crosse who were rounded up during the months of August and September, 1943 are up to this time, unaccounted for; Capt. Felix Galvarra, who while resisting Jap arrest was killed in action at his home in Sampaloc about the middle of August 1943; Capt. Terrible Max, who after twice being imprisoned in Fort Santiago, died of Jap tortures; Lt. Arsenio Remalde who was killed in action on September 9, 1943 at Cima Eden while shooting it out with Lt. Navarro who fortunately evaded capture in the midst of a hundred soldiers, and accounted for three Constabulary puppets; Capt. Vicente Navarro, brother of the famous Lt. Navarro, who was arrested by the Jap Military Police for the simple fact that the famous guerrillero (Fedro) could not be captured; and last but not least, Cpls. Juan Ballat and Felix de Jesus who were killed in the battle-fields of Pasig for attempting to get in touch with the then advancing American Forces of liberation in that area. The loss of these men was indeed a fatal blow to the Fil-American Irregular Troops, nevertheless, the deeds that they had done for the cause of their Country are immortally written in the annals of history of the FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS, UNDER COL. HUGH STRONG.

To those gallant comrades of ours, who perished for the cause of our country and for the defense of democracy in general, we offer our solemn and fervent prayers for the tranquility and repose of their souls, and to the red-blooded leaders of the Fil-American Irregular Troops, and to Col. Manalik in particular, we profoundly express our sincerest admiration for having braved the perils and dangers of the past Japanese Regime.

The complete records of the organization, if saved, could have very well spoken of the deeds of our men, but, as previously stated herein, a major portion of them were lost during the past emergency. Likewise, the whole Manila Outfit which is composed of five regiments could have been completely mobilized for induction to the Present Philippine Army, but a large number of our officers and men are as yet unaccounted for due to the past emergencies. Some have been definitely reported dead; others have evacuated to the provinces due to acute food shortage, and still others have joined other units fighting for the common cause. These are the primary factors why the Five Manila Regiments of the Fil-American Irregular Troops are as yet not fully accounted for, considering the fact that most of the records of the organization were lost. Nevertheless, the undersigned hopes that in due time these regiments will be fully mobilized for induction to the Philippine Army.

Under the circumstances, it is recommended that the only feasible solution to round up all former men of this unit, is to make announcements in the local papers, calling the attention of all concerned

to report to their respective company commanders or immediate superiors. While it has always been the desire of Major Riquerra to assume command of his former comrades in arms, the cooperation of the remaining leaders is being solicited to write "SUCCESS" after the name of the FILAMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS, UNDER COL. HUGH STRANGEN, USA, GOING, now under the command of COL. MANUEL BIRIT (alias COL. MANUEL).

Respectfully yours,


E. G. RIQUEERRA
Lt. Col. FAIR
Regimental Commander

Letter of the President of the Philippine


Assets

Dear Capt Graham,

This will introduce the
honorable Major Bartolome C.
Blanco, whose case will
be explained by himself.
He will present to you
his papers which I believe
your office can do
something for him.

Thanks in advance
for the attention accorded
the bearer.

Sincerely,


J. B. Lacerda
Major, Inf
On Duty

BAROLOME C. BLANCO
302 VISITA (PACO)

FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS
Under Col. Hugh Straughn

Blanco's Unit

Origin of the Outfit

This outfit was supposed to have been a part of a Regiment under the overall command of Lt. Col. Marcelo Cabautan until his confinement in August, 1943, and, since then, was succeeded by Lt. Col. Hilario Esguerra. It was to have for its theater of operations, the Manila Military District and the vicinity of Rizal and Laguna.

The said Regiment was composed of Esguerra's Unit, Cabautan's Unit, Blanco's Unit, Gamboa's Unit, Topacio's Unit, Gonzales' Unit, and Santos' Unit.

All of these units are so coordinated that a Commander of any unit may take the overall command of the whole organization.

Casualties in the Whole Organization

The first to fall as a victim of the Japs, was a very young brave man, one of my personal contact men to our high command who at the time were then at the hills in the mountain fastness of the Sierra Madre. These young man was Lt. Vicente Asedillo, who was a kin to a once very famous man of Laguna.

Next to this, was Lt. Col. Marcelo Cabautan who was caught by the Japs, confined at Far Eastern University and later sent to Davao where he was reported as dead.

Captain Gambao was later taken in and several months later it was reported that he was also killed by the Japs.

Major Topacio was known to have been caught afterwards, was confined at Muntinglupa and later taken to Davao, where it was reported he was killed in a bombing raid by U. S. Bombers.

Lt. Col. Esguerra together with Lt. Jose were caught then by the Japs Military police, were sent to Fort Santiago, and tortured there for many months.

Lt. Col. Gonzales, was caught by the Japs Military police by the middle of August 1944, was confined at the Air Port Studio, and later sent to Far Eastern University where he was beheaded by the Japs.

Vicente Navarro, one of our very brave men and a brother to the very famous Pedro Navarro, was also caught by the Japs and later killed by them.

The undersigned had a narrow escape from the hands of the Japs, when on December 31, 1944, ~~when~~ my house was raided by the Japs military police and caught one of my sons and myself. We were tortured and later released, when they made us to face their informers and these could not identify us properly.

Rec'd 5 Jan '46

Activities of the Outfit

The main activity to which my Unit was assigned, was technical-intelligence and this is to include topography, sabotage, disruption of communications and crippling of public utilities, and etc.

It reminds me of the work that we have done for Lt. Eco, who was then an emissary of Col. Peralta of the Panay Guerrillas, when he came to Manila almost at the nip-of Leyte D-day.

One of our projects was the harrassing of the High Tension Transmission Lines of Botocan and Caliraya Hydro-Electric Power Plants. However, these plans of attack were not concluded because of the untimely and fatal apprehension of our beloved old man, the late Col. Hugh Straughn, whose approval we were awaiting then. Although later, our men attempted and reported to have stolen part of the ground lines of the aforementioned transmission lines.

The Return of the Americans

On February 8, the Americans arrived in our place and asked for volunteers to guide and help them in their attack towards the Paco Railroad Station and vicinities. The undersigned, Col. Esguerra and several of our men who were then accessible, volunteered and went with the advanced unit of the 37th Division. In the combat, I was injured by the Japs artillery fire and was confined in hospitals since then.

Several of our men were killed and some were wounded and the later had the misfortune of having been sent to the Civilian Hospital, instead of the army hospital, where many of them passed away because of lack of medical treatment, facilities and care.

Respectfully submitted,

Bartolome C. Blanco
BARTOLOME C. BLANCO
Major, Commanding

Certified correct,

H. Esguerra
HILARIO G. ESGUERRA Lt. Col.
Regimental Commander

FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS
Under Col. Hugh Straughn
Esguerra Regiment

December 21, 1945

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the Unit under the command of Major Bartolome G. Blanco, was a part of the Regimental organization, which was organized by and under the overall command of Lt. Col. Marcelo Cabatan, until August, 1943 and subsequently there after, the said command was taken over and assumed by the undersigned under the authority of Col. Hugh Straughn.


EGBARRIO G. ESQUERRA
Lt. Col., Commanding

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
Office of the Chief Engineer

ADVANCE ECHELON, APO 500
10 March 1945

CE 230 (10 Mar 45)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General L. J. Sverdrup, Engineer
Construction Command, APO 75.

1. This will serve to introduce Mr. Bartolome C. Blanco, who served under me at the National Power Corporation during my detail in the Philippines during the period 1937 to 1940.

2. Mr. Blanco was injured during the occupation of Manila, having had his arm broken by artillery fire and also having lost one of his children.

3. He is a graduate of the University of the Philippines, as BSME, 1921, and has also finished graduate work in mathematics and in electrical engineering. He has also had practical experience in electrical work, welding and other mechanical work.

4. Mr. Blanco is an eminent mathematician and has an excellent mind on any form of theoretical research including hydraulics, hydrodynamics and similar theory.

5. His services have been loyal and patriotic during the period of Japanese occupation.

6. I feel that he can perform loyal and able service along any line related to his qualifications and experience.

7. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Lim both know of his qualifications and experience.

(SGD.) HUGH J. CASEY
Major General, USA
Chief Engineer

TRUE COPY:

*W. J. Sverdrup
10 Mar 45*

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Authority: NND 885078

HEADQUARTERS
100th CENTRAL HOSPITAL

VVA/

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201

SUBJECT: Disposition of Patients.

TO: OO,

THRU: MEDICAL OFFICER:

1. In compliance with Par 7c (3) AF 40-590, the following information pertaining to member of your command is furnished:

<u>BLANK, BASTROLOM</u> (NAME)	<u>PSL-017</u> (SERIAL)	<u>(CODE)</u>
Date of Admission (This Hospital)	26 Nov. 1945	
Date of Disposition:	5 Dec. 1945	
Line of Duty: BSA		
Diagnosis: Absorption of bone, secondary to wiring of compound fractures of radius and ulna, left, mild.		

2. Patients carried as attd fr oth org per with par 7b (1) and par 7b (2) AF 40-590 and 5th Sept 45 and a attd unused per with par 7b (2) sub paragraphs a b and c, AF 40-590 and 5th Sept 45.

Paul W. Armstrong
CAPTAIN W. ARMSTRONG
Capt., USA
A & D OFFICER

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HEADQUARTERS
120th GENERAL HOSPITAL

VVA/LLO.

APO 1011

11 Oct. 45.
DATE

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SUBJECT: Disposition of Patients.

TO: CC, IT MAY CONCERN:

THRU: MEDICAL OFFICER:

In compliance with Par 7c (3) AR 40-590, the following information pertaining to member of your command is furnished:

BLANCO, BARTOLOME C. CIVILIAN FILIPINO.
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Date of Admission (This Hospital) 3 Aug 45. (a).

Date Disposition: Discharged, improved, 8 Sept., 45.

Line of Duty: Does not apply.

Diagnosis: Fracture, faulty union, compound, complete, left ulna and radius, middle 1/3, a.i. by shrapnel wound, 9 February 45, Manila, P.I.

(a) (Initial admission 14 April 1945,

DIAG: 1. Fracture, compound, comminuted, radius, ulna left, severe, incurred VAUGHN W. ARMSTRONG
8 Feb. 1945, while guiding American soldiers to Jap hideouts when he was hit by Jap artillery barrage near Manila, P.I. Cert., MAC A & D OFFICER
2. Cellulitis, left forearm, mod. severe, secondary to # 1.

LD: Does not apply.

DISP: Discharged, 31 May 1945.

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COMMANDING OFFICER

2 August 1945

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. B. C. Blanco while acting as a guide for our troops during the combat in Manila was seriously injured by enemy fire, resulting in the crippling of his arm.

It is understood that much of this crippling can be relieved by an operation. Inasmuch as this injury was received by Mr. Blanco as a volunteer assisting our forces through hostile unknown areas, it is strongly recommended that he be admitted to an Army Hospital for necessary treatment.

I have known Mr. Blanco since before the war, during which time he was engaged as an Engineer with the National Power Corporation on the construction of the Government Caliraya Hydro-electric project. More recently he has been employed by the Luzon Engineer District as an Engineer in connection with the rehabilitation of that project.

HUGH J. CASEY
Major General, USA
Chief Engineer

*True Copy
attached
1st Lt. C.*

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FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS
UNDER COL. HUGH STRAUSS
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BLANCO'S UNIT

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS STAFF

1. Major Bartolome C. Blanco-----C. O.
2. Capt. Manuel Paz -----Executive Officer
3. 1st. Lt. Quirino Semach -----Assistant Executive Off.

Bartolome C. Blanco
Bartolome C. Blanco
Major, Commanding



Hq. Platoon "A" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troops
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn Unit

Hq. Platoon Rifle Co.

1. Capt. Teopisto B. Remo -----	C. G.
2. 1st. Lt. Andres E. Remo -----	Exec. Officer
3. 1st. Sgt. Alfredo Vinas -----	1st. Sergeant
4. S. Sgt. Pedro Dilay -----	Mess Sgt.
5. S. Sgt. Bricio Remo -----	Supply Sgt.
6. Sgt. Besto Jader -----	Communication
7. Sgt. Mariano Vito -----	Cook
8. Sgt. Francisco Rasay -----	Cook
9. Cpl. Andres Suarez -----	Cook
10. Cpl. Blas Sanchez -----	Cook
11. Cpl. Eledio Alivia -----	Company Clerk
12. Cpl. Justo de Ramos -----	Armor Artificer
13. Pfc. Domingo Perez	
14. Pfc. Mariano Fegas	
15. Pfc. Melecio Tetic	
16. Pfc. Binigno Sibial	
17. Pfc. Gabriel Cerinilla	
18. Pfc. Emeterio Macuha	
19. Pfc. Elegio Macuha	
20. Pfc. Leonardo Quesia	
21. Pfc. Simeon Abanador	
22. Pfc. Melecio Aguilar	
23. Pvt. Mariano Austria	
24. Pvt. Nicolas Biyuin	
25. Pvt. Daniel Sison	
26. Pvt. Ubaldo Ulais	
27. Pvt. Leonardo de la Rosa	
28. Pvt. Anecito Oborza	
29. Pvt. Bernardo Magugu	
30. Pvt. Gregorio Magnage	
31. Pvt. Narciso Decel	
32. Pvt. Daniel Valdoria	
33. Pvt. Hipokito Andote	
34. Pvt. Vidal Ranes	
35. Pvt. Mauro Oborza	

I hereby certify that the above men will be available for processing if recognized, and that no man has been listed hereon without his knowledge and consent.

Bartolome C. Blanco
Bartolome C. Blanco
Major, Commanding

Weapon "A" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troops
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn, U.S. Army

Hq. Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

1. 1st. Lt. Pedro Villadiego
2. T. Sgt. Rodrigo Cedino
3. Cpl. Federico Fernandez
4. Cpl. Anastacio Sulit
5. Pfc. Agustin Hernandez
6. Pvt. Ambrocio Rosales

Mortar Section

-Sect. Hq.

1. S. Sgt. Selvestre Garcia
2. Pvt. Rufino Villadiego

First Squad

1. Sgt. Julio Mansebal
2. Pfc. Manuel Rocillon
3. Pfc. Catalino Garcia
4. Pvt. Ruginio Wirino
5. Pvt. Sario Albindo

Second Squad

1. Sgt. Artemio Rosales
2. Pfc. Gaudencio Ilaw
3. Pfc. Gregorio Magunze
4. Pvt. Apolinario Galletto
5. Pvt. Loreto Aolan

Third Squad

1. Sgt. Lorenzo Ibenda
2. Pfc. Leonardo Atienza
3. Pfc. Porferio de Villa
4. Pvt. Geriaco Dimiano
5. Pvt. Salvador Adal

Machine Gun Section

Sect. Hq.

1. S. Sgt. Arsenio Timpogg
2. Pvt. Leoncio Maglutang

First Squad

1. Sgt. Abelardo Sagal
2. Pfc. Erenio Pamintuan
3. Pfc. Fidel Lopez
4. Pvt. Esmel Vical
5. Pvt. Apblinar Valdez

Second Squad

1. Sgt. Pablo Arceo
2. Pfc. Emelio Matigoy
3. Pfc. Sesinando Balima
4. Pvt. Benito de Chaves
5. Pvt. Elias Enoacio

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Bartolome C. Blanco
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Major, Commanding

1st Platoon "A" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troops
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn, U.S. Army
Unit

Rifle Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

1. 2nd Lt. Pedro Catigbac
2. T. Sgt. Manuel Rocoles
3. S. Sgt. Arsenio Marbng
4. Pfc. Bernardo Panopio
5. Pvt. Urbano Salanag

First Squad

1. S. Sgt. Pablo Arcea
2. Pfc. Bienvenido De Chavez
3. Pfc. Pablo Marquez
4. Pfc. Mariano Silva
5. Pfc. Bricio Mercado
6. Pfc. Potenciano Guzman
7. Pvt. Porferio Anusan
8. Pvt. Julio Ocena
9. Pvt. Pedro Macetangal
10. Pvt. G. Alcantara
11. Pvt. Macario Gago
12. Sgt. Luis Rodriguez

Second Squad

1. S. Sgt. Ricardo Villacillal
2. Pfc. Rufo Binoner
3. Pfc. Emelio Galo
4. Pfc. Sulficito Remo
5. Pfc. Isidoro Baliwag
6. Pfc. Leoncio Caniobas
7. Pvt. Selvestre Anog
8. Pvt. Juan Ferrer
9. Pvt. Francisco Rosales
10. Pvt. Gregorio Ilaw
11. Pvt. Emeliano Sibak
12. Sgt. Edelberto Atienza

Third Squad

1. S. Sgt. Rufino Facundo
2. Pfc. Pablo Hidalgo
3. Pfc. Mariano Linobo
4. Pfc. Pedro Magseso
5. Pfc. Mario Manigbas
6. Pfc. Pedro Rono
7. Pvt. Cataline delaAla
8. Pvt. Crastino Robledo
9. Pvt. Beato Salandanan
10. Pvt. Leon Dimeamo
11. Pvt. Lauriano Remo
12. Sgt. Damian Gonzales

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Bartolome C. Blanco
Bartolome C. Blanco
Major, Commanding

2nd platoon "A" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troops
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn Unit

Rifle Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

1. 2nd Lt. Fausto Llamas
2. T. Sgt. Natalio Bata
3. S. Sgt. Tomas Roxas
4. Pfc. Fidel Cruz
5. Pvt. Rufino Merguez

Third Squad

- | <u>First Squad</u> | <u>Second Squad</u> | <u>Third Squad</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. S. Sgt. Mariano Enriquez | 1. S. Sgt. Brigido Quereme | 1. S. Sgt. Cornilio Enriquez |
| 2. Pfc. Pablo Cleriza | 2. Pfc. Zoilo Alcazar | 2. Pfc. Clirio Sarmiento |
| 3. Pfc. Brigido Binog | 3. Pfc. Ireneo de Mesa | 3. Pfc. Alejanfro Ramos |
| 4. Pfc. Toribio de Luna | 4. Pfc. Gregorio Viloría | 4. Pfc. Hermogines Lopes |
| 5. Pfc. Angel Ferrer | 5. Pfc. Filimon Rodriguez | 5. Pfc. Victoriano Jemenes |
| 6. Pfc. Luis Bataclan | 6. Pfc. Mariano Carandang | 6. Pfc. Pedro Casenio |
| 7. Pvt. Benigno Linog | 7. Pvt. Simplicio Bodillo | 7. Pvt. Pedro Salinas |
| 8. Pvt. Saberio Casrion | 8. Pvt. Victoriano Alba | 8. Pvt. Teodorico Alcantara |
| 9. Pvt. Basilio Castillo | 9. Pvt. Francisco Vonzuela | 9. Pvt. Miguel Mendoza |
| 10. Pvt. Benito Sulit | 10. Pvt. Pontecio Matibng | 10. Pvt. Venancio Rosales |
| 11. Pvt. Epifanio Albis | 11. Pvt. Modesto Pabilano | 11. Pvt. Angel Salvia |
| 12. Sgt. Jose de la Costa | 12. Sgt. Teodoro Villareal | 12. Sgt. Braulio Locero |

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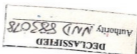
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Major, Commanding

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Leader Contact Team

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3rd Platoon "A" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troops
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn, Unit

Rifle Platoon
U.S.A. T/O

Platoon Headquarters

1. 2nd Lt. Giraeco Torralba
2. T. Sgt. Rosendo Magno
3. S. Sgt. Victor Manjit
4. Pfc. Cipriano Lauriano
5. Pvt. Ambrocio Alviz

First Squad

Second Squad

Third Squad

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. S. Sgt. Aguedo Guzman | 1. S. Sgt. Vicente Jose | 1. S. Sgt. Felipe Dical |
| 2. Pfc. Alveno Gue | 2. Pfc. Leocadio Lagrosa | 2. Pfc. Epifanio Alcantara |
| 3. Pfc. Rufinb Arena | 3. Pfc. Filix de Campo | 3. Pfc. Leon Asuncion |
| 4. Pfc. Jose Iglesias | 4. Pfc. Hilario Nulay | 4. Pfc. Nicolas Comia |
| 5. Pfc. Epifanio Alvezo | 5. Pfc. Varieno Nunay | 5. Pfc. Juan Ferrer |
| 6. Pfc. Pio Villadiego | 6. Pfc. Antonio Sto. Nino | 6. Pfc. Pedro Vico |
| 7. Pvt. Ignacio Remajo | 7. Pvt. Felipe Samyado | 7. Pvt. Dominador Riso |
| 8. Pvt. Isidoro Masilang | 8. Pvt. Nicacio Africa | 8. Pvt. Lupe Vico |
| 9. Pvt. Porfacio Villoria | 9. Pvt. Anastacio Armaminto | 9. Pvt. Ricardo Mendoza |
| 10. Pvt. Manuel Roodles | 10. Pvt. Eugenio Leyva | 10. Pvt. Remegio Villadiego |
| 11. Pvt. Segundo Jumawan | 11. Pvt. Raymundo Sibac | 11. Pvt. Nicacio Sanchez |
| 12. Sgt. Artemio Ebares | 12. Sgt. Fermin Aviles | 12. Sgt. Francisco Abillo |

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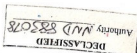
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Major, Commanding.

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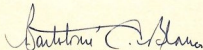


Fil-American Irregular Troops
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn Unit

Hq. Platoon Rifle Co.

1. Captain Marcial R. Suarez -----	C. O.
2. 1st. Lt. Ananias Dikit -----	Executive Officer
3. 1st. Sgt. Pelino Sinaban -----	1st. Sgt.
4. S. Sgt. Canlas Panlilio -----	Supply Sgt.
5. S. Sgt. Francisco Mercado -----	Mess Sgt.
6. Sgt. Perfecto Hernandez -----	Communication
7. Sgt. Eusibio Cayos -----	Cook
8. Sgt. Alfonza Gutierrez -----	Cook
9. Cpl. Bernabe Samson -----	Cook
10. Cpl. Mauricio Martizano -----	Cook
11. Cpl. Jesus Samson -----	Company Clerk
12. Juan Singeb -----	Armor Artificer
13. Pfc. Alfredo del Ampo	
14. Pfc. Miguel S. Soriano	
15. Pfc. Cesario Diaz	
16. Pfc. Elegio Meneses	
17. Pfc. Bricio Mercado	
18. Pfc. Potenciano Guzman	
19. Pfc. Venancio Aviles	
20. Pfc. Julia Ocena	
21. Pfc. Silvestre Anog	
22. Pfc. Remigio Paz	
23. Pvt. Amado Garcia	
24. Pvt. Zacarias Masimsin	
25. Pvt. Ricardo Alcantara	
26. Pvt. Sixto Terona	
27. Pvt. Tomas Diaz	
28. Pvt. Policarpio Tejada	
29. Pvt. Flaviano Jamara	
30. Pvt. Julian de Guzman	
31. Pvt. Victorino Asaro	
32. Pvt. Francisco Laito	
33. Pvt. Paulino Belmonte	
34. Pvt. Rafo Almadrigo	
35. Pvt. Narciso Tibol	

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Bartolome G. Blanco
Major, Commanding.

Weapon Platoon "B" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troops
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn Unit

Platoon Headquarter

1. 1st Lt. Sosimo Saviano
2. T. Sgt. Isidoro Lalos
3. Cpl. Roman Austria
4. Cpl. Rufino Marquez
5. Pfc. Sofronio Maceraig
6. Pvt. Alejandro Madlenbayan

Mortar Section

Sect. Hq.

1. S. Sgt. Francisco Palamedo
2. Pvt Casiano Rosario

First Squad

1. Sgt. Pedro Samson
2. Pfc. Toribio Luna
3. Pfc. Simporoso Quecha
4. Pvy. Fabian Guzman
5. Pvt. Filix Abut

Second Squad

1. Sgt. Amado Ramos
2. Pfc. Basilio Sermiento
3. Pfc. Alfredo Manintino
4. Pvt. Eulogio Solidad
5. Pvt. Gregorio Gatulan

Third Squad

1. Sgt. Godofredo Marquez
2. Pfc. Abdon Teodoro
3. Pfc. Sirafin Manoso
4. Pvt. Procopio de Chaves
5. Pvt. Gregorio Ema

Machine Gun Section

Sect. Hq.

1. S. Sgt. Graciano Andaya
2. Pvt. Roberto Almagao

First Squad

1. Sgt. Leoncio Magpatagal
2. Pfc Lorenzo Talinio
3. Pfc. Candido Juko
4. Pvt. Presco Baladad
5. Pvt Amado Acosta

Second Squad

1. Sgt. Luis Abeto
2. Pfc. Arcadio Palamedo
3. Pfc. Rómulo Agapay
4. Pvt. Eulogio Baladad
5. Pvt. Mariano Abut

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Leader Contact Team

Total Men Listed 35

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1st Platoon "B" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troops
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Platoon Headquarter

1. 2nd Lt. Igmedio Pantaleon
2. T. Sgt. Francisco Cajos
3. S. Sgt. Ceriaco R. Oblio
4. Pfc. Ruperto Agapito
5. Pvt. Quirino Dapo

First Squad

1. S.Sgt. Quirino Cambel
2. Pfc. Tomas De Liyas
3. Pfc. Francisco Rosales
4. Pfc. Antonio Bertudes
5. Pfc. Pedro Taldad
6. Pfc. Selvestre Arceo
7. Pfc. Protacio Reyes
8. Pvt. Delfino Alena
9. Pvt. Zoilo Dute
10. Pvt. Perfecto Cirivilla
11. Pvt. Francisco Bacario
12. Sgt. Simón Calibog

Second Squad

1. Sgt. Cerilo Ariola
2. Pfc. Ambrocio Albus
3. Pfc. Loreto Atienza
4. Pfc. Aurelio Tesoro
5. Pfc. Ruben Jemenez
6. Pfc. Adriano Mercado
7. Pfc. Pablo Lupceez
8. Pvt. Santos Real
9. Pvt. Lipe Planiano
10. Pvt. Juan Sengalang
11. Pvt. Pedro Broce
12. Sgt. Pilimon Pangeniben

Third Squad

1. S.Sgt. Apolinario Mergera
2. Pfc. Simeón Etara
3. Pfc. Juan Marsanan
4. Pfc. Antonio Enriquez
5. Pfc. Erenco Avelino
6. Pfc. Paulino Suarez
7. Pfc. Pedro Cirivilla
8. Pvt. Quintin Magnaye
9. Pvt. Vivencio Mendoza
10. Pvt. Segundo Alcalá
11. Pvt. Agapito Aldey
12. Sgt. Melecio Abogado

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2nd Platoon "B" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troop
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn Unit

Platoon Headquarters

1. 2nd Lt. Gregorio Eguerra
2. T. Sgt. Potenciano Ocampo
3. S. Sgt. Estulio Mendoza
4. Pfc. Roberto Almageo
5. Pvt. Manerto Pagkaliwagan

First Squad

1. S. Sgt. G. Sales
2. Pfc. Lupe de Leon
3. Pfc. Abdon Lontac
4. Pfc. Mariano Arode
5. Pfc. Maximino de Fores
6. Pfc. Vicente Obispo
7. Pvt. Lamberto Banaag
8. Pvt. Domingo Ester
9. Pvt. Juan de Roxas
10. Pvt. Felipe Mendoza
11. Pvt. Vicente Aliling
12. Sgt. Jose Aguilar

Second Squad

1. S. Sgt. David Alcantara
2. Pfc. Juanito Elaso
3. Pfc. Leoncio Renado
4. Pfc. Justeniano Abut
5. Pfc. Crispulo Javier
6. Pfc. Filimon Montero
7. Pvt. Pascual Ilagan
8. Pvt. Roberto Manzala
9. Pvt. Leon Anate
10. Pvt. Jorge Sayol
11. Pvt. Pedro de Villar
12. Sgt. Mariano Quijada

Third Squad

1. S. Sgt. Guellermo Lozano
2. Pfc. Francisco Lagare
3. Pfc. Sisinando Gutierrez
4. Pfc. Estiben Albitos
5. Pfc. Juanito Villacillo
6. Pfc. Filiciano Salazar
7. Pvt. Jose Castillo
8. Pvt. Cecillo Castillo
9. Pvt. Dalmado Pacaca
10. Pvt. Everito Zuleta
11. Pvt. Pedro de Lata
12. Sgt. Gabriel Encaliao

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3rd Platoon "B" Company
Fil-American Irregular Troops
Under Colonel Hugh Straughn Units

Platoon Headquarter

- 1.
2. T. Sgt. Adriano Aclan
3. S. Sgt. Isidoro Umali
4. Pfc. Justo de Ramos
5. Pvt. Cirilo Inocencio

1. First Squad

1. S. Sgt. Guillermo Solis
2. Pfc. Antonio Ano
3. Pfc. Bonifacio Magibao
4. Pfc. Catalino de Ramos
5. Pfc. Gregorio Quejada
6. Pfc. Maximo Laygo
7. Pvt. Simeon Rajos
8. Pvt. Juan Mayuga
9. Pvt. Agustin Hernandez
10. Pvt. Lucio Bustamante
11. Pvt. Silveno Catigbag
12. Sgt. Alejo Balon

Second Squad

1. S. Sgt. Simeon Roxes
2. Pfc. Eugenio Andal
3. Pfc. Miguel Sulit
4. Pfc. Sulphicio Ibarra
5. Pfc. Juan de Vella
6. Pfc. Maxima Alcazar
7. Pvt. Manuel Decena
8. Pvt. Protuoso Ramirez
9. Pvt. Severo Sulo
10. Pvt. Felipe Varona
11. Pvt. Apolinario Gallito
12. Sgt. Magdalena Reyes

Third Squad

1. S. Sgt. Aurelio Cuse
2. Pfc. Tomas Tan
3. Arsenio Umilin, Pfc.
4. Pfc. Nazario Pasogan
5. Pfc. Clemente Arellano
6. Pfc. Julio Artificio
7. Pvt. Cerilo Bautista
8. Pvt. Miguel Atienza
9. Pvt. Acosimo Gutierrez
10. Pvt. Rafael Ester
11. Pvt. Alfredo Malver
12. Sgt. Nicasio Sanchez

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

1. Blanco Unit FAIT Manila
Name of Unit Location
- (a) FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS
Name of overall command
- (b) Col. Manuel Dikit Manila
Name of overall commanding officer address
- (c) Bartolome Blanco Visita, Paco, Manila
Name of unit commanding officer address
- (d) 11th Airborne ; 27th Ord. ; 947th FA
Name of using unit
- (e) Hilaric Eguerra September 1942
Authority for organization of Unit. 1) date organized 2) date reorganized
- | | | | | |
|--|--|--|-------------------|--|
| | | | <u>Sept. 1945</u> | |
| | | | 3) inactivated | |
- (f) Strength in officers and EM
- | | | | | | |
|--|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | 1942 | <u>500</u> | 1943 | <u>400</u> |
| | 1944 | <u>390</u> | 1945 | <u>390</u> | 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) 6 5
dead wounded
- (h) Personnel: 4 35
- | | | |
|-----------|--------------|------------|
| USAFPE | No. officers | EM |
| P.A. | No. officers | EM |
| P.S. | No. officers | EM |
| | <u>14</u> | <u>330</u> |
| 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 50 rifles & pistol 1943 72
- 1944 25 1945 50 1946

How procured : Left by USAFFE
Captured some from Japanese

(b) Transportation available Trucks 4 Motor cars 1
How procured purchase X confiscation yes
capture X military necessity X

(c) Radios available for broadcasts X
Radios available for reception 3 - Captured by Japs

(d) Weapons still in hands of unit None

(e) Weapons turned in by unit All To whom 11 A/B, 27 Ord, 947 FA

3. Activities including type
- | | During Occupation | Liberation |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| (a) <u>Intelligence</u> | | |
| (b) <u>Sabotage</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) Trucks, Arms, Ammo, Cannon, Carts, Bridge
Destruction of Japanese
- (c) None
Capture of Japanese property (including type)
- (d) Plenty
Enemy casualties

5. Methods used to procure supplies in local areas.

- (a) None
Amount purchased
- (b) P 45,000 Jap Money
Amount donated
- (c) P 20,000 Jap Money
Captured from Japanese
- (d) X
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) MARKINGS; HUNTERS Manila - Pasay
Name of units Locations

7. Conflicts with other Guerrilla Units. Cause.
8. Contact has been made by team with available sources for information.
- (a) _____
Civilians in areas
- (b) _____
Local governmental authorities
- (c) _____
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. _____
Units present activities
11. _____
Political Aspects
12. _____
Condition of equipment on hand (all types)
13. _____
Influencing factors not otherwise specified

Signature of all officers from GAD working case.

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