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Mr. Emilio G. Acdal
 People's Bank Building, Manila, PI.
 c/o Lt. Charles P. Middleton, Jr.
 U. S. Army Training Group, APPAG
 APO 500, c/o FM, S. F., Calif.

Dear Mr. Acdal:

The "Santa Mesa Unit, FAIT", guerrilla organization under your nominal control has not been favorably considered for recognition by this headquarters.

You will collect all arms, ammunition and United States Government equipment in your organization and turn such articles over to Lieutenant Charles P. Middleton, Jr. You will then notify the organization of the decision rendered in paragraph 1, above, inform the personnel that they are on a civilian status and direct them to return to their homes.

For the Commander-in-Chief:

W. S. DOOLEY,
 Capt. AGD,
 Asst. AG.

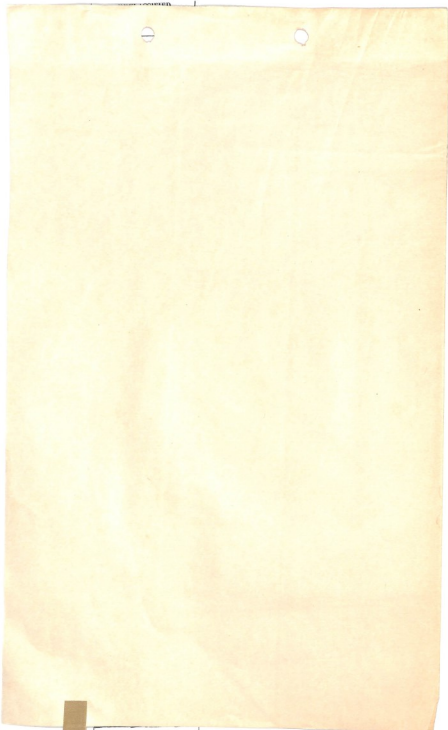
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Mr. Emilio G. Acdal
People's Bank Building, Manila, PI
c/o Capt Leo S. Wortman, Jr
U S Army Training Group, AFFAC
AFG 500, c/o PH, S.F., Calif

Dear Mr. Acdal:

The "Santa Mesa Unit, FAIT", guerrilla organization under your nominal control has not been favorably considered for recognition by this headquarters.

You will collect all arms, ammunition and United States Government equipment in your organization and turn such articles over to Captain Leo S. Wortman, Jr. You will then notify the organization of the decision rendered in paragraph 1, above, inform the personnel that they are on a civilian status and direct them to return to their homes.

For the Commander-in-Chief:

D. W. DOOLEY,
Capt. AGD,
Asst. AG.

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 UNITED STATES ARMY TRAINING GROUP, AFPAC
 Guerrilla Affairs Section

APO 500
 29 August 1945

REPORT ON SANTA MESA UNIT, FAIT

This officer, under orders Chief, Guerrilla Affairs Section, U.S. Army Training Group, contacted Emilio G. Acdal, commanding officer of the Santa Mesa Unit, Fil-American Irregular Troops, on 9 August 1945, to begin investigations of the unit, with a view to making subsequent recommendations for its recognition, if indicated.

The Guerrilla Affairs Office received the "Guerrilla Unit Questionnaire" for the organization from Bonifacio Araullo, (J.M. Bays), who states that it is under his overall command, as commanding officer of the FAIT. Mr. Acdal did not know that the Guerrilla Affairs Office existed, and had been told by Araullo that if he desired recognition for his unit, it would have to be done through Araullo's headquarters.

The results of the investigation, which are the basis for the recommendations submitted, are given in the following report.

Organizations

The Santa Mesa Unit, FAIT, consists of one company of six officers and 135 enlisted men, with headquarters on the third floor, People's Bank Building, Manila, which is also Araullo's headquarters. All members of this unit reside in the Santa Mesa section of Manila. None of the members possess arms.

History

The Guerrilla Unit Questionnaire and history submitted to the Guerrilla Affairs Office states that the organization was formed in the early part of 1942 in Manila. The history of the organization is sketchy; however, it is claimed that the unit has been affiliated with the FAIT since November, 1942. Emilio Acdal stated in an interview that he joined the Santa Mesa Unit in 1942 under orders of General Bays (Bonifacio Araullo), but his commission papers which he carries indicate that he has been affiliated first with Marking's Guerrillas and later with the Sierra Madre Command, United States Forces in the Philippines (USFIP). Ten of the men of the Santa Mesa Unit were interviewed by Lt. Middleton, Guerrilla Affairs Office, and the similarity of each man's story suggested that he had been coached as to what to say. Of the men questioned, it was found that each of the men had done a small amount of espionage by himself, and also that three of the men had associated themselves with other organizations. One had been with Ramsey, one with Lapham, and one had been associated with Barrion's organization. No evidence could be found that would indicate that the unit had functioned as such. The officers and men of the company could not give detailed information of their activities during the Japanese occupation, but talked only in general terms.

It was asserted by Acdal that one platoon of the unit had gone to Masugbu, Batangas after the landing of the 11th Airborne Division at that point, and had

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helped as part of the beach party. In the early part of June, this officer spent approximately ten days in the Masugbu area, investigating guerrilla units. At the time of the landing of the division, approximately one company of Fil-Americans helped with the unloading, all of which were later recommended for recognition by the 11th Airborne Division and which were later recognized as the "Masugbu Fil-Americans". Officers of the division who participated in the operation stated that all men who actively worked with their organization had been recommended. Mr. Acdal admitted that of the platoon which had gone to Masugbu, ten had been absorbed by Barrion's division.

All information gained in this investigation indicates that the company was not organized in its present form during the Japanese occupation, but that it has been formed recently of men who were available in the vicinity. There is no doubt that a few individuals worked as guerrillas for short periods of time, and at irregular intervals. It is estimated that approximately 90% of the members did nothing. That the unit was physically under the control of Araullo before April, 1945, is doubtful.

Recommendations

Because the Santa Mesa Unit did not function as a guerrilla organization during the occupation period, and because none of the men have been attached to U.S. units since that time, this officer recommends that the unit not be recognized, and that it be instructed to disband.

Law S. Wortman, Jr.
 LAW S. WORTMAN, JR.
 1st Lt., Infantry
 Contact Team "B"

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GUERRILLA AFFAIRS SECTION

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APO 501

GUERRILLA UNIT QUESTIONNAIRE

(Note - The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide information for this section necessary for locating and cataloging the various guerrilla units on Luzon. Questions are to be answered by the Commanding Officer of the Unit concerned).

Date: July 28 1945

- Name of Unit (No abbreviations) Santa Mesa Unit
- Name of C.O. Emilia S. Acdal
(First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name) (Serial No)
- Guerrilla rank of C.O. Captain
- Location of Unit Headquarters Santa Mesa, Manila
(Municipality) (Province)
- Strength of Unit: ARMED none UNARMED 141 TOTAL 141
- Outline of Organization: (I.e., 1 Inf. Regt. of 3 Bns. 1 Bn of 4 Co's, etc.)

"B" Co. Santa Mesa Unit — 141 men

- When and where was unit formed? November 1942
- Brief account of unit's activities from date of formation to present date: (Listing any assistance rendered U.S. units by your unit, giving name of U.S. unit assisted and name of Commanding Officer).

pls. see attached history of activities.

9. List the names of any other guerrilla organization with which your unit was affiliated since its formation, and show the dates and location of such affiliation:

AFFILIATED WITH DATE LOCATION S.O.

UNIT: Phil. American Irregular Troops
 NAME OF UNIT: Phil. American Irregular Troops
 DATE OF AFFILIATION: 1945 beginning
 LOCATION OF AFFILIATION: Sancta Mesa, Manila
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF UNIT: TO BE DETERMINED

10. If it is recognized, does your entire unit desire to continue on active service in the Philippine Army? Yes (Yes or No).

11. How many members of your unit are USAPFA personnel? 2

12. If answer to question 10 above is "Yes" how many men would desire to continue on active service in the Philippine Army? 100

I do solemnly swear the above given facts on the Sancta Mesa, Manila which I command, are true and complete, as they are to me.

Signature of C.O.: Emilio S. Pineda

Sworn to me these 20 days of July 1945 at Manila P. I.

Signature of C.O.: J. R. G. [unclear]
 Lt. Col. Emilio S. Pineda
 (Rank and Branch of Service)

ACTIVATION DIVISION
 SECURITY VALUING SECTION

UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLAND FORCES
FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS
Under Col. Edmond Ellsworth

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SANTA MESA GUERRILLA UNIT

This outfit began way back in November, 1942. I was commissioned to recruit men to make my strength at least a company.

During the Japanese occupation of the islands Captain Jesus Garcia who was the Adjutant of Major Puellas, instructed me and my men to do espionage work particularly in our area, (Santa Mesa). I reported the strength of the Japanese garrison, kind of arms; the places of military installation.

Together with my Major Angel Suarez, we went to Pagsanjan, Laguna to contact the Headquarter. From Pagsanjan we went to Infanta, Tayabas with Colonel Tabbacan and some men. On one way we harassed a Japanese garrison. We killed 2 Japanese and one of our men was wounded.

Before the Americans landed in the province of Batangas, we sent some men to Nasugbu under the direct command of 2nd Lt. Jose Wallon. When the Americans landed our men helped unloading supplies in the said province. At that time the 11th Airborne occupied the town of Nasugbu.

When the Americans told my men to go back home, 2 of the men stayed and are attached with the 11th Airborne Division.

Here in Manila some of my men joined the Americans at San Juan to Cubao, Quezon City.

Emilio G. Acidal
EMILIO G. ACIDAL
CAPTAIN, INFANTRY
Sta. Mesa Unit, Manila

UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLAND FORCES
 FIL-AMERICAN IRREGULAR TROOPS

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Emilio Aodal -----Captain
 Jose Mandin -----1st Lt.
 Alfonso Morgia -----2nd Lt.
 Jose Vallon -----2nd Lt.
 Fernando Pelin -----2nd Lt.

Dioscoro Ellovira ----1st Sgt. (dead)
 Hermenigildo Marras --Tech. Sgt. (Phil. Army)
 Gaudencio Pine -----Staff Sgt.
 Juliano Morgia -----Supply Sgt.

Duty Sergeants

1. Jesus Costelo	4. Juanito Vallon
2. Antonio Dalay	5. Ricardo Panelo
3. Egnedio Costelo	6. Fernando de los Reyes (missing)

CORPORALS

1. Bernardo Lagdameo (missing)	7. Vicente Pederes (11th Airborne)
2. Zacarian Pendon	8. Rumolo Tan (missing)
3. Diego Tandog	9. Venancio Panopio
4. Saturnino Morgia	10. Eustaquio Maderal
5. Glicerio de la Cruz	11. Federico Devine
6. Floro Dompol	12. Miguel Sideria

1st Class Privates

1. Manuel Alolod (missing)	6. Jorge Panilo
2. Celestino Veldeflor	7. Pedro Nacion
3. Emerico Pascual	8. Julian Velches
4. Eulogio Pelogan (missing)	9. Jacinto Marras
5. Alejandro Pederes	10. Ciriaco Lagunzad Jr.

Privates

1. Teodoro Epalago	17. Victor Samson
2. Leoncio Talacasan (missing)	18. Andres Riosa
3. Genaro Pasion	19. Gregorio Devine
4. Mauro Bolanag	20. Geraldo Mangahas
5. Ricardo Managan	21. Brigido Martinez
6. Onofre Abuena	22. Marcelino Bustamante
7. Andres Reyes (dead)	23. Emiliano Labendia
8. Simeon Reyes (dead)	24. Primo Rufino
9. Esmael Reyes	25. Casimiro Panelo
10. Ruperto Reyes	26. Quitino Jabon
11. Amando de Guzman (missing)	27. Cefirino Sumedevila
12. Mariano Mina	28. Alfredo Sumedevila
13. Jose de Guzman (missing)	29. Pascual Jallera
14. Benjamin Mina	30. Emerico Pascual
15. Pablo Hermosa	31. Juan Ramirez
16. Enestorio Santos	32. Leoncio Hermenio (missing)

Privates Continued

33. Godofredo Hume	64. Hermenegildo Lat(Barrion Div.)
34. Cesar Oliviano	65. Alejandro Repe
35. Olimpio Sibal	66. Tiburcio Bermoy
36. Emilio Dalman	67. Zacarias Aleocer
37. Ernesto Labandelo	68. Arsenio Mese (missing)
38. Rodolfo Biscan(missing)	69. Eleuterio de la Cruz
39. Federico Badando(missing)	70. Andres Bas (Barrion Div.)
40. Manuel Costelo	71. Ramon Egyes (Barrion Div.)
41. Angel Sumadilo	72. Miguel Matividad (Barrion Div.)
42. Bernardo Vellegas	73. Leopoldo Arkiola(Barrion Div.)
43. Fornato Vellegas	74. Leopoldo Sigler (Barrion Div.)
44. Ricardo Battista	75. Rodolfo Pinesa (Barrion Div.)
45. Benito Elloran	76. Bernardo Primitivo(Barrion Div.)
46. Marcos Caintic (missing)	77. Jose Pelaez (Barrion Div.)
47. Pedro Caintic	78. Basilio Montana
48. Ireneo Amoy	79. Alvero Calderon
49. Feliciano Mercado(Phil. Army)	80. Pablo Jesus
50. Ambrosio Smtiago	81. Dominador Brandio
51. Angel Santiago	82. Fernando Guevara
52. Pilemon Laurente	83. Ruperto Acosta
53. Maximiano Benedicto	84. Nicasio Evangelista
54. Francisco Gusac(missing)	85. Maximo Falcom
55. Juan Tendon	86. Vicente Galang
56. Manuel Dillareal	87. Daniel Piatas
57. Anastacio Colcosan	88. Vicente Galetsa
58. Luciano Dayug	89. Pedro Endoc
59. Ananias Galimba(missing)	90. Eulalio Guanson
60. Juan Omiat	91. Catalino Balili
61. Ruperto Lagura	92. Timoteo Esperanza
62. Gregorio Lagdameo	93. Teodoro Serrano
63. Lucio Ipanag	94. Antonio Molina
	95. Francisco Quintero
	96. Emiliano Lausa
	97. Apolonio Cristobal
	98. Bladio Limboco
	99. Florentino Dumpa
	100. Pedro Medroma
	101. Raymond Sarsonas
	102. Andres Camonig
	103. Anatalio Dulay
	104. Sebastian Susa

Emilio G. Accal
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Captain
Commander
Santa Mesa Unit
Manila

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