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STATUS	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARMY SERVICE BRANCH	STATION	REMARKS
MORNING REPORT LOCATOR CARD						
GAINS		OTHERS		0		
A	PRESENT - assigned & joined	1	ABSENT - from duty to AWOL	1		
B	ABSENT - assigned but not joined	2	PRESENT - arrival to unit from AWOL	2		
C	PRESENT - arrival & assignment, from other theaters, or in cont. US from outside cont. US	3	PRESENT - arrival at new station/transfer of an individual unit within the "cont. US" theaters	3		
D	PRESENT - to military school from dropped as AWOL	4	ABSENT - sick	4		
E	PRESENT - arrival & assignment from the cont. US	5	PRESENT - from: not yet joined/present/sick	5		
LOSSES		6		6		
J	TRANSFER - within cont. US or within theaters	7	ABSENT - departure on TDY/DS from cont. US or theater, or between theaters	7		
L	TRANSFER - cont. US to outside cont. US/inter theater	8	PRESENT - returned from TDY/DS	8		
M	SEPARATION - battle casualty, missing/captured/death	9	ABSENT - departure on DS within cont. US or within theaters	9		
N	SEPARATION - other than by death or battle casualty	10	ABSENT - departure on TDY/DS to the cont. US from outside the cont. US	10		
O	SEPARATION - all others except killed in action	11	PRESENT - "Theater" includes bases & departments	11		
DETACHED SERVICE		NOTICE		12		
P	SEPARATION - dropped from rolls as AWOL	12	NOTE - "Theater" includes bases & departments	12		
Q	TRANSFER to the cont. US from outside cont. US	13		13		
R	PRESENT - NOT ASSIGNED - arrival on duty	14		14		
S	FORMER - recent leave/retirement	15		15		
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF CHG OF OR UNIT	ORGANIZATION NAME	STATION NAME OR SHIPMENT NO. OR A.P.O. NO.
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NAME OF UNIT

GEORGE E. GAWLEY

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
 2. Investigating Officer's Notes
 3. Request for Evaluation of Accompanying Initial Memo ltr
dtd 5 Jan '46
 4. NFC ltr dtd 13 May '46

REMARKS:

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G-3 Form No. 2	HQ US AFWESPAC OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-3 OFFICE RETAINED RECORD		SEQUENCE NO. <u>601936</u>
			RADIO CITE. ---
G-3 File No: <u>GSC 201 George Cawley</u>	Date <u>7 May 46</u>		
SUBJECT: Request for recognition FROM : George Cawley	Type of Communication <u>Letter</u>		
CROSS REFERENCES:			
FOR ACTION BY: (file symbol only)	SUSPENSE DATE	CONCURRENCES	
		File Symbol	Initials Date
<u>GSCPG</u>			
OFFICER TAKING ACTION (and initials)			
<u>2nd Lt. A. T. Weber</u>			
Policy Non-policy	Recommending <u>approval</u>		
(File symbol)	(Action)	APPROVED	
TO: <u>M/C</u>	FOR: <u>Sup.</u>	<u>G-3</u>	
		<u>Lt. Col. H. L. Shaftoe</u> <u>11 May, 46</u>	
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD			
Lt. Col. H. L. Shaftoe:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The unit did not serve in the field, as an armed force. 2. Had no semblance of a military unit, but solely as an intelligence group. 3. The unit never functioned as a fighting unit before or after the arrival of the Liberating Forces. 4. The unit is not recommended by its over-all commander. 			

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13 MAY 1946 *Jan*

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Mr. George E. Cawley
Lamitan, Basilan
Mindanao, P. I.

Dear Mr. Cawley:

The "Basilan Guerrilla Forces, Lamitan, Basilan," pur-
porting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal con-
trol, has not been 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 witness-
es 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, during the occupation.
- b. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- c. 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.
- d. Record of service was not established by sufficient acceptable evidence.

It is requested that you comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 68, by the President of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945, copy attached.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. MOORE
Lt. Col., AGD
Ass't Adj Gen

1 Incl:
Executive Order No. 68.



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Manila, 2 April 1946

SUBJECT: Basilan Guerrilla Force, C.O. Cartagina, A.

TO : GUERRILLA AFFAIRS SECTION, G-3, AFWESPAC, APO 707

Reference: Sequence No. 87-53

The recognition of this unit was discussed with me by George Cawley in January 1946. A copy of my reply should be in your files. The Island of Basilan was so unfriendly toward the USFIP Guerrillas that all attempts to organize other than intelligence cells was abandoned. Since the people resisted all our advances prior to the Leyte landing, and at no time was the island garrisoned by more than 200 Japs, it is unjust to those who fought for two years in Zamboanga to allow this group to gain recognition for doing only their patriotic duty after living quietly with the enemy. The total number of Japs on Basilan as shown in the final intelligence report of the AC of S G-3 41st Div. on 7 March 1945, was 170 on the whole island.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this request be disapproved.

Wendell W. Fertig
WENDELL W. FERTIG
Colonel, CE.

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5 January 1946

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Accompanying Initial Memorandum re BASILAN GUERRILLA FORCE (BGF) to Determine if Case Merits further Investigation, Request for

TO : The Chief, Guerrilla Affairs Section
AFWESPAC, APO 707

1. Submitted herewith is a Memorandum Report, Subject: BASILAN GUERRILLA FORCE (BGF) dated 5 Jan. 1946.
2. Request that case be reviewed on the basis of this initial report, and the writer granted an interview to report other aspects and details of confidential nature.
3. If action is favorable, the undersigned will request a furlough to gather all pertinent information in Zamboanga, and prepare a final Memorandum Report.
4. Members of the BGF are unaware of this effort towards government recognition of the unit, although many members possess letters of commendation as a recognition of their individual efforts. These men undertook the job as their patriotic duty and such recognition will make them more conscious of the good work they had done.

Respectfully,

George E. Cawley
GEORGE E. CAWLEY
Agent CIC

Encls/Memorandum Report and exhibits.

3rd CIC Detachment
c/o AC of S, G-2
HFA, APO 501

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5 January 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE REVIEWING OFFICER:

SUBJECT: HQ Unit, BASILAN GUERRILLA FORCE (BGF)
Lamitan, Basilan, Zamboanga, Philippines

The writer herein endeavors to make a brief account of his background, and the organization and accomplishments of the above mentioned Subject.

I. Personal Background.

The writer was a senior agricultural student at the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines when hostilities commenced on 8 December 1941. He volunteered and was inducted into the USAFFE with the rank of 1st Sergeant on 28 December 1941; saw action in Bataan with the 2nd Anti-Tank Battalion which was cited twice. He surrendered with the rest on 11 April 1942 and was taken prisoner; conditionally released because of illness in August 1942; and, later, worked with the Bureau of Plant Industry in Manila in order to get an appointment which would take him and a sister back to Zamboanga, Mindanao.

While agricultural inspector for Zamboanga, the writer found his agricultural survey trips a good pretext and a rare opportunity to conduct free lance undercover work. People were badly misinformed of the war's progress and had as their only sources of information, the Japanese newspapers and an occasional wild rumor. The doubtful were kept under surveillance, and those who were proven loyal were acquainted with the latest developments of the war. The job was full time and risky, but this was a job that had to be done.

In June 1944 the writer, in order to quit his job, feigned abdominal pains and underwent a totally unnecessary appendectomy operation. Forthwith he went to Basilan Island to stay with the rest of the family and to recuperate.

It was then that he was more determined than ever to join the guerrillas actively under Capt. Donald LeCouvre in Free Zamboanga. Objections, however, were plentiful and well founded. The Japs would certainly

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construe my absence to mean that I had joined the guerrillas and would certainly seek reprisals on the remaining family members and relations. The family was under surveillance after my father was taken to the concentration camp and when the Japs got wind that three of my brothers were in the States, one in the U.S. Navy. I was forced to act, therefore, with great caution, and decided that I could serve my country and family best by remaining in the place and secretly forming an organized underground resistance movement.

II. Formation of the HQ Unit BASILAN GUERRILLA FORCE.

The first man taken into confidence was Lt. Adriano Cartagena, a good friend of the writer and a USAFFE officer. Lt. Cartagena wholeheartedly approved of the general idea, and the two set out together to plan future operations.

III. Plans and Purposes of the Organization.

- a. To form a headquarters detachment to serve as a nucleus for further expansion.
- b. To acquire its men by careful screening after they had been recommended fit for the job.
- c. To disseminate news and to acquaint the people with the current developments.
- d. To canvass and gather all firearms possible, to be stored away until the opportune time.
- e. To watch and keep record of all Jap activities.

Shipping: Isabella harbor was fast becoming a submarine and PT base.

Gun Emplacements: Location and caliber of guns, and the number of troops and ammunition dumps.

Kaigun Jutai (Jap Special Police): Composed of Filipino who were terrorists.

IV. Strength of the Unit.

The unit had a total strength of four (4) officers and twenty-one (21) enlisted men at the peak of operations on 16 March 1945. ✓

Two (2) additional officers were inducted into the unit during its period of activation:

3rd Lt. Ramon Garcia, USFIP	Inducted Jan. 1945
1st Lt. Ricardo Sebastian, USAFFE "	Feb. 1945

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Two (2) outstanding men of the town were made advisers of the organization after they were found to be loyal and true to the cause. They were Jose Pamaran and Capt. Ramon Camagay, a USAFFE officer who was forced to be mayor of the town. These two men assisted the organization in every way possible, and were of great help to the civilian population.

The roster as it appeared on 14 March 1945 was as follows:

OFFICERS:

1. 1st Lt. Cartagena, Adriano	Commanding
2. 1st Lt. Sebastian, Ricardo	Executive Officer
3. 2nd Lt. Cawley, George	Liaison & Adjutant
4. 3rd Lt. Garcia, Ramon	Supply Officer

ENLISTED MEN:

1. 1st Sgt. Ani Maeng (Moro)
2. Staff Sgt. Leon Timul (Moro)
3. Sgt. Sahibul (Moro)
4. Cpl. Lumajah Timul (Moro)
5. Cpl. Navarro (Phil. Scout, 43rd Inf Regt)
6. Cpl. Paulino Mateo
7. Cpl. Juan (family name unknown)
8. Cpl. Hassim Ipno (Moro)
9. Pfc. Janiludin (Moro)
10. Pfc. Hussin (Moro)
11. Pvt. Habagat (Moro)
12. Pvt. El'le (Moro)
13. Pvt. Ramon Reyes

The names of the other ten (10), the writer was never able to ascertain because Moros usually go by their pet names and very seldom, if ever, use their given names.

V. Equipment.

On 14 March 1945, two days before the American forces landed on the Island, the following equipment was in the possession of the unit:

Firearms

- 4 repeating shotguns (6 shells - 12 gauge)
- 3 Einfield rifles, Model 1917 (.30 caliber)
- 1 Springfield rifle, Model 1901 (.30 caliber)
- 2 singleshoot shotguns (homemade)
- 1 Jap Luger (.38 caliber)
- 1 Revolver (.45 caliber)

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Ammunition

15 shells,	shotgun 12 gauge
60 rounds,	.30 caliber ammo
16 "	, .38 caliber ammo
9 "	, .45 caliber ammo

Immediately after the landing, the unit was fully equipped with the addition of five carbines issued by 1st Lt. Shaw at the order of Brig. Gen. Richard Boyd. Two carbines and one garand were retained when the American outfit was recalled to Zamboanga mainland where unexpected enemy opposition required its presence. The BGF was given .30 caliber ammo and was designated as the local police and protective force against the Japanese who were dispersed but not destroyed. The writer was made Chief of Police with the recommendation and approval of the 41st CIC Detachment.

Later, the unit was again supplied with arms and was detailed as guides and points to accompany patrols of Company "B", 182nd Inf. Regt. in their mopping-up operations. Upon disbandment on 30 April 1945, all arms became the property of the local police force, except the .45 caliber revolver which the writer decided to keep as a memento, and the .38 caliber Luger which was exchanged by one of the officers with a carbine during the early stage of the operations.

VI. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. The unit functioned undetected until it was discovered two days prior to the American landing on 16 March 1945 when it proceeded to disarm and arrest puppet officials and to evacuate people from places where landings were likely to be made.
2. Black and white lists of the town population were drawn up which aided the CIC in their work of restoring loyal officials to office, and detaining the collaborators.
3. Information on the locations of Jap mines, a baby submarine, 2 landing barges with torpedoes, a PT boat, and Jap gun emplacements on the Island, was brought personally by the writer to Admiral Berkey who was in command of the Naval Task Force. The submarine and landing barges were very cunningly camouflaged with nipa roofing to resemble Moro houses built over the water. It was only after supplying such information

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that the Navy was able to destroy these objectives. The Navy was also warned about the only serviceable Japanese plane whose pilot was overheard boasting that he would crash his plane into one of the ships. The Navy finally shot it down just as it took off.

4. As liaison officer of the unit, the writer on 11 March 1945 contacted Major Ames, G-2 of the 41st Inf. Division, thru Capt. Sinclair, Naval Liaison Officer, at Zamboanga mainland; gave him all intelligence reports concerning the Japs on the Island; and suggested that the landing take place at Kulaybato point which was undefended, and where the civilians population had been previously told to evacuate. This was acknowledged by a letter of commendation addressed to the writer by Major Ames, a true copy of which is herewith attached, marked "Exhibit I".

5. 1st Sgt. Ani Maeng was incharge of a detail which on 14 March 1945 disarmed the town Chief of Police of his .45 caliber revolver. A .30 caliber Binfield rifle was wrested away from a Bicclano who was a member of the Jap special police and a terrorist. This Bicclano later managed to escape and fled to the hills with the retreating Japs. Lt. Cartagens on the same day disarmed one Mr. Teofilo Saavedra of the Jap Economic Police of his .38 caliber Luger and placed him under custody until he was turned over to the 41st CIC Detachment.

6. The unit prepared the town for the landing by evacuating the people to safety zones which were arranged with the G-2 of the 41st Inf. Division.

7. "Major" Saturnino Abrera, District Inspector of the dreaded Bureau of Constabulary, with his two sons, was apprehended by men of the BGF. They are still under detention at present, facing charges of treason.

8. Men of the BGF were used on most all patrols as guides, points or scouts. Cpl. Ramon Reyes was shot in the thigh while guiding a patrol of the 121st Inf. Regt., and died due to the lack of medical facilities.

9. On 18 March 1945, two days after the landing, the American outfit was recalled to Zamboanga mainland

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where unexpected enemy opposition required their help. The BGF, with five (5) remaining Signal Corps men, took over the defense of the town against a possible Jap attack. The Japs were scattered, not engaged in full scale combat operations, but they were apt to reorganize. The five (5) Signal Corps men left the following day and the BGF was the sole town protection for about a week until the 1st platoon, "B" Company, 162nd Inf. Regt. engaged them in mopping-up operations.

10. The Jap garrison on the Island, composed of army, navy and marines numbering over 200, was neutralized before the end of April 1945 without the loss of a single American life.

11. Men of the town can testify as to how they were kept up to the times with the news and their morale boosted thru the efforts of the BGF agents.

NOTE: Letter of commendation regarding two patrols signed by Capt. Robert Garfield is herewith attached as "Exhibit II".

George E. Cawley
 GEORGE E. CAWLEY
 Agent CIC

Encls/2 Ltrs of Commendations marked "Exhibit I" and "Exhibit II".

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19 S. A. P.
 HQS 41ST INFANTRY DIVISION
 A. P. O. #1

26 April 1945

SUBJECT: Letter Commendation, Ricarde F. Sebastian, George Cawley,
 Adriane B. Cartagena, Ramon Garcia.

TO : When It May Concern.

1. On April 12, 1945, I accompanied a small patrol into the mountains on Basilan Island. This patrol was initiated by the above mentioned men, and had as its mission the capture or destruction of a known group of Jap Marines. Four Americans and myself went with them to give more fire power.
2. After hiking all night over rough mountain trails we were able to attack a group of about fifteen Japs just as day was breaking. In the encounter, three Japs were killed, a heavy machine gun, two rifles, quantities of ammunition, hand grenades, four officer's sabers and all their clothing and food was captured. The escaping Japs taking only such articles as they had on their persons at the time.
3. On April 17, 1945, another night patrol was conducted with the purpose of ambushing a reported group of sixteen Japs along a trail they had been reported to be using. No actual encounter was made in this ambush but as we were moving out about eight o'clock the next morning, our advance guard picked up a Jap civilian who the Jap soldiers were using to steal food from the surrounding farms. On this patrol only one American and myself accompanied the patrol. Later the same day, two other Jap civilians came in and surrendered, it being evident that they had learned of the treatment given the one captured.
4. The ability to organize these patrols, the manner in which they conducted their advance guards and provided all around security during halts, the courage shown when they attacked a superior enemy force, their coolness when the enemy returned the patrol's fire, all of which was done not for pay, but a desire to rid their country of the Japs, stamps these men as real soldiers and in my opinion are officer material.
5. It is personally recommended by me that the aforementioned men be given all possible consideration in their voluntarily professed desire to rejoin the Army of the Philippines.

Robert E. Garfield
 Robert E. Garfield,
 Captain, Cavalry
 Asgd to Dy with A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS 11ST INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the A. C. of S., G-2
A.P.O. 41

A/hr
1 May 1945

1st Lt. George E. Cawley,
Lamitan, Basilan,
Mindanae.

Dear Mr Cawley,

Though belated, I now wish to express appreciation for your cooperation in the early part of this campaign. Your reporting to the A.C. of S., G-2 shortly after D-day and your efforts in supplying information of the enemy on Basilan Island contributed materially to the G-2 planning for the Basilan Island landing. It has been reported to me that you have continued to assist in gaining intelligence of the enemy since the landing and that you have helped in many ways to bring about the destruction of the Japanese in this area.

I wish you success in continuing your military career in the Philippine Army.

Very truly yours,

Glenn Ames
Glenn C. Ames,
Major, G.S.C.,
A.C. of S., G-2.

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