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VICTORIAS HUNTERS LEGION  
NAME OF UNIT

JESUS VILLAROSA  
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for Recognition ltr dtd 19 Jan '46, w/History & Roster
4. Ltr to J. P. Villerosa by Hq, AFWESPAC, dtd 22 Nov '46
5. MPC ltr dtd 9 May '47, w/TLR
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REMARKS:



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 : OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 : RADIO CITY  
 : OFFICE RETAINED RECORD :  
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SUBJECT: Reconsideration, Request for : Type of Communication  
 FROM : Mr. Jesus P. Villarosa : Letter

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col Wallace M Hanes:

1. Basic, letter from Mr. Jesus P. Villarosa to Commanding General PHILRYCOM, dated 25 November 1947, requesting reconsideration of the Victorias Hunters Legion.

2. Request not accepted for the following reasons;

a. During the initial investigation, the overall commander of Negros, Major Salvador Abcede, states that he had never heard of this unit.

b. The supporting evidence submitted by the unit completely fails to substantiate its claim for recognition. No additional evidence was submitted with the request for reconsideration.

Walter MacMillan  
 1st Lt W D MacMillan

S. C. Buchanan  
 Concur: Capt S C Buchanan  
 Chief, Reconsideration Section

E. R. Curtis  
 Concur: Capt E R Curtis  
 Chief, Unit Branch



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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINE-RYUKYU COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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29 DEC 1947

Mr. Jesus P. Villarosa  
Victorias, Negros Occidental  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Villarosa:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 25 November 1947, requesting reconsideration of the Victorias Hunters Legion.

During the initial investigation of this unit, full and just consideration was given to all pertinent records and substantiating evidence submitted in support of the unit claim for recognition, and a careful analysis was made of all other available information of the unit's activities from its inception. As a result of this investigation, the unit was not favorably considered.

In view of your request for reconsideration, a thorough review has been made of all the information upon which the original decision of non-recognition was based. This study has failed conclusively to reveal any material which would justify additional consideration of your organization. In view of the complete absence of any basis for reconsideration, it is felt that no useful purpose would be served by further investigation of your unit.

We therefore regret to inform you that the request for reconsideration of the Victorias Hunters Legion cannot be accepted.

This letter constitutes the final determination of and action upon the request for recognition of the Victorias Hunters Legion.

Sincerely,

*COPY 2 SENT BLANCO*  
*COPY 2 U S-478*  
R. E. CANTRELL  
Capt. AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

*COPY 2 NEGROS OCCIDENTAL LEGATION*  
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MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE RECORD  
SUBJECT: THE VICTORIAN HUNTERS LEGION

DATE: 11/14/54  
BY: [illegible]

Mr. James F. Williams  
Director, Veterans' Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 10 November 1954, regarding reconsideration of the Victorian Hunters Legion.

During the initial investigation of this matter, both the fact commission and the fact commission were given all pertinent records and information available in support of the case for recognition, and a careful analysis was made of all other available information of the unit's activities from the investigation. As a result of this investigation, the unit was not favorably considered.

In view of your request for reconsideration, a thorough review has been made of all the information upon which the original decision of non-recognition was based. This study has failed conclusively to reveal any material which would justify additional consideration of your application. In view of the complete absence of any basis for reconsideration, it is felt that no useful purpose would be served by further investigation of your unit.

Reference is made to your letter of 10 November 1954 regarding reconsideration of the Victorian Hunters Legion which cannot be accepted.

This letter constitutes the final determination of your case upon the request for recognition of the Victorian Hunters Legion.

Sincerely,  
[illegible]

- 1. Mr. James F. Williams, Director, Veterans' Department, Washington, D.C., dated 10 November 1954, regarding reconsideration of the Victorian Hunters Legion.
- 2. Request not accepted for the following reasons:
  - a. The supporting evidence submitted by the unit completely fails to substantiate the claim for recognition. No additional evidence was submitted with your request for reconsideration, and no new record of letters, letter delivery records, dated that he had never heard of this unit.

Very truly yours,  
[illegible]

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Victorias, Negros Occidental  
November 25, 1947

Subject: Re-consideration of the Recognition of the Victorias  
Hunters Legion, Request for

To : Commanding General, Philrycom, APO 707

1. The undersigned was in receipt of the information copy  
of his official guerrilla recognition on 24 Nov., 1947.

2. For such recognition, the undersigned is respectfully  
thankful. However, in behalf of the Hunters Legion which he humbly  
represented, he felt somewhat disappointed to consider the great  
lack of fairness and consideration. The dead guerrilleros, at least  
need not be forgotten. The wounded need not be overlooked. American  
spirit, over and above any other consideration, need be maintained  
in behalf of the dead and wounded whose heroic actions deserved fair  
and just compensation.

3. Representing those bereaved ones left behind by the dead  
comrades and those who cared for the wounded, disabled and incapacitated  
members of the Hunters Legion, who painfully but patiently longed  
for America's condolence and sympathy, the undersigned ask, because  
of their miserable situations, due cognizance and fair consideration.  
It would be defeating the purpose, that America, for humanity,  
has undertaken, to overlook the few disabled men, maimed and  
incapacitated in warfare, in a fight to save America's face and democracy.

4. The Victorias Hunters Legion under the leadership of the  
undersigned was a unit of fighting men who voluntarily organized  
themselves in loyalty to the cause of America and in defense of the democratic  
principles which the Americans and Allied men were fighting  
for. It was not because of any vain motive neither for an empty show  
nor for a desire for monetary returns with an eye toward the bulging  
coffers of the American treasury, that the undersigned and his men had  
mortgaged their lives in fighting for a noble cause. The various activities,  
the hunters Legion had made, ranging from intelligence work to  
combat missions had contributed in some degree to the complete annihilation  
of the enemy in Negros and to the sparing of a number of lives  
on the side of the American soldiers. Such men as the Hunters Legion  
whose services were never called for, but were without any outside influence  
or persuasion, willingly and whole-heartedly dedicated to a great  
cause, and which had been found meritorious and creditable, not  
only by Filipino RA officers, but by such American officers as Capt.  
John M. Blair 1st Lt of Co "I", 503rd Para-Regt. and Capt. Alex M. Brand  
of Co "A", 160th Infantry, as per their personal statements of attestations  
and affidavits already sent to that office, are the ones that  
are humbly qualified for any official recognition by the United States  
of America. Theirs, were the services that forever speak of the unalloyed  
loyalty to the U.S. government and which deserved the latter's  
humane, just, fair and benevolent actions.

5. The individual recognition given the undersigned, is not,

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he supposed, a real manifestation of America's humanitarian spirit. The U.S. government wouldn't feel antipathetic towards the sight of a few dead and wounded - members of the Hunters Legion - men, whose personal interests were subordinated to the cause of America. And the same government would never ignore the services of a handful of men though, whose services and activities had contributed in certain degree to the victory of democracy all over the world. And the same government would, he believed, not assure the honorable deeds of Allied people who sincerely rallied to her side in terms of dollars, none-the-less in terms of peace of arrears in pay or gratuity, but in terms of official recognition that goes on record for posterity to go over and realize.

6. Now the war-torn hearts of these bereaved ones and disabled men have a tacit request from the U.S. government through your office for due and fair recognition of their guerrilla services and just, considerable help. The undersigned has sent substantial papers to support their claims. In which case, it is hoped that kind consideration be extended to these unfortunate ones.

7. The undersigned did not desire any individual honor to be of record. Since it was the organized unit of the Hunters Legion that merited recognition, the undersigned desist from considering such individual recognition given.

8. In view of the honorable part played by the Hunters Legion in cooperation with the American Forces in Negros Island, the undersigned reiterates his desire for re-consideration of the recognition of the above-mentioned outfit as a part of the whole fighting forces of the Recognized Negros Guerrilla, 7th Military District of the Philippines and a marked appropriate action for those members of the Victorious Hunters Legion who disabled themselves for the sake of America and democracy.

9. Early and favorable action on this matter is highly appreciated.

  
JESUS P. VILLARCA



3, GUERRILLA AFFAIRS DIVISION

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TO : DATE : REMARKS

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Sgt M - 14/12 - status of unit - *W/C*

Lt McMillan 15/12/47 : Victorias Hunters Legion was NFG'd 9 May 47. Ltr was sent to: Mr Jesus Villarosa  
 Victorias, Occidental Negros ...SCM

Capt Buchanan 16 - 4 + 3 - request for recon - *W/C*

Lt MacMillan 16/12/47 : Overall commander, Major Salvador Abcede, when contacted during the initial investigation stated that he had never heard of the subject unit.  
 Emphasize the fact that these people were also fighting for the Philippines and themselves as well as America.  
 Cannot accept request for recon. [SCB]

*Julie* 17

Capt Buchanan 17 - *W/C* + food - *W/C*

Col Hanes 18/12/47 1 - *Ellb.*

Capt Curtis : DEC 18 1947 Returned in accordance with phone conversation. *W/C*

Col Hanes 22/12/47 1 - *Ellb.*

M.C. 27 Dec 1947 *Dutch* *A* *W/C*



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col G. F. Lillard:

1. The Victorias Hunters Legion consisting of 38 members is not favorably considered for recognition. No members have previously been recognized. This is an initial investigation.
2. This unit does not appear to fulfil the requirements of the five basic points for recognition.
3. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
4. The two worthy members have been recommended to Individual Branch for recognition. Six (6) claimed casualties were not investigated and no recommendation on them can be made.

1st Lt Delfin Jaranilla Jr. *[Signature]*  
Concur: Maj C. H. Dentzell  
Chief, Unit Inv Sec  
Concur: Maj D. G. Murray  
Chief, Revisions Sec

1st Lt Hollis E. Godwin *[Signature]*  
Concur: Lt Col S. J. Palos  
Chief, Units Branch

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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 PI *1017*

AP0 707  
9 MAY 1947

Mr. Jesus Villarosa  
Victorias, Occidental Negros  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Villarosa:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Victorias Legion, purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

A set of general requirements for guerrilla recognition, established by General MacArthur during the liberation of the Philippines, has been used as a guide in considering the record of this unit. After careful investigation and full consideration of all substantiating records and testimony of witnesses having pertinent knowledge, recognition of this guerrilla unit is not deemed to be warranted because of reasons mentioned below:

a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.

b. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.

c. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.

d. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).

e. Sphere of operations and unit strength claimed by the unit were not commensurate with the nature of the terrain, limitation of communication facilities, and the degree of anti-resistance activities of the Japanese in the area during the period concerned.

f. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.

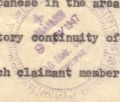
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the unit is considered to have had just and adequate appraisal for recognition when his services were evaluated concurrently with this study of the unit with which he claims membership. Individual requests were not necessary nor appropriate then, or now, as their acceptance would in effect constitute unjustified duplication of consideration of one individual by this headquarters. However, this does not preclude submission for casualty recognition by those individuals who are qualified and feel justified in entering such claims. Upon request by interested individuals, appropriate forms will be forwarded.

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

Col S. F. Lillard:

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3. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
4. The two worthy members have been recommended to Individual Branch for recognition. Six (6) claimed casualties were not investigated and no recommendation on them can be made.  
*John J. Jaramilla Jr.*      *John E. Gowan*  
1st Lt Delvin Jaramilla Jr      1st Lt Hollis E. Gowan

Concur: Maj C. H. Wentzell  
Chief, Unit Inv Sec

Concur: Maj D. C. Murray  
Chief, Revisions Sec

Concur: Lt Col S. J. Falos  
Chief, Units Branch

REPORT ON THE VICTORIES HUNTERS LEGION  
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL GUERRILLAS

1. After a thorough checking of the files of the Victories Hunters Legion, and after an interview with Maj Salvador Abcede the overall commander, 7th MD, no field investigation was deemed necessary.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See unit history in attached unit file)

3. FINDINGS:

a. The following named person was interviewed and his statements are reflected in the findings:

Major Salvador Abcede PA overall Comdr 7th MD

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. No orders or papers or other acceptable evidence was found in the unit files that would establish the organization, existence or activities of the subject unit. The unit files, however, show that on two occasions two members of the unit were utilized as scouts by American units, in the month of June 1945 (See Incl 1 and 2). These were certificates signed by Alex M Brand Capt, 160th Inf and John H Blair III Capt, Co I, 503rd Para Regt, showing that Jesus Villeros and Rodrigo Duca with a small band of fighting men gave valuable aid as scouts for the above mentioned US Army units. Although Maj Abcede stated that he never heard of the subject unit (Incl 3), it is highly probable as it happened in the present case that a few individuals, nonmembers of the 7th MD, may have attached themselves with US Army units. Although the subject unit claims to have operated with US Army units in mopping up operations from May 1945 to August 1945, the only period substantiated is for the month of June 1945 (Incl 1).

c. Unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy. The files of the unit show no acceptable evidence that such a unit existed. The overall commander of Negros Island stated that he had never heard of such a unit.

d. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy. Records show that only two members had papers to prove attachment to US Army units ( See par b. foregoing). Villeros claims that he and his men killed several Japanese while with US Army patrols but there is no evidence which would disclose whether these enemy casualties were caused either by Villeros's men and/or the Americans.

e. Adequate records were not maintained. No evidence of enlistments, promotions, operations, supplies, or training are on record.

f. Sphere of operations and unit strength claimed by the unit were not commensurate with the nature of the terrain and the activities

of the unit in the area during the period concerned. It must be borne in mind that there was an overall guerrilla command which conducted mop-up operations on the island of Negron in addition to elements of the 40th Inf Div US Army. It could not be possible, therefore, for an independent unit to be operating in the same area at the same time, except as individual scouts or guides for US Army units.

g. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization. There are no records to indicate the date of organization, training, operations or disbandment of the subject unit.

*Ind.*  
h. In view of the valuable services of Villeros and Duon as attested to by recommendations of John H Blair Capt 503rd Para Regt and Alex M Brand Capt 160th Inf it is considered that these men deserve recognition for their services and that they be recognized with the ranks of Sgts, for the period 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945.

✓ 1. No useful purpose will be served by further investigation of this unit. Subject unit is not worthy of recognition as a unit, the two worthy members i.e. Jesus Villeros and Rodrigo Duon have been recommended for recognition to Individual Branch this office. The claimed casualties, six allegedly killed in action, have not been investigated and no recommendations can be made.

2. POLITICAL ASPECTS: This unit does not appear to have any political affiliations or aspirations.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the Victories Hunters Legion be not favorably considered for recognition, ~~but that~~ the two worthy members are recommended for recognition as Sgts for the period 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945 to the Individual Branch this office. The claimed casualties were not investigated, thus no recommendation on these can be made.

*John J. Jaramilla Jr*  
JOHN J. JARAMILLA JR  
1st Lt., FA (PA)

*William E. O'Brien*  
WILLIAM E. O'BRIEN  
1st Lt., FA

4 Incls

- Incl 1 Recommendations Capt Alex M Brand 160th Inf
- Incl 2 Certificate Capt John H Blair 503rd Para Regt
- Incl 3 Cert. true copy statement of Maj S Abcede
- Incl 4 Certificate, 7th WD

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16 Aug. 1945  
503<sup>d</sup> Para. Reg't.

To Whom it may concern:-

Jesus P. Villardo has been upon numerous combat patrols with my company. He has showed at all times initiative & aggressiveness in destroying the ever present enemy. With this small band of fighting men, he has harassed the enemy continually. He has been of valuable aid to my men & me in scouting out enemy positions. He is a good leader, has fought well for the liberation of his country & and in doing all this - he has done it purely on his own & in other words, has not received any pay for his valuable work.

It is an honor & privilege to go on record saying Jesus is a damn good fighter.

Del S. T. R. - Veterans Guide

John H. Blaine, Jr.  
Capt. Co. 1, 503<sup>d</sup>

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COMPANY K 160TH INFANTRY

AMB:cbv

APO #40, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California  
17 August 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation.

To: Commanding Officer, any U.S. or Philippine Army Post,  
Camp, Station, or Detachment.

1. The bearer, Jesus Villarosa, is a mountain hunter from Victoria, Occidental Province, NEGROS, P.I.

2. He worked with my patrol in June 1945, in a long reconnaissance into Japanese positions in the Mt. Silay sector. During this patrol fifteen enemy were killed and four captured, largely due to his superior scouting. He proved himself at all times to be a capable, aggressive, and courageous scout, with no thought for his personal safety.

3. He also is a master scout and provided much instruction to my men in the technique of scouting and ambushing the enemy.

4. I can recommend him most highly for any job of a like nature, and if possible, for a Philippine Army decoration.

5. This letter applies also to Rodrigo Duenas, who served with me in a similar capacity.

*Alex M. Brand*

ALEX M. BRAND  
captain, 160th Infantry  
commanding

Incl 1 TLR - Victoria Hunter's Legion

HEADQUARTERS  
RESERVE OFFICERS' SERVICE SCHOOL (AF)  
Camp Alsbang, Hinal

7 March 1947

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Guerrilla Units in Negroes

TO: The Commanding General, FULTON  
APO 707

ATTN: Chief, G&D, C-3, FULTON

1. LT DELFIN JARANILLA JR, FA, (AF), came to me today for information regarding the status and authenticity of the following supposedly guerrilla units in Negroes claiming recognition:

- a. Ticoy-Ticoy Command - Nolasco Padilla
- b. North Negroes Guerrilla Area - Jose V. Aguilar
- c. National Volunteers of Boarisa, Palma and San Isidro  
Sugba Centralis - H. V. Hido
- d. Victorious Hunters Legion -

In a general statement, I know that the above units were not heard of in the island of Negros even as late as December 1945. The 7th Military District (Recognized Guerrilla Unit) is the only guerrilla unit in Negros after it absorbed the remnants of the Puring Unit (Wild Bandit Group) and the members of the Gador Unit who were left by Col Gador.

2. It is to be noted that NOSES PADILLA above is a 1st Lieutenant in the 7th Military District (Recognized Guerrilla Unit). Also that JOSE V AGUILAR is the preacher and is the same person who was seeking commission and permission from our 7th Division, TWD to organize a unit both of which were disapproved by us.

3. It is possible that some groups may have received certification from American Units during the period April-August 1945. But the activity participated in by these men were purely labor or "cargador" basis as there were men hired by PCAT for hauling Army supplies in the campaign in the mountains of NW Negros.

4. Until Lt Jaranilla interviewed me, I had not heard of the above-mentioned organizations. In fairness to the members of my organization, I recommend that these units should not be considered for recognition as guerrilla units, except for persons actually endorsed by the responsible subordinate commanders of units of the 7th Military District (Recognized Guerrilla Unit).

Certified True Copy

*Melvin G. Woodruff*

MAJOR, INFANTRY

Formerly 3rd, Victorious Hunters Legion

*/s/ Salvador Abcede*

*/s/ SALVADOR ABCEDE*

Major, Infantry

Formerly CO, 7th Military District  
(Recognized Guerrilla Unit)

*Incl 3PK, Victorious Hunters Legion*

UNITED STATES ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES  
- Seventh Military District  
DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, WFO

No. W-222

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

C E R T I F I C A T E :

This is to Certify that JESSE VILLAGOSA served as an Intelligence Secret Agent in occupied areas during the Japanese Occupation in Negros and Siquijor in World War II. He formed a part of the Seventh Military District Intelligence Net comprising the Islands of Negros and Siquijor which reported COMBATTANTS from the Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet and General Headquarters, South-west Pacific Area Command.

IN RECOGNITION of his Valuable Services to the Resistance Movement in Negros and Siquijor, he is awarded this

\*\*\*\*\* C E R T I F I C A T E \*\*\*\*\*

Official this 14th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty Six.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel Salvador *[Signature]*

(SGT.) WILFRED BELVIN, Jr.  
Major, CIP  
District Adjutant

(SGT.) BENJAMIN C. CORNING (-) (-) (-)  
1st Lieut. Inf. PA  
Asst. District Intelligence Officer

I hereby certify on my official oath, that the above is a true and correct copy from the original.

Witness at WFO, Neg. Occ.  
October 29, 1946

*[Signature: Jesse Villagosa]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 1946, at Victoria, Negros Occidental, affiant exhibited to me his Reg. Cert. No. A-2-28266 issued at Victoria, Negros Occidental on January 20, 1946.

*[Signature: Rufino Calaña]*  
RUFINO CALAÑA  
Justice of the Peace  
Victoria, Negros Occidental

*Amber t 4/11/46*  
*Victoria*  
*4/11/46*

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
APO 707

22 NOV 1946

OSGFC 091 PI

Mr. Jesus P. Villarosa  
Victorias, Negros Occidental  
P. I.

Dear Mr. Villarosa:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 28 October 1946, in which you request information concerning the status of the Hunter's Legion, Victorias, Negros Occidental.

Your request for recognition of the Hunter's Legion Guerrilla unit has been filed in this headquarters pending further investigation. A great number of similar applications requiring investigation has been received and a considerable delay is to be expected before final action in your case. However, your application will receive attention at the earliest practicable date and you will be informed promptly when a decision is reached.

In comparing the rosters accompanying your letter, dated 28 October 1946, with those in the files of this headquarters it has been determined that the two rosters are not identical. This headquarters considers the original rosters submitted as authentic rosters. Your request for the inclusion of additional personnel, who were omitted from the original roster, is considered as an application for the recognition of another unit. For that reason supplementary rosters of additional personnel must also be submitted prior to the established limiting date for new applications for unit recognitions.

Special press release from Headquarters, AFRES-PAC, dated 1 February 1946, stated that no applications for recognition of guerrilla units would be accepted by this headquarters subsequent to 15 March 1946. This press release received wide circulation through the newspapers and was broadcast over local radio stations.

For the above reasons your request for the inclusion of additional personnel in the roster of the Intelligence Operator, Hunter's Legion is not favorably considered. Whereas, action on the original rosters submitted will be taken by this headquarters in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

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other copies filed with the #441/1114 unit-cor file

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HUNTERS LEGION GUERRILLA UNIT  
VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

October 28, 1946

Subject: Verification, Hunter's Legion Guerrilla Unit Recognition,  
Request for:  
To : Guerrilla Affairs Section AFFRES-PAC, Aps 707, Manila

1. Request that I be informed to what action was taken to the Roster troops submitted by this Unit for recognition. The submission of said Roster was made on or about the middle of January 1946, then another communication was sent after three weeks but up to the present a reply or notification not received so I was informed that the Roster for recognition did not follow the requirements with the facts that I was un aware of all requirements.

2. I realized that I submitted on the names of men under me who fought side by side with the American liberation Force in Negros Occidental, I did not even state their ranks and designations, as you know we all came from civilian life, but we fight for our country, you we fought for our country sake, some of us die with there guns beside them without reserve but is it our right to ask for privileges or compensation as others were compensated or recognized for what activities they did?

3. In the Roster submitted the name of men on intelligence work during the liberation were omitted.

4. Herewith attached the complete Roster of the Unit History of the Organization and other allied papers.

5. Hoping for proper attention

*José Villafra*  
JESUS F. VILLAFRA  
1st Lieut. Inf. Comd.  
Hunter Legion

ENCL:

- 1- Complete Roster of Troops
- 2- History
- 3- Letter of Recommendation, Captain Alex M. Brand, CO Co., E, 160th Inf. 40th Division of the 8th Army.
- 4- Certification of Captain Juan H. Blair III, CO "I" Co., 503rd Para., Regt.
- 5- Certificate of Intelligence of the 7th Military District, (PA)

*for* Attached and make  
inclosures of TLR, Victorias  
Hunters Legion by Lt. J. Villafra Jr. 1/1/47  
27 April 1947.

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Victorias, Negros Occidental  
January 19, 1946

The Commanding Officer,  
AFWESPAC  
Manila, P. I.

Sir:

Knowing fully that the sovereign power of that great government, the United States of America, recognizes merit where merit is due and recognizing the fact that the men I represent deserve the desert due them for the uncalled-for and unstinted services they gave to the Cause and to the Motherland, I have the honor to submit to that Command the plea of these men under me hoping that their services be given recognition.

The unit I represent is locally known as the "Victorias Hunter's Legion" and is composed of the common "taos" of the farms and the mountains-part of the back-bone of the country-who, without thought of selves and family took-up arms from the very Japanese strugglers and with the same arms hunted them up in the hills, mountains and forests like dogs, with no other motives than to give vent to the pent-up feelings of three years of hate and vengeance and tyranny and oppression from the mailed hands of these inhuman invaders.

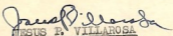
I do not want to sing of their exploits for that would be patting myself on the back. Suffice to state that I am enclosing herewith true copies of testimonials from the very officials and officers of your command who, willingly gave us these testimonials to appraise everybody of the services we have rendered to your forces when they came to our very shores.

If, according to the appraisal of that Command, these men under me, who gave their services to the Cause and the Country, merit some sort of compensation from that benevolent of all nations- the great United States of America-then I humbly beseech, nay, I pray, that said benefits be given to them in meritorious recognition of their services.

Enclosed herewith is the list of the men under my unit-(some of them died in action) as found under remarks and the copies of the testimonials as mentioned formerly in the preceding paragraphs.

For further references I have the honor to refer you to Major Mare, Lieuts. Olsen, Lindsey of the 40th Division and Capt. La Vancer and Lieut. Lee of the 503rd Par. RCT.

Very respectfully,

  
JESUS P. VILLAROSA  
Leader Hunter's Legion  
(Victorias, Negros Occidental  
Philippines)

**ORIGIN AND HISTORICAL HISTORY OF THE HUNTERS' LEGION  
VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, PHILIPPINES**

After the fall of Alta-an and Corregidor, the Japanese Imperial Forces took positions of smaller islands without opposition due to the order of surrender of Gen. Wainright, it was on 21 May, 1941 when the Japanese landed in Negros Island. The USAF-Ps in the island were divided into two groups, one group to follow the order of surrender and the other not to surrender. The civilian populace were left alone at their discretion. There were commotions, most of the people fled to the mountains. The cattle in the island was lost but not the will, revenge and to continue the fight were in the hearts of the people.

After the surrender there were several groups or bands of USAF-Ps or civilians, grouping themselves to resist the invaders. In Victorias alone there were three groups of USAF-Ps organizations, namely, the group of Sgt. Mateo Garganera, Corporal Mayo and Sgt. Alican, which later were fused to larger unit. Civilians were inducted to be members of combat unit or a counter-intelligence sabotage unit. In the same year the X Men (Civilian Volunteers) under my (Jesus P. Villaron) initiative was organized for the purpose of counter-intelligence work. Reports or information gathered concerning the movement, concentration of troops, new policy of troops were reported to the S-2 of the 2nd Bn. 74th Inf. which was fully organized that time. Those reports were sent thru messengers, the members of this organization were sent to different parts of the island.

That on 14 of March 1943, I was captured by the Japanese but after 15 days of confinement and third degree punishment, I was released. With the splendid work of the unit it was on the middle part of 1943 that the leader (Jesus P. Villaron) of the organization received an instruction from Capt. Comandante Rodriguez of the 7th MD guerrilla organization to continue our intelligence works and also to contact him for some important work.

20 February, 1945- The X Men assembled for the purpose of having a contact with the American Liberation Forces in Leyte. I, Jesus P. Villaron was to go to Tacloban, Leyte.

10 March, 1945- I reached Tacloban, Leyte.

11 March, 1945- At 8 hours morning, I called at the office of the C. I. C., reporting all about Negros. I requested the office of the C. I. C., if it could be that I could go with the landing forces in Negros. The Officer-in-Charge of the C. I. C., instructed me to return immediately and to instruct the town people to get away from places where, there were Japanese for the landing of American Forces in Negros Island was imminent.

12 March, 1945- I called on the office of the Free Philippines to furnish me copies of news of different dates. The propaganda office gave me 2,000 copies of Free Philippines and I was able to secure 100 copies of magazines of different kinds to be distributed to the people.

18 March, 1945- I left Leyte, 22 of March arrived at Victorias, Negros Occidental.

23 March, 1945- I conferred with Capt. Ramos CO. 2nd Bn. 74th Inf. concerning the instruction I received from Leyte. The X Men were assembled for the preparation of the American landing in Negros and advised them to welcome volunteers with arms.

25 April, 1945- We assembled again. The members of the organization increasing, armed ourselves with bolos, revolvers and rifles. Thus, the X Men of the intelligence operatives became fighting men, known as Hunters' Legion or Fighting Civilians.

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- 29 April, 1945- The American Troops landed in Sago and other parts of the Island.
- 7 May, 1945- The Hunters' Legion contacted with the American Cavalry in San Jose (Estado), Victoria, Neg. Occ. The members became guides, scouts and messengers.
- 12 May--, 1945- The members of the hunters' legion guided the 40th Divison Cavalry, 80 Camalayan and Quintaban, Victoria, Neg. Occ.
- 20 May--, 1945- Lt. Leacy, Intelligence Officer of an American unit in Silay, Neg. Occ., took me with him to the American headquarters in Silay, Neg. Occ. where I was given a letter addressed to Col. Matsumoto of the Japanese Imperial Navy in the jungles. I and two companions delivered the letter the third day, by placing the letter 12 meters inside the Japanese quarter.
- 28 May--, 1945- reported to Lt. Leacy in Estado (San Jose), Victoria, Neg. Occ., where he was waiting.
- 30 May--, 1945- with four American Soldiers and a group of my men went to Para-on, we met Lt. Olson. Lt. Olson asked me to lead them to Mt. Silay. Lt. Olson took his platoon and I was accompanied by twenty members of my unit. I took us three days and three nights to reach a certain bivouac area. From that place Lt. Olson took 3 of his men and told me to pick two of my men for reconnaissance purpose. We found the Japs in the spot marked '14452' on the war map. I called our trail and American trail.
- 4 June, 1945- Major Sore told me to take my men and lead them to Mt. Silay, together with the unit under his command at 10 A. M. we engaged the Japanese in Old Camail, Victoria, Neg. Occ., and killed three and captured one.
- 5 June, 1945- We engaged in adn. Coron, Victoria, Neg. Occ., the Japs and killed 2 and captured 2 and captured one machine rifle. In this engagement two of my hunters were killed and two wounded. The wounded were sent to the Army Hospital by Lt. Brand of Co. A, 160 Inf., 40th Division.
- 6 June, 1945- One platoon of an American Unit under Lt. Brand together with my men moved to the American trail to harass Japs stragglers while the 2nd platoon with 10 of the hunters ambushed the Japs in vicin monte and killed 6 and captured one. During this operation we killed 18 and captured 4 Japs. In our side two killed and two wounded and in the American side after the operation Lt. Brand gave me sub-machine guns and other modern infantry weapons.
- 16 June, 1945- Santos Estocada, lead an ambush in the jungle along the American trail killed ten Japs captured seven rifles and in our side two were killed.
- 22 June, 1945- At adn. San Vicente, Saravia, Neg. Occ., we ambushed the Japs killed one Jap officer and 12 others while the rest fled to the mountains. In this operation we captured 10 rifles and one sword.
- 24 June, 1945- one group of Hunters' lead by Wylie Joosen ambushed the Japs at Captain, Silay, Neg. Occ. and killed 5 Japs and in our side Opl. Santos Estocada was killed.
- 25 June, 1945- With Lt. Leo Co FIOS Para Sgt., went to adn. Margarita, Saravia, Neg. Occ. The Japs gave up the fight we captured 2 swords but one of my men was killed.
- 27 June, 1945- Ambushed Japs at adn. Coron, Victoria, Neg. Occ. Killed 16 and captured 7 guns and 3 swords.
- 29 June, 1945- encountered the Japs at Par 1, Victoria, Neg. Occ. Killed 8 Japs and captured 5 rifle field rifles.

- 1 July, 1945- Raided Calaptan, Silay, Neg. Occ. which was reported to be Japs concentration area. The Japs detected our approach and fired on us. We fired back and a skirmish began. We were out numbered, that we were forced to retreat, leaving behind us 7 Japs dead and several probable wounded.
- 2 July, 1945- Japs were reported at Hda. Riverside, Saravia, Neg. Occ. We proceeded to this place and surprised the enemy there, accounting to 15 Japs killed. Soon reinforcements summoned by the firing. They were superior in number and arms so we were forced to beat a hasty retreat. A small ~~channel~~ trench from the Japs Trench Mortar lodged in the right leg of Lt. James F. Villamor.
- 4 July, 1945- A section of Hunters' lead by Cpl. Dionisio Pallauga, encountered the Japs in Hda. Paz I, Victoria, Neg. Occ., numbering 15 in the ensuing fight 8 Japs were killed and one sword captured while the rest of the Japs fled away. No casualties in our side.
- 7 July, 1945- Ambushed the enemy in Hda. Margarita (Saravia), killing 20 Japs and captured 18 Japs rifles. After the encounter we met American Officers and upon arrangement with Capt. Inavances of the 505th Parachute Inf. Regt., we were supplied with munitions.
- 9 July, 1945- Capt. Inavance furnished the hunters with one signal man, one rifleman (sniper), and a man under the charge of a Sergeant. The patrol started with Hda. Riverside as the objective, where the Japs concentration was reported, but in Hda. San Vicente we bumped into a Japs patrol and a meeting engagement ensued. Other Japs unit in the vicinity rallied to the scene and we retreated. Enemy casualty- 20 killed out in our side none.
- 10 July, 1945- Ambushed enemy in Hda. Riverside (Saravia), Neg. Occ. captured 1 Jap and Col. 51.
- 11 July, 1945- The platoon was divided into three squads. The 1st squad led by Sgt. Rodriguez ~~such~~ took the left flank, 2nd squad led by Sgt. W. Jenson maneuvered in the right flank and the 3rd squad led by Lt. J. Villamor took charge of the center and assaulting element we moved by pre-arranged coordinated plan and surprised the Japs in Hda. Riverside, Saravia, Neg. Occ. result- 18 Japs killed, captured 11 rifles and two Samani swords.
- 16 July, 1945- Surprised the enemy in Hda. Salala (Victoria), Neg. Occ. Killed 18 Japs and captured 4 rifles.
- 17 July, 1945- Attacked by surprise Japs in Hda. Balgo (Saravia), Neg. Occ. Killed 11 Japs including one officer and captured 1 machine rifle and 28 and 2 Samani swords.
- 20 July, 1945- Sgt. Rodrigo Such took over temporary command of operation of our unit in the field while Lt. Villamor's wound was under treatment.
- 21 July, 1945- Our patrol encountered the enemy patrol in Hda. Le-oncia, Saravia, Neg. Occ. In the meeting engagement Pvt. Ignacio Lopez was killed. Our patrol was forced to withdraw due to enemy superiority. No casualties inflicted on the Japs.
- 23 July, 1945- Our unit ambushed the enemy in Old Samuil, killed 9 Japs that composed the party. Captured 4 rifles (Japs) one sword and one ~~sword~~.
- 1-4 Aug. '45 - The unit was assigned wholly reconnaissance work.
- 5 Aug. '45- At 1600 hours we attacked the enemy bivouac in Hda. San Isidro, Saravia, Neg. Occ. result- Killed 20 Japs captured 1 machine gun, 30 Col., 18 rifles and one sword. Dionisio Abril wounded in the left shoulder.
- 6 Aug. '45- The report of the encounter was sent to Lt. Blair of Co. 1 505 Paraglider Regt.
- 7 Aug. '45 - encountered the Japs again at San Isidro Saravia.



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- Negros Occ. instead of 30 cal. MG, the Japs prepared or emplaced 50 Cal. MG. Due to the lack of ammunition we withdrew. The American Unit attacked the enemy with Trench Mortar.
- 9 Aug. '45- attacked the Japs at Mantol, com. Tison, Bar. Vic. Neg. Occ.. An American officer by the name of Lt. Marlin was wounded.
  - 11 Aug. '45- encountered the Japs at com. Mahayapan Gadiw, Negros Occidental. result- Killed 3 Japs and captured 2 rifles, one sword and 3 flags. The remaining Japs fled away.
  - 12-17 Aug '45- On Patrol and Guard Duties.
  - 13 Sept. '45- A message was received, that the remnants of the standing army (PO and Japs stragglers) were located at Caranova, Bilay, Negros Occ.
  - 19 Sept. '45- Preparation for the attack was made.
  - 23 Sept. '45- Reached Caranova, but found the place empty. returned next day to Victorias, Neg. Occ.
  - 30 Sept. '45- instructed me to prepare for Caranova, again. This was a formal instruction from an American officer who was stationed at Zamboanga, Neg. Occ., for the purpose solely of locating the cause of the crashed American aviator.
  - 2 Oct. '45- Located the bones of the American Aviator and then gathered them up.
  - 3 Oct. '45- returned to Victorias with the bones.

After 3 October, 1945, arms of my Unit were turned over to different Units of the 7th AB. Inas, ended the sacrifices and missions of my handful of men (The Hunters' Legion), the men who struggled and some died in action for the preservation of Democracy in this island in particular and in the Philippines in general. The members of the Hunters' Legion served and fought with the Americans side by side. Some died as stated above, but their sacrifices and services are not, as yet, compensated. Taking into account that their struggle for the common cause is for the common good.

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*James P. Villanueva*  
1st Lieut.  
Commanding, Hunters' Legion  
Victorias, Neg. Occ.



## INFORMATION

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2. **Notice of time for collection of tax.**—The provincial treasurer shall cause notice of the date during which the real property tax may be paid in each municipality to be posted during the month of January of each year at the main entrance of the provincial building and of all municipal buildings and in a public and conspicuous place in each town, and published in the newspaper or newspapers by town order. (Act No. 2022, sec. 22, as amended by Act No. 2021, sec. 21.)

3. **Penalty for delinquency.**—Failure to pay the real property tax before the expiration of the term for payment without penalty or the terms or installments thereof shall subject the taxpayer, or legatee with the first day of delinquency, to the payment, for each full month of delinquency that has expired, of a penalty of two per centum on the original amount of the tax due, until the tax shall be fully paid, or the property vests in the provincial government in accordance with section thirty-six of this Act. There is no case that the total penalty exceed twenty-four per centum of the original tax due; *X X X* (Act No. 2022, sec. 23, as amended by Act No. 2021, sec. 41.)

4. **Remedy to enforce collection of taxes and penalties due.**—(a) After delinquency in the payment of the real property tax has occurred, the provincial treasurer or his deputy may discontinue personal property of the taxpayer to cover the taxes and penalties due and if such personal property is not returned in time the same may be sold at an auction previously announced. (Act No. 2022, sec. 24, 25, 26, and 27.)

(b) If the taxes and penalties on the property remain unpaid one year after the tax became delinquent, all private right, title, and interest in and to the property shall become intestately vested in the provincial government subject only to the right of redemption and repurchase hereinafter provided. That the right accorded by said provincial government to the real property shall not be superior to that which the original owner had to the same before the delinquent thereof (Act No. 2022, sec. 28).

(c) At the expiration of ninety full days from the date of publication of notice for delinquency, the provincial treasurer, or his deputy, may issue to the municipal president or other officers authorized to enforce the laws his certificate by which the official receiving same shall, under section 36 of Act No. 2022, immediately remove all houses or occupants to be ejected from the property in cases all houses or occupants to be ejected from the property in cases where it may be necessary, giving an extension of time to move and to exceed tax due in the occupants of any dwelling house erected on the property.

(d) Unredeemed real property may be redeemed within ninety days after the publication of the notice of delinquency (Act No. 2022, sec. 29); and after the title to the property shall have become vested in the provincial government, it may be repurchased by the owner (Act No. 2022, sec. 30).

(e) After the title to the property shall have become vested in the provincial government, the property may be sold at public auction under the provisions of Act No. 2022, sections 41 and 42, subject to repurchase by the owner, within one year after such sale.

5. **Use of this official receipt.**—For every payment made on account of taxes and penalties on real property, a receipt on this form shall be issued. A taxpayer should be careful to see that the receipt issued to him correctly states his name, the amount paid by him, and all other particulars required by the blank spaces of the receipt.

COMPANY K 160th INFANTRY

AKR-cbc  
APO No. 40, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California  
17 August, 1946

SUBJECT- Letter of Recommendation.

TO- Commanding Officer, any U. S. or Philippine Army Post, Camp, Station, or Detachment.

1. The bearer, Jesus Villarosa, is a mountain hunter from Victorias, Occidental Province, Negros, P. I.
2. He worked with my patrol in June 1946, in a long reconnaissance into Japanese positions in the Mt. Silay Sector. During this patrol fifteen enemy were killed and four captured, largely due to his superior scouting. He proved himself at all times to be a capable, aggressive, and courageous scout, with no thought for his personal safety.
3. He also is a master scout and provided much instruction to my men in the technique of scouting and ambushing the enemy.
4. I can recommend him most highly for any job of a like nature, and if possible for a Philippine Army decoration.
5. This letter applies also to Rodrigo Baco, who served with me in a similar capacity.

(SGD) ALBY M. BRAD  
Captain, 160th Infantry  
Commanding

I hereby certify on my official oath that the above is a true and correct copy from the original.

Victorias, Neg. Occ.  
October 29, 1946

*Jesus Villarosa*  
JESUS P. VILLAROSA  
Scout Sergeant

Scout Negro

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1946, at Victorias, Negros Occidental, a filiant exhibited to me his Res.Cert.No. 3-NS4774, issued at Victorias, Negros Occ., on Jan. 20, 1946.

*Alfredo Calera*  
ALFREDO CALERA  
Justice of the Peace  
Victorias, Negros Occidental

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*TLR, Victorias Hunter Legion*



# Official Receipt of the Commonwealth of the Philippines

## PROVINCIAL TREASURER'S REAL-PROPERTY TAX RECEIPT

*Mataroa* (Municipality - *Mabuhay*)  
*Ag. Class.* (Type of Property)  
*Oct. 31* (Date)  
 No. *6*

RECEIVED from *James P. Pillarosa* (Name of Person)  
 the sum of *20/100* (Amount in words) Pesos

(P. 194), Philippine currency, in full, partial or as installment payment of REAL-PROPERTY TAX for the calendar year Y  
 upon property described in the record of assessment, as follows: *Documentary Stamp*

Name of Taxpayer or Owner	LOCATION (Block or street number)	Parcel Number	Description of Property	Valua- tion	Tax Due	INSTALLMENT*		Full Payment	Balance per unit	TOTAL
						No.	Payment			
	<i>Lot 1-20</i>		<i>Documentary Stamp</i>							<i>- 20</i>
										<i>- 20</i>

Total Taxes (Money order, Treasury receipt or Check No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_)

\* Installment payment authorized by Prov'l Board Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_

Last day of payment without penalty per said Resolution is:  
 First installment \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_ Second installment \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_

By *J. P. Pillarosa*  
 Provincial Treasurer - Treasury Department  
 (Province - *Mabuhay*)

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## INFORMATION

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2. *Notice of time for collection of tax.*—The provincial treasurer shall cause notice of the date during which the real property tax may be paid in each municipality to be posted during the month of January of each year at the main entrance of the provincial building and of all municipal buildings and in a public and conspicuous place in each barrio, and published in the newspaper or announced by town crier. (Act No. 2499, sec. 22, as amended by Act No. 444, sec. 2).

3. *Penalty for delinquency.*—Failure to pay the real property tax before the expiration of the term for payment without penalty of the same or installment thereof shall subject the taxpayer, beginning with the first day of delinquency, to the payment, for each full month of delinquency that has expired, of a penalty of two per centum on the original amount of the tax due, until the tax shall be fully paid, or the property subject to the provincial government in accordance with section thirty-six of this Act. Provided, That in no case shall the total penalty exceed twenty-four per centum of the original tax due; 2 x 2 (Act No. 2499, sec. 23, as amended by Act No. 444, sec. 3).

4. *Procedure to enforce collection of taxes and penalties due.*—(a) After delinquency in the payment of the real property tax has occurred, the provincial treasurer or his deputy may distrain personal property of the taxpayer to cover the taxes and penalties due and if such personal property is not released in time the same may be sold at an auction previously announced. (Act No. 2499, sec. 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28).

(b) If the taxes and penalties on the property remain unpaid one year after the tax became delinquent, all private right, title, and interest in and to the property shall become indefinitely vested in the provincial government subject only to the right of redemption and repurchase hereinafter contained. Provided, That the right acquired by said provincial government in the real property shall not be superior to that which the original owner had to the same before the distraint thereof (Act No. 2499, sec. 29).

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(d) Distraint real property may be redempted within ninety days after the publication of the notice of delinquency (Act No. 2499, sec. 30); and after the title to the property shall have become vested in the provincial government, it may be repurchased by the owner (Act No. 2499, sec. 41).

(e) After the title to the property shall have become vested in the provincial government, the property may be sold at public auction under the provisions of Act No. 2499, sections 42 and 43, subject to repurchase by the owner, within one year after such sale.

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16 August, 1946  
503d. Para-reg't.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN-

Jesus P. Villarosa has been upon numerous combat patrols with my company. He has showed at all times initiative and aggressiveness in destroying the ever present enemy. With his small band of fighting men he has harassed the enemy continually.

He has been of valuable aid to my men and me in scouting out enemy positions. He is a good leader has fought well for the liberation of his country and in doing all this he has done it purely on his own in other word, has not received any pay for his valuable work.

It is an honor and privilege to go on record saying "JESUS IS A DAMN GOOD FIGHTING MAN".

(S&D) JOHN H. BLAIR 111  
Captain Co. I, 503d

I hereby certify on my official oath that the above is a true and correct copy from the original.

Victorias, Negros Occ.  
October 29, 1946

*Jesus P. Villarosa*  
JESUS P. VILLAROSA

Sec. 1. Here

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1946, at Victorias, Negros Occidental, affiant exhibited to me his Res. Cert. No. 4-N 589744, issued at Victorias, Negros Occ., on Jan 22, 1946.

*Alfonso Calseña*  
ALFONSO CALSEÑA

Justice of the Peace  
Victorias, Negros Occidental

*Doc 2*  
*TLR, Victorias Hunter Legion*

16 AUGUST 1945

503- Para- Regiment.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rodrigo Duoa, has proven himself on many an occasion with my company, to be a daring, intelligent and a aggressive fighting man. He has given us valuable aid in scouting Japs outpost and ~~defenses~~ defenses. Along with J. Villarosa, they have formed a small band of fighting men to hold defeat the enemy. People of the Philippines should be proud to have had men like Duoa, who have fought the enemy, asking for no pay whatsoever. If at any time, he should need assistance, I would appreciate it if he could be help.

It is an honor and a privilege to write this letter in his behalf.

JOHN B. BLAIR 111  
Capt. Co. I, 503rd.

(True copy)





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3. *Penalty for delinquency.*—Failure to pay the real property tax before the expiration of the term for payment without penalty of the same or installments thereof shall subject the taxpayer, beginning with the first day of delinquency, to the payment, for each full month of delinquency that has expired, of a penalty of two per centum on the original amount of the tax due, until the tax shall be fully paid, or the property escheats to the provincial government in accordance with section thirty-six of this Act: *Provided*, That in no case shall the total penalty exceed twenty-four per centum of the original tax due; X X X (Act No. 3995, sec. 24, as amended by Act No. 4061, sec. 4).

4. *Remedies to enforce collection of taxes and penalties due.*—

(a) After delinquency in the payment of the real property tax has occurred, the provincial treasurer or his deputy may distrain personal property of the taxpayer to cover the taxes and penalties due and if such personal property is not redeemed in time the same may be sold at an auction previously announced. (Act No. 3995, secs. 31, 32, 33, and 35).

(b) If the taxes and penalties on the property remain unpaid one year after the tax became delinquent, all private right, title, and interest in and to the property shall become indefeasibly vested in the provincial government subject only to the right of redemption and repurchase heretobelow conferred: *Provided*, That the right acquired by said provincial government to the real property shall not be superior to that which the original owner had to the same before the distraint thereof (Act No. 3995, sec. 36).

(c) At the expiration of ninety full days from the date of publication of notice for delinquency, the provincial treasurer, or his deputy, may issue to the municipal president or other officers authorized to enforce the laws his certificate by which the official receiving same shall, under section 39 of Act No. 3995, immediately cause all tenants or occupants to be ejected from the property in question by the municipal police, and to that end may employ such force as may be necessary, giving an extension of time to move not to exceed ten days to the occupants of any dwelling house erected on the property.

(d) Distrained real property may be redeemed within ninety days after the publication of the notice of delinquency (Act No. 3995, sec. 37); and after the title to the property shall have become vested in the provincial government, it may be repurchased by the owner (Act No. 3995, sec. 38).

(e) After the title to the property shall have become vested in the provincial government, the property may be sold at public auction under the provisions of Act No. 3995, sections 41 and 42, subject to repurchase by the owner, within one year after such sale.

5. *Use of this official receipt.*—For every payment made on account of taxes and penalties on real property, a receipt on this form shall be issued. A taxpayer should be careful to see that the receipt issued to him correctly states his name, the amount paid by him, and all other particulars required by the blank spaces of the receipt.



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The Commanding Officer  
AFWESPAC  
Manila, P. I.

Sir:

With regards to the list of the VICTORIAS HUNTER'S  
LEGION SUBMITTED to that office recently, I have the honor to  
state that the name of one of my men who fought side by side  
with me during our encounter was overlooked and same was not  
included in the former list.

I am therefore submitting herewith his name so  
that it will be included in the said list.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Civil Status</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Vergilio Tranquilo-	Married	Member	

Hoping that his name be taken up and be included  
in my former list recently submitted to that office.

Very respectfully,

*Jose E. Villarosa*  
JOSE E. VILLAROSA  
Leader Hunter's Legion  
(Victorias, Negros Occidental Phils.)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF [Name], deceased.  
[Name], Executor.

ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I COMMAND YOU TO TAKE NOTICE THAT I have appointed [Name] as Executor of the last will and testament of [Name], deceased.

I am therefore authorized to execute the same and to do all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of the said will and to administer the estate of the said [Name] in accordance with the provisions of the said will and the laws of the State of [State].

Witness my hand and the seal of the said State at the City of [City], this [Date] day of [Month], 19[Year].

Notary Public for the State of [State]  
[Signature]



ROSTER OF TROOPS  
HONTER'S REGIMENT  
VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL P.I.

NAME	RANK	DATE INDUCTED	REMARKS
1. Jesus P. Villarosa	1st.Lt.	Oct. 29-42	U.S. Mar. 14-43 place Boulevard, Victorias, N Negros Occidental WIA July 2-45 Riverside Saravia
2. Rodrigo Duenas	1st.Sgt.	Mar. 23-45	
3. Wayne Jenson	1 Sgt.	Apr. 30-45	
4. Marcelino Seluce	1 Corporal	Oct. 29-42	
5. Francisco Sagulion	1 Corporal	Oct. 29-42	
6. Dionisio Panaga	1 Corporal	Apr. 20-45	
7. Santos Estocada	1 Corporal	Apr. 20-45	KIA. Place Calaptan, Silay, Negros Occ. P.I. June 24-45
8. Agustin Acang	1 PFC	Apr. 20-45	
9. Melecio Serano	1 PFC	Apr. 20-45	
10. Rufino Alvarez	1 PFC	Apr. 20-45	
11. Noe Molde	1 PFC	Apr. 20-45	
12. Federico Matalio	1 PFC	Apr. 20-45	
13. Alejandro Rosel	1 PFC	Apr. 20-45	
14. Dionisio Abril	1 PFC	July 6-45	Wounded left shoulder hospitalized, came out invalid-place San Isi- dro, Saravia, Negros Occidental P.I.
15. Aguedo Manayon	1 PFC	Nov. 10-42	
16. Pedro Mariveles	1 PFC	May 25-45	
17. Juan Bauman	1 PFC	June 3-45	
18. Bruno Mallorca	1 PFC	June 3-45	KIA on patrol along to the American Trail Manapla, Negros Occ. July 15-45
19. Francisco Jamayon	1 PFC	July 6-45	
20. Federico Serano	1 Private	Apr. 20-45	
21. Consorcio Gaster	1 Private	Apr. 23-45	
22. Lorenzo Pural	1 Private	Apr. 23-45	
23. Jesus Espenillado	1 Private	Apr. 23-45	
24. Felix Completado	1 Private	Apr. 23-45	
25. Erlino Completado	1 Private	Apr. 23-45	
26. Marcos Ordas	1 Private	July 7-45	
27. Gonzalo Ordas	1 Private	July 7-45	
28. Crispin Fuentes	1 Private	July 7-45	
29. Andres Pajari-on	1 Private	July 7-45	
30. Cesar Bueson	1 Private	Apr. 20-45	
31. Andres Mainit	1 Private	Apr. 20-45	
32. Cosme Mainit	1 Private	Apr. 20-45	
33. Julian Mainit	1 Private	Apr. 20-45	Wounded on the chin hospitalized US Army hospital by Lt. Alex. M. Brand Co. K 160 Inf. 140th. Div. 8th. Army June 5-45 place Sicaba Imante Uadiz, negros occ.
34. Filomeno Mainit	1 Private	Apr. 20-45	Wounded on the chin hospitalized US Army as above.

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35. Agapito Campos	Private	June 3-45	KIA on patrol along the American Trail, Mariposa, Neg. Occ. July 15-45
36. Canuto Glazaga	Private	Apr. 20-45	KIA on patrol along the Sierra Monte, Cadiz, Neg. Occ., P. I., June 5-45
37. Servacio Glazaga	Private	Apr. 20-45	KIA on patrol along the American Trail, Sierra Monte, Cadiz, Neg. Occ., P. I.
38. Ignacio Lopez	Private	Jul. 5-45	KIA while on patrol along rd. Leoncia, Baravia, Neg. Occ., Jul. 21, 1945
39. Francisco Jansa	Private	Jul. 5-45	KIA while on patrol along rd. Margarita, Baravia, Neg. Occ., with Lt. Lee Co #603 Para. Sgt. June 25-45.
40. Benjamin Jansa	Private	Jul. 5-45	
41. Vergilio Tranquilo	-do-	Apr. 10-45	
42. Rolando Fuentesbella	"	Jul. 20-45	
43. Francisco Guadalupe	"	Jun. 12-45	
44. Juanito Gerocho	"	Jun. 12-45	
45. Godofredo Delmo	"	Jun. 12-45	
46. Demetrio Mariveles	"	May 25-45	
47. Agustin Lagotin	"	Nov. 10-45	
48. Hernando Lagotin	"	Nov. 10-45	
49. Gerardo Favores	"	Mar. 5-45	
50. Arcenio Gonzalez	"	May 10-45	
51. Jose Villalobos	"	Feb. 6-44	
52. Primitivo Benites	"	Feb. 6-44	
53. Ernesto Custilo	"	Aug. 10-44	
54. Cipriano Palomo	"	Aug. 10-44	
55. Hector Samgat	"	Nov. 10-43	

*Jose P. Villalobos*  
 JESUS P. VILLALOBOS  
 1st. Lieut., Infantry, Commanding  
 Hunters' Legion, Victoria, Negros  
 Occidental, Philippines

## Legend-

WIA - Wounded in action  
 KIA - Killed in action  
 C J - Captured by Japs.

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Lists of the VICTORIAS HUNTER'S LEGION under the Command of JESUS F. VILLAROSA, Leader.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Civil Status</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1- Jesus F. Villarosa	- Married	- 1st Leader	-
2- Rodrigo Duca	- do	- 2nd Leader	-
3- Wyne Jocsen	- Single	- 2nd Leader	-
4- Alejandro Rusel	- Married	- 3rd Leader	-
5- Emilio Serrano	- Single	- Member	-
6- Federico Serrana	- do	- do	-
7- Federico Natalio	- Married	- do	-
8- No-e Malde	- Single	- do	-
9- Rufino Alvarez	- Married	- do	-
10- Consercio Castor	- do	- do	-
11- Dionisio Panaga	- do	- do	-
12- Jesus Empaniado	- Single	- do	-
13- Felix Completado	- Married	- do	-
14- Erlino Completado	- Single	- do	-
15- Agustin Ecang	- Married	- do	-
16- Arcenio Gonzales	- do	- do	-
17- Pedro Maraveles	- do	- do	-
18- Andres Ma-init	- do	- do	-
19- Cosme Ma-init	- do	- do	-
20- Juanito Jeroche	- Single	- do	-
21- Marcos Ordas	- Married	- do	-
22- Crispin Fuentes	- Single	- do	-
23- Cesar Buczon	- Married	- do	-
24- Andres Pajari-on	- do	- do	-
25- Godofredo Delmo	- do	- do	-
26- Bruno Mallerca	- do	- do	- (died in action)
27- Agapito Campos	- Single	- do	- (died in action)
28- Santos Estocada	- Married	- do	- (died in action)
29- Ignacio Lopez	- do	- do	- (died in action)
30- Canuto Glaraga	- do	- do	- (died in action)
31- Gervacio Glaraga	- Single	- do	- (died in action)
32- Juan Bavesan	- Married	- do	-
33- Francisco Guadalupe	- do	- do	-
34- Francisco Jamayon	- do	- do	-
35- Demetrio Maraveles	- Single	- do	-
36- Ricardo Funancio	- Married	- do	-
37- Rolando Fuentesbella	- do	- do	-
38- Dionisio Abril	- do	- do	- (invalid)

Note: All arms taken from the Japs during the campaign were all surrendered to the local MP Command and receipts of same are available for investigation.

*Jesus Villarosa*  
JESUS F. VILLAROSA  
Leader Hunter's Legion  
(Victorias, Negros Occidental Philippines)





List of the VICTORIAN HUNTER'S LEGION under the Command of  
LEONARD A. WILLIAMS, Leader.

Names	Status	Rank	Remarks
1- Leonard A. Williams	MARRIED	1st Leader	
2- Harold Lucas	do	2nd Leader	
3- Wayne Fosson	single	2nd Leader	
4- Alejandro Rueda	MARRIED	2nd Leader	
5- Emilio Carrasco	single	Member	
6- Federico Carrasco	do		
7- Federico Melendez	MARRIED		
8- Noe Melendez	single		
9- Mariano Alvarez	MARRIED		
10- Conrado Castro	do		
11- Dionisio Lanza	do		
12- Tomas Prudencio	single		
13- Felix Compañero	MARRIED		
14- Martin Compañero	single		
15- Augustin Gomez	MARRIED		
16- Leoncio Gonzalez	do		
17- Leoncio Gonzalez	do		
18- Andres Melendez	do		
19- Conrado Melendez	do		
20- Renato Trevino	single		
21- Marcos Vargas	MARRIED		
22- Cristian Fuentes	single		
23- Cesar Escobar	MARRIED		
24- Andres Pelayo	do		
25- Conrado Lomas	do		
26- Bruno Gallardo	do		
27- Emilio Gomez	single		(died in action)
28- Marcos Escobar	MARRIED		(died in action)
29- Leoncio Lopez	do		(died in action)
30- Conrado Alvarez	do		(died in action)
31- Conrado Alvarez	single		(died in action)
32- Juan Alvarez	MARRIED		
33- Francisco Gonzalez	do		
34- Francisco Trevino	do		
35- Renato Melendez	single		
36- Leoncio Melendez	MARRIED		
37- Leoncio Melendez	do		
38- Dionisio Melendez	do		(invalid)

Note: All data taken from the logs during the campaign were all  
 forwarded to the local HQ Command and receipts of same are available  
 for investigation.

LEONARD A. WILLIAMS  
 Leader Hunter's Legion  
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