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PIGEON INDEPENDENT PLATOON  
 FILE NO. 152

FIGAO INDEPENDENT PLA TOON

NAME OF UNIT

PABLO FIGAO

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. PG Ltr, Hq, APPAC, dtd 4 Jul 45.
- x 4. FC Ltr w/suml roster (3rd Ind, Hqs, AFWESTPAC dtd 15 Dec 45) Str: 2
5. NPC/Revision ltr, Hq, PHILRYCOM, dtd 27 Aug 47, w/TLR by Lt Bromley & Lt De Rivera.
6. Acknowledgement to reconsideration rqst of revision dtd (not Accepted) ltr, Hq, PHILRYCOM, dtd 12 Nov 47, w/basic ltr.
7. Ltr to Leoncio Y. Ros dtd 20 Dec 47 re Revision of date of recogn.

REMARKS:



HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-MYURUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 FI *2570*

APO 707

20 DEC 1947

Mr. Leoncio Y. Ros  
c/o Mr. Pablo Figao  
Legaspi, Albay  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Ros:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 3 December 1947, requesting reconsideration of the unfavorable decision rendered by this headquarters with regard to the revision of the recognition dates of the Figao Independent Platoon.

As your commanding officer, Mr. Pablo Figao, was informed in our letter, dated 27 August 1947, a detailed examination was made of all supporting papers submitted by your unit, together with a careful analysis of the unit history and a thorough review of all available information regarding the military activities of the unit from its inception. However, this protracted study failed to justify the establishment of dates of recognition other than those presently published. The Figao Independent Platoon was therefore not favorably considered for revision of recognition dates.

Inasmuch as it is considered that your unit has received all the consideration that is warranted, no further consideration being justified, the unfavorable decision of this headquarters, dated 27 August 1947, remains final.

The document submitted with your letter of 3 December 1947 has been included in the unit file for record purposes.

Sincerely,

*E. Canfield*  
E. CANFIELD  
CAPTAIN, AGD  
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

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PHILIPPINE-MUSKIEUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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GOCFU 091 FI / 3580

APD 707  
28 DEC 1947

Mr. Leoncio I. Ros  
c/o Mr. Pablo Figue  
Legaspi, Albay  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Ros:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 3 December 1947, requesting reconsideration of the unfavorable decision rendered by this headquarters with regard to the revision of the recognition dates of the Figue Independent Platoon.

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Lt Col Wallace M. Hazen:

A. F. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
CAPTAIN, AGD

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

Enclose, letter from Mr. Leoncio I. Ros to Commanding General, dated 3 December 1947, requesting reconsideration of the unfavorable decision rendered by this headquarters with regard to the revision of the recognition dates of the Figue Independent Platoon.

1st Lt. William D. McKillen

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



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SUBJECT: Revision of Date of Recognition, FIGAO INDEPENDENT PLATOON, Request for,  
TO : The Commanding General, Philrycom, Apo 707, 3, December 1947.

S i r :

I have the honor to request re-consideration in the Revision date of the Recognition of the FIGAO INDEPENDENT PLATOON, for the following reasons:

- (1) That I was the Actg. Executive Officer of the Pigo Independent Platoon, with the rank as 1st. Lieutenant in the guerrilla, then as Sergeant Platoon, when said guerrilla unit was recognized by the 158TH RCT, Task Force, AUS, that landed in Legaspi nad liberated the Bicol Provinces under the Command of Gen. MacNIDER;
- (2) That The Pigo Independent Unit(grla) was formerly a part of Orobias Unit, otherwise called the Bagong Katipunan, the first guerrilla group to be organized in the province of Albay way back in the year 1942 under ~~the~~ Col. Gerardo Orobia, as Regimental Commander, and that this guerrilla unit(Bagong Katipunan) is still one among those that are requesting and demanding recognition from that Headquarters;
- (3) That in the advent of organization of Orobias Unit, The Pigo Independent Unit, was one who had joined said organization in the year 1942 thus we ~~we~~ began to train able bodied men composed mostly of civilian voluteers who had willingly joined the underground movement to serve our land and fight for democracy by the side of the American People;
- (4) In the year 1943, we begun to harass the enemy in the art of guerrilla warfare. Our men armed with shotguns Cal. 12, P.I. made numbering 15, 4 Winchester Cal. 12, American Made, 1 pistol Cal.38, American Made and 4 pistols single shot P.I. made ~~and~~ the rest armed with bolos and arrows, our harassing campaign for the enemy begun. In September same year, we had our first encounter with the enemy at Km. 565 at Cuyao-yao, a sitio in the secluded mountains of Albay, while a Japanese truck was on its way to Malacbalac to go to the Garrison they had established there. In this encounter which we had opened ~~of~~ surprise attack on the enemy, we killed 7 japanese soldiers, burned the truck and succeeded in capturing a large quantity of ammunition and 5 Japanese rifles. After the encounter we forced our way back to our Camp in Itongan, a sitio in the mountains of Guinobatan, Albay;
- (5) In November of the same year, we struck on another objective when we raided the Japanese Garrison at Malacbalac, a ~~barrio~~ along the seacoast of Albay, which had been terrorizing the population of that barrio. In this fight, we killed 9 Japanese soldiers and wounded some of them to our credit. In the course of the fight we were forced later to withdraw when several Japanese trucks of soldiers arrived to re-inforced the japanese outpost in Malacbalac;
- (6) In the year 1944, when Gen. Mac. Arthur and the American Forces landed in Leyte, we begun to ~~outlay~~ a plan to get in contact with the American Task Forces. Fortunately, we succeeded in slipping through the cordage of Japanese patrols and we reached Tacloban, Leyte, safely. We presented to the Headquarters of the American Forces. High American Military Authorities, being convinced of the genuineness of us as guerrillas, we succeeded in securing 75 arms, composed mostly of garands cal. 30, springfields, 2 bazookas and one 80 mm. trench mortar. After the receipt of the arms we requested together with the necessary ammunitions, we were ordered to return to Albay and continue our work in the underground movement and wait for a liaison officer who will go to Albay to get in contact with the guerrillas and Task Force to land in Legaspi, Albay;
- (7) In February, 1945, Lt. William E. Nellist, liaison-officer between the guerrillas and the Task Force, AUS, landed in Malacbalac by PT boat. Immediately we presented to this Intelligence Officer, G-2 Division, to received all necessary instructions and orders. Being then ordered to keep on guard on the seacoast of Malacbalac, he; Lt. William E. Nellist, proceeded to Maoraro where he established his CP in a sitio of Guinobatan, Albay;
- (8) On February 28, 1945, Lt. William E. Nellist, ordererd us to report to his Hq. at Maoraro, Guinobatan, Albay. Upon reporting, we were given orders and assigned to hold ~~the~~ defend Camalig-Area, an occupied sector by the enemy;

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(9) On February 29, 1945, first group of Grobina Unit, was ordered to Camalig-Area as per order of Lt. William E. Nellist. This bunch was under the Command of Major-Ruben Grobia. Together with his men they reported to their assignment in Bankirahan-Area. After twenty days of field operation they were obliged to withdraw from the line due to the lack of subsistence, thus Lt. William E. Nellist disbanded them on the ground that they abandoned the sector where they were assigned to hold and defend:

(10) On March 1945, the second group of Grobia Unit was sent to the same sector under the Command of Major Loveto Grobia. But they withdrew from said sector for same reasons. On March 28, 1945, the third group of Grobia Unit under the Command of Capt. Juan Barroa was ordered to report to Camalig-Area. Together with Capt. Pablo Figoa, second in command to the unit reported to the said sector. After five days of field operation we succeeded in the capture of 1 Japanese truck, 17 drums of gasoline from the Japanese bodega and killed a few Japanese soldiers to our credit. These activities were reported to the Headquarters of Lt. William E. Nellist.

(11) On 1 April 1945, the Task Force, AUG, the 156TH REGT, landed in Legaspi, Albay. Immediately, we received orders from the Hq. to keep on guarding the line and prevent the penetrating through the guarded sector. From time to time we keep on guarding the line being then supplied with food and ammunition by the Hq. of the 156TH REGT, Task Force, AUG.

(12) On April 18, 1945, Capt. Juan Barroa, was shot on the line by a Japanese sniper on his right shoulder. He immediately taken to Manila for hospitalization as per order of Col. Frank Thompson. During his absence, Capt. Pablo Figoa, second in command of the third group of Grobia Unit took command of the unit and I as Executive Officer of the unit; from time to time per guerrilla unit, was in constant joint action with the Regimental Combat Team of the 156TH REGT, Task Force, AUG, during the patrols for the Japanese stragglers in the mountains of Quitman and Jigong, Camalig, Albay.

(13) Attached hereto is the original letter of Lt. William E. Nellist, signed by William Wisner, which is self-explanatory that established our services in the line of duty.

Trusting our good faith in the fairness of the American People, I am earnestly requesting for all kind consideration that may be extended on this behalf, inasmuch as we had constantly ~~relied~~ relied upon the justice of the American authorities for their good and constant understanding to the guerrillas who had fought by their side for the restoration of Democracy during the recent war.

Very respectfully yours,

*L. Y. ROS*  
LEONARDO Y. ROS

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Very respectfully,  
[Signature]



William C. P  
the Field

Capt. Pablo P. Jao: April 18, 1945

I received your letter of April 18 this morning and must inform you that there are no additional arms available at this time. Please contact Lt. Sanchez for your ammunition needs.

I was sorry to hear that Capt. Barros was injured and hope it isn't serious. I know you will continue the good work of Capt. Barros.

I'll probably have new orders for you in a day or two.  
Good luck.

Lt. William C. P  
By: Sgt. Wisner

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SUBJECT: Reconsideration, Request for : Type of Communication  
FROM : Pablo Pigao : Letter

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2nd Lt William D. MacMillan *WDM*

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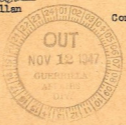
Lt Col Wallace M. Hanes:

1. Basic, letter from Pablo Pigao to Assistant Adjutant General, PHILRYCOM, dated 27 October 1947, requesting reconsideration of the unfavorable decision rendered by this headquarters with regard to the revision of dates of the Pigao Independent Platoon.

2. The Pigao Independent Platoon was recognized by Headquarters AFPAC on 11 September 1945 in a strength of 43 men as of 1 April 1945.

*William D MacMillan*  
2nd Lt William D. MacMillan

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





HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCFU 091 PI / 2298

APF 707

12 NOV 1947

Mr. Pablo Figao  
Ligao, Albay  
Philippines

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THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

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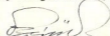
The Assistant Adjutant General  
PHILRYCOM, APO 707  
M a n i l a

S i r :-

In compliance with your communication dated August 27, 1947, in connection with the final determination for official recognition of the Figao Independent Platoon in relation with the overall resistance movement of the said platoon, I have the honor to forward herewith a sworn statement relative to the chronological services rendered by the said platoon for further reference of that office.

In this connection, if necessary papers which are to be compiled are still lacking, may you please communicate the undersigned at an early possible date for compliance.

Very respectfully,

  
FABIO FIGAO

HEADQUARTERS  
4TH REPLACEMENT BATTALION (PA)  
APO 75

12 March, 1946

CLEARANCE SLIP

Issue clearance to PABLO FIGAO ✓ 1st Lt. INF  
(Name) (Rank) (Br. of Sv.)

039540 to be Discharge per par S.O. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(ASN)

1946.

Circular # 182 Series 1945 HPA

SUPPLY OFFICER: (SGD) LACARDOLA AVELINO  
2nd Lieut. PA G-34432

COMPANY COMMANDER: (SGD) DOMINADOR BORONGON  
1st LIEUT. PA Commanding

FINANCE OFFICER: a. When last paid to include:

1-12 March 46

b. Due government, if nothing so state

This is to certify that the Officer or EM has been  
cleared of all government responsibilities in this Command.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

(SGD) PABLO FERNANDEZ  
Capt. Inf.  
Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:

  
PABLO FIGAO

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SO 69 Hq 4th Repl Bn dtd 15 March 1946

EXTRACT

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11. WA CG, AFWSBPAC and DP, for O are released from active service of the PA for the convenience of the Government and WP to their homes on 14 March 1946:

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BY ORDER OF MAJOR FLORES:

OFFICIAL:

PABLO FERNANDEZ  
Capt, Inf  
Adjutant

s/PABLO FERNANDEZ  
t/PABLO FERNANDEZ  
Capt, Inf  
Adjutant

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A TRUE COPY  
PABLO FIGAC

**R E S T R I C T E D**

Ltr Hq 156TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM Subject: Attachments  
Orders

1st Ind  
Hq., FIRST REGIMENT, 8100L BRIGADE, Camp Cerro Gerdo, 25 June 45

TO: See Distribution.

1. For your information and guidance.
2. Acknowledgement receipt.

By Order of Lt.-Col. SANDICO:

(SGD) ALEJANDRO C. DE VERA  
Srd Lt., Inf.  
Asst. Adjutant

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- 2 - Major IBETA
- 2 - Major FLOE
- 2 - Major LABAT
- 2 - Major SABARRE
- 2 - Capt. RODRIGO
- 2 - Capt. COLAN
- 2 - Lt. FIGAO
- 2 - Hq. 156 RCT APO 70

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FAREO FIGAO

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HEADQUARTERS 158 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
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10 May, 1945

SUBJECT: Attachment Orders

TO : Commanding Officers, All Guerrilla Units

Pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters Sixth Army, Subject: "Procurement, recognition, use, supply, and disposition of Guerrilla Units", dated 3 May 1945, the following units are placed under the control of this Headquarters:

54th Infantry Bn, 5MD (LAFUS)  
55th " " " (SANDIGO)  
56th Special Combat Bn, 5th MD (ISLETA)  
Fler's Independent Bn (FLOR)  
First Co. Zabab's Guerrillas (ZABAT)  
First Special Ranger Co. (RODOLFO)  
Pigao Independent Unit (PIGAO)  
Albay-Sorsogon Intelligence Net (SABARRE)  
Philippine National Volunteer Army (OSIAL)

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MAENIDER:

(Sgt.) ROSS E. KING  
Major, GMP  
adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:

2- Each Unit Concerned  
1 - XI Corps  
1 - Sixth Army

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
PABLO FIGAO

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)  
MUNICIPALITY OF LIGAO ) S.S.  
PROVINCE OF ALBAY )

I, PABLO FIGAO, of legal age, married, and resident of the municipality of Ligao, province of Albay, after being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That in the year 1942, May, while the fighting in Corregidor was still going on the undersigned affiant have recruited able-bodied and courageous young men who can give everything for national cause and giving them the extensive training in the art of warfare that compose of one company of the sector of Ligao-Guinsabatan area, this province.

That in the early part of 1943, we proceed to the field and started to harass the enemy and we succeed several ambushes with the Japanese the first one was on September, 1943, when we intercept a military convoy comprising of several trucks with Japanese soldiers on the way to Malacbalac for the coastal places of the Ligao and Guinsabatan this province.

That when we meet them on the highway of the Ligao-Panganiran Road at Km. 565 (Coyacayao sitio) we fought with the Japanese soldiers and resulting the death of 7 Japanese soldiers, demolishing the Japanese trucks, capturing 5 Japanese rifles and a large quantity of ammunitions.

That on November of the same year, we again attacked the Japanese Garrison at Malacbalac, Guinsabatan, this province, and this operation made the Japanese forces stationed there, to evacuate the place, and the populace was saved from terrorizing acts exercised by the Japanese forces.

That in the year 1944, June, we engaged another operation when we ambush another Japanese truck with Japanese soldiers on way to Jovellar, this province, along the road at Parian. At the same month it was followed by another raid of a Japanese Garrison at Romapon, Legaspi, Albay, that made the Japanese Forces evacuate the said place.

That on February, 1945, Lt. William Nellest, landed by PF boat at Malacbalac and established his CP behind the enemy lines and we immediately presented our credentials to this advance G-2 and assigned my unit to patrol duty of the South-east approach of his CP which was at Mouraro, Guinsabatan, Albay, we have occasional skirmished with the enemy and constructed the defense work at the Cituinan hills, Camalig-Daraga, area, and constructed the fields for the air drops of the U.S. Army Airforce under the direction of Lt. William Nellest.

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That when the American Forces landed at Legaspi, Albay, I was the first Bicol Guerrilla leader who contacted the HQ of the 158 RCT under Col. F. Thompson, G-1. After examining my credentials through investigation, he directed me to assume guard duty at the Headquarters area, the POL and Ordnance dumps and stockade. We continued discharging these duties until May 10, 1945, when our unit was formally attached and incorporated with the U.S. Army.

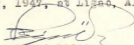
That later on of the same year as above stated when my unit was ordered and transferred under the Command of Maj. Ross E. King, CMC, Adjutant, of the RCT at the Headquarters 158 Regimental Combat Team APO 70 as per true copy of the attachment order hereto attached.

That on June 25, 1945, my unit was attached to the HQ First Regiment, Bicol Brigade, Camp Cerro Gordo, at Legaspi, Albay, under the Command of Lt. Alejandro G. de Vera, Inf. Asst. Adjutant as per true copy attached.

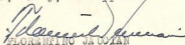
That on the 15th day of September, 1945, I was awarded a Certificate of the Course of Instruction for Military training at the Officers School at Camp Cerro Gordo, U.S. Army Training Group AFAC, Task Unit No. 25.

That on March 4, 1946, my unit was transferred at Camp Murphy 3rd Replacement Co. 4th BR as per true copy of the discharge paper and clearance hereto attached.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my signature this 27th day of October, 1947, at Ligao, Albay, Philippines.

  
PABLO FIGAO  
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of October, 1947, at Ligao, Albay, Philippines.

  
FLORENTINO JACUAN  
Municipal Mayor



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That on June 25, 1945, my unit was attached to the HQ First Regiment, Bicol Brigade, Camp Cerro Gerdo, at Legaspi, Albay, under the Command of Lt. Alejandro G. de Vera, Inf. Asst. Adjutant as per truecopy attached.

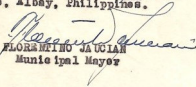
That on the 15th day of September, 1945, I was awarded a Certificate of the Course of Instruction for Military training at the Officers School at Camp Cerro Gerdo, U.S. Army Training Group AFAC, Task Unit No. 25.

That on March 4, 1946, my unit was transferred at Camp Murphy 3rd Replacement Co. 4th BN as per true copy of the discharge paper and clearance hereto attached.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my signature this 27th day of October, 1947, at Ligao, Albay, Philippines.

  
PABLO PIGAO  
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of October, 1947, at Ligao, Albay, Philippines.

  
FLORENTINO JACULAN  
Municipal Mayor

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No. 2 : PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND :  
: OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 : PABLO GIGAO  
: OFFICE RETAINED RECORD

G-3 File No. GSCPU 091 PI : Date: 26 Aug 47

SUBJECT: Revision of Dates, request for : Type of Communication  
FROM : Pablo Pigao : Ltr

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2nd Lt Raul Diaz de Rivera *R de R by*

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col Wallace M. Hanes:

1. The Pigao Independent Platoon, recognized by ltr, Headquarters APPAC, dated 11 September 45, effective date of regn 1 April 1945, in a strength of 43 members, has not been favorably considered for revision of its present regn date.

2. Prior to its present recognition date this unit does not fulfill the requirements of the five basic points for regn, i.e., the period granted constitutes a just and adequate acknowledgement of services to the Armed Forces of the United States. See attached report of investigation.

3. No useful purpose will be served by further investigation of this unit.

4. This unit has no legitimate casualties and no casualty roster has been submitted.

*Raul Diaz de Rivera by BSA*  
2nd Lt Raul Diaz de Rivera

Concur: Capt R C Wilson *Rev*  
Chief, Casualty Sec

Concur: Maj D C Murray *10/2/47*  
Chief, Revision Sec

Concur: Maj C H Wentzell *over from*  
Chief, Unit Branch



HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCFP 091 PI /1713

APG 707

Mr. Pablo Pigao  
Legaspi, Albay  
Philippines

27 AUG 1947

Dear Mr. Pigao:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Pigao Independent Platoon, a guerrilla unit under your nominal control, recognized by Letter Headquarters AFPAC, dated 11 September 1945, has not been favorably considered for revision of its present recognition date.

An exhaustive study of the history of your unit, together with a careful analysis of all other available information of the military activities of your unit from its inception, scrutinized in relation to the overall resistance movement has failed to justify sufficiently the establishment of a date of recognition other than that presently published.

This letter constitutes the final determination of and action upon the period of official recognition of the Pigao Independent Platoon.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adj Gen

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PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COA AND

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SUBJECT:

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(1) FROM: 2nd Lt Bruce Bromley Jr TO: Lt Col Wallace M Hanes

1. Attached hereto for approval are the following drafts on the 56th Special Bn and the Escudero unit, comprising the entire recognized portion of the Borsogon Regiment under the nominal control of Gov. Salvador Escudero:

- a. Proposed M/R
- b. Letter of non-revision
- c. Report of Investigation



REVISION REPORT, FIGAO INDEPENDENT PLATOON

1. 2nd Lts Paul Diaz de Rivera and Bruce D Bromley Jr. proceeded to Legaspi, Albay, to investigate the Figao Independent Platoon, recognized by letter, Headquarters, AFPAC, dated 11 September 1945, to determine whether or not this unit should be granted a revision of its present recognition date.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY:

a. A brief history is presented since no history or pertinent papers are on file. This history is the result of an interview with Pablo Figao, CO, Figao Independent Platoon and his statements have been corroborated by guerrillas in the Legaspi area.

Pablo Figao, CO, claims to have organized his unit in May 1942. Activities of the unit from this date consisted of the usual ineffective harassing of the enemy. The unit remained independent throughout the Japanese occupation, although Figao was one time invited to join other units in the Bicol Region.

The unit did not have any weapons in 1942 but in 1943, Figao claimed to have had procured 10 arms from civilians in Albay. Figao further states that he had a company of active and full time guerrillas in 1943 and 1944.

Late in 1943, Figao alleges that in Barric Kaysocao, Ligo, he and some men held up and ambushed two Japanese trucks and one truck was demolished. He did not know the number of Japanese killed since he ordered his men to leave the place directly after the ambush.

Figao, with a motley group of guerrillas, proceeded to Tacloban, Leyte in Dec 1944. Figao claims to have returned to Albay with 75 weapons (trench mortar, 2 bazookas, Garands and Carbines). A distribution of these arms was effected between the members of the group that went to Leyte. Figao claimed that he was able to retain 50 weapons for his unit while the other 25 went to Onrubia, a guerrilla leader in Albay Province. In March 1945 Capt Cuenco of the 54th Inf under Maj Sandico disarmed and took from Onrubia and Figao approximately 25 arms, leaving Figao with only 25 rifles. Prior to the landings in Legaspi in April 1945, the Figao Independent Platoon maintained a headquarters in Malacbelac and Bengkiruhan, Albay. Figao stated that his men were able to kill 8 Japanese stragglers near the unit's headquarters. When Lt Nellist, Alamo Scouts, US 6th Army, arrived from Leyte, Figao was assigned to the Camslig Sector, and stayed there until the landings in Legaspi were effected.

Figao was recommended to the 158th RCT by Lt Nellist for recognition.

3. FINDINGS:

a. The following persons were interviewed and their statements are reflected in the findings:

Maj	M M Zabst	60, Zabst's Guerrillas
Maj	F Flor	CO, Flor's Inf Bn, Bicol Brigade
Maj	C Ante,	CO, Alby Regt, Ante Group
Lt	Harold Reese	Zabst's Guerrillas
Mr	De Lejos	Mayor, Legaspi

b. Record of service of the unit is vague. The contact team believes that the unit was non-existent prior to 1944. Complete absence of records even after the liberation made it difficult for the contact team to ascertain accurate dates of recognizable activities.

c. Pablo Figeo never had in integrated command until he was recommended to the 158th RCT by Lt Nellist thru Col Thompson. It is apparent that Figeo banded a small group of guerrillas for adventure's sake only, since guerrilla leaders in Bicol never heard of the unit. Maj Flor, CO of the Flor Inf Bn, Bicol Brigade, stated that he never heard of the unit until the liberation. Maj Flor further stated that the unit was a new outfit. Lt Harold Reese, recognized with the 1st Zabst Co, Bicol Brigade, contradicted the ~~the~~ statement of Figeo that the Figeo Unit was assigned by Lt Nellist of the Alamo Scouts to the Camalig Sector. Lt Reese stated that this would be foolhardy for such a small unit as the Figeo Platoon, since Camalig was the area where the Japanese concentrated the bulk of their troops.

d. Civilians interviewed in Legaspi and Camalig, Alby Provinces corroborated the statements of the guerrilla leaders regarding the existence of Figeo's unit. Mr. Alfredo Belen, a civilian residing in Legaspi, Alby, sums up the guerrilla situation in the Bicol Region as "confused and befuddled as a result of the guerrilla leaders' actions which consisted mainly of smearing each other names and creating a small war between themselves". He further stated that the Figeo Unit could not have possibly maintained an extensive existence due to the larger organizations in the area.

e. When Col Thompson, Guerrilla Co-ordinator, 158th RCT arrived in Legaspi in April 1945, Figeo had only 25 rifles. Figeo claimed that Col Thompson was favorably impressed with his (Figeo's) unit so that he was given arms to complete a platoon. However, it is a fact that Figeo was then an "unknown" and that if Col Thompson was really impressed with the Figeo Unit, Col Thompson would not only give the unit a platoon for recognition. In comparison with other units, Figeo was given the smallest figure for recognition. Pablo Figeo admitted to the undersigned that it was only on April 1945 that his unit had taken positive action against the enemy as a part of the recognized Bicol Brigade.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS:

The unit does not appear to have any political affiliations or aspirations.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Pigeo Independent Platoon be not favorably considered for revision of its present recognition date.

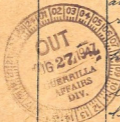
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TO	DATE	REMARKS
Maj Murray	Aug '47	--- 1, 2, 3, & 5 --- <u>Report</u> Revision of Recognition date - Figueo Independent Platoon <u>no unit file</u>
Lt Bromley	18/8/47	The findings are badly arranged as to sequence of events + too much is taken for granted, i.e., that whoever reads the report is also conversant with the actions and history of the unit. In particular, I refer to the last sentence of para. 2. Re-arrange, add a little more to both history + findings and <u>rewrite</u> . Change Para 2 of M/R to conform to the latest form. Check carefully the letter + note the changes there, also. <i>ccm</i>
Maj Murray	18/8	1 _____ <i>R de R</i>
Mr Morgan	18/8/47	T - T to Lt Bromley <i>ccm</i>
Lt Bromley	16/8/47	1 - 3 - <i>ccm</i>
Lt Col Wilson	27/8/47	9 - 7 <i>ccm</i>
Maj Murray	29/8	1st find - <i>ccm</i>
Ch. Hanna	27/8/47	1st for dispatch <i>ccm</i>



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BASIC: Ltr CO, Camp Cerro Gordo (P), Legaspi, Albay, file AG 330.32,  
subj: "Supplementary Roster", dtd 29 Nov 45

GSCPG 091 PI 3d Ind 15 Dec 1945  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC, APO 707

TO: Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, APO 501

1. Approved.

2. Request the inclusion of the personnel listed on the attached supplementary roster (Incl #1) in the recognized roster of the 1st Regt, Bicol Brigade with grades and date of recognition as indicated.

3. It is also requested that your headquarters inform the Commanding Officer of 1st Regt, Bicol Brigade upon completion of the action indicated in paragraph 2, above.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STUBB:

*/s/* J. A. Shackford  
/stamped/ J. A. SHACKFORD  
Capt., AGD  
Asst Adj. Gen.

1 Incl:  
Roster 4 pages (In Dup)

BIGL BRIGADE  
FIGAO INDEPENDENT PLATOON  
SUPPLEMENTARY ROSTER

NAME	ASN	RANK
1. GENARO, Marcelo	149202	Pvt
2. LEONARDO, Jose	149211	Pvt
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Guerrilla Affairs Div  
HQ, PHILRYCOM

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

AG 370,64 (4 July 45)PA

APO 900  
4 July 1945

SUBJECT: Recognition of Guerrilla Units

TO : Commanding General, XIV Corps, APO 453

1. The following guerrilla units are recognized by the Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Forces, Pacific, as authorized elements of this command effective as of the date specified:

	Approx Strength	Effective Date
<b>A. Guerrilla Units under the overall command of Major General (USMAA)</b>		
Com A & B, 1st Bn, 21st Inf, MHO	172	25 Feb 45
Hq & Hq Co & Com 1 & K, 3rd Bn, 21st Inf, MHO	15	3 Feb 45
Hq & Hq Co & Com A & C, 1st Bn 3rd Transportation Regt, PMSD	512	17 May 45
<b>B. Guerrilla Units under the overall command of Major General (USAF)</b>		
Squadron and		
<b>C. Independent Guerrilla Units</b>		
Hq 1st Bn, South Sector Regt, Manila (Darrion's) Div	7	12 Apr 45
Hq & Com A, B, C & D, 1st Bn, 1st-Inf, Manila (Darrion's) Div	205	5 Feb 45
Hq & Com A, B, C, & D, 1st Bn, 45th Inf, Manila (Darrion's) Div	137	24 Mar 45
Hq & Hq Det, 1st Det & Com A, B, C & D, 55th Inf Bn, 51st Div	379	1 Apr 45
Hq & Com A, B & C, 1st Bn, 51st Inf	347	1 Apr 45
1st Frey Plat, 51st, 54th Inf	38	1 Apr 45
1st Combat Co, 51st, 54th Inf	118	1 Apr 45
1st Frey Plat, 2nd Bn, 54th Inf	39	1 Apr 45
1st Frey Plat, 3rd Bn 54th Inf	39	1 Apr 45
1st Frey Co, 3rd Bn 54th Inf	114	1 Apr 45
Hq Miramis Bn, 54th Inf	1	1 Apr 45
Margate Co, 100th (USAFV) Veterans Guerrilla Unit	115	1 May 45
Triga Co, Fil-American Troops	113	1 May 45
Maga Co, Fil-American Irregular Troops	115	1 May 45
Piano Independent Unit	43	1 Apr 45
Hq & Co A, 1st Bn, 2nd Div, III Army Corps, Harting's Fil-Americans	158	27 Mar 45

2. The recognition date of the 100th Bn, USAFV (as published in per la, ltr, Hq USAFV, 1 Apr 1945, subject "Recognition of Guerrilla Units," FYFA 370,64) is hereby changed from 3 Mar 1945 to Jan 1945.

BASIC: Ltr CINC, AFPAC, AS 370.44(10 July 45)PA, Subj: "Recognition of Guerrilla Units," dtd 10 July 45.

2. Under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21, by the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, dated 26 October 1944, the status of members of these units is that of officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army.

3. It is desired that a roster of the personnel of each of these units be forwarded at the earliest practicable date.

4. It is further desired that payment of these units, be facilitated by Finance Officers of the Philippine Army, attached to your command.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

Info copies to -

CG, Eighth Army (1)  
Hq Phil Army (3)

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GEORGE W. TITUS  
Major,            CMP

HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINE RYUKYUS COMMAND

APC  
19 December 1948

GUERRILLA UNIT DESIGNATION

~~22nd Independent Flatoon~~  
Previously Recorded Actual Recognized  
Recognized Strength 43 Strength 43

Reasons for difference between strength previously recorded and actual recognized strength:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ individuals deleted because their names were duplicated on recognized roster.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ individuals deleted because their names are listed with another element of the unit.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ individuals deleted because their names were previously inserted into the roster without authority.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ individuals added because their names were previously deleted from the roster without authority.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ individuals added because an authentic supplementary roster not previously listed is now included with unit.
6. Other reasons \_\_\_\_\_

7. This roster constitutes the only authentic official recognized roster of the above named guerrilla unit.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MOORE:

J. W. ANDERSON  
Major General, USA  
Deputy Commander and  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

*M. O. Billie*  
M. O. BILLIE  
Captain, AGD  
Assistant Adjutant General

Roster Distribution:

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- 1 Headquarters National Defense Forces
- 1 File

FIGAO INDEPENDENT UNL  
(Specific Designation)

INDASPL, ALMAY  
(Location)

ABIG FIGAO, 1st Lt  
(Name & Rank Comd'g O)

NAME	Guerrilla Rank	Period Served	Military Status
DEC 17 1947			
1. Pigeo, Pablo	1st Lt	1 April 45	No Previous Military Status
DEC 17 1947			
2. Ros, Leonio	Sgt	"	"
3. Molina, Francisco	Cpl	"	"
4. Fabon, Delfin	Cpl	"	"
5. Rojas, Geruncio	Cpl	"	"
6. Velasco, Restituto	Cpl	"	"
DEC 17 1947			
7. Briones, Solomon	Pfc	"	"
8. Soriano, Antonio	Pfc	"	"
9. Klantada, Rodolfo	Pfc	"	"
10. Groyo, Andres	Pfc	"	"
11. Crplada, Demetrio	Pfc	"	"
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12. Fombuena, Antonio	Pvt	"	"
13. Riosfort, Buenavido	Pvt	"	"
14. Mirandilla, Jaime	Pvt	"	"
15. Ibanes, Hilarion	Pvt	"	"
16. Groyo, Edgar	Pvt	"	"
17. Atanante, Vicente	Pvt	"	"
18. Ferrer, Victor	Pvt	"	"
19. Colasante, Tiburcio	Pvt	"	"
20. Oximo, Claro	Pvt	"	"
21. Paralta, Porcero	Pvt	"	"
22. Coplado, Francisco	Pvt	"	"
23. Ocano, Serapio	Pvt	"	"
24. Omalas, Estelito	Pvt	"	"
25. Olitin, Exiterio	Pvt	"	"
26. Yibar, Esteban	Pvt	"	"
27. Barobaro, Santos	Pvt	"	"
28. Ordiales, Copapilo	Pvt	"	"
29. Fernando, Jose	Pvt	"	"
30. Velasco, Aquilino	Pvt	"	"
31. Oximo, Teopisto	Pvt	"	"
32. Tolosa, Restituto	Pvt	"	"
33. Trinanes, Gerencio	Pvt	"	"
34. Velasco, Claro	Pvt	"	"
35. Cervantes, Herminigildo	Pvt	"	"
36. Remagos, Faustino	Pvt	"	"
37. Raso, Faustian	Pvt	"	"
38. Arevalo, Severino	Pvt	"	"
39. Marcala, Gerardo	Pvt	"	"
40. Forlaja, Felix	Pvt	"	"
41. Millare, Ruperto	Pvt	"	"
42. Encario, Marcos	Pvt	"	"

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