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TABUAN GRAS, TERRA TROOPS
NAME OF UNIT

ALEJANDRO SANTOS
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. History and Roster
4. Ltr dtd 7 Oct 45 - rqst for csa recog w/roster
5. FC/Ltr dtd 15 Feb 46th to C/S PA (Sgr -116) w/TLR by Lt Campbell
6. RFC/Rev dtd 12 Jun 47 w/TLR by Lt Bromley

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REMARKS:

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G-3 File No. GSCPU 091 PI : Date: 11 Jun 47

SUBJECT: Revision of Dates, Request for : Type of Communication
 FROM : Lt Alejandro Santos : Ltr

CROSS REFERENCES

FOR ACTION BY: (file symbol only)	SUSPENSE DATE	CONCURRENCES		
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2nd Lt Bruce Bromley Jr. <i>BB</i>				
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TO:	FOR:			
<i>MC</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>BB</i>		

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col. Gerald F. Lillard:

- The Tanauan Guerrillas, Zebra Troops, consisting of 139 members, recognized with a strength of 116 by letter, Headquarters AFWESPAC, GSCPG, dated on or about 14 Feb 46, to Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, APO 501, subject: Recognition of Guerrilla Unit, have not been favorably considered for revision of present recognition dates.
- The unit does not fulfil the requirements of the five basic points for recognition during the occupation.
- No useful purpose will be served by further investigations of this unit.
- Casualty claims were submitted individually and duly recognized.

B Bromley Jr
 Lt B. Bromley Jr.

- Concur: Major D. C. *DD*
 Chief, Revision Sec
- Concur: Lt Col S J Palos
 Chief, Unit Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE-RYUKYU COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 PI /127

APC 707
12 JUN 1947.

2nd Lt Alejandro Santos
3rd MP Battalion
Philippine Scouts

Dear Sir:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Tanauan Guerrillas, Zebra Troops, a guerrilla unit under your nominal control, recognized by letter, Headquarters, AFWESPAC, dated on or about 14 February 1946 has not been favorably considered for revision of its present recognition date.

A thorough and detailed examination 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 Tanauan Guerrillas, Zebra Troops.

I am, Sir, sincerely,
Yours faithfully,
THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

Handwritten signature

THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN



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Authority AND 883078REPORT ON THE TANAUAN GUERRILLAS, ZEBRA TROOPS

5 June 1947

1. On 5 June 1947 2nd Lt Bruce Bromley Jr investigated the unit file and supporting papers of the Tanauan Guerrillas, Zebra Troops, to determine whether or not the unit warrants revision of its present recognition dates. The subject unit was recognized by letter, Headquarters AFWESPAC, dated on or about 14 February 1946. The period of recognition extended from 23 March 1945 to 22 May 1945 and the unit was recognized with a strength of 116.

2. HISTORY: (See attached unit file)

3. FINDINGS:

a. Several unit members and disinterested individuals were interviewed and their statements are reflected in the findings:

b. In reference to the history submitted as evidence, no comment is necessary. The unit file is self-explanatory. There were no activities alleged before the period of attachment to the 11th Airborne and subsequently the 8th Cavalry.

c. In reference to the field investigation conducted by Lt Campbell, on 18 December 1945, the following is of note: "... From this time until the Americans arrived, they accomplished very little in the war effort, being completely dormant for long periods".

d. There are no other supporting papers in direct reference to the subject unit in the files of this headquarters.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS: This unit does not appear to honor any political affiliations nor aspirations.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the Tanauan Guerrillas, Zebra Troops, be not favorably considered for revision of present recognition dates.

Bruce Bromley Jr
BRUCE BROMLEY JR
2nd Lt., Inf

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Authority *AND 88308*REPORT ON THE TANAUAN GUERRILLAS, ZEBRA TROOPS

ARO 707

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2nd Lt., Inf

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PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 PI /1227

APO 707

12 JUN 1947.

2nd Lt Alejandro Santos
3rd MP Battalion
Philippine Scouts


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Sincerely,


THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC

GSCPG

AFO 707
15 Feb 1946

SUBJECT: Recognition of Guerrilla Unit.

TO : Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, AFO 501.

1. The following guerrilla unit is recognized by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, as having been an authorized element of this command from 23 March 1945 to 2 May 1945:

STRENGTH

Tausan Guerrillas, Zebra Troops 116

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 the members of this unit, during the period above specified, was that of officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army.

3. It is desired that payment of this unit for the period above specified, be expedited by Finance Officers of the Philippine Army.

4. Under the provisions of Executive Order No. 68, by the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, dated 26 September, 1945, all officers and enlisted men of this unit, other than those who are members of the Regular Force or the Reserve Force of the Philippine Army, will be considered as having been discharged from the Philippine Army as of 3 May 1945.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:

(STAMP) FRANK J. KLEAGER
1st Lt., INF
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl:
Roster of unit (in dup)



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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC

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APO 707

15 Feb 46

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:

1 Incl:
Roster of unit (in dup.)

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Basis for Recognition:

1. The unit was giving valuable assistance to the 8th Cavalry, as proven by the letter of commendation signed by Lieutenant Colonel H. L. Conner, Commanding Officer, 8th Cavalry.
2. Lieutenant Colonel Conner also signed letters of condolence to the families of the guerrillas who were killed in action while operating with his unit.
3. The maps and papers which they have in their possession, along with the information gathered verbally during the investigation, indicate that they are an intact and smooth-functioning organization.
4. The terminal date was set at 2 May, due to the detachment from the 8th Cavalry, at which time the unit became inactive.
5. Strength of unit is: 5 Officers 111 Enlisted Men.

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HEADQUARTERS
 UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
 G-3 Guerrilla Affairs Branch
 PA Division

APO 707

18 December 1945

Report on Tanauan Guerrilla Organization

In compliance with orders from the Chief, Guerrilla Affairs Section, this headquarters, Lt. George A. Campbell and Pfc. Gregoria Rodriguez of Contact Team "H" investigated the guerrilla unit known as Tanauan Guerrilla Organization with the following results:

History

The unit was organized shortly after the fall of Bataan under the leadership of Jorge Collantes, who was chief of police in Tanauan. The main activities of the unit was the preservation of peace and order in the town of Tanauan. From this time until the Americans arrived, they accomplished very little in the war effort, being completely dormant for long periods. In December, 1944, the commanding officer, Collantes, was arrested by the Japs and killed because of the suspicion that he was a guerrilla leader. The unit was then under the command of Martiniano Garandang, until he was killed in action on 16 April 1945. At that time, Alejandro Santos, the present commanding officer, took over the unit. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in USAFFE and is presently stationed in the 3rd MP Bn (PA).

The unit was attached to the 11th Airborne Division from 11 March 1945 to 22 March. They were known as "Ambush Troops" with the mission of ambushing Jap trucks in vicinity of Tanauan. They have no letters to prove this attachment.

On 22 March the unit was attached to the 8th Cavalry and identified as Zebra Troops. Their mission was primarily to furnish reconnaissance patrols. This attachment lasted until 2 May 1945, and the casualties numbered 24 dead and 16 wounded. Lt. Colonel H. L. Conner, Commanding Officer of 8th Cavalry, gave Lieutenant Santos a letter of commendation for his unit and explained the reason for his delay in reporting to military control. He also wrote letters of sympathy to the parents of the parents of the guerrillas who were killed in action.

Lieutenant Santos reported to military control in May, and the unit became inactive. He claims that the total number of men active during the

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attachment was 139. While Lt. Colonel Conner did not mention any number of men in his letter, it is my belief that this number is correct because of the number of casualties sustained, and the type of action in which they participated.

Political Aspects

None.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 116 men still alive be recognized and paid for the period of 23 March 1945 to 2 May 1945 under the T/O of a rifle company.

George A. Campbell
 GEORGE A. CAMPBELL
 2nd Lt CS,
 Leader, Contact Team "E"

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Tanawan Unit
(Roster's Name)
Zebra Troop

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1st Lt (Officer's Name)

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1st Lt CAC

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GUERRILLA UNIT DESIGNATION

Tanauan Guerrillas, Cobra Troop

Previously Recorded Recognized Strength	<u>116</u>	Actual Recognized Strength	<u>116</u>
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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. N. 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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TANAUAN, BATANGAS UNIT

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ZEPRA TROOPS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1. Captain	Alejandro G. Santos
2. 1st Lt	Quiterio Villarino
3. 1st Sgt	Fermin Villegas
4. S/Sgt	Pedro Gomez
5. S/Sgt	Bonifacio Quilao
6. Sgt	Primo Avelino
7. Sgt	Jose Velasco
8. Sgt	Leopoldo Santos
9. Opl	Victorino Gonzales
10. Opl	Lucio Macandili
11. Opl	Dominador Platon
12. Opl	Flaviano Castillo
13. Pfc	Felino Agono
14. Pfc	Casiano Andaya
15. Pfc	Atenacio Barrion
16. Pfc	Mariano Balahadia
17. Pfc	Casimiro Coro
18. Pfc	Joaquin de la Cueva
19. Pfc	Hilarión Pedili
20. Pfc	Nasario Garcia
21. Pfc	Juan Javier
22. Pfc	Rufino Ilarino
23. Pvt	Bernabe Hernandez
24. Pvt	Cresencio Algaba
25. Pvt	Artemio Barrion
26. Pvt	Eugenio Garrañ
27. Pvt	Anacleto Castillo
28. Pvt	Mariano Demery
29. Pvt	Calixtro Lumbres
30. Pvt	Felagio Frenza
31. Pvt	Joaquin Tenario
32. Pvt	Felix Trascena
33. Pvt	Marcos Vispo
34. Pvt	Servillano Vispo
35. Pvt	Sotero Vispo
36. 1st Lt	Telicio B. Gonzales
37. X/Sgt	Serapio Tolentino
38. S/Sgt	Pedro Guevarra
39. Pfc	Leonides Carpio
40. Pvt	Juan Natividad

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SETRA TROOPS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>
41. S/Sgt	Arcadio Carandang
42. Pfc	Marcelino Lat
43. Pfc	Ruperto de Leon
44. Pfc	Hilario Libang
45. Pfc	Ernesto Llanes
46. Pfc	Juan Llanes
47. Pvt	Agapito Castillo
48. Pvt	Benjamin Garcia
49. Pvt	Teodoro Coro
50. Pvt	Reynaldo Cabello
51. Pvt	Cornelio Dismano
52. Sgt	Francisco Sicut
53. S/Sgt	Francisco Rodrigo
54. Pfc	Pedro Lucero
55. Pfc	Alejandro Magpantay
56. Pfc	Patricio Mangubat
57. Pfc	Tranquillino Manantina
58. Pfc	Basilio Mercado
59. Pvt	Pedro Natividad
60. Pvt	Juan Natividad
61. Pvt	Brigide Panganiban
62. Pvt	Saverio Olano
63. Pvt	Cornelio Olicar
64. Sgt	Macario Pitogo
65. 1st Lt	Florencio Velasco
66. T/Sgt	Andres Trinidad
67. S/Sgt	Florencio Llanto
68. Pfc	Amado Torres
69. Pvt	Feliciano Hernandez
70. S/Sgt	Jorge Gonzales
71. Pfc	Maximo Carandang
72. Pfc	Teodoro Coro
73. Pfc	Angel Laidia
74. Pfc	Nicasio Lat
75. Pfc	Demetrio Mercado
76. Pvt	Bernabe Hernandez
77. Pvt	Celastino Moncayo
78. Pvt	Silverio Natividad
79. Pvt	Mateo Natividad
80. Pvt	Zacarias Trambulo
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ZERA TROOPS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>
81. Sgt	Miniate Opulencia
82. S/Sgt	Felino Magino
83. Pfc	Genaro Matanauan
84. Pfc	Mazario Matanauan
85. Pfc	Geronimo Macandili
86. Pfc	Eleuterio de Gusman
87. Pfc	Anacleto Suelte
88. Pvt	Demeon Trinidad
89. Pvt	Juan Austria
90. Pvt	Bonifacio Tolentino
91. Pvt	Vicente Atienza
92. Sgt	Francisco Magino
93. 2nd Lt	Roque Garcia
94. T/Sgt	Ariston Flaton
95. S/Sgt	Eladio Gonzales
96. Pfc	Alfredo Rector
97. Pvt	Santos Ulan
98. S/Sgt	Anastacio Gonzales
99. Pfc	Primo Panganiban
100. Pfc	Felix Panghulan
101. Pfc	Felipe Perez
102. Pfc	Julio Posas
103. Pfc	Joaquin Rubio
104. Pvt	Domingo Tacla
105. Pvt	Bonifacio Tagle
106. Pvt	Sesenando Tapia
107. Sgt	Francisco Avelino
108. S/Sgt	Angel Ramilo
109. Pfc	Tereso Natividad
110. Pfc	Vicente Navarra
111. Pfc	Isabelo Nixedes
112. Pfc	Damaso Guevara
113. Pfc	Simplidio Garcia
114. Pvt	Rosendo Vinas
115. Pvt	Ernesto Boyes
116. Sgt	Ignacio Castillo

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Tanauan, Batangas

October 7, 1945

The Honorable
The Secretary
Department of National Defense
Manila

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Sir:

In connection with our request for recognition of this guerrilla organization evidenced by our submission of a history of our outfit and a diary of our activities submitted September 27, 1945, a copy of which was furnished the Guerrilla Affairs Section AFPAC, we have the honor to request information as to whether other data are necessary to support our claim and what progress has already been achieved.

Our request for recognition is not prompted by any desire to cash in on patriotism because were it for the living, we would have kept silent entirely. In fact, the delay in the submission of our request was caused by a feeling of shame on our part having to claim privileges and indemnities for a service we undertook in the line of our civic duty to the community, but the plight of the casualties and the misery of the widows and the orphans of those who died in the line of duty prompted our move to seek recognition.

Other officers of this organization who outrank me by many grades have failed to prepare the papers and take action for recognition because they do not feel themselves entitled to any regard and they realize the confusion which arose from the attitude of many post-liberation guerrillas who have taken steps ahead of us and actually secured recognition and have already been processed in the Philippine Army. The community, however, cannot see any wisdom in further silence because they understand that the casualties who are today recuperating in ~~the~~ U.S. Army base hospitals and the crippled who walk on crutches must be attended to. Our casualties bear testimonials from competent U.S. Army officers, particularly Lt. Col. H.L. Connor, Jr., C.O., 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division and Capt. Laundry of the same outfit, and Major Shoener of the 11th Airborne Division, that they died in the line of duty, in actual combat with the enemy. Certainly, these casualties deserve more than mere passing notice. One of these testimonials is attached hereto, a true copy of the letter of condolence by Lt. Col. Connor to the bereaved family of one of our members who were killed in action against the Japs.

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If it is true, as the papers would have us believe, that the Army has stopped recognizing guerrillas, we have no quarrel with such a policy. We, the living, can go on because we are not eager to receive any form of aid as long as other people who do not deserve it have already claimed that for themselves, but the dead and the injured will forever remain an indictment of our acts and a slight on our government. We only want action for them.

In view of the foregoing, it is earnestly requested that an investigation of the meritorious claims of the dead and the injured who are listed ~~herein~~ herewith in a separate sheet be looked into with the view to helping them if they can prove their loyalty and service to the country at a time when they were needed. While our papers may not look complete nor our narrative flawless, we say again that it was so, because when we organized and carried on our work, we had no intention of claiming any recognition or reward. The sad plight of the widows and the misery of the crippled cry out and leave us no other alternative.

Very respectfully,

TANAUAN GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION

By: *Pedro Guevara*
PEDRO GUEVARA

Incls.:

1. Lt. Col. Conner's letter of condolence.
2. List of casualties.

Copy furnished:

1. AFPAC, Guerrilla Affairs Section.
2. Guerrilla Affairs Unit, U.S. Army.
3. Hq. 2nd Sq. 8th Cavalry, A.P.O. 201, San Francisco, Calif.
4. Office, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.
5. Office, President of Senate, Philippines.

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Hq. 2nd Sq., 8th Cavalry
A.F.O. 201, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

29 April 1945

Mr. Juan Gonzales
Tanauan, Batangas

My dear Mr. Gonzales:

Although I realize how inadequate are mere words as consolation to your grief, I wish to express my sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your son, Jesus, who was killed in action against the enemy on 16 April 1945 near Mt. Halipuyo.

He fought bravely for this country, and died bravely so that once more the Philippines will be free of its aggressors.

Please accept the condolences of myself and the men of the squadron in your irreplaceable loss.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) H. L. CONNER JR.
Lt. Col. 8th Cavalry
Commanding

- 1. Mr. Juan Gonzales - R/1st Lt.
- 2. Mr. Juan Gonzales - R/1st Lt.
- 3. Mr. Juan Gonzales - R/1st Lt.
- 4. Mr. Juan Gonzales - R/1st Lt.
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- 20. Mr. Juan Gonzales - R/1st Lt.

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Tansuan, Batangas

LIST OF CASUALTIES

DEAD

1. Colonel Jorge Collantes, Jr. ✓
2. Lt. Colonel Martiniano Gerandang
3. ~~1st~~ Captain Jesus Gonzales
4. 2nd Lieut. Anastacio Prado
5. 2nd Lieut. Dionisio Lirio
6. " " Dominador Velasco
7. T/Sgt. Eugenio Garcia
8. S/Sgt. Feliciano Esteyesa
9. Sgt. Honesto Cabello
10. " Francisco Guevarra ✓
11. " Antonio Rivera
12. " Gerardo Guevarra ✓
13. " Leon de Chavez
14. Cpl. Simplicio Salcedo
15. " Vivencio Masongsong
16. " Enrique Roxas
17. " Gregorio Vilas
18. " Pedro Marqueses
19. " Alberto Rubio
20. " Martin Austria
21. " Marciano Valencia
22. " Melocio Macasadya
23. " Maximo Carolipio
24. " Gaudencio Javier

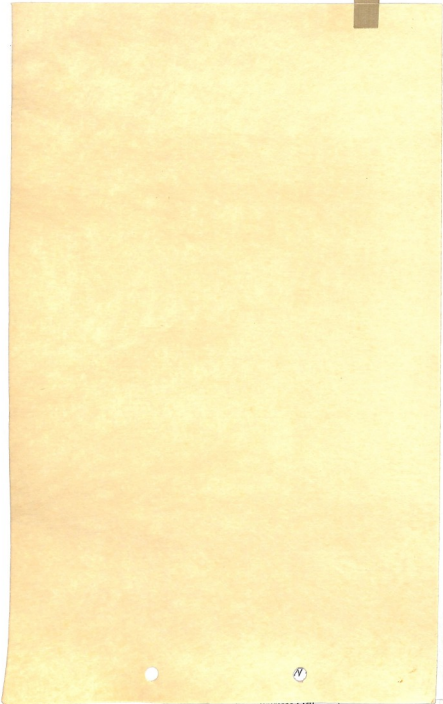
WOUNDED

1. Andres Trinidad - Forever crippled, right arm.
2. Potenciano Rosales - R/arm
3. Eleuterio de Guzman - R/foot lame.
4. Reynaldo Prado
5. ~~1st~~ Francisco Maguino
6. Alejandro Magpantay
7. Felino Agcho
8. Domingo Tacla
9. Feliciano Hernandez - R/eye blind.
10. Felino Maguino
11. Jorge Gonzales - R/foot lame.
12. Celestino Monayo - Head, (insane) *still in U.S. base Hosp. 12.*
13. Anastacio Gonzales - (Still in hospital)
14. Vicente Navaira - lame
15. Guterio Villarino
16. Basilio Mercado - *Head Insane, still in Hosp. 11.*
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HISTORY OF THE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION + *Rosler*
OF TANAUAN, BATANGAS

*Rec'd
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Shortly after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor, a number of us, selected people of Tanauan, Batangas, organized a passive Guerrilla Organization which later played an active part in the resistance against the Japs. Its principal aim was to strike on time at the common enemy when the Organization had mustered enough force and gathered sufficient arms and ammunitions.

The leaders of this Organization were Colonel Jorge Collantes, Jr., who, at the time, was the chief of police of Tanauan, and was later arrested and killed by the Japs on December 24, 1944 for being a guerrilla leader; Lieut. Col. Martiniano Carandang, who was killed in action in Sta. Clara, Stom Tomas, Batangas while fighting with the 8th Cavalry, U.S. Army, against the Japs; Major Pedro B. Gonzales, who, at the time, was the municipal mayor of Tanauan; Attorney Marcelo Olfato, justice of the peace in San Jose, Batangas, who served as legal adviser; Mr. Jorge Collantes, Sr. 1941 deputy sergeant-at-arms in the national assembly, who also served as an adviser; Mr. Apelenio S. Magsino, pharmacist and proprietor, as financial supporter; Dr. Luciano M. Castillo, as medical officer, who had treated to recovery quite a number of wounded guerrilla members; Mr. Terese A. Guevara, pharmacist and drug-store owner, who served as Dr. Castillo's assistant; and Mr. Pedro G. Tapia, elementary school principal, who served on intelligence work principally as operator of his short-wave radio receiver and kept the Organization and the populace regularly informed of short-wave news from Allied stations, thus helping much to keep the morale of all concerned. It will be noted that some of these leaders were without rank although they did much to bolster the underground activities of the Organization which enlisted many able-bodied and willing male citizens of Tanauan.

While watchful waiting was being resorted to by the Organization in its early stage, it also extended its activity to the suppression of, or, at least, minimizing local banditries, robberies, abductions, etc. for the protection of the civilian population. It also tried to counteract the spy movement of the Japs with some degree of success. In fact, a number of these spies had been shot and killed at sight right within the town proper. The situation seemed well in hand until within the second year of Jap Occupation.

However, the Organization was nipped in the bud on account of the arrest and murder by the Japs of guerrilla Col. Dionisio Medrana of Sto. Tomas, Batangas. He was probably suspected of having some followers in Tanauan, so that, after "concentrating," torturing, and killing some people in Sto. Tomas, the Japs investigated the municipal mayor and the chief of police of Tanauan. The Japs threatened to impose the same treatment to all men of Tanauan if no guerrillas from the town

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would surrender. Mayer Gonzales, being aware of the terrible ordeal his townspeople would be subjected to if herded into a "concentration", and faced with the danger of sacrificing some members of the Organization if presented for surrender as demanded by the Japs, then acquiesced in the latter choice on the strength of the Japs' promise that no surrendering guerrillas would be subjected to any punishment. Luckily, the Japs made good their promise in this connection. However, constant fear of Japs' threats forced Mayer Gonzales to resign sometime in the middle part of 1944 to take over the position of presidential guard at Malakanan.

The Organization, then, became dormant at this time; recruiting and drilling were temporarily suspended. "Lay low" was the order of the day and most of the members were advised to attend more conscientiously to food production of which the shortage was becoming gravely acute. Members were dispersed in the meantime with explicit instructions to be always on the alert for "Call to Arms" and assemble at a moment's notice.

In its early stage the Organization was under Marking's Fil-Americans, but, on account of the difficulty of maintaining contact with its leaders, the Organization became an independent entity for sometime. However, in the middle part of 1945, the Organization made contact with the runner of Red Lions under General Avanceña. From that time on, impelled by a desire to present a more solid, unified, and bigger organization when the opportune time came, our Organization was absorbed into General Avanceña's group and placed under his direct command.

In both cases of fusion with the Fil-Americans and the Red Lions, what happened to the roster of our Organization could not be ascertained.

With the attachment of the Organization to the Red Lions, there was no change of policy. The "lay low" order continued in effect. However, the local Organization contented itself with intelligence work, making detailed plans of the enemy installations in Tanauan and in nearby towns with the hope of transmitting them to American or Allied intelligence as possible targets for bombing or strafing by Allied planes. More than ever short-wave tuning in from Allied stations was intensified almost round the clock. This task was well taken care of by the SWC, a unit of the Organization. This was in fact the SHORT-WAVERS CLUB of Tanauan, disguised under the name of Social Welfare Club, supposedly a civic organization designed to intensify the local food production campaign in the town. This was organized as early as March, 1942.

Roster of the SWC:

1. Mayer Pedro B. Gonzales - - Honorary President
2. Dr. Luciano M. Castillo - President
3. Dr. Lauro Villegas - Vice-President (Pharmacist-Dentist)
4. Mr. Pedro G. Tapia - Secretary & Short-wave operator
(Elementary School Principal)
5. Mr. Juan Yatco - Treasurer (Grad. School of Chemistry)
6. Mr. Tomas Magsino - Auditor (School Teacher)

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7. Mr. Apelonio S. Magsino - Adviser (Pharmacist, Proprietor & Mpl. Councilor)
8. Mr. David C. Tapia - (Ex-USAFFE & School Teacher)
9. Mr. Pedro Guevarra - (Internal Revenue Agent)
10. Mr. Daniel Guevarra - (School Teacher)
11. Mr. Gerardo Guevarra - (Ex-Vice-Mayer & Mpl. Councilor)
12. Mr. Francisco Guevarra - (Former School Teacher & Employee, City Hall, Manila)
13. Mr. Terese A. Guevara - (Pharmacist)
14. Dr. Mariano L. Castillo - (Red Cross Dr., 1941)
15. Mr. Jose L. Castillo - (Student)
16. Mr. Florencio Castillo - (Ins. Agent, Asia Life)
17. Mr. Venancio N. Castillo - (Mpl. Employee)
18. Mr. Pedro Tapa - (Mpl. Employee)
19. Mr. Arcadio Castillo - (Proprietor)
20. Mr. Aurelio Valencia - (Elem. School Principal)
21. Mr. Bernarde V. Garandang - (Proprietor)
22. Mr. Eusebio Sabalvaro - (Merchant)
23. Mr. Leon Salisi - (Merchant)
24. Mr. Jose Espiritu - (Blacksmith & musician)
25. Mr. Felipe Espiritu - (Carpenter)
26. Mr. Moises T. Cesarie - (School Teacher)
27. Mr. Domingo T. Cesarie (School Teacher)
28. Mr. Dalmacio Nazareth - (Farmer)
29. Mr. Victorino Agaran - (Ex-USAFFE Chauffeur)
30. Judge Alfonso Tabera -
31. Mr. Francisco Collantes - (Employee, American Firm, Manila)
32. Mr. Mauro Edela - (Internal Revenue Agent)
33. Mr. Felix Rivera - (School Teacher)
34. Mr. Jose M. Ceron - (Mpl. Vice-Mayer, 1941)
35. Mr. Crispulo N. Castillo - (Proprietor)
36. Mr. Romeo Gonzales - (Marine employee, De La Rama)
37. Mr. Francisco Tapia - (Insular Emp., Dept. of Finance)

The American landing on Leyte on October 19, 1944 spurred the Organization to activity. But then the Japs began to show signs of renewed hostilities. They ordered the people in the town to leave their homes and evacuate to far barrios. After the first two days of successive strafing by American planes in Tanauan on November 4 and 5, 1944, the whole Poblacion was practically completely evacuated by the civilians.

There followed a lull in the raids by American planes until sometime in February, 1945. Quite a number of families were lured by this lull to return to the Poblacion with the conspicuous diminishing of Jap forces in the town. Some feeling of safety in the Poblacion pervaded the atmosphere, then, because there never was any civilian casualty in all raids by American planes. But suddenly, with the sneakiness of a freak typhoon, the Japs struck with the ferocity of madmen against all innocent civilians! It was the mass massacre in Tanauan on February 10, 1945! Men, women, and children of all ages fell victim! Infants flung in the air and caught with razor-edge bayonet points! Expectant mothers whose abdomens were slashed with bayonets! Heads cut off! Bodies made targets for bayonet practice! How horrible, how nerve-wrecking to recount! (1-2 Both killed by Japs)

In the wake of such Jap barbarism turned loose with unequalled ruthlessness - burning houses aside from murdering innocent civilians cold-bloodedly - many members of the Organization were forced to cease active connection in order to afford their families rigid protection. Those who had evacuated already had to move to farther places which they thought were safer, because, then, even barrios were being sought by the Japs for more victims. The rest of the members of the Organization who had no families carried on sporadic resistance for lack of sufficient arms and ammunitions. Some sharp encounters against the Japs were registered when the Japs attempted to spread their reign of terror in the barrios of evacuation. This handful of remaining members, mostly young men, had to resort to defensive tactics in order to gain time guiding and conveying evacuating families by the thousands in the darkness of nights, exposing their lives to enemy fire in their mission of sacrifice to protect these civilians through ~~the~~ the perils of practically untrodden forests, thickets, and ravines! Most of these evacuations had to be done at night, otherwise hundreds of civilian lives would have been carelessly exposed to roaming Jap snipers or patrols.

With the landing of the 11th Airborne Division at Tagaytay sometime in the first week of February, 1945, the arms and ammunition supply of the then active members of the Organization was bolstered a bit. Some members made contact with Major Shemmer of the 11th Airborne Division, who was of great help in furnishing the Organization with the much-needed arms and ammunitions, although still insufficient.

Shortly before the 11th Airborne Division effected its landing at Tagaytay, General Avenceña entrusted to the Organization two rescued American pilots, viz., John Boyle and William Foye. Through the help of the Organization, these two Americans were taken across the Taal Lake to "Pulo" Island. There, they were further entertained by another guerrilla unit under Col. Amando Laurel. Through frantic signalling with a wall mirror in the heat of the sun in an open field, the two Americans had been recognized by some pilots of the escort planes of the transport planes that bore the 11th Airborne Paratroopers. And the next day an American seaplane rescued the two stranded pilots whose gratitude knew no bounds for the help and entertainment accorded them by our Organization. They expressed their sincerest regrets for having to part ways with their Filipino brothers in arms and Filipino civilian friends whom, they said, they had learned to love, more so for having risked their lives in affording them protection until their final rescue by an American Navy Plane.

JOURNAL OF ACTIVITIES AFTER OUR UNIT HAD BEEN ATTACHED
TO THE AMERICAN OUTFIT

- March 11, 1945 - attached to 11th Airborne Division. ~~aa~~
Identified as "Ambush Troops". On same day ordered by
Major Shommer, G.P. Commander, to patrol between Tinurik
and Balele, barrios of Tanauan. No enemy-encounter.
- March 12, 1945 - Patrolling continued in same places.
Extended mission to Bagongbayan and Bungcalot, also
barrios of Tanauan. No enemy encounter, even as far as
~~Barrios~~ near as Poblacion.
- March 13 - - - - Had enemy encounter, but failed to ambush
Jap trucks-(Jap convoy). Major Santos, 2nd in command,
laid out plan for proper ambush of enemy convoy; gave
strong order to accomplish it at any cost.
- March 14 - - Ambushed 2 enemy trucks. Enemy reinforcements
arrived and put up a fight, but checked with aid of our
mortars and grenades.
- Results: One casualty on our side - Simplicio Saludo killed
in action; sent to G.P. of Major Shommer for
burial.

List of enemy equipment captured:

1. One battle flag
 2. Dog tags and several books and diaries
 3. 12 uniforms (Japs')
 4. 12 Jap blankets
 5. 1 sack, sugar
 6. 2 bayonets
 7. 2 canteens~~ssss~~
 8. 1 burned rifle
 9. 2 raincoats
 10. 2 steel helmets
 11. 1 bag, ammunitions
 12. 3 drums, alcohol
 13. 2 Jap grenades
 14. Several civilian clothes looted by Japs.
- The two Jap trucks were burned. Fourteen (14) Japs
killed as shown by their charred skulls in vicinity of
both trucks.

- March 15 - - Slight encounter with superior enemy force;
Unit forced to withdraw.
- March 16 - - Enemy more cautious; posted guards at place of
ambush and at the Agricultural Experiment Station in
Darasa, and in Darasa School building, Tanauan, along
the National Road. Estimated 420 truckloads of enemy
troops seen arriving in Tanauan. No encounter.
- March 17 - 2300 hours 75 empty enemy trucks passed by our
Ambush Troops going to Tanauan. At 0300 hours same truck
convoy returned southward loaded with troops and followed
by foot troops. Ambush Troops received reports about
1000 Japs arrived at Malvar 1330 hours. Sighted enemy
patrols in vicinity of Bungcalot, barrio of Tanauan,

- at boundary of Malvar. late in afternoon. No encounter.
- March 18 - - Japs continued evacuating Tanauan. 16 truck-loads of enemy troops seen bound southward. No encounter.
- March 19 - - At 2230 hours we ambushed one Jap truck. Jap foot troops following put up a fight. Several Japs killed. On our side: 1 killed, 2 wounded. Ambush Troop leader wounded in right arm; other one, private, seriously wounded in head. Both taken to hospital. Our list of casualties in this encounter:
1. Basilio ~~Salas~~ Mercado - seriously wounded in back of head.
 2. Quiterio Villarino, (Ambush leader), wounded in right arm.
 3. Vivencio Masongsong - killed in action w/ wound on left side of chest.
- March 20. - - Uneventful; not much to report.
- March 21 - - Patrol work. No encounter.
- March 22 - - 11th Airborne moved out. We were attached to another unit of U.S. Army, the 8th Cavalry. Assigned purely to reconnaissance patrol. Identified as Zebra Troops.
- March 23 - - On reconnaissance w/ one American soldier. No encounter with enemy.
- March 24 - - At 1100 hours we were ordered to move to town - Tanauan. Mission: take railroad bridge and hold it. We proceeded through Natatas-Sambat Road. About 500 meters within market place of town advance guard sighted Japs crossing the Road. We deployed along sides of Road. Firing from both sides followed. 4 Japs killed. Unable to penetrate, we withdrew 150 yards from place of deployment. The radio operator of our unit radioed to C.P. Soon Jap plane being mortared. At 1500 hours Unit ordered back to C.P. No casualties on our side.
- March 25 - - At 0800 Hrs Unit ordered to advance to town. We covered right flank of advancing 8th Cavalry troops. At center were tanks, American troops following. At 1000 Hrs. advancing troops were in boundary of Poblacion and Bagongbayan. At 1500 Hrs. our Unit was near Railroad Station. We sent out scouts to front as far as the Municipal Building of Tanauan and as far as Darasa barrico. We returned to C.P. at 1700 Hrs as per order of Capt. Landry (American).
- March 26 - - Early in the morning, we moved into town again. Reached heart of Poblacion at 1200 hrs. Had dinner in Mr. Silvestre Carpio's house. Then moved toward Malvar. ~~Advanced toward Malvar.~~ At 1700 Hrs. bivouacked at intersection of Bungalot and Provincial Road at Darasa.
- March 27 - - Advanced our C.P. from Balon, Natatas to corner of Bungalot Road and Provincial Road. Then we advanced to Malvar; thence to Barrio Pucil, Lipa; and from Pucil to Tigbig, also Lipa.

- March 28 - - Advanced from Pucil to Tigbig, both barrios of Lipa. No encounter.
- March 29 - - At 0830 Hrs. we advanced into Lipa City from Tigbig; entered heart of the City at 1000 Hrs. We were the first to enter it - at least two hours before the main troops entered. Placed our C.P. in churchyard of City. Before dark our men saw Jap snipers climbing a tree from some distance. At 2030 Hrs. there were heavy firing around us. At 2300 Hrs. the Japs began artillery pounding of our position from the eastern side of the City. No casualties on our side.
- March 30 - - (Good Friday) - At 1000 Hrs. we were relieved by the 11th Airborne Troops, and given three days' rest.
- March 31 - - All the boys ~~needed~~ for much-deserved and needed rest. But we were just about a kilometer from the C.P. when a Jap sniper shot and killed one of the boys, Dionisio Lirio, shot through the chest. We killed two Japs in an exchange of fire, the same day.
- April 1 - - Before breakfast civilians brought in news that Japs were around. Only one was found and killed by our men. At 1300 Hrs we moved towards Calicañgan, barrio of Lipa. Too bad for our boys, it rained heavily the whole day. In the evening there was Jap firing around our bivouac area. No return fire from our side so as not to expose our position.
- April 2 - - Sent out patrols to Bulacnin, Lipa. No encounter.
- April 3 - - Early in the morning some civilians reported Japs coming toward us. Palmer, American EM with us, did not wait; took two squads with him and met the Japs. About 200 yards from our position there was firing engagement. Results: 2 Japs killed. On our side: Anastacio Gonzales and Vicente Navaira wounded; and we mourned the death of our kind friend Palmer.
- April 4 - - Still in Calicañgan. Sent out patrols to San Juan. No encounter.
- April 5 - - Sent 20 men to San Juan and vicinity. Sent out 8 men to main road to see bridge and Jap communication lines. Sent out 3 men to patrol 300 yards around our area. Men reported everything clear.
- April 6 - - Sent out patrols to San Juan and one to Bulacnin and Pucil. Reported all clear. Some civilians reported 5 Japs seen near their place. Sent out 10 men; did not overtake the Japs. No encounter.
- April 7 - - Patrol sent out to San Juan and road leading to main highway. No report of Japs.
- April 8 - - Sent out patrol to San Juan and from there to Baleta, another barrio of Lipa. No report of Japs.
- April 9 - - All men intact in camp. Stood by for orders to move.
- April 10 - - At 1000 Hrs, upon orders, moved toward Sta. Clara, Sto. Tomas; very strong Jap stronghold. 1200 Hrs.

had dinner at Sta. Clara. Placed perimeter in Sta. Clara Barrio School. Graves of massacred civilians and many ~~and~~ rotting civilian cadavers scattered around were seen. Passed the night in Sta. Clara. Nothing eventful.

April 11 - - Prepared to move toward the mountain of Sta. Clara at 0900 Hrs. At 1000 Hrs advance American troops encountered Japs. At 1100 Hrs advancing troops, ~~had~~ stopped by bad road which had to be made yet. Advanced toward the foot of the mountain maintained. On reaching coconut plantation some distance from foot of mountain, we were fired at by Jap machineguns. We engaged the enemy. Results: several Japs killed, one Jap heavy machinegun captured, including several rounds of ammunitions. Our advance was kept up. Two platoons sent out to patrol. Japs opened fire from ~~the~~ stronghold with mortars, machineguns, grenades and rifles. Results too bad for us; as per following list of casualties:

1. Enrique Roxas - - - Killed
2. Gregorio Vinas - - Killed
3. Andres Trinidad - - Wounded
4. Potenciano Rosales - ~~Wounded~~
5. Ruperto de Leon - Killed
6. Eligio Catala - - Killed

Bodies of Enrique Roxas and Eligio Catala not yet recovered. We were ordered to retreat because that enemy flank was believed to be heavily fortified. That night there was heavy Jap artillery fire.

April 12 - - Sent out patrols around perimeter up to where the Americans held. One of patrols taken by the Americans to patrol up to the foot of the mountain, with them. They encountered the Japs heavily entrenched in area. The Americans suffered some casualties; none on our side.

April 13 - - Sent out patrols around American perimeter. That night there was a furious firing from both sides with artillery barages and small arms in ~~the~~ area of mountain.

April 14 - - 30 men sent out to patrol overnight in mountain with Americans for duration of two nights and two days. At 1200 Hrs we were ordered to return to the scene of our first encounter with Japs because the Americans would move toward mountain passing our left flank. At 1400 Hrs. we were set up in our new perimeter.

April 15 - - Our 30 men w/ F troops had not yet returned within two days. We sent out patrols to our front. A few hundred yards to our front they sighted Japs eating coconut fruit. Japs opened fire and ran away. No further encounter.

April 16 - - Early in morning ordered to form the right flank of advancing ~~the~~ troops. We were suddenly surrounded by Japs in a furious engagement. We suffered very heavy casualties, still undetermined until 1400 Hrs. Finally the casualties were ascertained; among them was our Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Martiniano Garandang. This was a serious blow to our troops, the Zebra Troops. Killed and wounded totalled 27.

Complete list of casualties in the encounter on April 16:

1. Martiniano H. Carandang - Killed
2. Eleuterio de Guzman - - - - Wounded
3. Antonio Rivera - - - - Killed
4. Pedro Marqueses - - - - Killed
5. Feliciano Esteresa - - - - Killed
6. Anastacio Prado - - - - Killed
7. Reynaldo Cabello - - - - Wounded
8. Honesto Cabello - - - - Killed
9. Francisco Magsino - - - - Wounded
10. Alejandro Magpantay - - - - Wounded.
11. Brigido Ramilo - - - - Killed
12. Isabelo Nemidy - - - - Wounded
13. Felino Agojo - - - - Wounded.
14. Domingo Tacla - - - - Wounded.
15. Alberto Rubio - - - - Killed
16. Martin Austria - - - - Killed
17. Feliciano Hernandez - - - - Wounded
18. Marciano Valencia - - - - Killed
19. Flor de Gnaves - - - - Killed
20. Felino Magsino - - - - Wounded
21. Dominador Velasco - - - - Killed
22. Jorge Gonzales - - - - Wounded
23. Jesus Gonzales - - - - Killed
24. Celestino Moncayo - - - - Wounded
25. Melecio Makasadya - - - - Killed
26. Maximo Caralipio - - - - Killed
27. Gaudencio Javier - - - - Killed

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April 17 - - No mission today. An Officer from the Hq. took all the names of those present, missing, dead, and wounded in the action.

April 18 - - Attended funeral of Col. Carandang. Went to Tanauan to identify the following men killed in action:

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| 1. Brigido Ramilo | 7. Antonio Rivera |
| 2. Jesus Gonzales | 8. Melecio Makasadya |
| 3. Dominador Velasco | 9. Enrique Roxas |
| 4. Anastacio Prado | 10. Maximiano Caralipio |
| 5. Pedro Marqueses | 11. Martin Austria |
| 6. Honesto Cabello | 12. E. Cateho |

April 19 - - At 1100 Hrs. five Jap artillery shells fell and exploded 30 yards to our front and on the perimeter of Slicker How (H Troop). Several other rounds of Jap artillery shell in the area last night. No casualties on our side.

April 20 - - We sent out patrols to the place where we fought the other day. Every thing clear. The Americans had advanced another line. Planes now pounding the remaining Jap pocket holes.

April 21 - - Sent out patrols around our perimeter. Slicker How called for 22 or our men to fill the vacant fox holes in their perimeter. Day uneventful.

April 22 - - Detailed at Slicker How.

April 23 -24-Detailed at Slicker How.

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- April 25 - - Talk w/ Capt. Hum.
April 26 - - Inspected the rifles of Zebra Troops.
April 27 - - Went out to visit wounded comrades and the graves of those killed in action. Same day, our men were sent for to hold the line gained by the American troops. We were no near the foot of the mountain.
April 28 - - Went out to round the Springfield rifles and other boys out on pass.
April 29 - - Talked w/ Lt. Col. Conner for possibility of withdrawing our troops to our town. The Col. told me to stay just two more days because of the importance of our position and for their lack of manpower. We consented with the knowledge that we were doing a lot of help for the U.S. Army.
April 30 - - Sent out patrols around our perimeter on our own initiative. Jap mortar shells were falling within 25 yards in front of our foxholes. No casualties.
May 1 - - Stood by for further orders. The mountain was almost clear except for a few remaining Jap holes. Few Japs were reported. Only few Jap rifle shots and no heavy weapons could be heard. On this day was decided our going back to Tanauan.
May 2 - - We went back to Tanauan. Some of our men (a platoon) were left behind with the 2nd Squadron, 8th Cavalry, U.S. Army. We learned later that they were still with the 2nd Squadron in American advance to Sta. Maria and then to Infanta, towns of Laguna.
On this day was terminated our active participation with the American Forces.

NOTES:

Special mention should be made of the great indebtedness of the Organization for financial and moral support to Judge Modesto Castillo, Sra. Paciencia Laurel, the late Dr. Juan V. Pagsapass, killed by the Japs in the massacre on February 10, 1945, Mr. Fortunato Salisi, and Sra. Josefa Famploza, all residents and native of Tanauan, Batangas.

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ROSTER OF THE ORGANIZATION

COLONEL -

COLLANTES, JORGE Jr.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL -

CARANDANG, MARTINIANO (KIA, Apr. 16/45, page 9)
(Ex-USAFFE, Phil. Scout)

MAJORS -

- 1. SANTOS, ALEJANDRO - (Ex-USAFFE) ①
- 2. VILLARINO, QUITERIO - MPC (Ar. 10/45) ②

CAPTAINS -

- 1. CARANDANG, MARCELINO - (Ex-USAFFE) ③
- 2. COLLANTES, GREGORIO ④
- 3. GONZALES, FELICIANO - (Ex-USAFFE) ⑤
- 4. VELASCO, FLORENCIO - (Ex-USAFFE) ⑥
- 5. GONZALES, JESUS - - - (KIA, Apr. 16/45) *

FIRST LIEUTENANTS -

- 1. GARCIA, ROQUE ⑦
- 2. VILLAGAS, WERMIN ⑧
- 3. SUVARA, PEDRO ⑨
- 4. GUTIERREZ, ANDRES - - - (Killed May 26/45) *

SECOND LIEUTENANTS -

- 1. CARANDANG, MELCHOR
- 2. ~~TAPIA, PEDRO~~ - - - platoon, Ariston ⑩
- 3. LIRIO, DIONISIO - - - (KIA, Mar. 31/45)
- 4. PRADO, ANASTACIO - - - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
- 5. VELASCO, DOMINADOR - (KIA, April 16/45)

FIRST SERGEANT -

- 1. GARCIA, SIMPLICIO

T/SERGEANT -

- 1. GONZALES, JORGE
- 2. LIANTO, FLORENCIO
- 3. ~~PLATON, ARISTON~~
- 4. TRINIDAD, ANDRES - WIA
- 5. GARCIA, EUGENIO - (Died, Muntinglupa Hosp.)

S/SERGEANT -

- 1. CASTILLO, IGNACIO
- 2. GOMEZ, PEDRO
- 3. QUILAO, BONIFACIO
- 4. TOLENTINO, SERAFIO
- 5. ESTEVESA, FELICIANO - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
- 6. GUZMAN, ELEUTERIO DE

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SERGEANTS

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| 1. AVELINO, FRANCISCO | 11. MASSINO, FRANCISCO |
| 2. AVELINO, FRIMO | 12. OPULENCIA, MIMIATO |
| 3. CABELLO, REYNALDO | 13. PROTOR, ALFREDO |
| 4. CARANDANG, ANAGADIO | 14. PITOGO, MACARIO |
| 5. CASTILLO, FLAVIANO | 15. RAMILO, ANGEL |
| 6. ESPINOSA, JOSE | 16. RODRIGO, FRANCISCO |
| 7. GONZALES, ANASTACION | 17. ROSALES, POTENCIANO |
| 8. GONZALES, ELADIO | 18. SIGAT, FRANCISCO |
| 9. GUEVARRA, DAMASO | 19. VELASCO, JOSE |
| 10. MASSINO, FELINO | |
20. GUEVARRA, FRANCISCO) Both killed by Japs on
 21. GERARDO GUEVARRA) Mar. 22/45 while on special
 22. CATCHO, ELIGIO - mission to Tagaytay. (Balakillo
 (KIA, Apr. 11/45)
 23. CABELLO, HONESTO - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
 24. RIVERA, ANTONIO - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
 25. LEON DE CHAVEZ - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)

CORPORALS

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| 1. CARANDANG, MAXIMO | 19. MACANDILI, LUCIO |
| 2. CASTILLO, AGAPIPO | 20. MERCADO, DESIDERIO |
| 3. COBO, PEDRO | 21. NATIVIDAD, TERESO |
| 4. GARCIA, BENJAMIN | 22. NAVARRA, VICENTE |
| 5. GONZALES, VICTORINO | 23. NIMEDES, ISABELO |
| 6. HERRANDEZ, FELICIANO | 24. REYES, FINESTO |
| 7. LAIDIA, ANGEL | 25. SANTOS, LEOPOLDO |
| 8. LAT, NICASIO | |
16. SALCEDO, SIMPLICIO - (KIA, Mar. 14/45)
 17. Masongsong, VIVENCIO e (KIA, Mar. 19/45)
 18. MOXAS, ENRIQUE - (KIA, Apr. 11/45)
 19. VIKAS, GREGORIO - (KIA, Apr. 11/45)
 20. MARQUESSES, PEDRO - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
 21. RUBIO, ALBERTO - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
 22. AUSTRIA, MARTIN - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
 23. VALENCIA, MARIANOS (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
 24. MACASADYA, RELECCIO - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
 25. CAROLIPPO, MAXIMO - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)
 26. JAVIER, GAUDENCIO - (KIA, Apr. 16/45)

PRIVATE, FIRST CLASS

1. ACOHO, FELINO
2. ANDAYA, CASIANO
3. ANDAYA, LAUREANO
4. BARRION, ATACACIO
5. BALAHADIA, MELBINO
6. BRIONES, DAVID
7. CARANDANG, RUPERTO
8. COBO, CASIMIRO
9. CUEVA, JOAQUIN DE LA
10. DIMAANO, GORNELIO

ROSTER (Cont'd.)

- 11. FIDELI, HILARION
- 12. GARCIA, NAZARIO
- 13. HERNANDEZ, BERNABE
- 14. JAVIER, JUAN
- 15. LAIDIA, VALENTIN
- 16. LARENA, RUFINO
- 17. LAP, MARCELINO
- 18. LEON, RUPERTO DE
- 19. LIBANG, HILARIO
- 20. LLANES, ERNESTO
- 21. LLANES, JUAN
- 22. LUCERO, PEDRO
- 23. MAGPANTAY, ALEJANDRO
- 24. MANGUBAT, PATRICIO
- 25. MANIMIM, TRANQUILINO
- 26. MARANAN, PASTOR
- 27. MERCADO, BASILIO
- 28. MERCADO, TORIBIO
- 29. NATANAAN, GENERO
- 30. NATANAAN, NAZARIO
- 31. NATIVIDAD, JUAN

- 32. NATIVIDAD, PEDRO
- 33. ORANO, ANDRES
- 34. OLANO, SEVERO
- 35. OLIVAR, CORNELIO
- 36. PANGANIBAN, PRIMO
- 37. PANGHULAN, FELIPE
- 38. PEREZ, FELIPE
- 39. PEREZ, PEDRO
- 40. POSAS, JULIO
- 41. RUBIO, JOAQUIN
- 42. TAGLA, DOMINGO
- 43. TAGLE, BONIFACIO
- 44. TAPIA, SISENANDO
- 45. TORRES, AMADO
- 46. ULAN, SANTOS
- 47. VIÑAS, ROSENDO
- 48. Rymaldo Prado
- 49. Celestino Morays.

PRIVATES

- 1. ALBABA, CRESENCIO
- 2. ARCIGA, CALIXTO
- 3. ATIENZA, VICENTE
- 4. AUSTRIA, JUAN
- 5. BALAHADIA, FRANCISCO
- 6. BARRION, ARTEMIO
- 7. BRIONES, PABLO
- 8. CARAAN, EUGENIO
- 9. CARAAN, RUPERTO
- 10. CARPIO, LEONIDES
- 11. CASTILLO, ANACLETO
- 12. CATAPANG, JUAN
- 13. CATAPANG, NORBERTO
- 14. ENCARNACION, JOSE
- 15. ENRIQUES, FELIPE
- 16. ESPIRITU, FELIPE
- 17. ESPIRITU, LEON
- 18. DEMEREX, MARIANO
- 19. GARCIA, PONCIANO
- 20. GONZALES, EUSEBIO
- 21. GONZALES, MELECIO
- 22. GONZALES, PONCIANO
- 23. JAVIER, EUFENIO
- 24. LAIDIA, GERONIMO
- 25. LANDICHO, FIDEL
- 26. LANDICHO, JULIAN
- 27. LUMERES, CALIXTO
- 28. LIRIO, FRANCISCO
- 29. MACANDILI, GERONIMO
- 30. MAGNAYE, PEDRO

- 31. MAGPANTAY, EUFEMIO
- 32. MANALO, RICARDO
- 33. MONTECER, APOLONIO
- 34. NAVACAN, CRISPIN
- 35. NATIVIDAD, ARGENIO
- 36. NATIVIDAD, MARCELINO
- 37. NATIVIDAD, MATEO
- 38. NATIVIDAD, SILVERIO
- 39. OCAMPO, PEDRO
- 40. PANGANIBAN, AMBROSIO
- 41. PAMOTE, CAMILO
- 42. PEA, LEONCIO
- 43. PLATON, DOMINADOR
- 44. PRENDA, PELAGIO
- 45. REDONDO, FAUSTINO
- 46. REDONDO, BENITO
- 47. RODILLO, FRANCISCO
- 48. RODILLO, SANTOS
- 49. SALISI, JOSE
- 50. SAN LUIS, TROADIO
- 51. SUELTO, VICTOR
- 52. SUELTO, ANACLETO
- 53. TENORIO, JOAQUIN
- 54. TOLENTINO, BONIFACIO
- 55. TRAMBULO, ZACARIAS
- 56. TRAZONA, FELIX
- 57. TRINIDAD, SIMON
- 58. VISPO, MARCOS
- 59. VISPO, SERVILLANO
- 60. VISPO, SOTERO

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