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FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS OF 1945  
NAME OF UNIT

CIRIACO G de las LLAGAS  
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for recognition - 10 Mar'45
4. NFC ltr & TLR - 9 Jan'46

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REMARKS:




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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col H. L. Shaftee  
Basis for non-recognition

1. There is not sufficient proof that this organization existed.
2. Activities were slight.
3. Members were not full time guerrillas, and did not participate in any combat or work with any U.S. Forces.

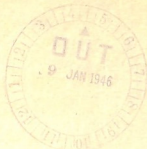
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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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(091)  
Mr. Ciriazo G. De Las Llagas  
Delores, Tayagas, Luzon, P.I.  
c/o Lieutenant Robert L. Morton,  
Headquarters, AFWSWPAC, AFO 707  
c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.



Dear Mr. De Las Llagas:

The "Filipino Volunteers of 1945", a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, has not been favorably considered for recognition by this headquarters.

Your attention is invited to Presidential Executive Order, number 68, Commonwealth of the Philippines, copy of which is attached. You are requested to comply with the provisions of above mentioned order.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. MOORE  
Lt. Col., AGP  
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:  
As indicated

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HEADQUARTERS  
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G-3 GUERRILLA AFFAIRS SECTION

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Report on Filipino Volunteers of 1945.

In accordance with verbal instructions from Chief of Section, Guerrilla Affairs Section, G-3, AFWS-PAC, Lieutenant L. Morton proceeded to Candelaria, Tayabas, and contacted the "Filipino Volunteers of 1945" in order to determine whether or not this organization should be recognized by the United States Army. The following report is a summary of the investigation and basis for the recommendations.

History

The "Filipino Volunteers of 1945" was formed on 10 March 1945 in the barrio of Candelaria, Tayabas, by Ciriaco G. DeLasLlagas, who was a First Lieutenant in the "Philippine National Guard, Federalized in the First World War, 1917." Ciriaco G. DeLasLlagas is the bishop of the church in the barrio of Dolores, Tayabas. The organization existed for a period of forty-six (46) days and was disbanded on 26 April 1945.

On 10 March 1945 the "Filipino Volunteers of 1945" sent a letter through Lieutenant Charles Hope to Colonel Anderson requesting arms and ammunition for the primary reason of protecting the lives of their family. The request was forwarded to the following units and refused by each: Headquarters 1st Cavalry Division, Headquarters XIV Corps, and Headquarters Sixth Army.

It is claimed that the activities of this unit consisted of resisting the enemy, ambushing, and guarding the families of the barrio of Candelaria.

Findings

The undersigned officer contacted the following named persons and the following findings are based on their statements.

1. Ciriaco G. DeLasLlagas, commanding officer of the "Civilian Volunteers of 1945."
2. Pastor Javier, mayor of Candelaria, Tayabas.
3. Eligio Mansalo, Chief of Police of Candelaria, Tayabas.
4. Eduardo de Castro, member of organization, holding rank of Major.
5. Agaton de Castro, member of organization with rank of sergeant.

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6. Basendo de Castro, member of organization holding rank of captain.
7. And civilians, whose names were not taken.

Upon questioning the mayor and civilians of the barrio of Candelaria, it was found that none of them had ever heard of an organization called the "Filipino Volunteers of 1945." By chance a couple of names were recognized and the undersigned officer was brought to them.

The members questioned said they carried on their civilian occupation, and that they did not do anything worth while to remember, while they were members of the unit. They claimed that their activities depended entirely on arms, but since they had no arms their activities were null.

It was found that the stories of the various members were conflicting, and upon further questioning it was admitted that about the only activity done by this unit was protecting the lives of the families of its members.

#### Politics

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

#### Recommendations

After a careful consideration of the statements made by the present members it is recommended that the "Filipino Volunteers of 1945," be not favorably considered for recognition.

*R. L. Morton*  
R. L. MORTON  
1st Lt., Ord,  
Contact Team "G"

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BASIC: Ltr from Filipino Volunteers of 1945 to Colonel Anderson, Commander of Eastern Luzon U. S. A. Forces, Infanta, Tayabas, thru Lieutenant Charles Hope, Demolition Unit, U. S. A., dated 10 March 1945,  
Subject: "Petition for Arms and Ammo".

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, APO 442, 27 April 1945.

TO : Commanding General, USAFFE, APO 501.

1. This correspondence is forwarded in compliance with letter, your headquarters, file FEPA 370.64, Subject: "Unrecognized Guerrilla Forces", dated 10 April 1945.

2. The "Filipino Volunteers of 1945" have not been used in conjunction with combat operations of Sixth Army, and their use is not contemplated. Recommendation for recognition of the unit has not been forwarded previously, nor is such action under consideration by this headquarters since the need for such a unit is not deemed sufficient to justify its existence in view of the present security of the location involved.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl:

Ltr fr \*Filipino volunteers of 1945\*, to Col Anderson, dated 10 Mar 45.

*John L. Werne*  
**JOHN L. WERNE**  
CPT LT. A.G.D.  
ASST. ADJ. GEN.

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SUBJECT: Petition for Arms and Ammo

Wpr Ind

O. AC of S., G-2, Hq 1st Cav Div, APO 201, 19 Apr

/hsf

To: Major Eagan, XIV Corps, APO 453

Not wanted by 1st Cav Div

*Robert F. Goheen*  
ROBERT F. GOHEEN,  
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,  
AC of S., G-2.

2d W/Ind

HEADQUARTERS XIV CORPS, Office of the A. C. of S., G-2, APO 453,  
22 April 1945.

To: A. C. of S., G-2, Sixth Army, APO 442.

Attn: Major Bryant.

1. Attention is invited to 1st W/Ind.
2. The need for arms and ammunition in this area as set forth in basic communication has past?

*Edward D. Egan*  
EDWARD D. EGAN,  
Major, G.S.C.,  
Asst AC of S., G-2.

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MEMBERS of the "FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS of 1945"

1. thru 116.

List of Guerrilla names.

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SUBJECT: Petition for Arms and Ammo

Wpr Ind

O. AC OF S., G-2 Hq 1st Cav Div, APO 201, 19 April 1945.

/hsf

To. Major Egan, XIV Corps, APO 453.

Not wanted by 1st Cav Div

/s/ Robert F. Goheen  
/t/ ROBERT F. GOHEEN  
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,  
AC of S., G-2.

2d W/Ind.

HEADQUARTERS XIV CORPS, Office of the A. C. of S., G-2, APO 453, 22 APR 45.

to: A. C. of S., G-2, Sixth Army, APO 442.

Attn: Major Bryant.

1. Attention is invited to 1st W/Ind.
2. The need for arms and ammunition in this area as set forth in basic communication has past.

/s/ Edward D. Egan  
/t/ EDWARD D. EGAN,  
Maj, G. S. C.,  
Asst AC of S, G-2.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

1. Short title

List of countries

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SUBJECT: Revision for year and date

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE, CIV. RIGHTS DIV., WFO INC

To: Major General, CIV. RIGHTS DIV., WFO INC

Not wanted by the Civil Div

WFO

cc of S. C. G. 2.  
Lt. Col. G. S. G. 2.  
/s/ ROBERT V. GORDON  
/s/ ROBERT V. GORDON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE A. G. OF S. C. G. 2., WFO INC, SS WFO INC

cc of S. C. G. 2. Sixth Army, WFO INC

From: Major General

1. Attention is invited to the WFO

2. The need for such communication in this case is set forth in the communication herewith.

cc of S. C. G. 2.  
/s/ EDWARD D. EGAN  
/s/ EDWARD D. EGAN

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Masalokot No. 3, Candelaria, Tayabas, Phil.,  
March 10, 1945

From:  
To:

" FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS of 1945 "  
Col. ANDERSON  
Commander of Eastern Luzon U.S.A. Forces  
Infanta, Tayabas  
Thru' Lt. CHARLES HOPE  
Demolition Unit, U.S.A.

S I R :

Aroused by our most ardent and patriotic desires to help crush and urgent demolition of the remaining Japanese forces in the province of Tayabas, we, members of the " FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS of 1945" (an organization of Filipino free civilians mostly of descendants of Filipino-spanish war veterans) resolved that we ask from your quarters or any U.S.A. military post, at least one hundred(100) rifles with necessary ammunitions, subject to the following conditions:


1. THAT, these firearms and ammunitions should be with our hands and safe keeping and will only be used at the extreme necessities, especially when the Japanese forces scatter all around our vicinities, that is, within and outside of the Municipality of Candelaria and neighboring barrios of Masalokot 3.
2. THAT, should the war end and finish within the shortest possible time, said firearms with remained ammunitions, will be turned back to the nearest quarters or military posts of the U.S.Army.
3. THAT, as this organization is self-supporting, we shall not be a burden to the Army, of how we could secure our collective subsistencies and quarter equipments.
4. THAT, the prime and second most important object of this formal petition, is to defend the lives of our children and families against the aggressiveness and non-humanitarian slaughterings of the Japanese soldiers now very prevalent everywhere.
5. THAT, this petition or a copy thereof must be sent and submitted to the Highest Command of the U.S.Army for its necessary incorporation and recognition, thus, giving the petitioners full rights and privileges, as the case may be, in time of war and in peace.

DONE at Masalokot No. 3, Candelaria, Tayabas, Philippines,  
this 10th day of March, 1945, A.D.

Respectfully submitted,

" FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS of 1945 "

By:

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CIRIAC G. DE LAS LLAGAS  
First Lieutenant, Philippine National Guard, Federalized in the  
1st World War, 1917



MEMBERS of the "FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS of 1945"

- |                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Melecio Guasay        | 2. Apolonio Guasay                |
| 3. Alejandro de Castro   | 4. Eduardo de Castro <i>Major</i> |
| 5. Petronilo de Castro   | 6. Martin de Castro               |
| 7. Gregorio de Castro    | 8. Agaton de Castro <i>Sgt</i>    |
| 9. Federico de Castro    | 10. Rosendo de Castro <i>Capt</i> |
| 11. Fabio de Castro      | 12. Quirino Guasay                |
| 13. Gregorio Carurucan   | 14. Andres Cantos                 |
| 15. Apolinario Aboabo    | 16. Servillano Cantos             |
| 17. Esteban Carandang    | 18. Genaro Antigo                 |
| 19. Alfonzo Cabrera      | 20. Jose Cabrera                  |
| 21. Juan de Castro       | 22. Ignidie Cabrera               |
| 23. Alfredo Borry        | 24. Eugenio Adante                |
| 25. Luciano Adante       | 26. Pedro Mendoza                 |
| 27. Paulino Mendoza      | 28. Evaristo De Claro             |
| 29. Frimitivo Ranillo    | 30. Sofronio Panganiban           |
| 31. Enrique Dimaunahan   | 32. Lope Cantos                   |
| 33. Leonila Carandang    | 34. Cirilo Carandang              |
| 35. Daniel de Castro     | 36. Laureano Cantos               |
| 37. Luis Guasay          | 38. Silverio Adante               |
| 39. Guillermo Martinez   | 40. Quirino Mendoza               |
| 41. Victoriano de Castro | 42. Benjamin Suarez               |
| 43. Magno Antigo         | 44. Esteban Arellano              |
| 45. Alfonzo Landicho     | 46. Ignacio Cullarin              |
| 47. Macario Dechavez     | 48. Lorenzo Landicho              |
| 49. Casimiro Bacay       | 50. Sixto Brifiosa                |
| 51. Emilio Macalintal    | 52. Isidro Cantos                 |
| 53. Andres Panganiban    | 54. Alejandro Cantos              |
| 55. Jose Marquez         | 56. Flaviano (Fabian) Anyayahan   |

M E M B E R S of the "FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS of 1945"

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 57. Policapio Cabrera     | 58. Nicanor Cantos          |
| 59. Andres Cuasay         | 60. Eusebio de Castro       |
| 61. Faustino Vita         | 62. Alejandro Melo          |
| 63. Silverio Ilagan       | 64. Daniel Marasigan        |
| 65. Daniel Marasigan      | 66. Urbano Mendoza          |
| 67. Gaudencio Maranan     | 68. Juan Arellano           |
| 69. Aniano Villapando     | 70. Guillermo Malasmas      |
| 71. Pasual Villapando     | 72. Roman Garandang         |
| 73. Sergio Cantos         | 74. Juan Vijir              |
| 75. Pio Garcia            | 76. Francisco Baroña        |
| 77. Maximo Pantoja        | 78. Bulalio Villapando      |
| 79. Filemon Ramirez       | 80. Agapito Macapido        |
| 81. Santiago Lazaro       | 82. Francisco Corrales      |
| 83. Valeriano Dimayac     | 84. Julio Narez             |
| 85. Cesario Bundalian     | 86. Genero Corrales         |
| 87. Juan Rigos            | 88. Pedro Alulod            |
| 89. Feliciano Corrales    | 90. Tomas Casapao           |
| 91. Flaviano Vijir        | 92. Maximino Perez          |
| 93. Servillano Melo       | 94. Benito Kalao            |
| 95. Pablo Generoso        | 96. Severino Vijir          |
| 97. Isidro Corrales       | 98. Dalmacio Mendoza        |
| 99. Paulino Casapao       | 100. Silvestre Cleofe       |
| 101. Ceferino Declaro     | 102. Alipio Villanueva      |
| 103. Francisco Aguilar    | 104. Gregorio Madlang-bayan |
| 105. Rafael Mercado       | 106. Eugenio Agoba          |
| 107. Anselmo Buong-galing | 108. Bonifacio Adao         |
| 109. Melchor Agoba        | 110. Teodoro Bacay          |
| 111. Jose Delantar        | 112. Nemesio Barrique       |

M E M B E R S of the "FILIPINO VOLUNTEERS of 1945"

113. Crisanto Sanpello

114. Feliciano Mendoza

115. Victorino Saldua

116. Dominador Saldua

117. Marciano Ramos

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