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MORNING REPORT LOCATOR CARD		REMARKS			
<p>GAINS</p> <p>A PRESENT - assigned & posted.</p> <p>B ABSENT - assigned but not posted.</p> <p>C PRESENT - arrival & assignment, from other theaters, or in land, US from outside coast, US.</p> <p>D PRESENT - to military command from theater to APO.</p> <p>E PRESENT - arrival & assignment from the post, US.</p> <p>LOSSES</p> <p>A TRANSFER - within coast, US or within theater.</p> <p>B TRANSFER - coast, US to outside coast, US/theater.</p> <p>C SEPARATION - through casualty, missing, confirmed death.</p> <p>D SEPARATION - other than A, B, C, death or battle casualty.</p> <p>E SEPARATION - all deaths except A, B, C, D.</p> <p>F SEPARATION - dropped from rolls at APO.</p> <p>G TRANSFER to the coast, US from outside coast, US.</p> <p>RETIREMENT SERVICE</p> <p>1 PRESENT - NOT ASSIGNED - arrival in US.</p> <p>2 PRESENT - FROM THE THEATERS.</p>		<p>OTHERS</p> <p>1 ABSENT - from duty to APO.</p> <p>2 PRESENT - arrival to duty from APO.</p> <p>3 PRESENT - arrival of new station benefits for an exact unit within the post, US/theater.</p> <p>4 ABSENT - sick.</p> <p>5 PRESENT - from not yet posted/assigned work.</p> <p>6 ABSENT - departure from "in the US" to theater/theater theaters.</p> <p>7 PRESENT - arrival from theater.</p> <p>8 PRESENT - arrival in US within coast, US or within theater.</p> <p>9 ABSENT - departure on TDY to the coast, US from outside the coast, US.</p> <p>NOTE - "Theaters" includes bases & departments.</p>			
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF - CAS - - COM - - ON - - UNIT - - (UNIT NO) - - (THEATER) - - (CO) -	ORGANIZATION NAME	STATION NAME OR SHIPMENT NO, OR A.P.O. NO.
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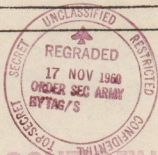
NAME OF UNIT

TOMAS ASUNCION

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
 2. Investigating Officer's Notes
 3. Request for Recognition ltr dtd 29 Jan '46, w/History, & Roster
 4. NFC ltr dtd 12 Apr '47, w/TLR

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 PI / 789

APO 707

12 APR 1947

Mr. Tomas Asuncion
Mayantoc, Tarlac
Philippines

Dear Mr. Asuncion:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Squadron 430, Northwestern Tarlac Sector, purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

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

- a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.
- b. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.
- c. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- d. A definite organization was not established.
- e. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions and necessary related information).
- f. Rank of members was considered to be too high for the actual size of the command maintained in the field.
- g. The number of officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, was excessive and not reasonably proportionate to the United States Army or to pre-war Philippine Army tables of organization.

S. General: Major E. W. Westcott
Actg Chief, Unit 47

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

i. Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupation and family obligations.

This decision on the proposed unit roster does not preclude submission for casualty recognition by those individuals who are qualified and feel justified in entering such claims. Upon request by interested individuals, appropriate forms will be forwarded.

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

1 Incl:
Executive Order No. 68

Col. Gerald F. Lillard:

1. Squadron 430, Northwestern Tarlac Sector, Mayantoc, Tarlac, (Independent), consisting of 127 members has not been favorably considered for recognition. No members have previously been recognized.

2. This unit does not fulfil the requirements of the five basic points required for recognition. See attached Team Leader's Report.

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

4. There are no members worthy of recognition and the unit suffered no casualties.

James R. Benton
2nd Lt James R. Benton

1. Concur: Capt John O. Keider
Actg Chief, Inv Sec

2. Concur: Major C. H. Wentzell
Actg Chief, Unit Br

Report on "Squadron 430, Northwestern Tarlac Sector,
Mayantoc, Tarlac, (Independent)"

1. Second Lieutenant James R. Benton proceeded to Mayantoc, Tarlac, on 20 March 1947, to investigate Squadron 430, Northwestern Tarlac Sector (Independent).

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See attached unit file)

3. FINDINGS:

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

Capt H. Nagal Bonzo CO, Bonzo Company, TWS
Lt Pedro Bonzo CO, Sqdn 430, TWS
Major Tirso Aganon CO, Tarlac East Sector
Major Domingo Nicolas .. Camiling, Tarlac
Dr. Nicolas G. Lim Allied Intelligence Bu.
Capt B. G. Tabora (AUS). GAD, G-3 Hqs. PHILRYCOM

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. This organization under the command of unrecognized Captain Tomas Asuncion remained absolutely passive during the occupation. It was not in any sense a well organized guerrilla unit due to the fact that the alleged members belonged to other guerrilla units. There is no supporting evidence presented to substantiate their claims to have actively engaged in intelligence work, propaganda, or sabotage. Captain H. Nagal Bonzo, recognized, and commanding officer of the Bonzo Company claims that the subject unit's ~~Commanding~~ ^{Commanding} officer, Captain Tomas Asuncion, was a member of his command and never commanded any Squadron 430 in Mayantoc. Also, it might be noted here, that one Lt. Pedro Bonzo, commanded a Squadron 430 from Camiling under the overall command of Captain H. Nagal Bonzo. Captain Bonzo likewise claims that the Squadron 430 from Camiling is the real squadron 430 and not the one from Mayantoc. Dr. Nicolas G. Lim, a member of the Allied Intelligence Bureau in this vicinity, and Mayor Domingo Nicolas of Camiling support Captain Bonzo's statement. Captain B. G. Tabora (AUS) GAD, G-3, Hq PHILRYCOM, who operated just north of this particular vicinity states that he is familiar with the above mentioned units and their respective officers and he recommends that Squadron 430 from Mayantoc be not favorably considered. Major Tirso Aganon, recognized commanding officer of Tarlac East Sector, stated when interviewed that he was familiar with the guerrilla activities in this particular vicinity and that the subject unit was unheard of during the occupation as an active, organized, guerrilla unit. The unit failed to submit papers establishing attachment to American units during the liberation.

The investigating officer requested information from the civilians in the vicinity of Mayantoc, concerning the subject unit, Squadron 430, and its commanding officer, Captain Tomas Asuncion. The subject unit was unheard of in this vicinity and its commanding officer was unknown to the civilians in the vicinity of Mayantoc.

c. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy because the unit's commanding officer, Captain Tomas Asuncion, was a member of the Bonzo Company, Tarlac West Sector, under the command of Captain H. Nagal Bonzo, during the period for which the unit claims activation. Statements of leading guerrilla leaders in this province, who are already recognized, indicate that this unit did not exist as an active guerrilla unit during the occupation.

d. A definite organization was not established because the officers and enlisted men during occupation were either members of other guerrilla units or lived with their families and pursued normal civilian occupation.

e. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its commanding officer because officers and enlisted men of this unit were members of other guerrilla units, and the commanding officer himself was a member of the Bonzo Company, Tarlac West Sector, during the time when the unit claims to have been active.

f. The unit could not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization because it failed to show any outstanding achievement accomplished during the occupation or show any supporting evidence which would substantiate their claims.

g. This is an initial investigation of an initial roster.

h. There are no members worthy of recognition.

i. The unit suffered no casualties.

j. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.

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

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that Squadron 430 Northwestern Tarlac Sector, Mayantoc, Tarlac (Independent) be not favorably considered for recognition.

James R. Benton
 JAMES R. BENTON
 2nd Lt, Infantry

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NORTHWESTERN TARLAC SECTOR
SQUADRON 430
MAYANTOC, TARLAC

29 January 1946

SUBJECT : Recognition of Unit, request for-
TO : Commanding General, AFWESPAC

Herewith is attached the Rester of my
Guerrilla Unit and its Organizational details.
Through the inestimable hardships that its men
and officers undertook the Unit did and accom-
plished its mission and objectives.

The Officers and men pray for any consider-
able recognition of this Organization.

Tomas Asuncion
Captain Tomas Asuncion
Guerrilla Unit Commander
Squadron 430
Mayantoc, Tarlac

NORTHWESTERN TARLAC SECTOR
SQUADRON 430
MAYANTOC, TARLAC

On September 1944 there arrived at Mayantoc, Tarlac a Philippine Army regular officer (PMA graduate) who made possible the Organization of a Guerrilla Unit stationed within the vicinity of the above mentioned town. Upon secret summoning all USAFFE veterans in this community for Anti-Japanese campaign, all without exception agreed to join which justified everybody's previous plan but were prevented of doing due to critical situation existing. With Captain Tomas Asuncion as Organizer of this Squadron 430, immediate activities went on in coordination with neighboring Guerrilla Outfits.

Squadron 430 elements took part in ambushing Japanese vehicles along highways. On 28 October 1944 twenty five men from this Unit were ordered to guard a highway bridge between Mayantoc, Tarlac and Camiling. In this mission, a truck load of Japanese soldiers was intercepted while the bridge has been demolished. Twenty Jap rifles, 12 grenades and considerable ammunitions were captured during this operation. One Officer and 20 Japanese soldiers were killed, while Two (2) men was our casualty.

Meantime, Captain Tomas Asuncion campaigned for volunteers among the civilians to join the Organization in order that the purpose for which this Unit has been formed prove to be a success. With scarcely 70 serviceable rifles, the civilian volunteers were trained the Art of Guerrilla Warfare as drill schedules and target practice in designated secret places were held.

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However, about 25 November 1944 message was received from Captain Luis Quintiagan, Commander of a neighboring Guerrilla Unit inviting for cooperation in a raid of Japanese Garrison at Camiling, Tarlac because at that time few soldiers were left as guards while the rest went out to raid. Twenty four men belonging to Squadron 430 were sent, wherein four Jap rifles and ammunitions was acquired during this activity.

The Organization continued in its effort of illminating detected Espionages until nearly all of Northwestern Tarlac Area was secured from Pro-Japs. On the otherhand, Japanese stationed at Camiling, Tarlac continued raiding civilians.

9 January 1945 was a day for Squadron 430, From leaflets dropped by American planes instructions were to demolish highway bridges. After orders assigned to every man of the Unit performances respectively followed. 15 January 1945, spearheads of the American forces arrived at Mayantoc, Tarlac. Warm welcome parades of Guerrillas and civilians greeted the liberators. It followed luncheon party and drinks of native wine for the American Liberators.

Five days later, American 689 Engineer Base Company was stationed at Mayantoc, Tarlac. Immediately Commander of Squadron 430 (Capt. Tomas Asuncion) made arrangements with the Commander of 689 Engineer Base Company to attach Guerrillas for mess, for the Guerrillas this time was getting short of stuffs. This time Squadron 430 men served as guards for the 689 Engineer Base Company. Day and night patrols were sent around the vicinity of the town. Frequent interceptions with Japanese stragglers were incurred resulting to casualty inflicted upon Guerrilla patrols.

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On 20 January 1945, twenty four Americans GIs were escorted by Guerrilla patrols to reconnoiter Barrio Bigbigan, Mayantoc, Tarlac south of the town. The patrols intercepted approximately two hundred Japanese stragglers which resulted to two Japanese officers and thirty soldiers killed. While one American soldier and two Guerrillas wounded.

The following day (21 January 1945) reports were again received at the Headquarter of the presence of Japanese stragglers. Another platoon of American soldiers escorted by Guerrillas patrolled the place. Interception again occurred which resulted to fourteen Japanese dead, - without any casualty suffered among the patrols. Later regular patrols were sent out with interceptions where-in casualties on both sides were available.

On 1 March 1945 Captain Tomas Asuncion went to Calasiao, Pangasinan, for processing. He was immediately processed. Later the Captain sent message to surrender all arms under custody at Captain Luis Quintiagan Headquarters at Camiling, Tarlac because during this time his Guerrilla activities still continued- chasing Japanese stragglers. Orders were obeyed as desired and thus Squadron 430 Guerrilla Unit at Mayantoc, Tarlac was disbanded.

Tomas Asuncion
Captain Tomas Asuncion
Guerrilla Unit Commander
Squadron 430
Mayantoc, Tarlac

NORTHWESTERN TARLAC SECTOR
SQUADRON 430
MAYANTOC, TARLAC

Company Roster

1. Captain Tomas Asuncion ----- Company Commander
2. 1st Lt. Dominador Santos ----- 2nd in Command
3. 2nd Lt. Fortunato Corpuz ----- Administrative
4. 2nd Lt. Eulalio Felizardo ----- Supply Officer

Office Clerks

1. M/Sgt. Conrado Fajardo
2. F/Sgt. Emilio Valdez
3. T/Sgt. Juan Pascual
4. S/Sgt. Lazaro Zacarias
5. Sgt. Estanislao Rafael
6. Cpl. Benjamin Subiate
7. Pvt. Jose Boston
8. Pvt. Marcelino Marciano
9. Pvt. Joven Quintos
10. Pvt. Elias Pastor
11. Pvt. Albino Tolentino
12. Pvt. Librado Villalon

First Platoon

1. Sgt. Juan Santiago ----- Platoon Sergeant
2. Cpl. Eugenio Cruz ----- Squad Leader
3. Pvt. Emilio Garcia -----
4. Pvt. Frisco Balicao -----
5. Pvt. Samuel Agustin -----
6. Pvt. Apolonio Navero -----
7. Pvt. Bonifacio Felizardo --
8. Pvt. Anatalio Corpuz -----
9. Pvt. Ricardo Dunca -----
10. Pvt. Pedro Casino -----
11. Pvt. Manuel Carmelo -----
12. Pvt. Ereberto Navarro -----
13. Pvt. Mariano Arenzana -----
14. ~~Sgt.~~ Emilio Espejo ----- Squad Leader
15. Pvt. Juan Tomad -----
16. Pvt. Gregorio Castro -----
17. Pvt. Cesar Manganaan -----
18. Pvt. Alfredo Salamanca ----
19. Pvt. Roberto Quita -----
20. Pvt. Modesto Ulep -----
21. Pvt. Aniano Santiago -----
22. Pvt. Decederio Agustin ----

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First Platoon

23. Pvt. Eulalio Lagremas -----
 24. Pvt. Segundo Julian -----
 25. Pvt. Faustino Lagremas -----
 26. Cpl. Raymundo Reconeo ----- Squad Leader
 27. Pvt. Santiago Julian -----
 28. Pvt. Polecarpo Villanos ----
 29. Pvt. Valeriano Carmelo -----
 30. Pvt. Silvestre Julian -----
 31. Pvt. Lucio Garcia -----
 32. Pvt. Cepriano Naval -----
 33. Pvt. Pedro Hilaric -----
 34. Pvt. Cecilio Cruz -----
 35. Pvt. Weltrudes Patayan ----
 36. Pvt. Eduardo Tomas -----
 37. Pvt. Felix Corpuz -----

2nd Platoon

38. Sgt. Antonio Barcena ----- Platoon Sergeant
 39. Cpl. Santiago Corpuz ----- Squad Leader
 40. Pvt. Sotero Sotero -----
 41. Pvt. Francisco Naegan ----
 42. Pvt. Bustaquió Sena -----
 43. Pvt. Santiago Reyes -----
 44. Pvt. Juan Solier -----
 45. Pvt. Delfin Carrera -----
 46. Pvt. Honorio Julian -----
 47. Pvt. Pedro Mercado -----
 48. Pvt. Victoriano Garcia ----
 49. Pvt. Eusebio Agbayani ----
 50. Pvt. Teodoro Villaflor ----
 51. Cpl. Victoriano Cruz ----- Squad Leader
 52. Pvt. Fermin Labrador -----
 53. Pvt. Augencio Ugto -----
 54. Pvt. Bartolome Balaoing ---
 55. Pvt. Alejo Doctor -----
 56. Pvt. Bregido Mulano -----
 57. Pvt. Santiago Salmo -----
 58. Pvt. Servillano Yadao ----
 59. Pvt. Juan Natividad -----
 60. Pvt. Wenceslao Racal -----

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 SQUADRON 430
 MAYANTOC, TARLAC

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2nd Platoon

61. Pvt. Ramon Ramos -----
 62. Pvt. Gregorio Mata -----
 63. Cpl. Maximiniano Veyra ----- Squad Leader
 64. Pvt. Adriano Felizardo -----
 65. Pvt. Ricardo Lanuza -----
 66. Pvt. Miguel Rombawa -----
 67. Pvt. Antero Lbantino -----
 68. Pvt. Teofilo Fernandez -----
 69. Pvt. Dionisio Ventura -----
 70. Pvt. Juan Daclag -----
 71. Pvt. Cornelio Pobre -----
 72. Pvt. Prudencio Candelario --
 73. Pvt. Ponciano Orio -----
 74. Pvt. Guellermo Castillo ----
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3rd Platoon

75. Sgt. Marciano Pulido ----- Platoon Sergeant
 76. Cpl. Sixto Arenzana ----- Squad Leader
 77. Pvt. Hipolito Julian -----
 78. Pvt. Pablo Felizardo -----
 79. Pvt. Rufino Quita -----
 80. Pvt. Eugenio Racal -----
 81. Pvt. Eugenio Candelario ----
 82. Pvt. Pablo Ramos -----
 83. Pvt. Jesus Diaz -----
 84. Pvt. Agustin Castillo -----
 85. Pvt. Domingo Garcia -----
 86. Pvt. Marcelino Malong -----
 87. Pvt. Vecente Castillo -----
 88. Cpl. Herminigildo Susing --- Squad Leader
 89. Pvt. Alejandro Pablo -----
 90. Pvt. Marcelino Limos -----
 91. Pvt. Anastacio Garma -----
 92. Pvt. Maximino Jara -----
 93. Pvt. Felix Ildefonso -----
 94. Pvt. Nicanor Bautista -----
 95. Pvt. Francisco Fernando ----
 96. Pvt. Fernando Ventura -----
 97. Pvt. Herminigildo Baylon ---
 98. Pvt. Tranquilino Bunsao ----
 99. Pvt. Bonifacio Toledo -----

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3rd Platoon

100. Cpl. Teofilo Corpuz ----- Squad Leader
101. Pvt. Ambrsio Captan -----
102. Pvt. Teodoro Bueno -----
103. Pvt. Hilario Agliam -----
104. Pvt. Paulino Vallejo -----
105. Pvt. Frisco Jose -----
106. Pvt. Mariano Dancil -----
107. Pvt. Marcos Transfiguracion
108. Pvt. Anastacio Garma -----
109. Pvt. Donato Martin -----
110. Pvt. Emilio Labrador -----
111. Pvt. Rosendo Tomas -----

Captain *Tomas Asuncion*
Tomas Asuncion
Guerrilla Unit Commander
Squadron 430
Mayantoc, Tarlac

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