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31ST INFANTRY PROV GUERRILLA BATTALION

NAME OF UNIT

DOMINGO P RAMEL

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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REMARKS:

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BASIC: Ltr fr Major Domingo P. Ramel (Disch) Bambang, Nueva  
Vincaya, dtd 5 Feb 48, Requesting reconsideration of  
the revision date of the recognition of the 31st Inf  
Prov'l Gr1a Bn.

AGF3 201-RAJEL, D P (O) 3rd Ind LIA/jvt  
HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, Camp Murphy, Quezon City  
26 February 1948

TO: CG, PHILAYCOM, APO 707  
(Attn: G-3, G&D)

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to that Command.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

*A. H. Jara*  
7 BASTIEN BERNARDEZ  
Major, ACS  
Chief, Vet Aff Br, CTAG

Incls:

B/L dtd 5 Feb 48  
Ltr to the President dtd 5 Feb 48  
Resolution No. 105



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORDS SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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BY: [Illegible]

FOR THE RECORDS SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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1st Indorsement  
Manila, February 11, 1948

Respectfully referred to the Honorable, the Secretary  
of National Defense, Manila, for appropriate action.

*Jose P. de Leon*  
JOSE P. DE LEON  
Assistant Executive Secretary



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2nd Indorsement  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
Manila, Feb. 14, 1948

Respectfully referred to the Chief of Staff,  
AFP, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, for appropriate  
action and advice.

By authority of the Secretary:

*Bernardo Palisa*  
BERNARDO PALISA  
Administrative Officer

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*Mr. Amador  
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Bambang, Nueva Visaya

February 5, 1948

HIS EXCELLENCY, The President of the Philippine Republic  
Manila



His Excellency:

I have the honor to course thru you my request for the reconsideration of the revision date of the recognition of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Battalion under my command, attaching hereto the copy of the petition of the people of Dupax, Nueva Visaya together with the excerpt of Resolution No. 105 of the Municipal Council for your information.

In behalf of my men and the people who had supported us during these dark days, I plead for JUSTICE sake that you intervene in this matter.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Domingo P. Rangel".

DOMINGO P. RANGEL C-68784  
Major, Inf. P.A.  
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The following:  
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Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya  
5 February 1948

The Commanding General  
Philrycom, Apo 707

(Thru ' His Excellency, The President of the Philippine Republic)

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I was furnished by the Municipal Mayor of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, as Commander of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Bn, with the attached copy of the petition of his people together with the excerpt of Res. No. 105 of the Municipal Council of the said municipality.

According to the Municipal Mayor, the original copy of said petition together with the excerpt of Res. No. 105 were sent direct to that Office since 15 October 1947.

In view of the above I am again reiterating herewith my pleadings for the reconsideration of the revision of the recognition date of my outfit from 12 June 1945 to 1 January 1944, not only for the sake of my men but also for the loyal civilians who had shouldered the brunt of the war and who had unflinchingly given everything, even to the ultimate sacrifice of their very lives for the common cause during our resistance movement.

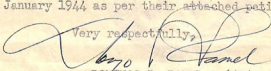
During those dark days when our outfit resisted the enemy, (without any aid from America or the Philippine Government) inflicting heavy casualties against them not only in their men power but also in their materials, it was these people who had supported us in every thing that we needed, especially food supplies and medicines. These people then were made to believe that they will be compensated on whatever they may contribute for the cause according to America's promise, but without the revision of our recognition date, they could not make claims of what they have given us.

We are handicapped because we got no influence to back us up in our fight for our rights but we have high hopes that after all JUSTICE on our part will be vindicated.

Between the time of our organization on 1 January 1944 up to the time we contacted the Liberators on 6 June 1945 we had inflicted to the enemy 576 men killed and 6 taken prisoners and in addition hereto we had captured several booties, especially arms and ammunitions which we have used against them. On our part, 7 comrades died and several wounded. (Please verify in our records in file in that Office)

If this achievement which I believe is a feat that no other outfit of the same strength has ever duplicated, is not recognized to warrant the revision of our recognition date, I pray and plead that the plight of these poor civilians who had sacrificed for the cause and who had supported us be considered in the final revision of our recognition date from 12 June 1945 to 1 January 1944 as per their attached petition.

Very respectfully,

  
DOMINGO P. RANGEL C-68784  
Major, Inf. P.A.  
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Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA  
Municipality of Dupax  
Office of the Mayor  
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October 20, 1947

The Commanding General  
PHILRYCOM, APO 707  
Manila

S i r s :

I am sending herewith the attach Petition of the people of the municipality of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, together with an Excerpt of Resolution No.105 of the Municipal Council of same Municipality for your kind consideration and appropriate action.

Very respectfully,

SGD. BENITO R. BAÑAGA  
Municipal Mayor

*a true copy:*

*Benito R. Bañaga*



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF BUREA VIKIATA  
Municipality of Dupax  
Office of the Mayor  
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October 30, 1967

The Governor General  
MANILA, 1000

Sir:

I am writing you with the attached petition of the people of  
the municipality of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, together with an copy  
of Resolution No. 105 of the Municipal Council of said Municipality  
for your kind consideration and appropriate action.

Very respectfully,

SEN. WILSON J. BARERA  
Municipal Mayor



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Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL  
COUNCIL OF DUPAX, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA, HELD  
AT THE SESSION HALL, ON WED. OCT. 15, 1947

PRESENT:

Mr. Benito Baniaga .....	Municipal Mayor
Mr. Santiago Salacup .....	Mun. Vice Mayor
Mr. Martin Prado .....	Councilor
Mr. Francisco Mafigawang .....	"
Mr. Tomas Simbanan .....	"
Mr. Apolinario Bullecser .....	"

ABSENT:

Mr. Alejo Francia (On leave of absence) Councilor  
Mr. Epifanio Castañeda (Resigned, He being  
a candidate for Municipal Vice Mayor.)

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RESOLUTION NO. 105

WHEREAS, the people of the municipality of Dupax, Nueva  
Viscaya, has presented before the Municipal Council of same  
Municipality, a Petition requesting for the revision of re-  
cognition of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Battalion  
as of January 1, 1944, the time of its initial organization;

WHEREAS, the reasons narzated in the said petition are  
the naked truth without the least exaggeration;

WHEREAS, on motion of Vice-Mayor Santiago Salacup,  
seconded by Councilor Martin Prado, it was

RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of Dupax, Nueva  
Viscaya, on behalf of the people of this municipality in ge-  
neral and all the members (heroes) of the 31st Infantry Pro-  
visional Guerilla Battalion in particular, request as it is  
hereby respectfully requested the Commanding General PHILRY-  
COM for the adjudication of their recognition as of January  
1, 1944, be and is hereby approved.

Carried unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above quo-  
ted resolution.

(SIGNED) RESTITUTO BARASI  
Municipal Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL  
IN THE SENATE HALL, WED. OCT. 12, 1954  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- MEMBERS:
- Mr. Antonio Guevarra (President)
  - Mr. Jose P. Laurel (Vice President)
  - Mr. Carlos P. Garcia (Speaker)
  - Mr. Ramon Magsaysay (Senate President)
  - Mr. Jose Y. Reyes (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Manuel Roxas (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Benigno Aquino (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Juan Ponce Enrile (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Salvador Laurel (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Juan N. Araneta (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Juan Ponce Enrile (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Salvador Laurel (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Juan N. Araneta (Senate President pro tempore)
  - Mr. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. (Senate President pro tempore)

RESOLUTION NO. 102

WHEREAS, the people of the Republic of the Philippines, through their duly elected representatives in the National Council of Public Health, have presented before the National Council of Public Health a petition requesting for the revision of the organization of the National Council of Public Health as of January 1, 1954, the time of its initial organization;

WHEREAS, the reasons stated in the said petition are valid and sufficient to justify the revision of the organization of the National Council of Public Health;

WHEREAS, the National Council of Public Health, in its resolution of January 1, 1954, has approved the revision of the organization of the National Council of Public Health as of January 1, 1954;

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Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya  
August 27, 1947

TO THOSE WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Battalion which operated as an independent unit in the southern part of the province of Nueva Vizcaya, from its organization on January 1, 1944 up to June 11, 1945, had been a stabilizing and checking force or influence during the latter part of the Japanese occupation when the brutality of the enemy was at its height by keeping the morale of the oppressed inhabitants especially from bondage, and by checkmating the demoralizing activities of some of the bad civilians who sold their patrimony for the gold of the enemy.

WHEREAS, the said unit during its independent existence had contributed a great deal in the furtherance of the general resistance movement by its nuisance to the brute enemy; ambushing his patrols, looting his confiscated and commandeered supplies, weapons and munitions, disrupting his communication lines, wrecking his motor transports and carriages, and in many other ways and means harassing his movements and plans of operations:

WHEREAS, the said unit in its resistance movement during its independent existence had inflicted some 500, more or less, death casualties before the arrival of the Liberating Forces, and taken some prisoners who were turned over to the Americans upon their arrival in this place on June 6, 1945, and had time and again inflicted on the enemy heavy losses in men and material when he retreated to the fastnesses of the mountains closely pursued by the Liberation Forces; thus contributing in a great measure to the speedy expulsion of the Japanese from this operational area:

WHEREAS, said unit had, when attached to the American Forces on June 12, 1945, fought side by side with various United States Army units in the mopping up operations in the mountains fastnesses of the Sierra Madre and Caraballo mountains, and had acted as security guards in camps and road blocks against enemy suicidal infiltrations until the final surrender of Japan; all these activities of which the unit was highly commended for bravery and patriotism by several ranking American Officers under whom it served:

WHEREAS, the said unit during its independent existence from January 1, 1944 to June 11, 1945, had on its part legally and lawfully through its constituted agents requisitioned laborers and carriers, foodstuffs, medical supplies, and clothing and equipments from the inhabitants of this place with the assurance of their being compensated later; and the inhabitants on their part had willingly and voluntarily supplied the unit with all needed supplies and labor while protecting them and while harassing the enemy because they had faith in the return of America and in the speedy liberation of their place:

WHEREAS, it is but just and proper that the members of the unit who fought the enemy and the patriotic civilians who lavishly gave their bit be duly cognized in their efforts for the cause of the four freedoms enunciated by the greatest war leader, FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America.

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We, therefore, the undersigned, all residents of the municipality of Dupax, province of Nueva Vizcaya, do hereby petition the proper military authorities, through the Municipal Council, to reconsider the revision of recognition of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion as of January 1, 1944, the time of its initial organization for the following justifiable reasons:

1. The unit, among the guerrilla outfits which by force of circumstances operated in this part of Nueva Vizcaya, had in all its military operations and liaison services acted strictly in accordance with recognized rules of war in that in matters of procurement and in operations against the enemy, it always above all took into consideration the welfare and morale of the oppressed civilians.

2. The unit materially helped in the disorganization of the enemy during the crucial battle for Dalton Pass by inflicting heavy losses on the enemy in men and material hastening the early collapse of Japanese resistance in its sector until the final surrender of Japan.

3. For the sake of Justice, those civilians who contributed materially in the form of labor, foodstuffs, livestock, medical supplies, etc., should, in their sacrifice for the war effort be paid for these things legally taken by said unit from the time of its initial organization on January 1, 1944 up to its attachment to the Liberating Forces on June 12, 1945; otherwise they will be discouraged and unhappy for sacrificing without little compensation if the revision of recognition will not be adjudged as of January 1, 1944.

4. The members of the unit will forever look askance at the authorities and will harbor envy in their hearts of and against those less deserving guerrilla outfits which actually in fact and in deed contributed less to the war effort, but which were lucky enough to pass the test for revision through false representations.

In conclusion, we reiterate our humble appeal to the proper military authorities to consider the adjudication of the recognition date of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion as of January 1, 1944, for the mutual advantage and benefit, on one hand, of the members of the unit who actually contributed much in our protection during those never-to-be-forgotten oppressive activities of the enemy and of his eventual defeat, and on the distress, still willingly and voluntarily contributed for the cause of freedom; we, during those trying moments, never had for single moment lost hope in our liberation and faith in the generosity, justice, and humanity of the American nation through its constituted authorities in whose helping hands dwell the happiness of the oppressed and persecuted peoples all over the world.

SIGNATURE (Illegible)	SIGNATURE (Fecundo Castro)
" (Illegible)	" S. T. Salgado
" Francisco Madawang	" Leon Estrada
" Anolinario Bullocer	" (Illegible)
" (Illegible)	" Anacleto Orpiano
" Segundo Vitoria	" Lautero Ilarde

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" FELIX BASCORCILLO  
" Illegible  
" RAYMUNDO CASTILLO  
" FELIX SOLANO  
" MARCELINO PASCUAL  
" PABLO DOMINGOS  
" ANGEL CARIAGA  
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" ALFONSO SERREY  
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" ANTONIO MACARAEO  
" MARTIN PRADO  
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" BUENAVENTURA ISLA  
" MARTIN TAKEDA  
" TRANQUILINO DIMAYAS  
" MARCOS CAPUZ  
" EUGENIO CASTROHUEVO  
" ANATALIO P. DEVERA  
" JUAN VIDAD  
" FRANCISCO MENDOZA  
" S. NUBRAUA  
" JORGE NUBRAUA

SOD. (Illegible)  
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" JOSE CASTRO  
" ANTONIO PATING  
" VICTORINO FERRER  
" ROQUE DELA ROSA  
" EUGENIO PARUCHA  
" JULIAN DORAN  
" BALTAZAR SILISION  
" FELICIANO SIERRA  
" BRAULIO ILARDE  
" LUIS ORANE  
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" SEVERINO MENTAD  
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" EMUEL ACPAL  
" VINANCIO HOLLANA  
" DANIEL CASICOO  
" BASILIO ANDRADA  
" ANDRES DOMIS

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" FLORENTINA V. GALEON	" (illegible)
" SOTERO A. SADORA	" (illegible)
" (illegible)	" (illegible)
" ISIDRO APIGO	" (illegible)
" SEVERO GUEVARA	" (ARISTON REYES
" JUAN GALANAY	" (illegible)
" JOSE D. GUZMAN	" (illegible)
" JOSE S. ANGAT Jr.	" (illegible)
" DEOGRACIAS P. AQUINO	" FEDERICO C. SERIL
" DANIEL REYES	" ANDRES CORPUZ
" VICENTE LATOR	" FLAVIANO CORTEZ
" SIMON K. SANTOS	" DOMICIANO ORTIZ
" JOSE G. EVARISTO	" JUAN BOMBONGON
" FRANCISCO ANGAT	" VENANCIO MAILIG
" TRANQUILINO CORTIS	" GENON NAZARENO
" ALEJANDRA AMADOR	" ANGELINA SALTIRUNGAN
" LODOVICO BASTERO	" ANGUSTIA CASTAÑEDA
" JULIAN BEUTER	" FELIPE LAGGAY
" JUAN DELAY	" JUAN T. LAZAM
" (illegible)	" GENEROSA BELMONTE
" FLORENTINA	" FLOURFINA BELMONTE
" RUBERTO PAQUINA	" FELIX CATTON
" EUGENIO RIVERA	" FLORENTINO RIVERA
" ALBERTO LAURINSTANA	" REMIGIO LINGAN
" PIO DINGLE	" ALEJO FRANCIA
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" ANICETO MANGLIOT	" FRANCISCO MARQUEZ
" AQUILINO BASHAGA	" PEDRO B. BASHINON
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" RAYMONDO SALES	" EVARISTO TUCAY
" ELIAS ARONIN	" VENANCIO MULLANA
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" ZACARIAS ORDINARIO	" VICTOR HUBERNA
" PEDRO RAMOS	" PEDRO BAGUIO
" ANTONIO ONIA	" (illegible)
" RICARDO SERQUENA	" PEDRO BALLESTEROS
" AMBROSIO MARAMAG	" AURELIO CONDE
" MELENSIO ELIVAGA	" COSME CONDE
" FELIPE DIAZ	" RICARDO FLORES
" CAMILO SUNDAY	" GREGORIO MENDOZA
" NORBERTO BAYARDO	" (illegible)
" RAMON GARGASIN	" SILDORO DELO
" ANTONIO ALMUYE	" CLEMENTE B ADUA
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" ADRIANO VALDEZ	" CAMILO VALIYO
" DALEACIA GAUISANA	" (illegible)
" FORTUNATO VALING	" SIMON ILARDE
" TELESFORO MARAMAN	" JUAN CAMPOS
" JUAN FONTANILLA	" ISIDRO ACOSTA

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" PABLO ALCANTRA	" GERONIMO ORPIANO
" SEVERO FACOLAR	" (Illegible)
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" DOMINGALDO JAYTO	" VENTURA O. ORDINARI
" (Illegible)	" FELIPE ARIAN
" ARSENIO B. ALCANTRA	" (Illegible)
" (Illegible)	" TROFORICO MARTINEZ
" JUAN LABUSTIA	" HONORIO BANEL
" (Illegible)	" FELIZARDO DADO
" SEVERO BULLICOR	" CORNELIO TORINO
" ANDRES CRISOLOGO	" EUSTANIO GAMBA
" DALMACIO IGUESTA	" EUPRONIO BAGALAY
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" OSIAS ROMERO	" PEDRO GUINSAYAC
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" BENJAMIN ASIS	" ANTONIO GOMEZ
" FERDINANDO BODDOR	" (Illegible)
" FELIX ANSALON	" ARTEMIO BALATIBAY
" BENJAMIN BAGALAY	" LEONARDO ILARDE
" PANTALEON GODY	" PABLO ILARDE
" PASCUAL ARANCA	" (Illegible)
" JOSE GOMEZ	" TIMOTEO CRISTIA
" SATURNINO PASQUA	" BARTOLOMAY BAPTISTA
" GERONIMO SACRAL	" GERONIMO SIMON
" PABLO BERQUINER	" BAKIMO PANTALEON
" ESMERALD CORPUZ	" BAKIMO BAPTISTA
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FROM : Mr. Benito R. Banaga : Letter

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col Wallace M Hanes:

Basic, letter from Mr. Benito R. Banaga to Commanding General, PHILRYCOM, dated 20 October 1947, forwarding the petition of the people of Dupax regarding the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion.

2nd Lt William D Macmillan

Concur: Capt *[Signature]*  
Chief, Unit Branch



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10 NOV 1947

Mr. Benito R. Banaga  
Office of the Mayor  
Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Banaga:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 20 October 1947, forwarding the petition of the people of Dupax regarding the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion.

Pursuant to the policy of this headquarters to study all recognized guerrilla units for possible revision of recognition dates, a detailed examination was made of all the supporting papers submitted by this 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 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion was therefore not favorably considered for revision of its recognition dates. A letter to this effect was sent to the unit's commanding officer, Mr. Domingo P. Ramel, at Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya.

Inasmuch as it is considered that this unit has received all the consideration that is warranted with regard to the revision of recognition dates, no further consideration being justified, the unfavorable decision of this headquarters, dated 24 July 1947, remains final.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

Lt Col Wallace M. Hanes:

Basic, ltr fr Mr. Benito R. Banaga to CG, PHILRYCOM, dtd 20 Oct 47, forwarding the petition of the people of Dupax re the 31st Inf Provisional Guerrilla Bn.

2nd Lt William D MacMillan

Concur: Capt E. R. Curtis  
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Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA  
Municipality of Dupax  
Office of the Mayor

October 20, 1947

The Commanding General  
PHILRYOON, Apo 707  
Manila

Sir:

I am sending herewith the attach Petition of the people of the municipality of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, together with an excerpt of Resolution No. 105 of the Municipal Council of same municipality for your kind consideration and appropriate action.

Very respectfully,



BENITO R. BASCO  
Municipal Mayor

Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA  
Dupax  
oOo

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL  
COUNCIL OF DUPAX, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA, HELD  
AT THE SESSION HALL ON WED. OCT. 15, 1947

PRESENT:

Mr. Benito R. Baga	.....	Municipal Mayor
Mr. Santiago Salacup	.....	Mun. Vice-Mayor
Mr. Martin Prado	.....	Councilor
Mr. Francisco Mangawang	.....	"
Mr. Tomas Simbanan	.....	"
Mr. Apolinario Bullacer	.....	"

ABSENT:

Mr. Alejo Francia	(On leave of absence)	Councilor
Mr. Epifanio Castañeda	(Resigned. He being a candidate for Mun. Vice-Mayor.)	"

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RESOLUTION NO. 105

WHEREAS, the people of the municipality of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, has presented before the Municipal Council of same municipality, a Petition requesting for the revision of recognition of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Battalion as of January 1, 1944, the time of its initial organization;

WHEREAS, the reasons narrated in the said petition are the naked truth without the least exaggeration;

WHEREFORE, on motion of Vice-Mayor Santiago Salacup, seconded by Councilor Martin Prado, it was

RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, on behalf of the people of this municipality in general and all the members (heroes) of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Battalion in particular, request as it is hereby respectfully requested the Commanding General PHILRYCOM for the adjudication of their recognition as of January 1, 1944, be and is hereby approved.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted resolution.

  
RESTITUTO BARASI  
Municipal Secretary

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Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya  
August 27, 1947

TO THOSE WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion which operated as an independent unit in the southern part of the province of Nueva Vizcaya, from its organization on January 1, 1944 up to June 11, 1945, had been a stabilizing and a checking force or influence during the later part of the Japanese occupation when the brutality of the enemy was at its height by keeping the morale of the oppressed inhabitants especially of this isolated town, by enlivening their faith in the eventual liberation from bondage, and by checkmating the demoralizing activities of some of the bad civilians who sold their patrimony for the gold of the enemy:

WHEREAS, the said unit during its independent existence had contributed a great deal in the furtherance of the general resistance movement by its misance to the brute enemy; ambushing his patrols, looting his confiscated and commandeered supplies, weapons and munitions, disrupting his communication lines, wrecking his motor transports and carriages, and in many ways and means harassing his movements and plans of operation;

WHEREAS, the said unit in its resistance movement during its independent existence had inflicted some 500, more or less, death casualties before the arrival of the Liberating Forces, and taken some prisoners who were turned over to the Americans upon their arrival in this place on June 6, 1945, and had time and again inflicted on the enemy heavy losses in men and material when he retreated to the fastnesses of the mountains closely pursued by the Liberating Forces; thus contributing in a great measure to the speedy expulsion of the Japanese from this operational area:

WHEREAS, said unit had, when attached to the American Forces on June 12, 1945, fought side by side with various United States Army units in the Hoping up operations in the mountain fastnesses of the Sierra Madre and Caraballo mountains, and had acted as security guards in camps and road blocks against enemy suicidal infiltrations until the final surrender of Japan; all these activities of which the unit was highly commended for bravery and patriotism by several ranking American officers under whom it served:

WHEREAS, the said unit during its independent existence from January 1, 1944 to June 11, 1945, had on its part legally and lawfully through its constituted agents requisitioned laborers and carriers, foodstuffs, medical supplies, and clothing and equipments from the inhabitants of this place with the assurance of their being compensated later; and the inhabitants on their part had willingly and voluntarily supplied the unit with all needed supplies and labor while protecting them and while harassing the enemy because they had faith in the return of America and in the speedy liberation of their place:

WHEREAS, it is but just and proper that the members of the unit who fought the enemy and the patriotic civilians who lavishly gave their bit be duly recognized in their efforts for the cause of the four freedoms enunciated by the greatest war leader, FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America:

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We, therefore, the undersigned, all residents of the municipality of Dupax, province of Nueva Vizcaya, do hereby petition the proper military authorities, through the Municipal Council, to reconsider the revision of recognition of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion as of January 1, 1944, the time of its initial organization for the following justifiable reasons:

1. The unit, among the guerrilla outfits which by force of circumstances operated in this part of Nueva Vizcaya, had in all its military operations and liaison services acted strictly in accordance with recognized rules of war in that in matters of procurement and in operations against the enemy, it always above all took into consideration the welfare and morale of the oppressed civilians.

2. The unit materially helped in the disorganization of the enemy during the crucial battle for Dalton Pass by inflicting heavy losses on the enemy in men and materiel hastening the early collapse of Japanese resistance in its sector until the final surrender of Japan.

3. For the sake of justice, those civilians who contributed materially in the form of labor, foodstuffs, livestock, medical supplies, etc., should, in their sacrifice for the war effort be paid for those things legally taken by the said unit from the time of its initial organization on January 1, 1944 up to its attachment to the Liberating Forces on June 12, 1945; otherwise they will be discouraged and unhappy for sacrificing without little compensation if the revision of recognition will not be adjudged as of January 1, 1944.

4. The members of the unit will forever look askance at the authorities and will harbor envy in their hearts of and against those less deserving guerrilla outfits which actually in fact and in deed contributed less to the war effort, but which were lucky enough to pass the test for revision through false representations.

In conclusion, we reiterate our humble appeal to the proper military authorities to reconsider the adjudication of the recognition date of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion as of January 1, 1944, for the mutual advantage and benefit, on one hand, of the members of the unit who actually contributed much in our protection during those never-to-be forgotten oppressive activities of the enemy and of his eventual defeat, and on the other hand, of those patriotic civilians who inspite of sordid want and dire distress, still willingly and voluntarily contributed for the cause of freedom; we, during those trying moments, never had for a single moment lost hope in our liberation and faith in the generosity, justice and humanity of the American nation through its constituted authorities in whose helping hands dwell the happiness of the oppressed and persecuted peoples all over the world.

Erberto Albano  
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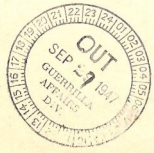
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col W M Hanes:

Basic, ltr fr Mr. Domingo P. Ramel to CG PHILRYCOM, dtd 20 August '47, requesting reconsideration for recognition of the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent).

*George E Kemper*  
1st Lt George E Kemper

Concur: Capt E R Curtis  
Chief, Unit Br



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29 SEP 1947

Mr. Domingo P. Ramel  
Salinas Via Bambang  
Nueva Viscaya  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Ramel:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 20 August 1947, requesting reconsideration of the unfavorable decision rendered by this headquarters on 24 July 1947 regarding the revision of recognition dates of the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent).

You were informed in our letter of 24 July 1947 that a thorough and detailed examination was made of all the supporting papers submitted by your unit together with an exhaustive study of the history of your unit. As a result of this protracted investigation, it was determined that the establishment of dates of recognition other than those presently published was not sufficiently justified.

Inasmuch as it is considered that your organization has received all the consideration that is warranted with regard to the revision of recognition dates, it is again necessary to inform you that our letter of 24 July 1947 constitutes the final determination of and action upon the period of official recognition of the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent).

The additional papers forwarded in your letter of 20 August 1947 will be placed in the unit file for record purposes.

Sincerely,

Jac R GEORGE E KEMER

31st PROVISIONAL GUERRILLA BATTALION (Independent)  
30 YORBA, ...  
THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

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The adjt Chief, Unit, is forwarded in your letter of 20 August 1947, and the unit file for record purposes.

Sincerely,

1st Lt George E Kemper

Basic, 1st Lt Mr. Domingo P. Ramel, 1st Lt WILKINSON, 1st Lt  
20 August 47, requesting reconsideration for recognition of  
the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent).

1st Lt Wallace M Hanes:

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Report on 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion  
(Independent)

18 July 1947

1. 1st Lt Kenneth H Neubauer investigated the unit files, reports of investigation, and statements made by disinterested individuals to determine whether or not the recognized portion of the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent) deserves revision of present recognition dates. The 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent) was recognized by letter, Headquarters AFPAC, AG 370.64, dated 20 August 1945, in the strength of 424 officers and men. The effective date of recognition was 12 June 1945, terminating 20 August 1945.

2. HISTORY: (See attached unit file).

3. FINDINGS:

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

Maj Robert B Lapham	CO LGAF
Capt Abdon Aquino	CO 103rd Sqdn LGAF
Maj Domingo P Ramel	CO 31st Prov'l Grls Bn
Capt Melecio Cia	Unit member
Pvt Dominador Medina	" "
Pvt Juan Aguado	" "
Pvt Simeon Aguado	" "
Pvt Alejandro Aguilar	" "
Pvt Alfonso Aguilar	" "
Pvt Alberto Afejo	" "
Pvt Calixto Afejo	" "
Pvt Gamakse Baluat	" "
Pvt Isidro Afejo	" "
Pvt Apolinario Bulicer	" "
Pvt Guillermo Calacala	" "

b. The subject unit was organized in January of 1944 by Domingo P. Ramel. Other than the time it was attached to the US Forces (12 June-20 August 45), it was a completely inactive organization. The commanding officer, besides claiming guerrilla activities, was mayor of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, under the puppet government. Many members of the unit also worked for the enemy regime. Therefore it was impossible for officers and men of the unit to devote their full time to guerrilla activities. The unit history claims the following activities during the occupation: recruiting volunteers, keeping up morale, espionage, collecting arms, and collecting food. Certainly keeping up the people's morale, and the asking of contributions of food cannot

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be classified as guerrilla activity. The results of the recruiting campaign are unknown as at no time was there any indication of a large organization. It is true that during the attachment with the US using units Ramel had 424 men attached, but such is no indication that the organization was that large during the occupation. The intelligence gathered about the enemy is of questionable value, as there is no record of any positive results from this information. The unit's claim of liaison with the LGAF to the south has been refuted by Major Lapham, CO LGAF, and Capt Abdon Aquino of the 103rd Squadron LGAF, who both stated that they never heard of the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion. Capt Aquino operated continuously in the northern part of Nueva Ecija and certainly would have heard of this unit if it had existed.

The unit history claims that in October 1944 "some" members of the unit fled to the mountains to organize the unit for activities against the Japanese. This statement in itself shows that the unit was not an organized guerrilla outfit during 1944. This plan to organize failed to materialize as the unit commander for some reason turned his efforts to have his unit attached to the 14th Infantry to the north of them. According to the unit history "months" passed by and no decision was rendered by the higher commanders of the 14th Infantry as to whether the 31st Guerrilla Battalion should be absorbed into the 14th Infantry. Sometime in 1945 it was decided that the unit would remain independent. All during the time the commanding officer was spending his time trying to unite his unit with another organization the unit remained passive.

In March of 1945 the arms the unit had were taken away from them by a platoon of 30 men of Company K of the 14th Infantry. It seems that a well organized unit of over four hundred men as claimed by Ramel should be able to repulse the efforts of 30 men in taking their arms away from them. From this time on the unit remained in its continuous status of an inactive guerrilla unit. With the arrival of the 37th Infantry Division Ramel was able to have 424 men of his purported guerrilla unit attached and subsequently recognized.

The 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent) was not favorably recommended for revision of dates by 1st Lt Leon J. Sonders, the officer taking action in the initial investigation of the supplementary roster.

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

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** It is recommended that the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent) be not favorably considered for revision of present recognition dates.

*Kenneth H. Neubaer*  
KENNETH H. NEUBAUER  
1st Lt, CAC

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Salinas Via Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya  
20 August 1947

The Commanding General  
Philrycom, Apo 707, Manila

S i r :

Referring to the letter of that command dated July 24, 1947, denying the revision of the recognition date of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Battalion under my nominal command:

I have the honor to pray and appeal for the reinvestigation and reconsideration of our case for the following reasons:

1. Between the date of our organization on 1 Jan. 1944 and the date of our recognition on 12 June 1945 we had actually lived the lives of hunted guerillas and during this period we had engaged the enemy in several encounters and as a result of our activities we had inflicted to the enemy the following:

a. K I A - 576 Japs counted physically.

b. Prisoners of war - 6 Japs.

c. Damages:-

1. Tanks - - - 2
2. Trucks- - -32
3. Carretelas-3

d. Arms captured:

1. Machine Gun, Jap make cal 31	- - - - -	2
2. " " " " " 25	- - - - -	1
3. " " " American " " 30	- - - - -	2
4. Mortars Jap make	- - - - -	2
5. Rifles, Jap cal. 25	- - - - -	408
6. Rifles " " 31	- - - - -	69
7. Pistols, American make cal 45	- - - - -	2
8. Rifles, American " cal 30	- - - - -	52
9. Pistols, Jap cal. 32	- - - - -	15
10. Jap Grenades	- - - - -	400

e. Amunitions looted:

1. American Cal.30	- - - - -	121 Boxes
2. Japanese Cal.25	- - - - -	50 "
3. Japanese Cal.31	- - - - -	98 "
4. Mortars Jap	- - - - -	166 Shells
5. MG Ammo. American Cal. 50	- - - - -	10 Boxes
6. MG " " " 30	- - - - -	32 "

f. Casualties on our part:

1. KIA - - - - - 7
2. WIA - - - - - 7

2. During our resistance movement, before our recognition, we had depended upon the civilians for our daily needs and food supplies. Without the revision of our recognition date, the civilians also would be denied of their claims for the supplies which they have given us. In this connection, I wish to request that you send in your field investigators to Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya our sector of operation and verify from the civilians what we have done during that period before our recognition because then I believe they are the best witnesses of what the Guerillas have done during the resistance Movement.

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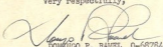
3. Some members of other outfits who lived with their families including the members of their Civilian Labor Battalions were rewarded of their little sacrifices by the United States.

If these people were rewarded of their little sacrifices as compared with what our outfit had achieved and done during those hard times for the common cause, endangering not only our lives but also those of our loved ones who have been made prisoners of war by the enemy during that period because of our resistance, would indeed be an injustice to our part. But we have faith that after further verification of our resistance movement, your American sense of Justice will vindicate us, hence I again repeat my urdent prayer and appeal for the reconsideration of your decision, that our sacrifices especially the loss of our fallen comrades during that life and death struggle for our existence, fighting for America and our native land: the Philippines, be recognized.

Attached hereto are copies of commendations given to us by American Officer and the Certification of the Commonwealth Municipal Officers for your further information and record purposes.

In the light of Justice therefor I again repeat my prayer and appeal that our recognition date be revised to be set on 1 January 1944 the date we have organized ourselves and begun resisting the enemy.

Very respectfully,



DOMINGO P. RAMEL G-68784  
Major, Infantry P.A.  
Deactivated.

ENCL:

Copies of commendations of American Officers and certification of Commonwealth Officers of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA  
MUNICIPALITY OF DUPAX

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Office of the Mayor

December 14, 1945

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WE HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the 31st Infantry Guerilla Battalion was secretly organized on 1 January 1944 under leadership of the late Captain Rafael V. Paluero, Major Domingo P. Ramel, Lieutenants Dominador Boda and Cirilo Magaway.

2. That this outfit had saved the town of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya and its people by their timely and well planned movements and operations not only against the Japs but also against the mis-guided guerillas who terrorized the people;

3. That the secret operation of this outfit was maintained unmolested until 14 October 1944 when their activities were detected so that by that time they fled to the mountains and resumed open hostilities against the enemy;

4. That Major Domingo P. Ramel was always active in his connivance with the unsundered guerillas who were actually hiding in the mountains since the time he came to Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya on 15 November 1942 up to the time they had their own secret organization, and

5. That from the time they fled to the mountains and organize their resistance movement actively and openly, we maintained continuous support thru the services of our people up to the time the Liberation forces occupied our municipality.

s/ Servillano Palugod  
t/ SERVILLANO PALUGOD  
Municipal Mayor

s/ Mariano S. Galutera  
t/ MARIANO S. GALUTERA  
Municipal Secretary

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST BATTALION  
THIRTY FIFTH INFANTRY  
APO # 25

26 June 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO : Regimental Commander, Thirty Fifth Infantry

On our arrival to the municipality of Dupax on 13 June 1945, we were greeted by First Lieutenant Domingo P. Ramel, Commander of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Company. Whereupon Lt. Domingo P. Ramel offered the services of his company in order to assist us in the securing this municipality and the surrounding Barrios from the enemy.

Their work has been exceptional in that they maintained several blocks and participated in many patrols. Their action against the enemy has been a valuable asset to us, and made it possible for our troops to be used on other missions.

This company has been operating in this vicinity since Japanese occupation and has materially assisted the U.S. Army in the liberation of LUZON.

s/ Louis J. Kidhart  
t/ LOUIS J. KIDHART  
Major 35th Infantry  
Commanding

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1st Ind.

(26 June 1945)

HEADQUARTERS THIRTY FIFTH INFANTRY, A P.O No. 25, 27 June 1945

TO: First Lieutenant Domingo P. Ramel,  
31st Infantry Provisional Guerilla Company.

The aid which your company has given to this Regiment during its assignment in your area has been outstanding in every respect. Equipped with captured Jap weapons, poorly dressed and, in many cases, undernourished after more than three years of fighting a cruel enemy, you and your company have shown a devotion to duty, a loyalty to your country and an outstanding example of what can be accomplished with little when one's heart knows what is right.

Our short stay here could not have been merely as successful had it not been for your man's cooperation in furnishing guides for our patrols, guards on road blocks and trail blocks, and your aggressive investigation of reports of enemy in outlying districts.

Your discipline is as fine as I have seen in any Filipino Organization and your men's conscientious attention to duty reflects credit not only upon you but upon all of the good loyal citizens who have helped to make your company what it is today.

Your company has officially been recognized as an integral part of the Liberation Forces of your county, a recognition well earned and deserved.

May I have the pleasure and honor of commending you for your outstanding contribution toward the liberation of the Philippine Islands. The men and officers of the Thirty Fifth Infantry have requested that they be included among those who commend you.

/s/ STANLEY R. LARSEN  
/t/ STANLEY R. LARSEN  
Colonel, 35th Infantry  
Commanding.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

SABINIANO IBANEZ  
Captain Cav  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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The first movement ...

The first movement ...

Our first step ...

Your attention ...

Your attention ...

I have the pleasure ...

WILLIAM J. ...



REPUBLICAN PARTY ...

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G-3 Form No. 2 : HEADQUARTERS : SEQUENCE NO.  
 : PHILIPPINE MILITARY COMMAND :  
 : OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 : RADIO CITY  
 : OFFICE RETAINED RECORD :

G-3 File No. GSCPU 091 PI : Date: 22 July 47

SUBJECT: Revision of Recgn Dates, Request for : Type of Communication  
 FROM : Domingo P. Ramel : Ltr

GROSS REFERENCES

FOR ACTION BY: (file symbol only)	SUSPENSE DATE	CONCURRENCES		
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OFFICER TAKING ACTION (and Initials)				
1st Lt Kenneth H Neubauer <i>KN</i>				
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		Approval		
	<i>CMW</i>			
(File Symbol)	(Action)	APPROVED		
TO:	FOR:	<i>WMA</i>		

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col W M Hanes:

1. The 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent), consisting of 424 officers and men, under the command of Maj Domingo P. Ramel, recognized by ltr Hq AFPAC, AG 370.64, dtd 20 Aug 45, has not been favorably considered for revision of its present recgn dates. This unit was recognized between the period 12 June 45-20 Aug 45.
2. Prior to its present recognition dates this unit ~~does not~~ not fulfil the requirements of the five basic points for recognition, the period granted constituting just and adequate acknowledgement of its services to the Armed Forces of the US against the Japanese. See attached report.
3. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
4. A casualty roster has been submitted to the Casualty Section, Individual Br, and it is recommended that these cases be considered individually and receive whatever action is determined by such consideration.

1st Lt *Kenneth H Neubauer*  
 Kenneth H. Neubauer

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

Concur: Maj D C Murray *DCM*  
 Chief, Revision Sec

Concur: Lt Col S J Palos *(W)*  
 Chief, Unit Branch

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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 PI / 2507

APO 707

24 JUL 1947

Mr. Domingo P Ramel  
Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Ramel:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion, Independent, a guerrilla unit under your nominal control, recognized by letter Headquarters AFPAC dated 20 August 1945, has not been favorably considered for revision of its present recognition dates.

A thorough and detailed examination of all supporting papers submitted by your unit and 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 other dates of recognition than those presently published.

This letter constitutes the final determination of and action upon the period of official recognition of the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Battalion (Independent).

Lt Col W M Hanes:

Sincerely,

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*Kenneth H. Neubauer*  
1st Lt Kenneth H. Neubauer

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 : OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 : RADIO CITE  
 : OFFICE RETAINED RECORD :  
 G-3 File No. GSCPU 091 PI : Date: 7 Jun 47  
 SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for : Type of Communication  
 FROM : Domingo P. Ramel : Ltr

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1st Lt L. J. Sonders				
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TO: <i>[Signature]</i>	FOR: <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i> 10 June 47		

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col. Gerald F. Lillard:

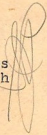
1. The Supplementary Roster of the 31st Inf Provisional Gr1a Bn, Ind, consisting of 197 men, has not been favorably considered. 424 members have previously been recognized.
2. This unit does not fulfil the requirements of the five basic points for recognition. See attached Team Leader's Report.
3. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
4. There are no members worthy of recognition and a casualty roster is being submitted. Casualties (11) are favorably recommended, but no revision of dates for those members already recognized is warranted or recommended.

1st Lt *[Signature]* Leon J. Sonders

1. Concur: Major C. H. Wentzell  
Chief, Unit Inv Sec
2. Concur: Major D. C. Murray *[Signature]*  
Chief, Revision Sec

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3. Concur: Lt Col S. J. Palos  
Chief, Unit Branch



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PHILIPPINES-MYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APO 707

11 JUN 1947

Mr. Domingo P. Rangel  
Bambang, Nueva Viscaya  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Rangel:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Supplementary Roster of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion, Independent, 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. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.
- g. 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.

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h. Many members apparently lived at home, supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits, and assisted the guerrilla unit on a part time basis only.

It is considered that the previous recognition of approximately 424 officers and men from the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion, who were recognized by the Commanding General Sixth Army, for their aid during the liberation of the Philippines constitutes adequate and just acknowledgement of military service.

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,

1 Incl:  
Executive Order No. 68

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

Col. Gerald F. Lillard:

1. The Supplementary Roster of the 31st Inf Provisional Gr1a Bn, Ind, consisting of 197 men, has not been favorably considered. 424 members have previously been recognized.
2. This unit does not fulfil the requirements of the five basic points 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 a casualty roster is being submitted. Casualties (11) are favorably recommended, but no revision of dates for those members already recognized is warranted or recommended.

*Leon J. Sonders*  
1st Lt Leon J. Sonders

1. Concur: Major C. H. Wentzell  
Chief, Unit Inv-Sec
3. Concur: PA COJ 2<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> BSYA
2. Concur: Major D. C. Murray *DCM*  
Chief, Revision Sec

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It is considered that the previous recognition of approval-  
under 404 of the Act and from the 31st Infantry Regiment  
Guerrilla Battalion, who were recognized by the Commission of the  
General Sixth Army, for their aid during the liberation of the  
Philippines concerned whereas and that acknowledgment of  
military service.

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  
CWC, USA  
Acting AGM

Executive Order No. 68

Col. Gerald F. Lillard

1. The Departmental Order of the 31st Infantry Regiment  
of the 6th Army, consisting of 197 men, has not been favorably con-  
sidered. 434 members have previously been recognized.

2. This unit does not fulfill the requirements of the five  
basic points for recognition - See attached Tom Lillard's Report.

3. No further reports will be recommended by further inves-  
tigation of this unit.

4. There are no members worthy of recognition and a general  
report is being submitted. Categories (ii) and (iii) are favorably  
recommended but no revision of dates for these members already  
recommended is warranted or recommended.

*[Signature]*  
1st Lt. Leonard J. Sanders

- 1. Colonel: Major G. H. Henderson  
Chief, Data Branch
- 2. Colonel: Major D. O. Murray  
Chief, Revision Sec
- 3. Colonel: Lt Col S. J. Pyles

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Report on the 31st Infantry Provisional  
Guerrilla Battalion, Independent

1. On 27 May 1947 Lt Neubauer and Lt Sonders proceeded to Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya to investigate the supplementary roster of the 31st Inf. Provisional Guerrilla Battalion, Independent consisting of 29 men. The Commanding Officer claimed that an additional roster of 168 men, was submitted to this office for recognition; however, there is no record in this office of ~~an~~ 168-men roster, but this report will consider the supplementary roster as consisting of 197 men, since the 29 men and the 168 men were in the same category and are recommended for non-favorable consideration. This is an initial investigation.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See attached unit file)

3. FINDINGS:

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

Major Domingo P, Ramel -----	CO, 31st Prov Gral Bn
Cpl Melecio Cia -----	Member
Pvt Dominador Medina -----	"
" Juan Aguado -----	"
" Simeon Aguado -----	"
" Alejandro Aguilar -----	"
" Alfonso Aguilar -----	"
" Alberto Apigo -----	"
" Calixto Apigo -----	"
" Isidro Apigo -----	"
" Gamokse Baluat -----	"
" Apolinario Bulicer -----	"
" Guillermo Calacala -----	"

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. 424 members of this unit were recognized as of 12 June 1945. Attachment papers and commendations from American commanders are attached to the unit file. However, these papers were used once in gaining recognition for the aforementioned 424 members and do not substantiate the claim for recognition of the remaining 197 men. There is no evidence to substantiate the alleged activities of the unit prior to 12 June 1945 and since the 197 men appearing on the subject roster were never attached to American units (they reverted to civilian status) there is no basis for favorable consideration.

c. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field. The men appearing on subject roster lived at home and when the liberating forces arrived and the unit was attached to the U. S. Army, these men ~~stayed~~ <sup>remained</sup> at home.

d. The activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy. Many of the men appearing on the subject roster accepted civilian employment with the U.S. Army <sup>ment</sup>

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and were paid for their services. No overt acts against the enemy were committed by them. When asked to mention just one engagement against the Japanese those interviewed became confused and could not give coherent accounts of their activities.

e. A definite organization was not established. These men appear to have been added to the roster as an after-thought, by the Commanding Officer. They were not among the 424 attached to the American liberating forces. They do not know their immediate superiors and are hazy about details of their organization.

f. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization. It is firmly believed that these men were never members of the unit during the occupation or liberation periods.

g. 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. Their efforts, if any, as guerrillas were negligible.

h. Many members apparently lived at home supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits. Dominador Medina, an alleged member was employed by the 32nd Division as a shoemaker and was paid for his services. Melecio Cia, another alleged member, served as a Sanitary Inspector for the Jap puppet Government.

i. 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. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that with the exception of 424 men previously recognized, the supplementary roster of the 31st Provisional Guerrilla Bn, consisting of 29 men plus 168 men (no roster) be not favorably considered for recognition. Revision of dates for these members already recognized is unwarranted and not recommended. 11 casualties (roster to be separately submitted) are favorably recommended.

*Kenneth H Neubauer*  
Kenneth H Neubauer  
1st Lt., CAC

*Leon J Sonders*  
Leon J Sonders  
1st Lt., CAC

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G-3 File No. GSC 201 Galamay, E. (EM) Date: 2 Dec 46

SUBJECT: Correction of Name, Request for Type of Communication  
GAB, G-3, AFWESPAC, APO 707 Letter

GROSS REFERENCES:

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OFFICER TAKING ACTION (and initials) 2nd Lt. M. V. Timog <i>MV</i>				
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<i>MV</i>	<i>Timog</i>	<i>PA</i> 4 Dec 46		

Memorandum for Record:

Lt. Col. Hugh L. Carnahan:

Ltr, Hqs AFWESPAC, to CofS (PA), Subj: "Correction of Name in the Approved Roster".

1. The case of Pvt Ellorenzo Galamay, ASN 484589, brought to the attn of this Hqs by the CO, Det of Pnts, V. Luna Gen Hosp (PA), on 30 Aug 46 for casualty recogn and inclusion of his name in the approved roster of the 31st Infantry, Prov'l Grla Bn, has been investigated.

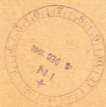
2. Investigation by this Hqs disclosed that the name of subj ind is carried as Pvt in the approved roster of the 31st Inf, Prov'l Grla Bn, but is incorrectly spelled as "Eliorenzo Galamay". Recommend correction of subj EM's name to read as "Ellorenzo Galamay", by issuance of appropriate orders.

3. Further recommend that subj ind be carried on the roster of Det of Pnts for full pay and allowances, fr 12 June 45, date of recognition of the said Grla Unit to 30 June 46, date he was released fr service in the Armed Forces of the US, both dates inclusive.

M. V. TIMOG  
2nd Lt, Inf (PA)

- Concurrences:
1. Maj V. K. Coates, Chief, Individual Section.
  2. Lt Col R. C. Guhl, Chief, Investigation Section.
  3. This form ltr concurred in by AG (RPD) Col M. H. Marcus.

/ccg



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

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GSCPG 201 Galamay, E. (EM)

5 Dec 46

SUBJECT: Correction of Name in the  
Approved Roster

TO : Chief of Staff, Philippine Army  
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. The case of Pvt Elicorenzo Galamay, ASN 484589, brought to the attention of this headquarters by the Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, Victoriano Luna General Hospital (PA), on 30 Aug 1946 for casualty recognition and inclusion of his name in the approved roster of the 31st Infantry, Provisional Guerrilla Battalion, has been investigated.

2. It has been determined that the name of the subject individual is carried as private in the approved roster of the 31st Infantry, Provisional Guerrilla Battalion, but is incorrectly spelled as "Elicorenzo Galamay". It is therefore recommended that the name "Elicorenzo Galamay" appearing in the approved roster of the 31st Infantry, Provisional Guerrilla Battalion with the rank of Private be corrected to spell as "Elicorenzo Galamay", by issuance of appropriate orders.

3. Further recommend that the subject EM, now a patient in the Victoriano Luna General Hospital (PA), be carried on the roster of the Detachment of Patients of that hospital for full pay and allowances, from 12 June 1945, date of recognition of the approved mentioned guerrilla unit, to 30 June 1946, date he was released from service in the Armed Forces of the United States, both dates inclusive.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

THOMAS J. BROWN,  
CWO USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

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True Copy of Verification  
Slip, Retz Div, HPA.

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

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13 NOV 1946

Mr. Hilario V. Bullecer  
People's Bank & Trust Co  
605 Desmarinas, Manila

Dear Mr. Bullecer:

Your letter dated 26 October 1946, requesting the status of "C" Company, 31st Infantry Provincial Guerrilla Battalion and the revision of recognition date of the 31st Infantry Provincial Guerrilla Battalion has been received.

There is no record of the "C" Company on file in this headquarters. However, members of this unit may file individual and casualty claims.

Attached is copy of the press and radio release dated 27 March 1946, pertaining to the revision of recognition dates.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

1 Incl  
Press and Radio Release  
dated 27 March 1946.

Lt Col Hugh L. Carnahan:

Receipt acknowledged of letter dated 26 October 1946, from Mr. Hilario V. Bullecer, requesting the status of "C" Company, 31st Infantry Provincial Guerrilla Battalion and the revision of recognition date of the 31st Infantry Provincial Guerrilla Battalion.

Maj George W. Titus

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other copies filed with the Unit-ecor file  
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8 Nov 1946

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Peoples Bank & Trust Co.  
605 Dasmariñas, Manila  
October 26, 1946

The Guerilla Affairs Section,  
AFWESPAC, Manila

Dear Sirs:

For and in behalf of the 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn, a duly recognized guerrilla unit by Afwespac on June 12, 1945, I have the honor to inquire from your office for any action taken regarding the unrecognized members of this outfit, submitted for recognition. These unrecognized members of this unit represents Company "C" of the same who were left behind the battle fields in the Sierra Madre Mountains when we forced our way to contact the Liberating forces in the Municipality of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, and who were refused attachment to the Liberating Forces when they were with our unit already. Most of the members of this "Co. C" were MIA'S AND KIA'S and they really and truly serve for the common cause of Democracy and liberation from the rascal Japanese nation.

I have also the honor to inquire about the date of the revision of the recognition of the recognized members of the 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn, when it shall be paid their backpays, so that I can likewise inform my comrades in the provinces. If granted and entitled thereto, I further request that we be paid as soon as possible to alleviate our sufferings from famine in the Cagayan Valley. This place was a battle field for the liberation of Luzon and the Capture of Gen. Yamashita and the effects were terrible and serious to its inhabitants as well as its properties.

Yours very truly,

*Hilario V. Bullecer*  
HILARIO V. BULLECKER  
Deactivated Member

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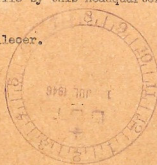
Lt. Col. H. L. Carnahan:

Letter from H. V. Ballecer requesting information regarding revision of recognition date of 31st Inf Prov. Guer. En, PA has been received by this headquarters.

1. Subject unit has been placed on file by this headquarters pending further investigation.
2. Receipt acknowledged to H. V. Ballecer.

*Darius A. Nease*

Lt. D. H. Nease  
CWS 0-1036319





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

AFPO 707

Mr. Hilario V. Ballecer  
Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya  
P. I.

JUL 1946

Dear Mr. Ballecer:

Your letter dated 30 May 1946 requesting information regarding revision of recognition date of 31st Inf Prov. Guer. Bn, PA, has been received.

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

It is suggested that you defer further inquiry regarding the status of your application for at least 60 days. Such inquiries are neither necessary nor desirable because the time consumed in additional correspondence and interviews serves to delay final disposition.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. MOORE  
Lt. Col., AGD  
Ass't Adj Gen



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Lt. Col. H. L. Carrabent

Letter from H. V. Ballecer requesting information of recognition date of 31st Inf Prov. Guer Bn, PA has been received by this Headquarters.

1. Subject unit has been placed on file by this Headquarters pending further investigation.
2. Receipt acknowledged to H. V. Ballecer.

Lt. D. H. Nease  
CIS 0-1036319

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31ST INF PROV GUER BN, PA  
Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya

May 30, 1946

Subject: - Re revision of recognition of 31st Inf Prov  
Guer Bn, PA, Inquiry of action taken.

To : - Commanding General, AFWESPAC, USA, Manila.

Thru : - Guerrilla Affairs Section, AFWESPAC, Gral.  
Solano, San Miguel, Manila, and thru Guer-  
rilla Affairs Section, Hqs Philippine Army,  
Manila.

1. Further to the letter of this outfit dated  
February 25, 1946, regarding its revision of official  
recognition to date back on January 1, 1944 instead  
of June 12, 1945, on the grounds stated therein, re-  
quest information as to what action has been taken  
thereon.

2. In this connection, bona fide members of this  
outfit have the honor to request approval of their  
claim to help them alleviate their hardship at present  
and give them a chance to pursue their respective life-  
work, as they really and truly rendered service during  
those dark days.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Adrian V. Bullock*  
Adjutant, Inf, PA  
O-68782 - discharged

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201 - Ramel, D. I.

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

AFO 707

17 MAY 1946

201- Mr. Domingo P. Ramel  
Bacnotan, La Union  
Luson, P. I.

Dear Mr. Ramel:

Your letter dated 25 February 1946 requesting recognition has been received.

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

It is suggested that you defer further inquiry regarding the status of your application for at least 60 days. Such inquiries are neither necessary nor desirable because the time consumed in additional correspondence and interviews serves to delay final disposition.

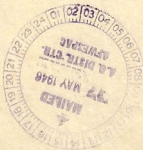
Sincerely yours,

W. P. MOORE  
Lt. Col., AGD  
Ass't Adj Gen

Lt. Col. H. L. Shaftoe:

1. Letter of receipt addressed to Domingo P. Ramel, CO of 31st Provisional Battalion.

2. Mr. Ramel informed that his request for individual recognition is pending investigation.



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HEADQUARTERS  
31ST INFANTRY PROV GUER BN, PA  
(Atchd to 2nd Inf Div)  
Bacnotan, La Union  
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25 February 1946

SUBJECT: - Revision of recognition of 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn from 12 June 1945 to 1 January 1944, date of actual organization, Request for

TO : - Commanding General, HQS, AFWESPAC, Manila  
Philippine Islands

1. Request revision of official recognition of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Bn and bona fide members of this outfit who were not as yet officially recognized from 12 June 1945 to date from 1 January 1944, on the following grounds:

(a) That the 31st Infantry Provisional Guer Bn when first attached to the liberating forces was limited attachment to 425 Officers and men only; and was officially recognized by that command on 12 June 1945;

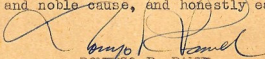
(b) That the other bona fide members of the 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn who were rejected attachment on 12 June 1945, returned to civilian life, government positions, joined their mother units as USAFFE except those unfortunate ones who died in line of duty. Roster of recognition of these bona fide members was already forwarded to that command for action.

(c) That claims of civilians who have helped the 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn for the common cause, in the form of foodstuffs will not be honored for the recognition of this outfit was on 12 June 1945 only, and our service during the darkest days of the war was not covered;

(d) That the official history of the 31st Inf. Prov Guer Bn is herewith enclosed to support our activities from 1 January 1944 to the present and made a part hereof. Copy of this official history was submitted to the CO, 51st FA, to whom it ~~was~~ first attached and later thru the 2nd Infantry Div, PA.

(e) That true copies of commendations of Commanding Officers of the Liberating Forces, to whom the 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn was attached, are also enclosed herewith to support the activities of this outfit and made a part hereof.

2. In view of the foregoing, the undersigned reiterates the revision of the date of the recognition of the 31st Inf. Prov Guer Bn from 12 June 1945 to 1 January 1944, including its unrecognized personnel, the period of time they honestly served for the common and noble cause, and honestly earned.

  
DOMINGO P. RANGEL  
Major, 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn  
Commanding

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

C H E C K   S H E E T

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SUBJECT: GALLA, Isidro

2488

NOTE NO:

FILE NO.:

FROM: Veterans Administration TO: Adjutant General DATE: July 23, 1946  
 TWT Bldg., 605 F. Torres Recovered Personnel Div.  
 Manila AFWESPAG, APO 707

Respectfully forwarded as a matter pertaining to that Office.

*R.A.H.*  
 R. A. H.

Incls.: 4

(2) FROM: Recovered Personnel Div. TO: Guerrilla Affairs Br. DATE: 10 Aug 46

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your section.

*Gordon H. Simmons*  
 GORDON H. SIMMONS  
 1st Lt FA

Incls: n/c

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
Philippine Islands

Paniqui, Tarlac, P.I.  
22 April, 1946

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
217 Dasmarinas  
Manila, Philippines

S i r s :

I have the honor to request information, if I am entitled to Back Pay, being a member of the Philippine Scouts discharged in the year 1928. Evidence of this fact is hereto attached a true copy of a letter of Capt. DAN M. ELLIS, Commanding Officer of the 57th Inf. (PS), dated August 22, 1928.

On 15 November 1944 I was inducted into the service of the 31st Inf Guer Bn, by late Capt Rafael Paluero as evidenced by the affidavit of Major Domingo P. Ramel and 2nd Lieut. Hilario V. Bullecer which is hereto attached, and on 8 March 1946, I was honorably discharged, as evidenced by my Certificate of Discharge issued by Lt. Col. Enrique Valdez which is hereto attached.

Hoping to hear from your good office if I am entitled to the Back Pay on account of the services rendered.

Very respectfully,

*Isidro Calla*  
ISIDRO CALLA  
Barrio Nipaco, Paniqui,  
Tarlac, P. I.

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COMPANY "A" FIFTY SEVENTH INFANTRY (PS) GLE-fd

Fort William McKinley, Rizal, P. I.

Mr. Isidro Calla,

August 22, 1928

Paniqui, Tarlac, P.I.

This letter is sent you, an old member of this Company, as evidence of our interest in your welfare and to ask you to write to us often enough to keep us informed of any change in your address. We particularly desire to know your address so that in case of an emergency which would require an increase in the number of men in this regiment or which would require the organization of new regiments we could write to you asking you to reenlist in the 57th Infantry or ask you to enlist for service as a Non-commissioned Officer to enlist in the organization of a new regiment.

There is another matter I will explain to you, that is an organization known as the Enlisted Reserve Corps. The Enlisted Reserve Corps is a military organization maintained by the Government in which Civilians with military experience enlist, which makes them available to be called to active duty in time of War or in an emergency which requires a large increase in the Army. In time of peace anyone enlisted in the Reserve Corps may not be called into active duty unless he requests to be called, when he may be detailed to active duty with some organization for a period of two weeks when funds are available. If detailed to active duty the same pay, clothing, and food, are furnished as in the Philippine Scouts. Also transportation expenses to and from home to the place of duty. No pay is given when not on active duty.

At present there is no Enlisted Reserve Corps in the Philippine Islands. If such a Reserve Corps is organized will you be willing to enlist? As a member of the Reserve Corps you would have a position of some importance in your community. To be a member of a military organization would help you to obtain employment under the civil authorities and members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps are authorized to wear the uniform at parades and other official ceremonies. If no Reserve Corps is organized will you be willing to reenlist in the 57th Infantry or a new regiment in case of War?

Please write me your answers to the above questions. Your old friends in this company will be glad to hear from you.

Yours truly,

(SGD) DAN M. ELLIS  
Capt., Inf., 57th Inf. (PS)  
Commanding Company "A"

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A TRUE COPY:

*Isidro Calla*  
ISIDRO CALLA

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES }  
HQ. 31st INF PROV GUER BN, PA } SS  
BACNOTAN BIVOUCAC AREA, LA UNION }

We, the undersigned, officers of the 31st Inf. Guer Bn, both Filipino citizens, of legal age, married and residents of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, after first being duly sworn upon our oath depose and state:

1. That we personally know Pvt. Isidro Calla to have been inducted into the service of the 31st Inf Guer Bn, an independent guerrilla outfit, on 15 Nov. 1944 by late Capt Rafael Paluero, then Commanding Officer, in the rank of Pvt and included in the initial guerrilla roster from its organization and roster submitted for recognition.

2. That valuable records of the 31st Inf Guer Bn were lost on account of an encounter with the thousand retreating Japanese Army in our hideout on 13 May 1945.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed these presents, this 20th day of December 1945.

(SGD) DOMINGO P. RAMEL  
Major, Inf. PA  
Commanding

(SGD) HILARIO V. BULLECER  
2nd Lieut. Inf. PA  
Adjutant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20th day of December 1945, affiant exhibited no Residence Certificates being members of the Armed Forces.

(SGD) JACOB S. QUIAMBAO  
Captain FA. PA  
Summary Court Officer

/jse

A TRUE COPY:

*Isidro Calla*  
ISIDRO CALLA

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PHILIPPINE ARMY

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

This certifies that ISIDRO PAILANO CALLA

Private  
(Rank)

Repl & Cas Bn  
(ORGANIZATION)

Discharged HONORABLY) on the date indicated below by authority of Letter, Hq PA, AG 370.64, 8 Apr 1945, Subject: "Relief from active duty or Discharge of Guerrilla Personnel by reason of: HPA CIR NO 190 1945 - For the convenience of the government.

1. Physical disqualification.
2. Civilian guerrilla requests discharge.
3. Female other than nurse.

(Check X after reason for discharge or relief from active duty)

Physical condition at time of (Relief) (Discharge) (Good) (See below)

Nature and extent of disability, if any:  
(Specify permanent disability)

Line of Duty or Not Line of Duty

Paid current pay due as of discharge dated 8 Mar '46 in the amount of P 58.61

(SGD) ISIDRO CALLA  
(Signature of Recipient)

Given at Bacnotan, La Union

on 8 Mar '46

(SGD) ENRIQUE VALDEZ  
Lt. Col. Inf. PA

Unit Repl & Cas Bn - USAFIP NL

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A TRUE COPY:

*Isidro Calla*  
ISIDRO CALLA

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HEADQUARTERS  
31ST INF PROV GUER BN  
Bacnotan, La Union

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11 January 1946

SUBJECT: - Supplemental Roster of unrecognized personnel, Request for recognition.

TO : - Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO 707

1. Enclosed herewith in sixuplicate is the supplemental roster of unrecognized personnel of the 31st Infantry Prov Guer Bn, who were members of this outfit from the time indicated opposite their names up to 11 June 1945, submitted for recognition.

2. These personnel were not included in our roster submitted for recognition due to the fact that we were not authorized our full strength and that through over-sight they were not also included in our roster of unrecognized personnel already submitted for recognition.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Jacob S. Quiameao*  
JACOB S. QUIAMEAO  
Captain, FA (FA)  
Ex-O & S - 3

Encls:-



*Rec'd*

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HEADQUARTERS  
 1111 THE FORD CORP BLDG  
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

11 January 1942

SUBJECT: - Supplemental Roster of unrecognized personnel  
 and Request for recognition.

TO : - Commanding General, AAWHBAC, APO TOY

1. Enclosed herewith in sixuplicate is the supplemental roster of unrecognized personnel of the 21st Infantry from War Bn. who were members of this outfit from the time indicated opposite their names up to 11 June 1942, submitted for recognition.

2. These personnel were not included in our roster submitted for recognition due to the fact that we were not authorized our full strength and that through oversight they were not also included in our roster of unrecognized personnel already submitted for recognition.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Jacob B. Quinlan*  
 JACOB B. QUINLAN  
 Captain, MA (AV)  
 Ex-0 & 2 - 3

Encls:-



*Quinlan*

# H I S T O R Y

of the

## 31ST INFANTRY PROVISIONAL GUERRILLA BN

The burning desire to aveng our defeat, enhanced by the growing hatred in our hearts as we witnessed the inhuman maltreatments and butchery inflicted to our kinsmen and kinswomen including innocent children by the brute invaders, were the motivating factors that a secret militant organization was conceived at Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, among the ex-service men, released war prisoners and reservist residents of the town. This dates back on 1 January 1944.

Inspite of the risk involved in the event that the organization may be detected by the Japs, the leaders kept on increasing the membership little by little so that by the end of January 1944, all reservists, ex-service men and released war prisoners of Dupax became bonafide members thereof.

The following were the activities of the outfit at its early state:

(1) Canvassing all ex-servicemen, released war prisoners, reservists, ROTC graduates and civilian volunteers to join us in our cause;

(2) Keeping the morale of the people by making secret talks to them not to lose their hopes to the ultimate victory of the Americans and the defeat of the Japs;

(3) Collection of ammunitions and arms from civilians for our use at an opportune time and convince them to hide transportation facilities such as carts, carretelas, etc, which may be of use by the enemy against us later;

(4) Campaigning for food supplies and bringing them to our comrades who were already hiding;

(5) Espionage work on the activities of the enemy and reporting them to the headquarters.

Inspite of all the hardships we encountered because of the pro-Japs headed by Leandro U. Rosario and governor Demetrio Quirino, who were always on close watch over us, we were able to uphold our aims with the secret assistance of the people. This marked our first victory in a battle of wits with the enemy, because although they had the governing power, we had the control buttons at our disposal, being in direct contact with the civilian populace. As a result of this, the people of the municipality coursed a petition to the Provincial Governor for my appointment as Municipal Mayor of Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, in view of the fact that the incumbent Mayor became seriously ill and was suspected of connivance with the guerrillas. Once more, the voice of the people triumphed, so I was forced on February 22, 1944. My appointment to Mayorship of Dupax was a blessing in disguise to both our comrade guerrillas and to the people because suspicions were camouflaged thus appeasing the Japs of their growing contempt and distrust. Henceforth, we were once more free to roam the streets and breath the atmosphere like free people that sometimes we even rubbed elbows with the Japs without their least suspicion of our underground operations against them. We were just like dancing a dreamy waltz to the rythm of a hot jitterbug. Inspite of my position, I was able to perform my duties as Executive Officer of the Outfit, Captain Paluero being the Commanding Officer.

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Through our secret movements from the time of organization up to the time of landing of the Liberating Forces in Leyte, we concentrated our efforts in the collection of arms and ammunitions, ambushing Japs and taking their arms at opportune times, but in our steps we were careful that no clue were left for the enemy to trace. This was for the welfare of the civilians who were always the ones blamed and punished for any guerrilla activities unearthed.

In the early part of October 1944, the Japanese Military Police aided by Governor Demetrio Quirino and his henchmen under Leandro U. Rosario had unearthed the organization under Col Galvo at Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya and through the Japanese methods of investigations, maltreatments, espionage and military tactics, several Filipinos for the cause were apprehended and killed. This pitiful plight and fate of our brothers-in-arms did not at least discourage us. Instead, it ignited the flame of hatred in our hearts so we have decided to stop playing "artists" with the enemy. Furthermore, our activities were detected by the Military Police so that there was no more alternatives left for us but to leave our puppet positions, throw our disguises and ran to the mountains and in a selected hideout, we summoned all the members of our organization. It may not be amiss to mention here that this selected hideout had been the place of rendezvous of members of our outfit, a place where we stored our firearms, even when we were still having an elbow-to-elbow dealing with the enemy. In response to this call, not only members reported to duty but also there were several civilian volunteers who came to join us. Resuming open hostilities was the cry of the day so we reorganized ourselves and made Special Orders for appointments and promotions among us thru our Commanding Officer, the late Captain Rafael V. Paluero.

At the time we began hiding in the midst of the Sierra Madre Mountains, members were increasing amazingly, so that before the end of October 1944, our total strength reach about 600 men. To divide the work among the men, and forseeing all the necessities of guerrilla life, we deemed it wise to assign a company who was to continue mingling with the civilians and also the enemies. The work of this company were purely sabotage on enemy property in every way possible without incriminating the civilians, of course, counter-espionage on the enemy, and supply work.

The problem that confronted the command much was the attachment or incorporation of this outfit to the 14th Infantry. Therefore, the command did not lose time to write a letter of attachment to the 14th Infantry, through "K" Company, 3rd Bn, 14th Infantry, but the Officers of "K" Company did not course it to the Regimental Command for selfish reasons. So another letter was prepared and sent that time direct to the Regimental Command, through the courtesy of Capt. Braulio Dumlao of the Veterinary Corps. This letter was readily answered by the Executive Officers of the RHQ as the Regimental C.O. was out from the headquarters by that time, which reads as follows:

"Subject: - Prbvisional Company  
TO : - Ticket 3, Capt GSC, 31st Div., P.A.  
Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya

'1. Your letters reached this Headquarters re organization of a provisional company commanded by you. This Headquarters wish to express appreciation for the strong determination, courage and patriotic ideals possessed by you. Your plans are exceedingly commendable.

'2. Your first letter which was personally delivered by 5-14-113 thru 117D was not acted upon immediately inasmuch as the Commanding Officer was still out on an official

mission. However, it is believed that he has no objection to the attachment of the Provisional Company to this command. Pending his arrival, you are advised to keep your unit intact so as to be ready to receive instructions from this Headquarters from time to time.

'3. You are also instructed to communicate from time to time to this Headquarters regarding any change affecting this set-up of your unit.

'For 5-14-1113:

(Sgd.) 5-14-113-S3-1116

Capt., 14th Infantry

'Acting Executive Officer''

Abiding to the contents of the above-quoted message of the Regimental Headquarters, we maintained and kept intact our outfit but we had to break and change our camp so often as Japanese Collaborators Leandro U. Rosario and his allies, the Japs, were always after us. During the period from October 14, 1944 to April, 1945, we have changed camp for ten times. Aside from contacting the 14th Infantry we have also contact the 303rd Squadron at Caranglaan, Nueva Ecija.

However, while undergoing the trials in our lives and while waiting for the final approval of our application for attachment to the 14th Infantry, we kept on training and referring our men on close and extended military drills (keeping them physically fit for any eventuality) and lecturing to them on the following subjects:

- (a) Military discipline and courtesy
- (b) Scouting
- (c) Patrolling
- (d) Nomenclature of the rifle, pistol & MI
- (e) Combat principles
- (f) Hygiene and Sanitation, and
- (g) Articles of War
- (h) Espionage

Besides these, routinary program in our camp have been carried on and at opportune times we made ambushes against the enemy here and there, but of course, we had to take into consideration the safety and welfare of the civilians for every ambush we made.

It should not be amiss to mention herein that some of our brother guerrillas who did not care for the safety of the civilians while making their operations against the enemy and caused the massacres of several hundreds of civilians, men, women & innocent children included.

But weeks passed then, months, still no final decision of our application for attachment to the 14th Infantry was received. Instead, the officers of "K" Company who became antagonistic against our outfit because we were responsible of stopping their abuses against the civilians, attempted several times against orders of higher headquarters to disarm and disband us. These officers went even to the extent of ordering and threatening the civilians under penalty of death, not to give us a single grain of rice or any food supplies. But despite the above restrictions imposed upon us by our comrades-in-arms, we did not give up our ultimate aims to fight our common enemy for a noble cause, but instead ordered our men to bring their respective provisions, such as rice, salt, vegetables, etc.

The abuses of these brother guerrillas against the civilians were as follows:

(a) Abusing girls and forcing parents to accept simulated matrimonial vows.

(b) Excessive collections of rice, other foodstuffs, clothings, toilet articles, etc., not only for their use in the Army but also for their personal and commercial purposes.

Notwithstanding these predicaments, we maintained our outfit with the strong determination as true Filipinos to fight for that command and noble cause, by bringing our own food supplies and by requesting additional supplies from our richer comrades. However, the civilians after being relieved of the abuses of our comrades guerillas which have stopped, began giving us food supplies which were in addition to our own provisions taken from our own homes.

Being impatient to receive the approval of our application for attachment to the 14th Infantry, Capt Rafael V. Paluero and I (Maj Domingo Pi Ramel, then Captain), decided to go to the RHQ to take up our case personally with the Regimental Command but when we finally went, we were not given audience by the Regimental C. O., on the reason that he was ill. We had to wait for more than a week at the Regimental Reception Base after which we received a letter from our camp that our families with Capt. Rafael V. Paluero including families of some of our soldiers were taken by Pro-Jap Leandro U. Rosario and the Japanese Military Police.

We sent, therefore, a letter to the Regimental C. O., 14th Infantry, informing him that inasmuch as he was still ill and that he could not give us audience, we were to return to our camp in order to find out what had happened to our families, who were taken prisoners by Leandro U. Rosario and the Japanese Military Police.

Major Manriquez, Regimental C. O., answered the letter of Capt Rafael V. Paluero to return to our camp and find out what happened to his family, and that after which we would return to the Regimental Headquarters. We did as instructed, and after a few days, in camp, Capt. Paluero returned to the RHQ leaving me to take care of our outfit, with assurance that he would negotiate for the final approval of our application for attachment to the 14th Infantry.

After a week, I was in receipt of a letter from Capt. Paluero informing that he had accepted an officer of the Regimental Command as an Executive Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry and that he was unable to negotiate for our final attachment. This action of Capt. Paluero was a shock to all of us but we have decided to keep ourselves intact. Later, Lieut. Fernando Velasco, our Medical Officer, was called to join Capt Paluero as Medical Officer of the 2nd Bn, so two officers left us to join the 14th Infantry. Although the loss of two officers was a shock to us, we decided to stick together and continued the fight under my command.

Time and again, I tried my best to negotiate for the attachment of our outfit to the 14th Infantry. As a last resort, I even wrote a letter to the Commander of the 5th Military District Headquarters, 1122, through the RHQ reiterating our request for attachment and furnishing him a copy of our Roster of Troops.

This time, we were informed by the Commanding Officer, 14th Infantry, that our attachment could not be favorably acted upon because the 14th Infantry was fully loaded but we were given cognition as an independent unit with concessions to operate against the enemy and granted the rights to request for our food supplies from the civilians, under the direct supervision of the 3rd Battalion, 14th Infantry.



These concessions and rights, although it was given in good faith by the Regimental Command, was ignored by "K" Company and through their machinations lured the Battalion Command to call our outfit to report to him at the C.P. of "K" Company which we readily complied with but upon arrival at the C.P. of the said "K" Company, we were disarmed by Capt Marcelino Prado and Lt Joa'n O Poyatos with their firing platoon of 30 riflemen, 14th March, 1945.

As we were outnumbered and in order to avoid bloodshed among us brother guerrillas, we had to give up our arms but upon the arrival of the Battalion Commander the following morning, through my earnest pleadings and candid explanations, our arms were returned to us with the proposal of the Battalion Commander to disband our outfit and join them filling up vacancies in their battalion.

We did not accept the proposal so we returned to our camp through permission of the Battalion Commander, but on our way back, we were detected and chased by about 1,000 Japs and up to the present time one of our men is still missing and it is feared that he might have been caught and killed.

Upon our arrival at our Camp, I raised the proposal of the Battalion Commander to my men but my men unanimously decided to accept being taken in as a complete company to fill up on vacant company of the 3rd Battalion, 14th Infantry, but not to be dispersed and distributed to fill up the vacancies in the different companies of the 3rd Battalion, so I wrote a letter to the Battalion C. O. re our decision but we have not heard any news from said officer in view of the blockade made by the Japs between our respective camps. The reason why we did not consent to disband our outfit is that if we did so, the members of our intelligence and supply company will have worked in vain for the Cause.

On the 20th March 1945, however, news had reached our headquarters through one of our boys that there were some soldiers, supposed to be American patrols who went to Bitnong, Munguia, Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, who wanted to contact us, but due to our experiences with regards to the activities of the Japs and their spies, we had to be precautionary in contacting anybody. We did our best to locate the supposed American patrols but we were unable to meet them.

However, on 3rd April, 1945, I received a note dated 1st April, 1945, from the supposed American Patrol Leader which was without signature to the effect that another patrol was to be sent to the sitio of Bitnong ready to contact the guerrillas. I stayed there with a squad from the 14th to the 20th of April, 1945, but was unable to contact anybody. However, a detachment had been assigned to stay at Bitnong to wait and made the contact with the necessary papers.

Since I took command of this outfit, the maintenance of the morale of the people and the discouragement of the peoples' moral and material help towards the enemy were taken care of with ceaseless patience. This was achieved by continuous conferences with the civilian leaders and by public talks whenever we had the opportunity to do so.

Next to this is the operation which we were conducting time and again against the enemy. These consisted of ambushing their patrols in the field, looting their deposits of ammunitions, medicines and any other war properties they owned for our use against them, and killing them whenever we get the chance to take them, with the aid of our S-2'S.

History of the 51st Inf Prov Guer Bn - Continued

Since we began operating against them up to the that time, we have killed hundreds of Japs including some Filipino Ganaps and from then we have taken our guns we used against them. We have also collected a considerable number of war booties.

Suffice it to mention herein that our initial arms when we first started to organize this outfit were only 12 enfields, Cal. 30, 2 shotguns and 2 sidearms. For purpose of record, I wish to make mention herein that inspite of the death penalty imposed by the Japanese Military Police to any person found concealing arms, I was able to hide my revolver, Cal. 38, Police Positive, my shotgun, Cal 12 and 1 rifle, Cal. 30 for our use. The first two arms were my licensed arms before the war and the rfile was my arm when I joined the 14th Infantry under Col. Everett Warner in 1942.

From the 1st of May, 1945 to 31st May, 1945, we made a strong operation against the enemy ambushing them here and there, as they were retrating from the advancing Liberating Forces, and as a result thereto, hundreds were wounded and killed by our boys. Our records show that we have killed 576 Japs up to May 31 1945. In this operation against the enemy, we were able to capture enough arms and thousands of ammunitions to equip our "A" Company and that we have also acquired a considerable number of war booties, such as helmets, bayonets, grenades, medicines, clothings, etc.

When we contacted the first Liberating Forces of the 51st F. A. Bn, at Malasin, Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, the history of our outfit, together with a letter of attachment was delivered to the Commanding Officer of that outfit. The Officers of that outfit gave us due cognition and at once we set out to coordinate our activities with them. We engaged the emny in a fight for three days and nights, with the liberators aiding us with artillery fire, and we were able to drive the enemies away. We were assigned at road and trail blocks aside from the numerous combat patrols we made.

From 6 June 1945, we have been attached to different liberating outfits es follows:

<u>Inclusive Date</u>	<u>U. S. Army Outfit</u>
6 June to 11 June 1945	51st F. A. Battalion, APO 37
12 June to 25 June 1945	35th Infantry, APO 25
26 June to 15 Sept 1945	126th Infantry, APO 32
16 Sept to 7 Oct 1945	475th AAA AW BN

During this attachment to U. S. Army outfits, we were also assigned to mopping operations along the Sierra Madre mountains east of Aritao, Dupax and Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya. We have engaged the enemy from the gate to the Cagayan Valley, the Spanish Trail and along the rugged Caraballo and Sierra Madre Mountains east of Nueva Vizcaya.

The following table shows the achievements of our outfit from the time of organization on 1 January 1944 up to the time we left Nueva Vizcaya for Bacnotan, La Union on 6 November 1945, for further orders:

History of the 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn - Continued

Inclusive Dates	Taken		Remarks
	Prisoners	(Killed)	
1 Jan 1944 to 31 May 1945	1	576	Rptd to 51st F.A. Bn
1 Jun 1945 to 12 Jun 1945	6	201	" " 35th Inf, APO 25
13 Jun 1945 to 25 Jun 1945	116	28	" " 35th Inf, APO 25
26 Jun 1945 to 30 Aug 1945	5	112	" " 126th Inf, APO 32
1 Sept 1945 to 15 Sept 1945	---	1	" " 475 AAA AV BN
16 Sept 1945 to 5 Nov 1945	3	38	" " 475 AAA AV BN
Total- - -	131	956	

SUMMARY:

(a) Casualties inflicted to the enemy:

KIA - - - - -	956
POW - - - - -	131
WIA - - - - -	135 (Approx)
Total- - - - -	1222

(b) Damages:

Tanks @ - - - - -	2
Trucks- - - - -	32
Carretela - - - - -	3
Total - - - - -	37

(c) Arms Captured:

Machinegun, Jap make, Cal 31 - - - - -	2
Machinegun, Jap make, Cal 25 - - - - -	1
Machinegun, American make Cal.30 - - - - -	2
Mortars, Japanese make - - - - -	2
Rifles, Jap, Cal 25 - - - - -	408
Rifles, Jap, Cal. 31 - - - - -	69
Pistols, American, Cal 45. - - - - -	2
Rifles, American, Cal. 30 - - - - -	52
Pistols, Jap, Cal. 32 - - - - -	15
Japanese Grenades - - - - -	400
Total - - - - -	953

NOTE: All of these arms were turned over to the Liberating Forces.

(d) Ammunitions taken:

American, Cal. .30 - - - - -	121 boxes
Japs, Cal. 25 - - - - -	50 "
Japs, Cal. 31 - - - - -	98 "
Mortars, Jap - - - - -	166 Shells
MG Ammo., American, Cal. 50 - - - - -	10 Boxes
MG Ammo, American, Cal. 30 - - - - -	32 "

(e) Casualties on our part from the beginning of operation, from the organization of the 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn (1 January 1944) to the capitulation of the enemy (September 1945):

KIA - - - - -	9
WIA - - - - -	7

Today, our great problem is the recognition of those members of our outfit who have fought side by side with us, who have suffered the same hardships as anyone of us, but who are still unrecognized, some of whom were unfortunate to survive the war.

As appendix to this history are attached the different letters of commendation from American Officers.

*Domingo P. Ramez*  
 DOMINGO P. RAMEZ  
 Major, Inf, P.A.

CO, 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn

/hvb

1st Ind.

(26 June 1945)

HEADQUARTERS THIRTY FIFTH INFANTRY, A P O No. 25, 27 June 1945.

TO: Major Domingo P. Ramel,  
31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion

The aid which your battalion has given to this regiment during its assignment in your area has been outstanding in every respect. Equipped with captured Jap weapons, poorly dressed and, in many cases, undernourished after more than three years of fighting a cruel enemy, you and your battalion have shown a devotion to duty, a loyalty to your country and an outstanding example of what can be accomplished with little when one's heart knows what is right.

Our short stay here could not have been nearly as successful had it not been for your men's cooperation in furnishing guides for our patrols, guards on road blocks and trail blocks and your aggressive investigation of reports of enemy in outlying districts.

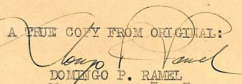
Your discipline is as fine as I have seen in any Filipino organization and your men's conscientious attention to duty reflects credit not only upon you but upon all of the good loyal citizens who have helped to make your battalion what it is today.

Your battalion has officially been recognized as an integral part of the Liberation Forces of your country, a recognition well earned and deserved.

May I have the pleasure and honor of commending you for your outstanding contribution toward the liberation of the Philippine Islands. The men and officers of the Thirty Fifth Infantry have requested that they be included among those who commend you.

/s/ Stanley R. Larsen,  
/t/ STANLEY R. LARSEN,  
Colonel, 35th Infantry  
Commanding

A TRUE COPY FROM ORIGINAL:

  
DOMINGO P. RAMEL  
Major, 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS 3RD BATTALION 126TH INFANTRY

APO 32  
13 September 1945

To Whom it May Concern:

Major Domingo P. Ramel Commanding Officer of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion and Captain Jacob S. Quiambao S-3 of this unit are very anxious to have their unit processed by the Philippine Army. They and myself realize what a tremendous task this is. In order that the task be performed as quickly and as efficiently as possible and to accord the processing team the maximum cooperation in the fulfillment of their job, these two key officers of the organization would like to make inquiries as to the expected time of processing, preparations to be made and any other information that might enable them to lay proper plans to assist in the rapid processing of their unit.

I would appreciate very much any assistance given this unit as they have, while under my command and supervision, demonstrated superior devotion to duty, cooperation and initiative. Each officer and man has demonstrated his fitness to uphold the standards and traditions of the Philippine Army.

/s/ Isom P. Clark Jr.  
/t/ ISOM P. CLARK JR.  
Major, 126th Inf.  
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

*Hilario V. Bullecer*  
HILARIO V. BULLEGER  
2nd Lieut, 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS  
475TH AAA AW BATTALION  
APO 198

4 October 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Whom it may concern:

1. When this command took the area formerly occupied by the 32nd Infantry Division one of the Guerrilla Units attached to us is the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion;

2. Of what we have observed during the short period of our administrative supervision over all guerrilla outfits in this area, we took special pride in the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Bn.

3. Under the able command of Major Domingo P. Ramel and his equally efficient Officers, this outfit has proven to be worthy of its sworn duties in cleaning up the Japs in its sector and in preserving liberty and democracy in this country.

4. This command desires, then, to make known this commendation of the discipline, organization and patriotism of all personnel of the 31st Inf Provisional Guerrilla Battalion, P.A.

/s/ Frank O. McMillan  
/t/ FRANK O. McMILLAN  
1st Lieut, CAC (AA)  
475th AAA AW BN.  
Guerrilla Affairs Officer

/s/ Robert R. Wheeler  
/t/ ROBERT R. WHEELER  
1st Lieut., CAC (AA)  
475th AAA AW BN.  
Guerrilla Affairs Officer

A TRUE COPY:

*Harold V. Bullock*  
HAROLD V. BULLOCK  
2nd Lieut, 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST BATTALION  
THIRTY FIFTH INFANTRY  
APO 25

26 June 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation.

TO : Regimental Commander, Thirty Fifth Infantry.

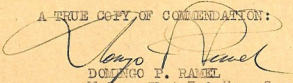
On our arrival to the municipality of Dupax on 13 June 1945, we were greeted by Major Domingo P. Ramel, commander of the 51st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion. Whereupon Major Ramel offered the services of his battalion in order to assist us in the securing this municipality and the surrounding barrios from the enemy.

Their work has been exceptional in that they maintained several blocks and participated in many patrols. Their action against the enemy has been a valuable asset to us, and made it possible for our troops to be used on other missions.

This battalion has been operating in this vicinity since Japanese occupation and has materially assisted the U.S. Army in the liberation of Luzon.

/s/ Louis J. Kidhardt  
/t/ LOUIS J. KIDHARDT  
Major, 35th Infantry  
Commanding

A TRUE COPY OF COMMENDATION:

  
DOMINGO P. RAMEL  
Major, 51st Inf Prov Guer Bn  
Commanding

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SUPPLEMENTAL ROSTER-UNRECOGNIZED

10 January 1945

1. Guerrilla Unit: 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Bn 2. Atchd to:

a. Commanding Officer - Name DOMINIKO P. RAMEL Rank: MAJOR

Location: Near Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, PI

4. Name	5	6	FORMER SERVICE						14	15	16	17
			7	8	9	10	11	12				
Last First Initial	DATE JD ORGN.	Pres. Guer Rank	U.S.Phil. Army Scout Navy	Phil. Army or Const Salary	Guerrilla Without Rank or Prev. Mil Status	Serial Number	Unit	Date of last ser vice with 7,8 or 9	Date sur rendered to Japa- nese	Date escaped from Japanese Control	Do you recommend induction into the Philippine Army	
1. Velasco, Fernando	1 Jan. 1944	1st Lt.			ROTC	Trfd	14th Inf.					
2. Sarmiento, Sebastian	1 Mar. 1945	2nd Lt.			ROTC	Jd	mother unit.					
3. Moscoso, Felipe	1 May 1945	2nd			ROTC	Jd	mother unit.					
4. Palugod, Homero A.	1 Jan. 1944	M/SGT			ROTC	Jd	CIC as Civ.					
5. Rumbaos, Federico	15 Jan. 1944	T/SGT			CV	Jd	Gov't emplnt					
6. Iacanlale, Herminigildo	1 Jan. 1944	SGT			USAFPE	Jd	mother unit.					
7. Nazareno, Dominador	1 Jan. 1944	SGT			USAFPE	Jd	mother unit.					
8. Parucha, Alejo, 2nd	1 Jan. 1944	SGT			USAFPE	Jd	Mother Unit.					
9. Parucha, Francisco	1 Jan. 1944	SGT			USAFPE	Jd	mother Unit.					
10. Santos, Velasco	1 Jan. 1944	SGT	Navy		SEAMAN (U.S.N.)	Jd	mother unit.					
11. Magalad, Ambrocio	16 Oct. 1944	Cpl.			CV	Jd	Liberating Forces as Civ. employee					
12. Mariano, Victorino	20 Oct. 1944	Cpl.			CV	Jd	Govt. Emplnt					
13. Mendoza, Ignidic	1 Jan. 1944	Cpl.			USAFPE	Jd	Mother Unit.					
14. Rosario, Manuel del	17 Oct. 1944	Cpl.			CV	Trfd	other Guer Unit.					

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SUPPLEMENTAL ROSTER \* UNRECOGNIZED CONT'D.

1. Guerrilla Unit. 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Bn 2. Attached to:  
 a. Commanding Officer - Name DOMINGO P. RAHEL Rank Major

Location: Near Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya, PI

4. Name	5 DATE JD ORGN.	6 Pres. Guer Rank	7-13 FORMER SERVICE					14 Date of last ser- vice with 7,8 or 9	15 Date sur- rendered to Japanese	16 Date es- caped from Japanese Control	17 Do you recom- mend induction into the Phil- ippine Army
			7 U.S. Army Navy	8 Phil. Scout Army	9 Phil. Army or Const. bulary	10 Guerrilla without prev. Military Status	11 Rank				
15. Anguillig, Agustin	19 Oct. 1944	PFC				CV					
16. Apelado, Honorio	4 Nov. 1943	Pvt				CV					
17. Ambatale, Epifania	1 Nov. 1944	Pvt				CV	Trfd 14th Inf.				
18. Baorecio, Fidel	1 Jan. 1944	Pvt.				USAPFE	Jd mother unit.				
19. Baguisi, Carmelita	16 Oct. 1944	Pvt				CV	Trfd 14th Inf.				
20. Benito, Hector Pe	21 Oct. 1944	Pvt				CV					
21. Caramat, Aquino	1 Nov. 1944	Pvt.				CV					
22. Cusio, Fermin	16 Oct. 1944	Pvt				CV					
23. Dangilan, Joyce	1 Nov. 1944	Pvt				CV					
24. Fernandez, Jose	16 Oct. 1944	Pvt				CV					
25. Medina, Dominador	3 Mar. 1944	Pvt				CV					
26. Padilla, Mamerto	16 Oct. 1944	Pvt				CV					
27. Paounio, Pedro	15 Dec. 1944	Pvt				CV					
28. Reyes, Ruben	16 Oct. 1944	Pvt				CV					
29. Aguada, Emiliano	3 Aprl 1945	Pvt				CV					

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Jacob S. Quiambao*  
 JACOB S. QUIAMBAO  
 Captain, PA (PA)  
 Ex-O & S - 3  
 31st Inf Prov Guer Bn

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UNITED STATES ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF  
FOR PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

2 August 1945

Letter of Commendation

To : - Regimental Commander 120th Infantry

It is with knowledge of and confidence in the organized fighting ability of the 31st Infantry Provisional Battalion that I highly recommend their organization for recognition and attachment as of the date of their formal organization.

This company has been under the guidance and efficient leadership of Major (then 1st Lieutenant) Domingo P. Rangel since Japanese occupation of the territory. The company has grown to almost battalion strength. In order to facilitate its internal structure and aid in its efficient organization, the company has been re-organized into a Provisional Battalion. The officers and men have offered their services with a loyalty that has given our soldiers ample reason to respect their ability and appreciate their cooperative spirit.

The commendation so highly given by the Commanding Officer Thirty Fifth Infantry for past performance, speaks the praise I wish to convey for the exceptional services this organization has rendered the Taira Battalion 120th Infantry throughout their attachment. The 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion has my respect. They have contributed and will continue to contribute toward the annihilation of the enemy and the liberation of the Philippine Islands.

*Edwin Clark Jr.*  
EDWIN F. CLARK JR.  
Major, 120th Infantry  
Commanding

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HEAD QUARTERS  
31ST INFANTRY PROV GUERRILLA BN  
(Attached to the 3rd Bn, 126th  
Inf, APO 32, U. S. Army)  
Dapax, Nueva Vizcaya

31st July 1945

- SUBJECT: - Roster of troops, 31st Infantry Provisional  
Guerrilla Bn
- TO: - Regimental Commander, 126th Infantry, APO 32
- FROM: - Commanding Officer, 3rd Bn, 126th Inf, APO 32  
Dapax, Nueva Vizcaya.

ATTN: GUERRILLA OFFICERS

1. Attached herewith is the roster of troops of  
the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Bn, for recog-  
nition and approval.

2. This outfit was formerly attached for tactical  
operation to the 31st P. I. Bn on 4 June 1945, thence to  
the 1st Bn, 35th Infantry, APO 25 on 12 June 1945 and  
on 26 June 1945, finally attached to the 3rd Bn, 126th  
Infantry, APO 32. Request attachment and recognition  
beginning from the time this outfit began operating  
against the enemy on 18 October 1944.

3. Attached hereto also is a certified copy of  
the letter of the Commanding Officer, 35th Infantry,  
APO 25, for your information and record purposes.

*Enrique P. Ramel*  
ENRIQUE P. RAMEL  
Major, Infantry  
Commanding

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REPUBLICAN FIRST DETACHMENT  
THIRTY FIFTH INFANTRY  
APO # 25

22 June 1949

SUBJECT: - Letter of Commendation

TO : - Regimental Commander, Thirty Fifth Infantry

On our arrival to the municipality of Espinosa on 10 June 1948, we were greeted by First Lieutenant Domingo F. Rangel, Commanding Officer of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Company. Whereupon Lt. Rangel offered the services of his company in order to assist us in the securing this municipality and the surrounding barrios from the enemy.

Their work has been exceptional in that they maintained several blocks and participated in many patrols. Their action against the enemy has been valuable asset to us, and made it possible for our troops to be used on their missions.

This company has been operating in this vicinity since Japanese occupation and has materially assisted the U. S. Army in the liberation of Luzon.

(Sgt.) LOUIS J. KIRKPATRICK  
Major, 35th Infantry  
Commanding

THIS COPY:

*Domingo F. Rangel*  
Domingo F. Rangel  
Major, Infantry  
31st Prov Infantry Guerrilla Co  
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

AG 370.64 (20 Aug 45) PA

APO 500  
20 August 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:

	<u>APPROX STRENGTH</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Hq, 4th Bn, 1st Pangasinan Regt, ECLGA, PTMD	6	11 Apr 45
Hq, 3rd Pangasinan Regt, ECLGA, PTMD	15	11 Apr 45
Hq, Hq Bn, 3rd Pangasinan Regt, ECLGA, PTMD	17	11 Apr 45
Co "G", 2nd Bn, 3rd Pampanga Regt, ECLGA, PND	139	27 Jun 45
Regt'l Hq, Thorp's Guerrilla Regt	20	1 Apr 45
Philippine National Volunteer Army (Company)	127	1 Apr 45
✓ 31st Inf, Provisional Guerrilla Bn	398	12 Jun 45
3rd Bn, Buena Vista Regt	493	26 May 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 these units is that of officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army.

3. 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:  
HFA (3)  
CG Eighth Army  
Units concerned.



/s/  
t/ D. W. Dooley  
D. W. DOOLEY  
Capt., AGD,  
Asst. AG.



HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES RYUKYUS. COMMAND

APO  
25 May 1948

GUERRILLA UNIT DESIGNATION

31ST INFANTRY PROVISIONAL GUERRILLA BATTALION

Previously Recorded Recognized Strength	<u>398</u>	Actual Recognized Strength	<u>423</u>
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Reasons for difference between strength previously recorded and actual recognized strength:

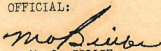
1.        individuals deleted because their names were duplicated on recognized roster.
2.        individuals deleted because their names are listed with another element of the unit.
3.        individuals deleted because their names were previously inserted into the roster without authority.
4.        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 Unit recognized in an approximate strength. Original recognized rosters contained a strength of 423 individuals.

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  
Captain, AGD  
Assistant Adjutant General

Roster Distribution:

- 1 Recovered Personnel Div
- 3 Veterans Administration
- 1 Headquarters National Defense Forces
- 1 File

31ST INFANTRY PROVISIONAL  
GUERRILLA BATTALION

Date of Recognition - 12 June 1945

NAME	RANK
1. RAMEL, Domingo P	Major
2. SUGAY, Sinforoso	Capt
✓ 3. QUIAMBAC, Jacob S	Capt
4. JAVIER, Ramon	1st Lt
5. ESPIRITU, Guillermo S	1st Lt
6. MAGAWAY, Cirilo	1st Lt
7. ORDINARIO, Buenaventura	1st Lt
8. VADIL, Daniel M	2nd Lt
9. VADIL, Cipriano M	2nd Lt
10. PALUGOD, Virgilio	2nd Lt
11. WHITNEY, Alfredo	2nd Lt
12. WHITNEY, Francisco	2nd Lt
13. BOADA, Dominador	2nd Lt
14. BULLEGER, Hilario V	2nd Lt
15. BALUT, Aurelio	2nd Lt
16. BIGENA, Florencio	2nd Lt
17. PIMENTEL, Juan	2nd Lt
18. GUZMAN, Nicanor	2nd Lt
19. PARUCHA, Feliciano	2nd Lt
20. GALABUN, Fulgencio	2nd Lt
21. BAGUISI, Jaime	2nd Lt
22. ABSALON, Cayetano H	1st/Sgt
23. ILARDE, Benito	1st/Sgt
24. GARCIA, Ventura	1st/Sgt
25. VIDAD, Antonio Sr.	T/Sgt
26. CARAMAT, Atanacio	Sgt
27. ABESAMIS, Emilio	Sgt
28. ALCANTARA, Ildefonso	Sgt
29. AMADOR, Apolonio	Sgt
30. AMBROSIO, Luis	Sgt
31. BUGALAY, Benigno	Sgt
32. BANIQUED, Benito	Sgt
33. BARNO, Jose	Sgt
34. BARRROGA, Bonifacio	Sgt
35. BASSIG, Esteban	Sgt
36. BAUTISTA, David	Sgt
37. BAUTISTA, Juan	Sgt
38. BAUTISTA, Pedro	Sgt
39. BULLEGER, Leuterio	Sgt
40. BEDOVA, Luis	Sgt
41. BULLEGER, Martiniano	Sgt
42. CARAMAT, Cresencio	Sgt
43. CASER, Aurelio	Sgt
44. CASTANEDA, Norberto	Sgt
45. CASTRO, Severino	Sgt
46. CONDE, Juan	Sgt
47. DUGAY, Roque	Sgt
48. ENRIQUEZ, Amando	Sgt
49. FERNANDEZ, Emilio	Sgt
50. FERNANDEZ, Juan T	Sgt
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*A. M. Kolesar*  
A.M. KOLESAR  
1ST LT   CAC

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31ST INFANTRY PROVISIONAL  
GUERRILLA BATTALION

Date of Recognition - 12 June 1945

NAME	RANK
101. ESTABILLO, Alfredo	Cpl
102. FERRER, Pio	Cpl
103. GERON, William	Cpl
104. GUZMAN, Jose R	Cpl
105. GUZMAN, Pedro de	Cpl
106. LOPEZ, Roy	Cpl
107. MAGDAY, Lazaro	Cpl
108. MANADAY, Alfredo	Cpl
109. MEJIA, Silvino	Cpl
110. PARUCHA, Ignacio	Cpl
111. QUIANO, Pantaleon	Cpl
112. SALAS, Florentino	Cpl
113. SAMPAGA, Gregorio	Cpl
114. SIMBANAN, Tomas	Cpl
115. SCRADOY, Rodrigo	Cpl
116. SOLIS, Jacinto	Cpl
117. SORIANO, Porferio	Cpl
118. TAMAYO, Ceriaco	Cpl
119. VILLAR, Ernesto	Cpl
120. VILLANUEVA, Juan M	Cpl
121. DURAL, Felipe	Cpl
122. BAYLE, Alfredo	Pfc
123. BAYLE, Marcelino	Pfc
124. CRUZ, Gavino de la	Pfc
125. FELIX, Silvestre	Pfc
126. ILLARDE, Mauricio	Pfc
127. MAGPALE, Ponciano	Pfc
128. MAMAOG, Baldomero	Pfc
129. MANAOIS, Macario	Pfc
130. SALTRUNGAN, Hospicio	Pfc
131. SANTOS, Antonio	Pfc
132. SEANGOY, Rufino	Pfc
133. SEBASTIAN, Domingo	Pfc
134. VIDAD, Mamerto	Pfc
135. ZAMORA, Francisco	Pfc
136. CRUZ, Juan de la	Pfc
137. ABSAMIS, Emilio Jr.	Pvt
138. ABSALON, Estelito	Pvt
139. ABSALON, Mauro	Pvt
140. ABSALON, Pedro	Pvt
141. ACOSTA, Esposo	Pvt
142. ADANG, Duppat	Pvt
143. AGALCOOS, Mamerto	Pvt
144. AGALCOOS, Silvestre	Pvt
145. AGUADA, Julian	Pvt
146. AGUADA, Mariano	Pvt
147. AGONOV, Tranquilino	Pvt
148. AGUILAR, Antonio	Pvt
149. AGUILAR, Jose	Pvt
150. ALCANTARA, Felipe	Pvt

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GUERRILLA BATTALION

Date of Recognition - 12 June 1945

NAME	RANK
251. FELIX, Julian	Pvt
252. FERNANDEZ, Juan R	Pvt
253. FERNANDEZ, Nemesio	Pvt
254. FRAGATA, Moises	Pvt
255. FRUCTOSO, Sabino	Pvt
256. GALAMAY, Ellorencio	Pvt
257. GALAMAY, Emerito	Pvt
258. GALANTA, Crispino	Pvt
259. GALANTA, Luis	Pvt
260. GALTICIA, Maximo	Pvt
261. GALLARDO, Celestino	Pvt
262. GALVAN, Juan	Pvt
263. GALVAN, Vicente	Pvt
264. GAMBOA, Bonifacio	Pvt
265. GARCIA, Francisco	Pvt
266. GARCIA, Julian	Pvt
267. GARCIA, Timoteo	Pvt
268. GARCIA, Victorino	Pvt
269. GASPAS, Ignacio	Pvt
270. GRAGASIN, Get-ang	Pvt
271. GRAGASIN, Pio	Pvt
272. GRAGASIN, Ramon	Pvt
273. GUINSATAO, Eufrocino	Pvt
274. GUINSATAO, Raymundo	Pvt
275. ILARDE, Asiscolo	Pvt
276. ILARDE, Tomas	Pvt
277. INACIAAN, Menas	Pvt
278. IYERAS, Jose	Pvt
279. JACOB, Santiago	Pvt
280. JIMINEZ, Irineo	Pvt
281. JOSE, Juan	Pvt
282. LACANAL, Ludivico	Pvt
283. LANGSE, Geyasit	Pvt
284. LAURENCIANO, Faustino	Pvt
285. LAZARO, Alfredo	Pvt
286. LOBEBAN, Antonio	Pvt
287. LOPEZ, Vicente	Pvt
288. LUCAS, Lengad	Pvt
289. LUCAS, Sinforoso	Pvt
290. LUCAS, Gangap	Pvt
291. LUCAS, Geronimo	Pvt
292. MAETAN, Cesario	Pvt
293. MAGDAY, Arcadio	Pvt
294. MAGDAY, Benito	Pvt
295. MAGDAY, Cayetano	Pvt
296. MAGDAY, Salvador	Pvt
297. MAGDAY, Teofilo	Pvt
298. MAGKILAT, Pablo	Pvt
299. MAGPALE, Aquilino	Pvt
300. MAGPALE, Moises	Pvt

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301. MANANTAN, Pedro	Pvt
302. MANAOIS, Domingo	Pvt
303. MANGACCAT, Manuelo	Pvt
304. MANAYAN, Adriano	Pvt
305. MARIANO, Fausto	Pvt
306. MARIKSA, Mariano	Pvt
307. MARTINEZ, Mariano	Pvt
308. MIPA, Pedro	Pvt
309. MEJIA, Enrique	Pvt
310. MENDOZA, Severino	Pvt
311. MINA, Eduardo	Pvt
312. MISTODA, Topdac	Pvt
313. MOLINA, Jose	Pvt
314. MORGADO, Roberto	Pvt
315. NACION, Gualberto	Pvt
316. NAVARRO, Eusebio	Pvt
317. NISPERGES, Francisco	Pvt
318. OGMA, Beccat	Pvt
319. ONIA, Antonio	Pvt
320. ORANI, Anacleto	Pvt
321. CERCINO, Eligio	Pvt
322. ORDONIA, Tanguib	Pvt
323. ORPIA, Manuel	Pvt
324. ORINA, Cerilo	Pvt
325. ORTIZ, Bernabe	Pvt
326. PADA, Alfredo	Pvt
327. PADUA, Alfredo	Pvt
328. PADUA, Elisio	Pvt
329. PAET, Florencio	Pvt
330. PAKGAG, Tummol	Pvt
331. PARUCHA, Alejo 1st	Pvt
332. PARUCHA, Basilio	Pvt
333. PASCUAL, Clemente	Pvt
334. PASCUAL, Raymundo	Pvt
335. PATING, Jose	Pvt
336. PATING, Pedro	Pvt
337. PENGEG, Martin	Pvt
338. PERDONIO, Feliciano	Pvt
339. PICAR, Guillermo	Pvt
340. PICINGAN, Santos	Pvt
341. PISANG, Hilaric	Pvt
342. PISANG, Benjamin	Pvt
343. PURAC, Demetrio	Pvt
344. QUINAY, Agustin	Pvt
345. RAMIENTO, Benito	Pvt
346. RAMOS, Alfredo	Pvt
347. RAMOS, Benito	Pvt
348. RANJO, Valeriano	Pvt
349. RAYREO, Cesario	Pvt
350. RAZA, Isaac	Pvt

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	NAME	RANK
351.	RAZA, Matias	Pvt
352.	RAZON, Juanito	Pvt
353.	RIMANDO, Federico	Pvt
354.	RINGOR, Pedro	Pvt
355.	RODRIGUEZ, Geron	Pvt
356.	RODRIGUEZ, Pablo	Pvt
357.	RODUTA, Jose	Pvt
358.	ROMERO, Benjamin	Pvt
359.	ROSARIO, Benjamin	Pvt
360.	ROSARIO, Lauro del	Pvt
361.	ROSARIO, Leo	Pvt
362.	ROSARIO, Pepito	Pvt
363.	SAGUDAY, Victor	Pvt
364.	SALACUP, Vicente	Pvt
365.	SALADINO, Domingo	Pvt
366.	SALGADO, Felix	Pvt
367.	SALGADO, Manes	Pvt
368.	SALIRUNGAN, Juan	Pvt
369.	SALIRUNGAN, Leon	Pvt
370.	SALIRUNGAN, Pablo	Pvt
371.	SALUDO, Manuel	Pvt
372.	SAMMIN, Gaganto	Pvt
373.	SARIBAY, Fruto	Pvt
374.	SEANGOY, Alberto	Pvt
375.	SEBASTIAN, Rufino	Pvt
376.	SERRANO, Eusebio	Pvt
377.	SIMBAG, Insep	Pvt
378.	SIMBANAN, Bernardo	Pvt
379.	SIQUAN, Teofilo	Pvt
380.	SIMPOG, Gangsew	Pvt
381.	SEBEEY, Francisco	Pvt
382.	SERQUINIA, Pedro	Pvt
383.	SIOPON, Severo	Pvt
384.	SOLANZO, Aquilino	Pvt
385.	SORIANO, Celestino	Pvt
386.	TAGAMI, Arcadio	Pvt
387.	TAGAMI, Pablo	Pvt
388.	TAGAMI, Vicente	Pvt
389.	TANGO, Edilberto	Pvt
390.	TANGGOY, Pasekeg	Pvt
391.	TANGULLIG, Alfredo	Pvt
392.	TANGULLIG, Benito	Pvt
393.	TALAVERA, Pedro	Pvt
394.	TAMBA, Vicente	Pvt
395.	TOLEDO, Benigno	Pvt
396.	TOLEDO, Cirilo	Pvt
397.	TOYADANG, Topdac	Pvt
398.	TUASON, Santiago	Pvt
399.	TUBIERA, Macario	Pvt
400.	UMLIE, Rufino	Pvt

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NAME	RANK
401. URBANO, Alfredo	Pvt
402. URBANO, Elias	Pvt
403. URBANO, Pedro	Pvt
404. VADIL, Braulio	Pvt
405. VADIL, Frisco	Pvt
406. VADIL, Tomas	Pvt
407. VADIL, Juan	Pvt
408. VALDEZ, Donato	Pvt
409. VALENCIA, Francisco	Pvt
410. VALIENTE, Marcelino	Pvt
411. VIERNES, Andres	Pvt
412. VARGAS, Demetrio	Pvt
413. VERA, Herminigildo de	Pvt
414. VIDAD, Antonio Jr.	Pvt
415. VILA, Bonifacio	Pvt
416. VILLANUEVA, Federico	Pvt
417. VILLANUEVA, Juan R	Pvt
418. VILLANUEVA, Luis	Pvt
419. VILORIA, Clemente	Pvt
420. VILORIA, Gaudencio	Pvt
421. VILORIA, Rufino	Pvt
422. VILLEGAS, Placido	Pvt
423. YAPIT, Quirino	Pvt
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17 AUG 1945

322 1st Ind  
HQ 32d INF DIV, APO 32, 6 Aug 45

TO: Commanding General, XIV Corps, APO 453

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*E. W. Hoffman*

E. W. HOFFMAN  
Lt Col, AGD  
Adjutant General

322  
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AG 384 - U 2d Ind

Hq XIV Corps, APO 453, 10 August 1945

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Recommend approval. Attached letters of commendation summarize the services of this guerrilla unit.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Craig Moore*

CRAIG MOORE  
Lt Col, AGD  
Adjutant General

5 Incls  
n/c

AG 370.64 (FH)  
5 Aug 45

3d Ind

Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

16 AUG 1945

TO: CINC AFPAC, APO 500

Recommend the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion be recognized effective 12 June 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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*D. D. Courtright*  
2 D. D. COURTRIGHT  
Major, A. G. S.  
Asst. Adjutant General

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*E. W. Hoff*  
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6 AUG 1945

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HEADQUARTERS 126TH INFANTRY

APO 32

5 August 1945

AGO RECORD  
3766  
17 AUG 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Recognition of 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion.

TO : Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, APO 32.

1. Recommend that the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion be officially recognized as a unit of the Philippine Army as of 12 June 1945, the date of the unit's attachment to the 25th Infantry Division.

2. During its attachment to the 126th Infantry, this unit has demonstrated an exceptionally high degree of discipline, spirit, and combat ability. I believe that official recognition of this battalion would be an appropriate form of gratitude for their sacrifice and distinguished service on behalf of their country.

3. The present strength of the organization totals 21 officers and 377 enlisted men.

*C. C. W. Allan*

C. C. W. ALLAN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

- 5 Incls:
- 1-Ltr Maj Clark
- 2-Ltr Col Larsen
- 3-Ltr Maj Kidhardt
- 4-Ltr Maj Ramel
- 5-Roster of personnel

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD BATTALION  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIXTH INFANTRY  
APO # 32

2 August 1945

SUBJECT: - Letter of Commendation

TO : - Regimental Commander 126th Infantry

It is with knowledge of and confidence in the organized fighting ability of the 31st Infantry Provisional Battalion that I highly recommend their organization for recognition and attachment as of the date of their formal organization.

This company has been under the guidance and efficient leadership of Major (then 1st Lieutenant) Domingo P. Remei since Japanese occupation of the territory. The company has grown to almost Battalion strength. In order to facilitate its internal structure and aid in its efficient organization, the company has been re-organized into a Provisional Battalion. The officers and men have offered their services with a loyalty that has given our soldiers ample reason to respect their ability and appreciate their cooperative spirit.

The commendation so highly given by the Commanding Officer Thirty Fifth Infantry for past performance, speaks the praise I wish to convey for the exceptional services this organization has rendered the Third Battalion 126th Infantry throughout their attachment. The 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Battalion has my respect. They have contributed and will continue to contribute toward the annihilation of the enemy and the liberation of the Philippine Islands.

*Isaac P. Clark, Jr.*

ISAAC P. CLARK JR.  
Major 126th Infantry  
Commanding

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1st Ind.

(26 June 1945)

HEADQUARTERS THIRTY FIFTH INFANTRY, A P O # 25, 27 June 1945.

TO: First Lieutenant Domingo P. Ramel,  
31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Company.

The aid which your company has given to this Regiment during its assignment in your area has been outstanding in every respect. Equipped with captured Jap weapons, poorly dressed and, in many cases, undernourished after more than three years of fighting a cruel enemy, you and your company have shown a devotion to duty, a loyalty to your country and an outstanding example of what can be accomplished with little when one's heart knows what is right.

Our short stay here could not have been nearly as successful had it not been for your men's cooperation in furnishing guides for our patrols, guards on road blocks and trail blocks, and your aggressive investigation of reports of enemy in outlying districts.

Your discipline is as fine as I have seen in any Filipino organization and your men's conscientious attention to duty reflects credit not only upon you but upon all of the good loyal citizens who have helped to make your company what it is today.

Your company has officially been recognized as an integral part of the Liberation Forces of your country, a recognition well earned and deserved.

May I have the pleasure and honor of Commanding you for your outstanding contribution toward the liberation of the Philippine Islands. The men and officers of the Thirty Fifth Infantry have requested that they be included among those who commend you.

(SGD.) STANLEY R. IARSEN,  
Colonel, 35th Infantry,  
Commanding.

TRUE COPY:

*Domingo P. Ramel*  
DOMINGO P. RAMEL  
Major, Infantry  
31st Infantry Prov Guerrilla Bn  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST BATTALION  
THIRTY FIFTH INFANTRY  
APO # 25

26 June 1945

SUBJECT: - Letter of Commendation

TO : - Regimental Commander, Thirty Fifth Infantry


On our arrival to the municipality of Dupax on 13 June 1945, we were greeted by First Lieutenant Domingo P. Ramel, Commanding Officer of the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Company. Whereupon Lt. Ramel offered the services of his company in order to assist us in the securing this municipality and the surrounding Barrios from the enemy.

Their work has been exceptional in that they maintained several blocks and participated in many patrols. Their action against the enemy has been valuable asset to us, and made it possible for our troops to be used on their missions.

This company has been operating in this vicinity since Japanese occupation and has materially assisted the U. S., Army in the liberation of Luzon.

(Sgt.) LOUIS J. KIDWELL  
Major, 30th Infantry  
Commanding

TRUE COPY:

  
Domingo P. Ramel  
Major, Infantry  
31st Prov Infantry Guerrilla Bn  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS  
31ST INFANTRY PROV GUERRILLA BN  
(Attached to the 3rd Bn, 126th  
Inf, APO 32, U. S. Army)  
Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya  
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31st July 1945

SUBJECT: - Roster of troops, 31st Infantry Provisional  
Guerrilla Bn

TO : - Regimental Commander, 126th Infantry, APO 32

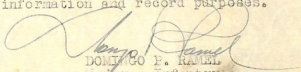
THRU : - Commanding Officer, 3rd Bn, 126th Inf, APO 32  
Dupax, Nueva Vizcaya.

ATT'N: GUERRILLA OFFICER

1. Attached herewith is the roster of troops of  
the 31st Infantry Provisional Guerrilla Bn, for recog-  
nition and approval.

2. This outfit was formerly attached for tactical  
operation to the 51st F. A. Bn on 6 June 1945, thence to  
the 1st Bn, 35th Infantry, APO 25 on 12 June 1945 and  
on 26 June 1945, finally attached to the 3rd Bn, 126th  
Infantry, APO 32. Request attachment and recognition  
beginning from the time this outfit began operating  
against the enemy on 16 October 1944.

3. Attached hereto also is a certified copy of  
the letter of the Commanding Officer, 35th Infantry,  
APO 25, for your information and record purposes.

  
DOMINGO P. RAVEL  
Major, Infantry  
Commanding

ENCLOS:  
DFR/hvb

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Check list for Investigation Teams and Determination of  
Guerrilla Units or Individuals for Recognition

1. 31<sup>st</sup> Inf Prov. Guer. Bn. Dupax, N.V.  
Name of Unit Location

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of overall command

(b) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of overall commanding officer Address

(c) Major Domingo P. Ramel Bambang N.V.  
Name of unit commanding officer Address

(d) 51<sup>st</sup> FA, 37<sup>th</sup> Div - 35<sup>th</sup> Inf, 75 Div - 126<sup>th</sup> - 32<sup>nd</sup> Div  
Name of using unit 475 AAA

(e) Own Initiative JAN 44 \_\_\_\_\_  
Authority for organization of unit. 1) date organized 2) date reorganized

\_\_\_\_\_ 3) inactivated  
10 JUNE 46

(f) Strength in officers and EM 1942 \_\_\_\_\_ 1943 \_\_\_\_\_  
1944 196 1945 592 1946 592

(g) Personnel lost: 0  
used for replacements to other units

: 0  
because of dissatisfaction with units

: 0  
because of inter-unit quarrels

: \_\_\_\_\_  
Casualties (Unit) (~~Loss~~) 11 6  
dead wounded

(h) Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_  
USAFPE 7 46  
No. officers EM

: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.A. 0 0  
No. officers EM

: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.S. 0 7  
No. officers EM

: \_\_\_\_\_  
Civilians all the rest EM

Personnel procure copies of any S.O., that may affect any of the personnel.

2. Equipment:

(a) Weapons available (type) 1942 \_\_\_\_\_ 1943 \_\_\_\_\_  
1944 400+ 1945 400+ 1946 400+

How procured

(b) Transportation available Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ Motor Cars \_\_\_\_\_  
How procured purchase \_\_\_\_\_ confiscation \_\_\_\_\_  
capture \_\_\_\_\_ military necessity \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Radios available for broadcasts \_\_\_\_\_  
Radios available for reception \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Weapons still in hands of unit NONE

(e) Weapons turned in by unit \_\_\_\_\_ To whom 32d Div 9  
14th Inf

3. Activities including type During occupation Liberation

(a)	<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>X</u>
(b)	<u>COLLECTION OF SUPPLIES</u>	<u>X</u>
(c)	<u>AMBUSHING THE JAPS</u>	<u>X</u>
(d)	<u>GETTING JAP SUPPLIES</u>	<u>X</u>
(e)	<u>SABOTAGING COMMUNICATIONS</u>	<u>X</u>
(f)	<u>MORAL OF THE PEOPLE</u>	<u>X</u>
(g)	<u>FOUGHT AS MEMBERS OF AM UNITS</u>	<u>X</u>
(h)	<u>SCOUTS</u>	<u>X</u>
(i)	<u>ROAD BLOCKS + PATROLLING</u>	<u>X</u>
(j)	<u>MINING UP OPERATIONS</u>	<u>X</u>

(additional papers can be added)

4. Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_ (chronological sequence)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
Destruction of Phil. property (bridges) etc.

(b) SEE UNIT FILE  
Destruction of Japanese

(c) "  
Capture of Japanese property (including type)

(d) 976  
Enemy casualties

5. Methods used to procure supplies in local areas.

(a) NONE  
Amount purchased

(b) ✓  
Amount donated

(c) \_\_\_\_\_  
Captured from Japanese

(d) LIBERATION - AM. UNITS SUPPLIED  
Landed from planes or other methods by U.S.

6. Contact and Liaison maintained with other units. (friendly - otherwise)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of units 303 Locations CARRAGALAN, I. I.

7. Conflicts with other Guerrilla units. \_\_\_\_\_ Cause. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Contact has been made by team with available sources for information.
- (a)  \_\_\_\_\_  
Civilians in areas
- (b)  \_\_\_\_\_  
Local governmental authorities
- (c)  \_\_\_\_\_  
Local M.P. Units as to present ~~condition~~ <sup>status</sup> concerning unit under investigation
- (d)  \_\_\_\_\_  
Any other reliable source
9. \_\_\_\_\_  
Control of unit by their own officers
10. \_\_\_\_\_  
Units present activities
11. \_\_\_\_\_  
Political Aspects
12. \_\_\_\_\_  
Condition of equipment on hand (all types)
13. \_\_\_\_\_  
Influencing factors not otherwise specified

Signature of all officers from GAD working case.

1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Leon J. Sankin  
1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Kenneth H. Newbauer

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