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SQUADRON 77, ECLGA (BELL'S UNIT)

NAME OF UNIT

ROY C TUGGLE

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. NFC/DL letter - 17 May 47
4. Letter to Tuggle dtd 19 Jun 47

REMARKS:



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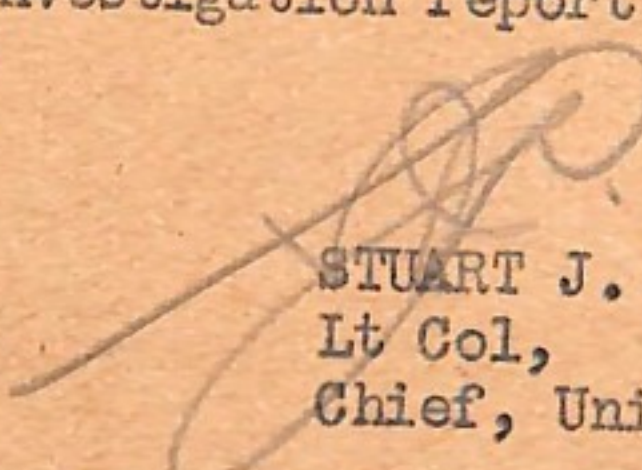
(1) FROM: Chief, Unit Branch TO: Director, GAD

DISCUSSION.

1. Mr. Roy S. Tuggle resubmits rosters and papers of Squadron 77, ECIGA (Bell's Unit) for recognition with contention that originals were received by this headquarters prior to closing date.
2. Rosters and supporting papers of Squadron 77, East Central Luzon Guerrilla Forces (Bell's Unit), were hand delivered to this headquarters on 30 April 1947 and were alleged to be copies of rosters and supporting papers of this unit presumably on file. A search of the files disclosed neither the originals nor any record of an application for recognition.
3. Affidavits are certified by Mr. Tuggle as the former commanding officer of LGF. Investigation now underway disproves this.
4. All rosters and supporting papers were returned to Mr. Tuggle by letter, this headquarters, dated 17 May 1947, for reason of late submission of a new unit. (Tab B)
5. Mr. Tuggle returns rosters and supporting papers of subject unit with a letter, dated 2 June 1947, for alleged reasons that originals were submitted by him personally to Major Miller, GAD, AFFAC, on or about July 1945.
6. A special investigation was made of Squadron 77, IGAF, Bell's Unit, by 1st Lt Hollis E. Godwin. It discloses political aspirations of Tuggle and the non-existence of the unit (Tab C).

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the attached letter (Tab A) be approved for the signature of the Adjutant General; that the special investigation report be placed in the file of this headquarters for future use.


STUART J. PALOS
Lt Col, Inf
Chief, Unit Branch

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- 1 - Tab A (Proposed reply to Mr. Roy C Tuggle)
- 2 - Tab B Ltr to Mr. Roy C Tuggle dtd 17 May 47
- 3 - Tab C (Special investigation report on subject unit)

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TAB
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G-3 Form No. 2 :

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: SEQUENCE NO.

: RADIO CITE

G-3 File No. GSCPU 091 PI

: Date:

16 Jun 47

SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for

: Type of Communication

FROM : Roy C. Tuggle

: Ltr

GROSS REFERENCES

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OFFICER TAKING ACTION (and initials)

1st Lt George E. Kemper

Policy : Non-Policy : Recommending
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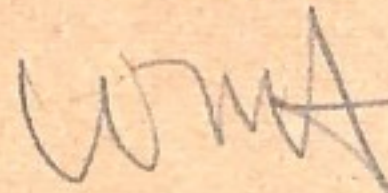
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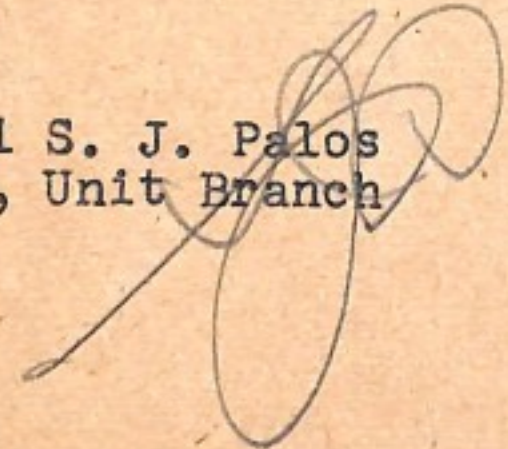
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col. Gerald F. Lillard:

Basic, ltr fr Roy C. Tuggle to CG, PHILRYCOM, dtd 2 Jun 47, forwarding again rosters and supporting papers of Squadron 77, ECLGA (Bell's Unit) returned to him by letter, this headquarters, dated 17 May 1947.

1st Lt G. E. Kemper

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



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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPU 091 PI /1285

APD 707

19 JUN 1947

Mr. Roy C. Tuggle
Manila Hotel - Room 221
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Dear Mr. Tuggle:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 2 June 1947, with which you again forward rosters and supporting papers of Squadron 77, ECLGA (Bell's Unit) returned to you by letter, this headquarters, dated 17 May 1947.

As you were informed in our letter of 17 May 1947, a thorough search of the files of this headquarters has failed to disclose any record of this unit.

Major Miller, to whom you refer in your letter of 2 June 1947 as having received the roster and supporting papers of this unit, was on duty with the Guerrilla Affairs Division of this headquarters for an adequate period of time in which to effect the proper transfer of all records in his possession.

It is again necessary to reiterate that as this headquarters has no record of a previous request for recognition of this unit, your request must necessarily be considered as a new application for recognition. As you were previously informed in our letter of 17 May 1947, your request cannot be accepted as it does not comply with the announced closing date of 15 March 1946 for the acceptance by this headquarters of applications for recognition of guerrilla units.

Returned herewith are the rosters and supporting papers of Squadron 77, East Central Luzon Guerrilla Forces.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Sincerely,

Very truly yours,

(Signature)

1 Incl:
Rosters and Supporting Papers.

(Signature)



THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

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R o o m 221
Manila Hotel
Manila
June 2, 1947

Commanding General
PHILRYCOM, APO 707

Attn: Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the rosters and supporting papers of Squadron 77, ECLGF, Bell's Unit, as covered by your letter No. GSCPU 091 PI/1066 with the information that:

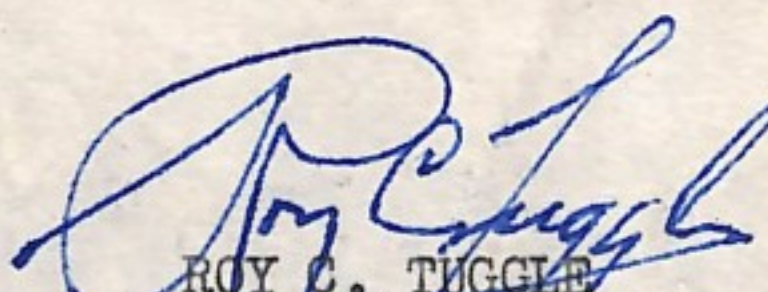
1. This roster was one of the rosters submitted by me personally to Major Miller, Guerrilla Affairs Section, AFPAC, on or about July, 1945;
2. It is requested that this roster be given consideration because of the fact that:

(a) It is my contention that inasmuch as this roster was submitted to the proper authorities together with a large number of original supporting papers, I feel that special consideration be given in this case due to the fact that officers and men should not be penalized for loss of papers which have been duly submitted to the proper army authorities.

May I request that this be brought to the attention of the necessary authorities in order to obtain justice for these men?

I should like further to point out that this is one of the rosters covering the over-all command of the Luzon Guerrilla Forces which were submitted in 1945 to Major Miller, Executive Officer, Guerrilla Affairs Section, AFPAC, when AFPAC officers were located in the Trade and Commerce Building.

Should you require an affidavit from me and other officers who have personal knowledge of these facts, I shall endeavor to obtain the same for you.


ROY C. TUGGLE
Formerly Major, Inf (PA)
Formerly Commanding Officer
Luzon Guerrilla Forces

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE-RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

APO 707
17 May 1947

GSCFU 091 PI/1066

Mr. Roy C Tuggle
Manila Hotel
Manila, Philippines

Dear Mr. Tuggle:

On 30 April 1947 the enclosed roster and supporting papers of Squadron 77, East Central Luzon Guerrilla Forces, were submitted by hand to this Headquarters as alleged copies of a roster and supporting papers of a unit presumably on file.

A thorough search of the files of this headquarters has failed to disclose any record of this unit. Special press release from Public Relations Office, AFWESPAC, dated 1 February 1946, stated that no applications for recognition of guerrilla units would be accepted by this headquarters after 15 March 1946. As no previous request for recognition of this unit was received by this headquarters, the submission of the roster and supporting papers of squadron 77 must necessarily constitute a new request for recognition which cannot be accepted as it does not comply with the closing date for the acceptance of unit applications for recognition.

For your information, the recent press release from Public Relations Office, PHILRYCOM, further announced the closing date of 15 March 1947 for the submission of individual claims for non-casualty recognition.

This decision does not preclude submission of claims for casualty recognition by those individuals who are qualified and feel justified in entering such claims. Upon request from interested individuals appropriate forms will be forwarded.

Returned herewith are the roster and supporting papers of Squadron 77, East Central Luzon Guerrilla Forces.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas J. Brown
/t/ THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl
Roster and supporting papers.

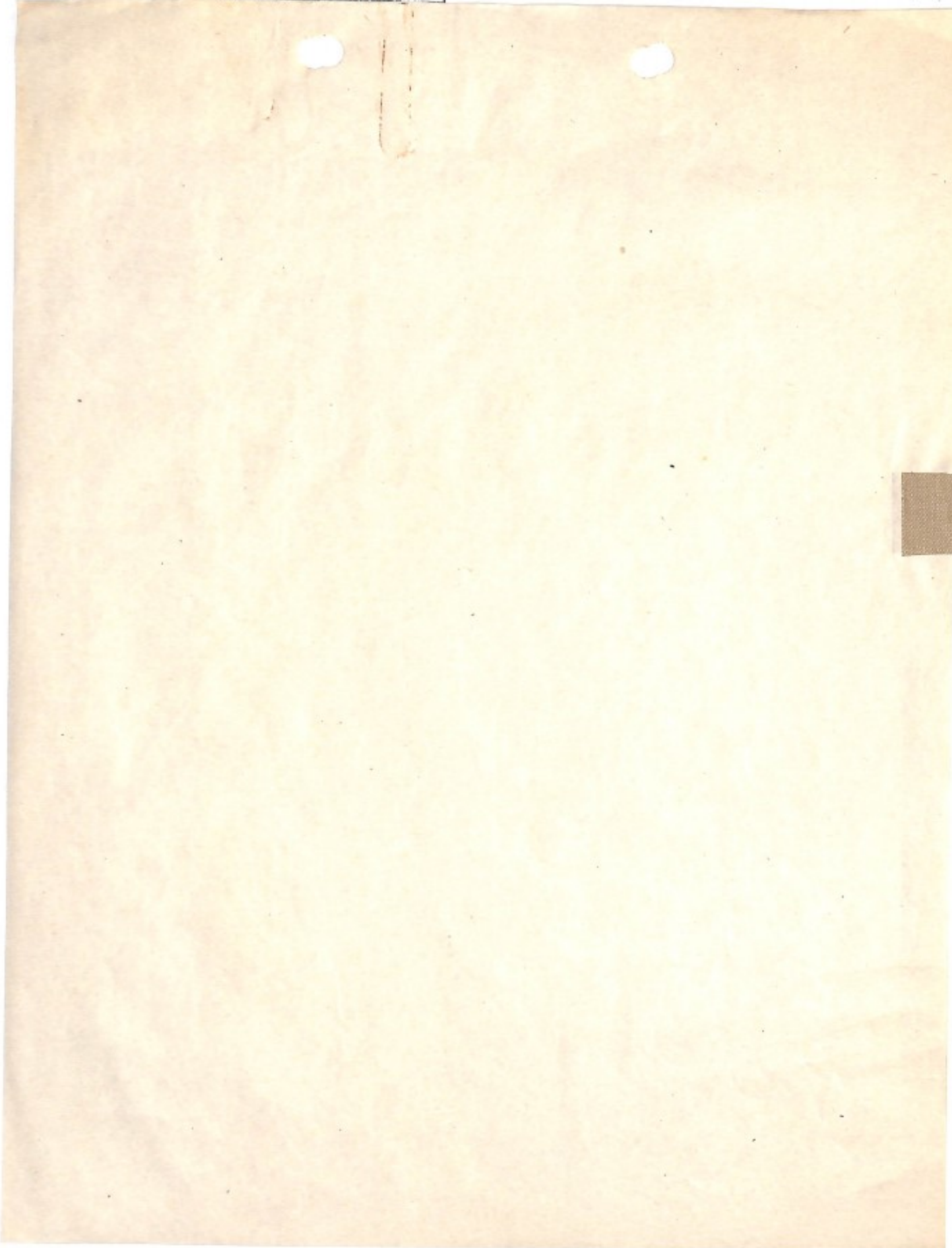
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ROY C. TUGGLE
Formerly Major, Inf (PA)
Formerly Commanding Officer
Luzon Guerrilla Forces

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Report on Squadron 77, LGAF, Bell's Guerrillas

1. On 4 June 1947 1st Lt Hollis E Godwin proceeded to Floridablanca, Pampanga to investigate Squadron 77, LGAF, Bell's Guerrillas. No contact was made with any of the members listed in the roster of the subject unit.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See following Par's)

3. FINDINGS:

A brief history, as shown by the statements of persons interviewed, of guerrilla activities in the area around Floridablanca, Pampanga, forms the basis of the findings. The following persons were interviewed.

Arturo Reyes, CO 1st Bn 2nd Prov Regt BMD (Boone's Grla's)

Ernesto D Tungal, CO 2nd Bn 1st Pampanga Regt ECLGA (Ramsey's Grla's)

Alfonzo Bilbin, 2nd Lt 2nd Bn 1st Pampanga Regt ECLGA

Dominador D Songco G-4 1st Pampanga Regt ECLGA

Ramon Mendiola, Med O (Maj Roy C Tuggle's Staff)

Luciano Valdez, Parish Priest of Floridablanca

Maximo Redondo, " " " "

All persons interviewed live in the town of Floridablanca, Pampanga except Mr. Arturo Reyes who lives at Dinalupihan, Bataan.

Ernesto D Tungal stated that in late 1942 Capt Louis Bell organized several units in the area concerned. He stated that he knew definitely that there was Squadrons 78 and 79 but could not say whether or not there was a Squadron 77. He stated that he was a member of Squadron 79 under Capt Bell's Command. The life of Bell's units was short lived as Bell was captured by the Japanese in early 1943 and executed. After Bell's death the units under that command disbanded and a part of the members joined Edwin P. Ramsey's 1st Pampanga Regiment and a part of the members joined a unit under John P Boone's overall command. Both the 2nd Bn 1st

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Pam Regt ECLGA and Boone's Eng Bn were located in the area around Florida-
blanca. When shown the roster of Squadron 77, Tungal stated that several
of the members listed were also members of the 2nd Bn 1st Pam Regt of which
he, Tungal, commanded and that some of the mentioned members have already
been recognized for their services.

Dr. Ramon Mendiola, a recognized guerrilla as a member of Maj Tuggle's
Staff, stated that he, Mendiola, had never heard of Squadron 77 and that
if there had been such a unit he would have known of such as he went
through the area concerned all during the occupation administering medical
aid to guerrilla and civilians. He also stated that Jose Manuel, listed
as CO of subject unit, was a guerrilla but never commanded such a unit.

The two Parish Priests stated when interviewed that they knew very
little about guerrilla activities in the area concerned but stated that
they knew most of the members listed in the roster of Squadron 77 and that
while the Japanese were there they, members listed, worked for pay for the
Japanese and that when the Americans came they worked for the Americans.

Arturo Reyes, Bn Commander of 2nd Bn 1st Prov Regt ECLGA, Boone's
Guerrillas stated that he knew that Capt Bell did organize some units in
late 1942 but that they were disbanded at the death of Bell in early 1943.
He stated that the names listed in the roster of the subject unit sounded
familiar as Boone had an Eng Bn and a Service Bn located in the area around
Floridablanca but that he had never heard of Squadron 77 and believed that
he would have known of such had there been one.

In view of the foregoing evidence it is believed that it is possible
for such a unit to have existed during a very short period in late 1942
to early 1943 but due to its disbandment at the time of Capt Bell's death
the subject unit was forgotten until brought to life by Maj Roy C Tuggle

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in his quest for personal power in Legion Affairs. Only one person interviewed even hinted that there could have been such a unit but he was not sure which indicates that the subject unit never really existed. Certainly had the unit existed during the period claimed from Sept 1942 to Jan 1945, persons interviewed would have known of such service.

Interviews with prominent guerrillas and citizens in the area that the subject unit claimed to have dominated substantiate the following facts.

- a. Record of service was not substantiated.
- b. A definite organization never existed.
- c. Adequate records were not maintained.
- d. Many members listed in the roster of the subject were also listed in other organizations.
- e. That the unit was not maintained in the field.

No useful purpose will be served by further investigation of this unit. There are no worthy members and the unit suffered no casualties.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS:

This unit does not appear to have political aspects. Maj Roy C Tuggle initiated the claim of the subject unit and he is endeavoring to become a leading figure in Legion Affairs.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Squadron 77, LGAF, Bell's Guerrillas be not favorably considered for recognition.


HOLLIS E GODWIN
1st Lt, FA

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Col Gerald F Lillard:

Basic, roster and supporting papers of Sqdn 77, East Central Luzon Gr1a Forces, hand-carried to this hq on 30 Apr 47, as alleged copies of a roster and supporting papers of a unit presumably on file in this hq.

George E Kemper
 1st Lt George E Kemper

Concur: Lt Col S J Palos
 Chief, Unit Branch
[Signature]

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PHILIPPINES-MYKUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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AFG 707

Mr. Roy S Tuggle
Manila Hotel
Manila, Philippines

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Sincerely,

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THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN
MAY 1947

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Col Gerald F Hillard:

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Central Luzon

1st Lt George E Kemper

Concur Lt Col S J Bates Chief, Unit Branch

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