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UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. Complaints

- 2. Investigating Officer's Notes
- 3. NFC/DL letter dated 15 Sep 47
- 4. Reply to 1tr of B. Pastor Cabarloc regarding an alleged request for recognition of the 1st Cavite Regiment, ECLGA,

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col Wallace M. Hanes:

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Individuals requesting recognition as guerrilla casualties are required to submit documentary evidence in so far as possible to substantiate each individual claim, so that proper consideration may be given by this headcounters.

Enclosed herewith is Guerrilla Affairs Division Form No. 2 in triplicate for accomplishment in accordance with attached instruction cheet and letter entitled, "Information Concerning Guerrilla Casualties."

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94 MAR 1948

Mr. B. Pastor Cabarlos 13/ Lopez Jaena Cavita City Philippines

Dear Mr. Cabarlog:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 26 January 1948. regarding an alleged request for recognition of the 1st Cavite Regiment. East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area.

Our reply to Mr. Godofredo S. Samonte. dated 15 September 1947. to which you refer in your letter of 26 January 1948, definitely stated that this headquarters could not accept the request for recognition of this unit inasmuch as it failed to comply with the closing date of 15 March 1946. It further stated that this headquarters has not accepted requests of this type subsequent to that date.

Your reasons for the late submission of the unit request are insufficient to warrant an extension of the closing date of 15 March 1946. It is considered that all concerned had ample opportunity to prepare and submit unit applications for recognition prior to the closing date of 15 March 1946 inasmuch as the special press release from this headquarters, dated 1 February 1946, received wide dissemination throughout the Philippines by press, radio and municipal agencies.

It is further considered that no useful purpose will be served by further correspondence regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

Lt Col Wallace M. Hanes:

R. E. CANTRELL Gen

Basic, letter from Mr. B. P. Cabarloc to CG PHILRYCOM, dated 26 Jan 48. regarding an alleged request for recognition of the 1st Cavite Regiment, East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area.

1st Lt George E. Kemper

Concur: Capt E. R. Curtis Chief. Unit Branch DECLASSIFIED
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HEADQUARTERS 1st CAVITE REGIMENT (RAMSEY'S) EAST CENTRAL LUZON GUERRILLA AREA 134 Lopez Jaena, Cavite city

26 January 1948

HEADQUARTERS, APO 707
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Attention: Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3

Dear Sir:

Your reply dated 15 September 1947, (GSCPU 091 PI/1918) definitely proved that the present status of our guerrilla organization is as indicated therein, in this connection the entire regimental officers is to censure for disregarding the responsibility towards its officers and enlisted-men totaling 1358 members, both living and deceased.

Howsoever, after a carsful analysis conducted by the undersigned of almost all regimental and battalion staffs; including the regimental commander, it was found out that the circumstances binding the delay in filing a request for the recognition of the 1st Cavite Regiment, Ramsey's ECLGA, were as follows:

- 1. The commanding officer (Col Rafael G. ARCE)
 have lost contact with his subordinate
 officers since 19 September 1944, upon his
 escape from the Japanese Military Police
 in Cavite city, by chance when he was extended parole.
 - a. He escaped to Mindoro, and afterwards have assisted the U S Army Liberation Forces during his stay in Abra de Ilog, Mindoro, from 28 December 1944 to 26 January 1945.

(Please see attached sworn statement in writing signed by Lt Commander George F. ROWE, USNR (Ret).

- b. Returned to military control Philippine Army, and was duly processed for being an Ex-USAFFE veteran, who saw action in the Bataan campaign.
 - Inducted into the Military Police Command and was designated commanding officer of the 13th Military Police Company (PA).

- 2) Transferred to 1st Military Police Company (PA) assumed the position of company commander with station at Aliaga, Nueva Ecija province
- Transferred to Camp Ord, San Miguel, Tarlac province.
- 4) Transfebred again to Southern Luzon Zone Command and designated as Chief of G-2, SLZ, MPC, assuming this position until lately.
- 2. On April 12, 1944, all records of this unit were burned to avoid confiscation by the Japanese Kempel tais, this action was taken due to the apprehension of Colonel Rafael G. ARCE, by the Japanese soldiers with the help of Filipino Jap-spies.
- 3. Uncertainty have existed between the members of the regimental staff and battalion staffs, as to who have filed a formal request for recognition to proper authorities, in view of the absence of it's commanding officer until after the liberation of the Philippines.
- 4. Some of it's staff officers have attached themselves individually or in small groups to other guerrilla outfits leaving the status of their men in a state of doubt, this mentioned officers were eventually recognized, while others are still waiting for their recognition.
- 5. The commanding officer, Col Rafael C. ARCE, have failed to filed a request for the recognition of the lst Cavite Regiment, ECLGA, but instead have made a request for his individual recognition as commanding officer of the above cited unit, thru the office of the GAD, AFWESPAC and the HMDF of the Philippines.

The aforementioned Headquarters hereby claims that this guerrilla organization have maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy and have contributed materially to the eventual defeat of the Japanese forces. The following datas will probably be sufficient to justify our request for a reconsideration:

a. Refer to "Guerrilla Resistance Movement in the Philippines" by Major General Willoughby, Page 11, regarding the activities of Colonel RAFAEL G. ARCE, and as one of the pioneers and organizers of the guerrilla resistance movement in the Philippines.

- b. The former Commanding officer of the East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area (ECLGA), Colonel 20th p. RAMSEY, have personally known the existence of this aganization and to have been active in the resistance movement for it was Colonel 2dwin p. RAMSEY, who gave the authority to organize the let Cavite Regt, Ramsey's ECLGA.
 - Please see attached sworn statement in writing signed by Col Edwin P. RAMSEY, CO, ECLGA.
 - Consult the files of Colonel Rafael G. ARCE, submitted to the Guerrilla Affairs Diffision, 9-3, AFWESPAC, now PHILRYCOM, pertaining to his request for individual recognition.
- c. One of it's Staff officers namely RAMON SAMONTS, Lt-Col, was personally appointed by Major JAY VANDERPOOL, as Military Mayor of Cavity city with duties to maintain the civil administration and particularly in preserving peace and order.
- d. And other evidential documents regarding the 1st Cavite Regiment, as a guerrilla organization operating in Cavite province under the overall command of Col Rafael G. ARCE.
 - 1. Affidavit signed by Col W. GREGORIO
 ASN 0-34766 PA
 - 2. Affidavit signed by Capt Jose MENDEZ, P.A.

And, for the military services rendered by this guerrilla organization, operating against the enemy as an element of the resistance movement in the Pailippines, have made us to unhesitatingly state, that this request of reconsideration for extension of the deadline set by your good-office (supposed to be 15 March 1946, AFWESPAC) is but justified.

With the approval of this request we will gladly furnish PHILRYCOM, with whatever or any particular information you may require before issuing final decision. Hoping to hear from you soon, we beg to remain.

For the Chief of Staff

B. PASTOR CABARLOC Adjutant General

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4- Written sworn statements, from different persons (True copies only)

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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I, GEORGE F. ROWE, USNR (RET) a resident of Manila, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to in accordance to law, hereby depose and say:

That I was the Camp Commander of the SWFA advance Headquarters of the Intelligence Office of General Douglas MacArthur stationed at Abra de Ilog, Mindoro from the date I landed at Mindoro to the Liberation of the Philippines.

I was personally in-charge of all underground operatives from the mainland (Luzon) to Mindoro.

That on or about December 28, 1944, Capt. Rafael G. Arce, personally contacted with my Headquarters for the purpose of making contact with Lieut-Colonel Edwin P. Ramsey a prominent American Guerrilla Commander on Luzon.

Capt. Arcs, meanwhile, faithfully conducted himself as an operative of my Headquarters while waiting contact with his Guerrilla Commander, I know Capt. Arcs to have assisted the Forces of the Liberation during his stay in Abra de Ilog, Mindoro from 28 Dec. 44 to 26 Jan. 45.

Further, affiant sayeth naught.

s/ George F. Rowe T/ GEORGE F. ROWE Lieut. Commander (USNR) Ret.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 31 day of July, 1947 at the City of Manila, Philippines with Residence Certificate No. A164834, issued in Manila, on February 27, 1947.

s/ (unknown)
Notary Public
My ommission expires on Dec. 31, 1948

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I, EDWIN P. HMASEY, Lt. Col. Commanding Officer of the East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area (ECLGA), on being sworn to in accordance to law, depose and say:

S.S.

That I know personally Capt. Rafael G. Arcs, Inf. PA (0-33855) now Commanding Officer of the 13th M.P. Co. (PA) with station at Lingayen, Pangasinan;

That Capt. Rafael G. Arce was one of the pioneers of the Military District (ECLGA) having been induted and joined thereof on Sept. 1942 thru the Office of the late Col. Patricio (Gat) Gonzales;

That on June 1, 1943, Capt. Arce was designated by me to organize a Regiment in Cavite to be under his immediate command with the rank of LIEUTENENT COLONEL;

That Lt-Col. Arce submitted a roster of his troops thru the MMD after a conference of all District and Regimental Commadders held somewhere in San Mateo, Rizal in which he attended;

That as Regimental Commander, he furnished my Headquarters with valuable informations re Japanese military installations in his sector such as maps, sketches, and other propaganda matters:

That Lt-Col. Arcs was promoted to the position of DISTRICT COMMANDER of Cavite personally by me on February 28, 1944, when I stopped at Tanza, Cavite, on my way to Mindoro:

That I know wery well that Col. Arcs, being a USAFFE officer, has never surrendered to the enemy nor accepted any position during the Japanese occupation, for which I commended him and promoted accordingly;

That Col. Ares as District Commander and organizer of the ECLGA in Cavite has shown his efficency and loyalty to the organization and to the Government of the United States

That Col. Arce was captured and tortured by the Japanese Military Police which caused the ommission of his name in the initial preparation of the original rester of troops of the ECLOA by mistake;

That Col. Arce was able to report to me personally on May 5, 1945;

Further affiant sayeth not.

s/ Edwin P. Ramsey T/ EDWIN P. RAMSEY Lieut-Col. Inf (AUS) Commanding ECLGA

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 6th day of March 1947 at Manila

s/ Pedro S. Hernando T/ PEDRO S. HERNANDO Major, AGS Asst AG (PA)

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I, WISTERIMUNDO GREGORIO, Colonel, Inf., PA, ASN 0-34766 residing at 1151 Antenio Rivera, at present stationed at Camp Ord, San Miguel, Tarlac, after having been duly sworn to in accordance to law, hereby depose and say;

ASN 0-33855, since 1 June 1943 the date he was inducted and joined with the East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area Forces. Captain Rafael G. Arce was introduced to me by the late Colonel Patricto Conzalez, former District Commander of the Manila Military District, ECLGA.

That I was the Commanding Officer, Andres Bonifacio Division, Manila MD, ECLGA, since June 1942 until 1943, when I was relieved and assigned as Chief of Staff, Manila Military District, ECLGA, as position I held until 1945 when I reported to Military control, and was duly processed at the End Replacement Bn, FA at Camp Bayangtong, Pangasinan.

That Capt. Refael G. Arcs, now Commanding Officer of the 10th MP Co. (PA) was appointed Regional Commander of Cavite around the middle part of June, 1943 with the rank of LIBUTENANT COLONEL.

That as Lieut. Colonel, Rafael G. Arce used to attend staff conferences at the Headquarters of the Manila Military District carrying with him important documents showing Japaness positions and other valuable information of the enemy in his district.

That Lisut. Colonel Rafael G. Arcs was also publishing news items which he called "Liberty News official organ of the FFFF" lambasting the Japanese propaganda news.

That on or about the end of February 1944, Lieut, Colonel Rafael G. Arce was promoted to the position of District Commander of Cavite when Major Ramsey passed by Cavite on his way to Mindoro.

That Lieut Colonel Arce was highly commended by the Commanding Officer of the ECLGA and as a pioneer of the ECLGA was one of those who had suffered tortures in the hands of the enemy.

That I learned that Lieut, Colonel Rafael G. Arce was wanted by the Japanese Military Police dead or alive during the days previous to the liberation of the Philippines.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

s/ Wisterimundo Gregorio T/ WISTERIMUNDO GREGORIO Colonel, Infl PA 0-34766

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 2 day of 7

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I, JOSE MENDEZ, Captain, PA, a resident of the City of Cavite, single, on being sworn in accordance to law, depose and say:

That I know personally Capt. RAFAZL G. ARCE, Inf. (FA) now Commanding Officer of the 1th Hillitary Police Co. (FA) with station at Aliaga, N. E.

That Capt. Rafael G. Arce and I were organizers of the East Central Luzon Querrilla Area (Ramsey Unit) in the province of Cavite since 1943.

That Capt. Refael C. Arce was appointed by Mt. Col. Edwin P. Ramsey, Commanding Officer of the ECLGA, Regional Commander of Cavite with the rank of Lt. Col. sometime in June, 1943 to organize and to carry out underground resistance against the enemy by propaganda and intelligence work.

That Capt. Rafael G. Arce and I were organizing and soliciting members for the ECLGA, among laborers in the Japanese controlled Cavits Nawy ard.

That on February 28, 1944 Lt. Col. Rafael G. Arcs was promoted to the position of District Commander of Cavite by Lt. Col. Ramasy in my presonce and in the presence of other prominent guerrilla officers in the field, including Major Constancio Tagle, Patricio Erne, etc.

That Lt. Col Arce in company with Major Constancio Tagle and the undersigned went to the town of Tanza, Cavite to meet Lt. Col. Ramsey somewhere in Tres Cruces to effect the appointment in a conference convened for that purpose,

That Lt. Col. Rafael G. Arce was unfortunately arrested by Sakdaliatas or Filipino spies on or about April 11, 1944 and consequestly tortured by the Japanese Kempel Tai in Cavite City for three months.

That after three months in jail. Lt. Col Rafael G. Arce was released on parole but on or about Sept. 19, 1944, Col Arce escaped from parole and thereafter was wanted once more by the Japanese MPs dead or alive.

That Lt. Col. Rafael G. Arce did his best to contact the Gommanding Officer of the ECLCA but due to the fact that the Japanese MFs were hot on his trail together with his family was unable to locate the CP of the ECLCA at that time.

That I learned that Lt. $^{\rm G}$ ol. Area and his family proceeded toward Batangas to escape another arrest and later to Mindoro to meet the Americans.

Further affiant sayeth not.

s/ Jose Mendez T/ JOSE MENDEZ Captain, Inf. FA. .c.c (Banking and I would

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CITY OF MANILA

This 9th day of Oct., 1946, personally appeared before me Capt. JOSE MENDEZ, no Residence Certificate being excempt who is known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing Affidavit and he acknowledged to me that same is his own free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND and affixed my Notarial seal at the City of Manila on the date first above mentioned.

E/ G. T. Bodor T/ G. T. BODOR NOTARY PUBLIC Until December 31, 1947

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HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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15 SEP 1947 ***

Mr. Godefredo S. Samonte 96 P. Burgos Cavite City Philippines

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 7 august 1947, requesting information regarding an alloged request for recognition of the late Cavite Regiment, ECLGA. /

A thorough search of the files of this headquarters has failed to reveal any request for recognition of a unit by that name.

A special press release from Headquarters, ATWESPAC, dated
1 February 1946, amnounced the closing date for the acceptance of
unit requests for recognition as 15 March 1946. No requests of this
type have been accepted by this headquarters since that date.

In view of the absence of a previous request for recognition of the lat Cavita Regiment, ECIGA, your request of 7 August 1947 must necessarily be considered as a new unit request for recognition, which can not be accepted for consideration as it does not comply with the closing date of 15 Earch 1946.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. BROWN CWO, USA ASST ADJ GEN

Lt Col Wallace M Hanesh

Besic, ltr fr Mr. Godofred S. Samonte to CG, PHIRRYCOM, dtd 7 Aug 47, requesting the status of a request for recognition of an alleged gria unit, the lst Cavite Regt, ECLIA.

2nd Lt W D MacMillan

Concur: Maj D C Murray Chief, Unit Branch



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