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Guerrilla Status Cases

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 WW II Corres Sec  
 Sp Corres Unit, RAC, AGO  
 ATTN: Mr. Allen

Orgn Records Br  
 RAC, AGO

11 Aug 49

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With references to cases involving Guerrilla Status which are presently being received from your branch for action, the following definition of the term "to date" is furnished:

Par 5, Memorandum, Hq PHILRYCOM, Subject: "Reconstructed Guerrilla Elements of United States Army Forces in the Philippines, North Luzon (USAFIP NL)", dtd 24 Mar 49, reads as follows: "When the term 'to date' is used the final date of payment or the date of discharge from the Philippine Army, whichever is applicable, will apply".

ROBERT H. WAGNER, Capt, AGO  
 Atg Chief, Orgn Records Br

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ORGANIZATION RECORDS BRANCH  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

ORB MEMO NO. 500

16 November 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Supervisors  
Personnel I & R Unit, Service Section  
Personnel Mail & Messenger Unit, Adm Section

SUBJECT: Guerilla Records, Ryukyus Command

1. The files of the Guerilla Affairs Division, G-3, Headquarters, Philippine Ryukyus Command have been retired to the Organization Records Branch. These records will retain their CLASSIFICATION, CONFIDENTIAL.

2. Inquiries received concerning these records or information therefrom will, until further notice be forwarded to the Asst Chief Clerk of Branch upon receipt.

3. Searches, until further notice, will be made only by those personnel assigned to the Information and Research Unit, Service Section. This measure is necessary principally for study and analysis purposes.

4. The records will be kept under lock at all times and one key will be in the possession of the Chief Clerk, Service Section to be kept in the combination lock file case when not in use. The only persons permitted access to the records will be the following:

All Officers of Branch

Mr. T. A. Venner  
Mrs. E. Mary Bolduc  
Mr. Joseph Cieslowski  
Mr. Jerry Folkowitz  
Mr. Raymond F. Patterson  
Personnel assigned to I & R Unit

*Ernest Patchford +  
Robert Enock added  
Per ORB adm memo 85  
dtd 11 apr 49*

5. Attached is a copy of the study prepared concerning these records which reports general information data. These records contain principally claims of Philipines for recognition individually and/or as organizations as "Guerillas".

6. Cases received in this branch, concerning:

a. Guerillas, Philippine Army personnel or Philippine Scouts, will after search, if negative, be forwarded to Demobilized Personnel Records Branch for further search and disposition.

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b. Philippine Civilians, which after search are negative, will be forwarded in turn to Civilian Personnel Records Branch and Demobilized Personnel Records Branch for further search and disposition.

(ACRG-AE 314)

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROY AKO SKI:

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*E. Mary Boedus*  
E. MARY BOEDUS  
Asst Chief Clerk

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"Guerilla Records"

Chief, ORB, AGO

Adm Asst to OIC, APS, ORB 8 Nov 48

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1. INTRODUCTION. These files, which were retired to ORB by the G-3 Section, Headquarters, Philippines Command, are identified as records of the Guerilla Affairs Division, G-3 Section, Headquarters, Philippines - Ryukyus Command. A joint study of the records was made during the period 25 - 29 October 1948 by Mr. Pershing O. Adams, Analysis and Research Unit, Archival Processing Section, ORB, and the undersigned, for the purpose of determining the security aspect connected therewith.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY. The Guerilla Affairs function was originally organized on or about 10 May 1945 as the Guerilla Affairs Section of the USAFFE Training Group, which was redesignated as the United States Army Training Group, Special Troops, GHQ, AFPAC on 9 June 1945. On 30 November 1945, the Guerilla Affairs Section was transferred to Headquarters, AF ESPAC and redesignated as the Guerilla Affairs Branch, Philippine Army Division, G-3 Section, Hq, AF ESPAC. On 1 January 1947 AF ESPAC was redesignated as the Philippines - Ryukyus Command and, concurrent with this redesignation, the Guerilla Affairs Branch became the Guerilla Affairs Division, G-3 Section, Hq, PHILRYCOM, and on 30 June 1948 the Guerilla Affairs Division was inactivated, having been in existence under its several designations for a period of three (3) years, one (1) month, and twenty (20) days.

3. MISSION. As a reward for the heroic efforts made by groups and individuals in the Philippines in offering organized resistance against the Japanese during their occupation of those Islands, the United States Government enacted legislation which provided for the recognition of those deserving groups and individuals as defacto members of the Philippine Army in the service of the United States. This action made the recognized guerillas eligible for Veterans Administration benefits and arrears in pay for the period they were determined as actually having engaged in organized resistance against the enemy, and was tantamount to their induction into the Philippine Army. The mission of the Guerilla Affairs Division in connection with this recognition was fourfold and embraced the following.

- a. Investigation, review, and recommendation of final action in connection with recognition of guerilla units recommended by United States Army units to which they were attached.
- b. Location and investigation of unrecognized guerilla units for the purpose of recommending final action to be taken with respect to their recognition.
- c. Arrangement for the processing of all recognized guerillas into the Philippine Army.
- d. Disarmament and disbandment of all guerillas deemed unworthy of recognition.

4. RECOGNITION CRITERION. A recognition criterion was established under the

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direction of General MacArthur, CINC, Far East Command, by which the recognition or non-recognition of guerilla units could be established. This criterion embraced five (5) basic requirements known as the "five points", which, summarized, required continuous organized combatant resistance against the Japanese invaders. The recognition of the guerillas was accomplished in three (3) phases.

a. Unit Recognition. This comprised the investigation of a guerilla unit or command by the Guerilla Affairs Division. Upon a determination that the unit satisfied the recognition criterion, a further investigation was made to determine the appropriate strength, period of service and rank of the members to be recognized. Official recognition would then be announced and rosters indicating name, rank and period of service of those recognized members were published. Recognized members would then be inducted into the Philippine Army and un-recognized members disarmed and disbanded.

b. Individual Non-Casualty Recognition. This category was established to permit the recognition of deserving individuals who were members of guerilla units that failed to measure up to the guerilla recognition standards. The individual service performed must have contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy and satisfied the recognition criterion.

c. Individual Casualty Recognition. This recognition was determined upon documentary evidence that the casualty status (wound or injury) of the individual was entered into as a direct result of his military operation against the enemy. A casualty status incurred through the contraction of a major illness was recognized on the basis of documentary proof that the illness claimed was developed or aggravated by the direct military activity of the individual concerned.

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS. The Guerilla Affairs records are comprised of the following categories.

a. Guerilla Unit Files. Volume 102,5 linear feet, consisting of requests for unit recognition with histories and other supporting papers, investigating officers reports, complaints, requests for information, reports of status of units and individuals, Executive Orders by the President of the Philippines, letters, petitions for recognition, induction papers, oaths of service, identification cards and papers and other miscellaneous papers.

b. Individual Non-Casualty Files. Volume 360 linear feet, consisting of the following forms and papers. Affidavits for Philippine Personnel (DAGO Form 23), affidavits by Unit Commanders and officers stating status of individuals, DAGO Form 20 - Soldiers Qualification Cards, DAGO Form 38 - Report of Physicians Examination of EI prior to discharge, release from active duty or retirement, DAGO Form 63 - Report of Physical Examination, DAGO Form 24 - Service Record, Special Orders, Guerilla Questionnaires with supporting papers and check lists, Verification of Guerilla Status, Claims for individual recognition for services rendered to the resistance movement, Non-Casualty work sheets, Demobilization Check Sheets, clothing and equipage records, Status of Claim for arrears in pay (LCS Form 9), Interviewers Check Sheets, locator cards, acknowledgment of receipt for letters, reconsideration casualty work sheets, and other miscellaneous papers.

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c. Individual Casualty Files. Volume 90 linear feet. In addition to the forms and papers enumerated in sub-paragraph b above, these files contain casualty work sheets and papers attesting the casualty status of the individual, and notification of individual casualty recognition, and post card receipts.

d. Miscellaneous Files. Volume 25 linear feet. These files consist of lists of recognized guerilla units, lists of individual casualty recognitions, lists of individual non-casualty recognitions, 201 files of prominent guerilla leaders, policy files, and miscellaneous reference material.

e. Date Coverage. These files embrace the period from 1941 through June 1948.

6. SECURITY ASPECT. These files carry a current classification of CONFIDENTIAL. Numerous documents in these files contain statements by prominent and not-so-prominent individuals, who in attempting to further their own interests or for other reasons, make serious allegations against other prominent and not-so-prominent individuals with respect to their loyalty, honesty and morality. Some of these allegations were found to be true, some were not. However, the seriousness of these allegations is such that if known by the affected individuals or their friends or relatives, would cause serious repercussions in the Philippines. Also, disclosure of information from these files to unauthorized persons might well cause considerable embarrassment to the United States Army and Government, and might seriously affect our relations with the Philippine Government and People. The Army in its conduct of the Guerilla Affairs functions agreed to hold in strictest confidence all information offered in connection with this activity. It is for these reasons that these files are classified as CONFIDENTIAL.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS. It is recommended that these files retain their current CONFIDENTIAL classification indefinitely and that access thereto be restricted to a limited number of personnel. It is further recommended that the searching of these files be restricted to the I & R Unit of the Service Section. It is believed that no first echelon processing of these files is necessary as the files are well set up and do not contain any superfluous material.

/s/ ROSCOE C. BARGER, CMO USA  
Adm Asst To OIC  
APG, CRB

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MAIL AND MESSAGE UNIT'S NEWEST CITIZEN



The Mail and Message Unit, DPRB is rightfully proud of her newest citizen, Roberto Matires.

Long before the occasion of citizenship made his Heroism public knowledge, Roberto had won the respect and admiration of his co-workers.

Roberto Martires joined the U. S. Army in 1940 serving until his discharge in 1946 in various stages, Philippine Scout, Captive and Lieut. in the Guerilla Forces. He holds the Silver Star for Gallantry while a Pvt. 1st Class in The Philippine Scouts. During

The Battle of Bataan, by order of General Wainwright he took over command of a detail which re-established American communications severed by the Japanese, after his Commanding Officer had been killed. Then followed capture and "The Death March". He escaped from a Japanese Prison Hospital and lived for two years in the mountains, fighting with the Guerillas until the liberation of The Philippines.

Mr. Martires was married in 1946 to a young girl whom had also been active in The Guerilla Forces.

Before his enlistment in the army Mr. Martires was a student of Accountancy at San Beda College, Jose Rizal college and The National University of Manilla. At the present time he is studying Business Administration evenings, at St. Louis University.

To Mr. and Mrs. Martires and their small son and daughter, our sincere congratulations and warm welcome as fellow citizens.

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