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CASUALTY ROSTERS
LIST OF GUERRILLAS

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Guerrilla

HEADQUARTERS
 ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
 PHILIPPINE COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
 APO 900

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Manager
 U. S. Veterans Administration
 Manila Regional Office
 Manila

ATTN: Mr. J. E. Palmer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to this headquarters dated 3 January 1950, File 8-1, Subject: "Casualty Roster of Anderson Guerrillas, Bulacan Military Area" and action taken thereon by this headquarters represented by our letter to TAG, Washington, thru CINCPAC, dated 18 January 1950, Subject: "Substantiating Validity of Casualty Roster, Prepared by Guerrilla Affairs Division, Philippines Command, U. S. Army". (Copy previously furnished VA thru Mr. J. E. Palmer).

In addition to data contained in above mentioned letter from this headquarters, the following information is furnished as a matter of interest to your office.

The following names are listed on the Casualty Roster of Bulacan Military Area (Anderson) with the remark, "c/o Atty. Felix Gimeno, R-201 Center Theater Bldg.," under each name, instead of the name of the next of kin:

1. Abaigar, Jose, Pfc, Hq Kakarong Regt, BMA
2. Atienza, Jose, Pfc, Hq Kakarong Regt, BMA
3. Ballatan, Irineo, Cpl, 2d Bn, Kakarong Regt
4. Daculan, Adolino, 1st Lt, Kakarong Regt
5. Eleazar, Catalino, Pfc, Hq Kakarong Regt
6. Eclarinal, Dolerito, 1st Sgt, Kakarong Regt
7. Leon, Primitivo de, Cpl, Kakarong Regt
8. Ramos, Rodolfo, 1st Lt, 2d Bn, Kakarong Regt
9. Santos, Manuel de los, Pvt, Kakarong Regt
10. Zapanta, Policarpio, Cpl, Kakarong Regt

(See also Misc file 123
 #8)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505
AIR FORCE AND AIRSPACE AGENCY
470 900

FORM 4

Manager
U. S. Veterans Administration
Medical Regional Office
Medical
Attn: Mr. J. W. Palmer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to this headquarters dated 7 January 1950, File 8-1, Subject: "Casualty Roster of Anderson, Geraldine, Deacon Military Area" and action taken herein by this headquarters represented by our letter to TAG, Washington, dated 18 January 1950, Subject: "Substantiating Activity of Casualty Roster, Prepared by Geraldine Anderson, Philip James Command, U. S. Army". (Copy previously furnished to your Mr. J. E. Palmer.)

In addition to data contained in above mentioned letter from this headquarters, the following information is furnished as a matter of interest to your office.

The following names are listed on the Casualty Roster of Deacon Military Area (Anderson) with the remark, "c/o Mrs. Felix Dennis, 8-28 Center Theater Bldg.", under each name, instead of the name of the next of kin:

1. Abatzer, Jose, P/O, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
2. Adams, Jose, P/O, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
3. Adams, James, Cpl, 2d AF, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
4. Adams, Adeline, 1st AF, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
5. Alexander, Geraldine, P/O, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
6. Alexander, Dolores, 1st AF, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
7. Leon, Francisco de, Cpl, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
8. Ramos, Roberto, 1st AF, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
9. Santos, Manuel de los, 1st AF, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF
10. Zapata, Policarpo, Cpl, 1st Reconnaissance Sq., 1st AF

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Attorney Felix Gimeno is not related to any of the above named individuals. Claims were filed for all of them by Atty. Gimeno as foster parent, except in the case of LEON, Primitivo de, whose real parents filed the claim. No arrears in pay were paid to Atty. Gimeno on any case.

Information has been developed that Atty. Gimeno was a member of the Puppet Bureau of Constabulary, and that seven of the above named individuals were members of the same Bureau of Constabulary under Atty. Gimeno during the Japanese occupation. In an affidavit which he executed in the case of ABAIGAR, Jose, he stated that he was "made the adopted parent of the said late Jose Aباigar before his death in the year 1945 --- the same being only a mutual compact and/or understanding by and between my men who joined the Kakarong Regiment, BMA, Anderson's Guerrillas and myself as the Battalion Commander, who was directly responsible in making them join the Kakarong Regt, BMA, sometime in the year 1944 (October) - - -". Atty. Gimeno also stated that he was the Battalion Commander of the 2nd Bn, Kakarong Regt, Ball Division, BMA, and that he was a member of the puppet Philippine Constabulary, and that he did not know who the next of kin of Aباigar were. Atty. Gimeno, however, is not a recognized member of the Bulacan Military Area and has no 201 file in this headquarters.

The services in the Kakarong Regiment of the above named individuals are attested to by recognized members of the unit, who also do not know their next of kin.

It would seem probable that the next of kin of these men were not known to anyone in the unit, because they were not natives of the locality, but were members of the puppet Bureau of Constabulary when they joined the BMA. Since their former commander in the Bureau of Constabulary, Atty Gimeno, also did not know who their next of kin were, Atty. Gimeno's name was placed instead. It will be noted, however, that he was not named as beneficiary nor next of kin. His name was entered simply under "in care of" (c/o).

Sincerely,

2 Incls.,
1 - Copy of Gimeno's affidavit
2 - Copy of Casualty Rpt on
Aباigar

JOHN W. PAGE
Major AGD
Director, S & C Division

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MANILA) S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

I, FELIX L. GIBENO, of legal age, married, a Filipino, a resident of and with postal address at 711 Quizon Boulevard, Manila, Philippines, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. That I knew personally the late Jose Abaigar, being his Battalion Commander in the guerrilla unit known as the 2nd Pn., Kakarong Regiment, Ball Division, Bulacan Military Area, Anderson's Guerrillas;

2. That Jose Abaigar was one of my soldiers who died at Barrio Liciada, Municipality of Bustos, Province of Bulacan, Philippines, during an encounter with the enemies in the said area sometime in the month of January, 1945;

3. That I knew the late Jose Abaigar personally, because he has been with me as Pfc. in the Philippine Constabulary, in the early part of 1944 up to and including the time when he was killed in action when he joined the Kakarong Regiment, Ball Division, Bulacan Military Area, Anderson's Guerrillas, with Headquarters at Plaridel, Bulacan, Philippines;

4. That I could recall that the late Jose Abaigar is of an average height, approximately 5' 3", of slight brown complexion, medium built and with the manifest feature, which could be seen in his eyes, the same being known commonly as cross-eyed;

5. That so far as I know from the time he was with me in the Phil. Constabulary up to the time he was killed in action at Bustos, Bulacan, he hails from the Province of Samar. This is ascertained by me as I was speaking with him in his own dialect (Samar) which I know, and this is further ascertained and verified after I had a conference with Atty. Tomas Gomez of the City of Calbayog, Samar, who is at present the Secretary of the Commission on Appointments, with postal address at the Senate, Manila, Philippines;

6. That the said family name "ABAIGAR" is a native of the Municipality of Calbiga, Samar, Philippines, of which this family name is very prominent in that locality;

7. That I was made the adopted parent of the said late Jose Abaigar before his death in the year 1945 and the said relationship is not sanctioned by any Court actions or proceedings, the same being only a mutual compact and/or understanding by and between my men who joined the Kakarong Regiment, BMA, Anderson's Guerrillas and myself as the Battalion Commander, who was directly responsible in making them joined the Kakarong Regiment, BMA, sometime in the year 1944 (October)- first, in the Republic Regiment under Col. Lopez and later in the Kakarong Regiment under Col. Gavino Oliveros;

8. That from the time I knew the late Jose Abaigar up to the present, I was not able to know who are the next of kin of the said Jose Abaigar as no relative of the latter has contacted nor notified me to inform me of any existing relationship by consanguinity with the said Jose Abaigar.

9. That the Philippine Constabulary during the war (World War II) was stationed at Malolos which later on transferred to Plaridel, Bulacan, as per order from the Headquarters.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th
day of April, 1949 in the City of Manila, Philippines.


FELIX L. GIMENO
Affiant

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

1. Ramon del Rosario 2. [Signature]

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th day of
April, 1949 in the City of Manila, Philippines. Affiant exhibited
to me his Res. Cert. No. A-259944, issued at Manila, on March
25, 1949.


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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 900

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Manager
U. S. Veterans Administration
Manila Regional Office
(Attention: Mr. J. E. Palmer)

Sir :

Upon my return from Tokyo yesterday your letter of January 3, 1950, file 8-1, relating to "Casualty Roster of Anderson Guerrillas, Bulacan Military Area" was brought to my attention.

The action taken by this headquarters on this matter is represented in the attached letter, this date, to The Adjutant General, through Far East Command.

Local study, of records in AGRD, reveals that subject attorney is an unrecognized civilian guerrilla commander. Unless able to prove blood relationship, he cannot possibly profit from the arrears in pay benefits. Neither can he profit from veterans benefits, it is believed, emanating from the Veterans Administration, unless blood kin or bona fide foster relationship is established. Therefore, it is not easily seen why this attorney posed as the rightful heir when legal blood kin survived, except to promote a collusive effort with them. A study of the files also shows that the cases in question were determined negative for arrears in pay, the individuals having joined the unit subsequent to the time current pay was reinstated.

From our standpoint, it is immaterial whether the attorney assisted in securing recognition for these veterans. The fact remains that their cases were studied by the Guerrilla Affairs Division, their recognition approved, and their names included in the roster. We in AGRD are not in a position to question the GAD determinations as previously approved. Field investigation conceivably might explain the attorney's intent but it would not alter the recognition status of the veterans. In consideration of directives from higher headquarters relating to evaluating or altering recognition rosters, such field investigation is not presently authorized.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. PAGE
Major AGD
Director, S & C Division

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as stated

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VETERANS BRANCH (MAJ. BAKEN)

Guerrilla

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file 2*

BASIC: Ltr fr Chief, Veterans Branch Service & Certification
Div., dtd 30 June 1949, subj: Letter of Recognition
of Guerrilla Casualties

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HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, Camp Murphy, Quezon City
8 July 1949

TO: Commanding General, PHILCOM
APO 900
(Attn: AG-Records Depository)

Letter of recognition pertaining to the approved casualty roster of the 61st Infantry Regiment, MMD, BOLCA, which was reconstructed by the Guerrilla Affairs Division, HQ PHILRYCOM on 30 June 1949, is not available in our files at date. Same was not transmitted when the casualty roster of the above-mentioned unit was sent to this Headquarters.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

[Handwritten signature]
J. B. ARAMBULO
Colonel, AGS
The Adjutant General

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
PHILIPPINE VETERANS BOARD
MANILA

Guerrilla Affairs Section

1st Indorsement
20 June 1949

Respectfully returned to the Commanding Officer, AGRD, PHILCOM, APO 900, with the information that the recognized casualty rosters and letters of recognition of casualty rosters has not been transferred to this Board.

Said records are at the office of the Chief, Res Sec, Per Br, OTAG, HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES, Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

FOR THE CHAIRMAN:


J. ESPIRITU
Chief, Grla Affs Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS, ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY, PHILCOM, U.S. ARMY, APO 900, 29 Jun 49.

TO: Chief, Res Sec, Per Br
Office of The Adjutant General
Headquarters National Defense Forces
Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

Forwarded inviting attention to basic request and to 1st Ind of the Philippine Veterans Board.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


P. M. BAKEN
Major Inf
Chief, Veterans Branch
Service & Certification Division

HEADQUARTERS
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
PHILIPPINES COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY

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AFO 900
20 June 1949

SUBJECT: Letter of Recognition of Guerrilla Casualties

TO : The Chairman, Philippine Veterans Board
Nozaleda Park, Manila

1. This headquarters has been reliably informed that all records concerning recognized guerrillas formerly in the custody of Headquarters National Defense Forces had been transferred to your office.

2. It is requested that this headquarters be furnished a certified true copy of the letter of recognition pertaining to the approved casualty roster of the 61st Infantry Regiment, MND, ECIGA, which was reconstructed by Guerrilla Affairs Division, Headquarters PHILRYCOM on 30 Jun 48. A certified true copy of the letter will be of great assistance to this headquarters in resolving the cases of those whose names are listed on said casualty roster.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



P. M. BAKEN
Major Inf
Chief, Veterans Branch
Service & Certification Div.

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Guerrilla

HEADQUARTERS
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 900

AGRD-A

22 May 1950

The Manager, Manila Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration, US VA Bldg.,
Escalta and David Streets, Manila
(ATTENTION: Mr J E Palmer)

Dear Mr. Palmer:

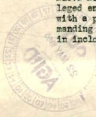
Reference your letter dated 10 May 50 wherein you enclosed a copy of your Central Office letter signed by J. R. Hinton dated 9 January 1950 pertaining to the Casualty Roster of Squadron 267, LGAF.

In connection with par 2 of the letter above referred to which requests that "there be obtained from the Department of the Army, an explanation as to how this guerrilla unit was recognized from May 20, 1942 in view of the fact that none of the casualties occurred prior to January 17, 1945, with one exception", it is desired to point out that this unit was not recognized as an independent unit but as a component of the over-all command known as the Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces which was recognized as of 20 May 42. This headquarters is not however, in a position to explain why Guerrilla Affairs Division recognized the Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces as of that date.

A complete history of Squadron 267, LGAF is not available in this headquarters. Fragmentary information as contained on the letter of revision of recognition date for LGAF (Incl 1) shows that Squadron 267 was organized on or about 6 November 1944 from elements of Squadron 207. Squadron 207 in turn was organized on or about 7 July 1942.

As regards the 39 members of this Squadron who according to this casualty roster were killed in action 17 January 1949, a review of all the cases involved indicates that there was an encounter on that date between members of this squadron and the enemy at Nueva Ecija. Information pertaining to the circumstances of the alleged encounter is contained in the attached inclosures 2 & 3 together with a photostat copy of the statement on Form 23 (Incl 4) of the Commanding Officer, Lt Benjamin Marquez, whose appointment is evidenced in inclosure 5.

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PHILIPPINE COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTIETH AIR FORCE
APO 900

22 May 1950

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The Manager, Manila Regional Office,
U.S. Veterans Administration, US VA Bldg.,
Roxbury and South Streets, Manila
(ATTENTION: Mr. E. Palmer)

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Reference your letter dated 10 May 50 wherein you enclosed a copy of your General Office letter signed by L. R. Hinton dated 9 January 1950 pertaining to the General Office of Squadron 207, IAW.

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REPRODUCTION OF THIS COPY

In connection with par 2 of the letter above referred to which requests that "data be obtained from the Department of the Army, an explanation as to how this guerrilla unit was recognized from May 30, 1945 in view of the fact that none of the casualties occurred prior to January 17, 1945, with one exception," it is desired to point out that this unit was not recognized as an independent unit but as a component of the over-all command known as the Lamon Guerrilla Army Forces which was recognized as of 20 May 45. This headquarters is not however, a position to explain why Guerrilla Affairs Division recognized the Lamon Guerrilla Army Forces as of that date.

A complete history of Squadron 207, IAW is not available in this headquarters. Fragmentary information as contained on the letter of verification of recognition date for IAWA (Ind I) shows that Squadron 207 was organized on or about 6 November 1944 from elements of Squadron 207. Squadron 207 in turn was organized on or about 7 July 1945.

As regards the 39 members of this Squadron who according to this country report were killed in action in January 1949, a review of all the cases involved indicates that there was an encounter on that date between members of this Squadron and the enemy at Marikina. Information pertaining to the circumstances of the above encounter is contained in the attached Indicators 2 & 3 together with a photostat copy of the statement on Form 23 (Ind I) of the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry, whose appointment is evidenced in Indicators 2.



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AGRD-A Ltr to Mr. Palmer, NED, VA re Sdn 267, IQAF, continued.

The attached inclosures are being forwarded to your office for whatever value they may be to you. In the event that your office obtains certain information which would be in conflict with the information contained in the above, it will be appreciated if this headquarters will be furnished the same.

Sincerely yours,

5 Incls:
As stated.

P. M. BAYEN
Major INF
Director, S & C Division



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AGRD-4 Ltr to Mr. Palmer, HQ, VA re John J. Lee, cont'd.

The attached enclosures are being forwarded to your office for whatever value they may be to you. In the event that your office obtains certain information which would be in conflict with the information contained in the above, it will be appreciated if this headquarters will be furnished the same.

Sincerely yours,

P. M. HANSEN
Major, USA
Director, S & C Division

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration Building
Ecoita & David Sts.
Manila, Philippines

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

May 10, 1960

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5886


TO : Commanding Officer
AGED, Veterans Branch
PHILCOM (AF), APO 900

ATTN: Major John W. Page

SUBJ: Casualty Roster of Squadron 267, Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces (LGAF)

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from our Central Office which is self-explanatory.
2. Please advise the undersigned at your earliest convenience if you have any archive records available on the Casualty Roster of Squadron 267, Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces which would aid us in furnishing the information requested.
3. Your usual cooperation on this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,


J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

Encl: 1.



U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration Building
Knoxville & David E. ...
Knoxville, Tennessee

May 10, 1960

TO : Commanding Officer
AGHQ, Veterans Branch
PHILCOX (A), APO 900

FROM : Generaly Hozer of Squadron 20, Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces (LGA)

- 1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from our Central Office which is self-explanatory.
- 2. Please advise the undersigned at your earliest convenience if you have any archive records available on the Generaly Hozer of Squadron 20, Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces which would aid us in furnishing the information requested.
- 3. Your usual cooperation on this matter will be appreciated.

J. E. PALMER
Adjutant Officer

Encl: 1



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D.C.

Jan. 9, 1950

In Reply Refer to: SBAAF

TO : Manager
VA Regional Office
APO 900, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

ATTN: Mr. J. E. Palmer
Adjudication Officer

1. Reference is made to the casualty roster of Squadron 267, Luzon Guerrilla Army Forces which shows that 39 of the 41 men listed therein were killed in action on January 17, 1945, that one man was killed in action on February 7, 1945 and one man was killed in line of duty on October 15, 1944.
2. It is requested that there be obtained from the Department of the Army, an explanation as to how this guerrilla unit was recognized from May 20, 1942 in view of the fact that none of the casualties occurred prior to Jan. 17, 1945, with one exception. There should also be obtained a copy of the evidence on which the Army based its determination that the 39 men were killed in action.
3. It is further requested that there be furnished a complete history of this guerrilla unit to include when, where and by whom it was organized, the names of the commanding officers, the localities in which the unit operated as well as a detailed description of its guerrilla activities during the period of recognition.
4. There should also be furnished information showing all the facts and circumstances surrounding the death of the 39 men on January 17, 1945, whether they were actually killed in combat or whether their death was the result of a general massacre by the Japanese, as during a zonification, or as the result of inter guerrilla warfare with other units or the Hukbalahaps.

s/ R. J. Hinton
t/ R. J. HINTON
Director
Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims
Service

True Copy of Original
Received Jan. 17, 1950:



U S P I F
 USAFFE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
 NUEVA ECIJA MILITARY AREA
 Hdqs., Squadron 267

19 January 1945

SUBJECT: ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ENEMY AT BARRIO MAGTANGGOL,
 Report of

TO : The Areg Commander, Nueva Ecija Military Area

1. At about 9:00 A.M. of the 17th instant, I sent out six (6) men to patrol the vicinity of GLAS and to find out whether or not there are still big quantities of war materials in that enemy concentration. At about 11:00 A.M. this patrol came upon a detachment of enemy troops in Barric Sto. Tomas robbing civilians of carts, carabacs, foodstuffs and other accessories they are in need of. My men could not fight off the temptation of firing upon these enemies as - what would any man do, what would you do, what should I do? The sight of enemy troops alone would make the blood boil, and for these enemies to be ravaging our civilian brothers of their prime necessities in life is a crime which my men could not pardon, so then and there a fight ensued.

2. At about 1:00 P.M. of the same day a runner arrived in my Headquarters and informed me that my men were fighting at great odds, they being out-numbered and the Japanese were using superior weapons. I personally led a reinforcement of sixty (60) men to the scene of fighting. I personally saw the Japanese soldiers wantonly killing civilians and burning their homes as well as their pelay harvests, so I took a determined stand and gave the order to fight to the last man, if it were but to prove to our civilian comrades that we are sacrificing and fighting for them as long as the Filipino blood in us keeps flowing through veins.

3. During the first stage of the fight we held the enemy to our advantage because we were able to encircle the first batch of them in a letter 'C' semi encirclement. We have no thought of defeat whatsoever because we did not reckon that a large body of reinforcement from the C.L.A.S. would arrive. It soon dawned upon us, however, that we were mistaken in our calculation of the strength of the force we were fighting, because before we knew it, their reinforcement arrived at the scene and approached us from the back. We were, therefore enveloped in a trap.

4. Trapped like rats, yet fighting with a cool calculating courage and dying like men, we doggedly carried on the battle and pressed close to the enemy in a hand to hand fighting that one never dreamed of, since we had no bayonets and they were equipped of this weapon. But it was the last recourse that we could choose because we were caught in a situation which demanded that we either fight our way out of the trap or perish in despair.

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5. We kept the enemy at a stalemate for sometime in spite of great odds against us. I was then personally in charge of the right flank in our line and Lt. Raymundo Sarga was in charge of the left flank. At about 4:00 P.M. about 300 enemy troops arrived and they at once attempted to encircle us from the rear. We were then caught in a pincer trap. I decided that our last recourse was to fight our way out, so I ordered my men to retreat through the gap between the two enemy lines, but hardly had we begun retreating when the enemy closed in on both sides, so I resolved to fight to the last man. Fortunately when twilight was approaching the enemies relented and gave way to our retreat. In this connection it is not amiss to state that were it not for the remonstrances and heroism of two of my men I would perhaps have perished in combat. At about 7:00 P.M., I sent sixteen (16) men to the firing line to look for and retrieve the remains of the brave men who fell in the battlefield.

6. From a close count we found out that we had forty-two (42) casualties on our side and all their arms of these men were taken by the enemy. We retrieved the bodies of these brave men who died fighting to the last drop of blood and amidst simple but impressive ceremonies we laid them in their final resting place in the cemetery at Villa Isla, Muñoz.

7. These men gave their lives to their Fatherland without mental reservation and without any undue feeling of regret. Willingly and joyously they poured out the last drop of their blood in the gory field of battle, conscious of the fact that they were doing so in the service of their native land, fighting to make the Philippines safe for democracy and striving for a state of government that would be one of liberty and democracy; fighting for one common ideal - freedom and the democratic way of life.

8. The heroic death of my forty-two gallant men gives us further determination to fight the enemy at any odds and perhaps only when all my men shall have died in battle shall the activity of my Squadron cease. Our thirst for the life blood of our common enemy will never be quenched unless and until final victory shall have been achieved.

9. Determined to vindicate the death of my men and desiring to avenge their demise we are fervently praying for just one more encounter with the enemy if it were but to prove to the world that as long as there is life in us and the Filipino blood flows through our veins the Japanese are our arch enemies and that either that they die and we survive or they live and we die heroic deaths.

10. I have no doubt that 11 other Squadrons in the USAFFE-LGAF will, by these presents, open their eyes to the heroic example set by these forty-two heroes who fought the enemy with so little and at a great disadvantage and gave their lives to the cause for which every true Filipino heart is dedicated.

TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
M. I. AGUILA, O-29421
1st Lt, AGS

Asst Adj Gen

SQD: BENJAMIN V. MARQUEZ
1st Lt., USAFFE - LGAF
Sqdn Com'dr., S-267

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 USAFFE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
 NUEVA ECIJA MILITARY AREA
 Hdqs., Squadron 267

19 January 1945

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 Report of

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1. At about 9:00 A.M. of the 17th instant, I sent out six (6) men to patrol the vicinity of CLAS and to find out whether or not there are still big quantities of war materials in that enemy concentration. At about 11:00 A.M. this patrol came upon a detachment of enemy troops in Barrio Sto. Tomas robbing civilians of carts, carabaos, foodstuffs and other accessories they are in need of. My men could not fight off the temptation of firing upon these enemies as - what would any man do, what would you do, what should I do? The sight of enemy troops alone would make the blood boil, and for these enemies to be ravaging our civilian brothers of their prime necessities in life is a crime which my men could not pardon, so then and there a fight ensued.

2. At about 1:00 P.M. of the same day a runner arrived in my Headquarters and informed me that my men were fighting at great odds, they being out-numbered and the Japanese were using superior weapons. I personally led a reinforcement of sixty (60) men to the scene of fighting. I personally saw the Japanese soldiers wantonly killing civilians and burning their homes as well as their palay harvests, so I took a determined stand and gave the order to fight to the last man, if it were but to prove to our civilian comrades that we are sacrificing and fighting for them as long as the Filipino blood in us keeps flowing through veins.

3. During the first stage of the fight we held the enemy to our advantage because we were able to encircle the first batch of them in a letter 'C' semi encirclement. We have no thought of defeat whatsoever because we did not reckon that a large body of reinforcement from the C.L.A.S. would arrive. It soon dawned upon us, however, that we were mistaken in our calculation of the strength of the force we were fighting, because before we knew it, their reinforcement arrived at the scene and approached us from the back. We were, therefore enveloped in a trap.

4. Trapped like rats, yet fighting with a cool calculating courage and dying like men, we doggedly carried on the battle and pressed close to the enemy in a hand to hand fighting that one never dreamed of, since we had no bayonets and they were equipped of this weapon. But it was the last recourse that we could choose because we were caught in a situation which demanded that we either fight our way out of the trap or perish in despair.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ENEMY (con'td) - 2 -

5. We kept the enemy at a stalemate for sometime in spite of great odds against us. I was then personally in charge of the right flank in our line and Lt. Raymundo Sarga was in charge of the left flank. At about 4:00 P.M. about 300 enemy troops arrived and they at once attempted to encircle us from the rear. We were then caught in a pincer trap. I decided that our last recourse was to fight our way out, so I ordered my men to retreat through the gap between the two enemy lines, but hardly had we begun retreating when the enemy closed in on both sides, so I resolved to fight to the last man. Fortunately when twilight was approaching the enemies relented and gave way to our retreat. In this connection it is not amiss to state that were it not for the remonstrances and heroism of two of my men I would perhaps have perished in combat. At about 7:00 P.M., I sent sixteen (16) men to the firing line to look for and retrieve the remains of the brave men who fell in the battlefield.

6. From a close count we found out that we had forty-two (42) casualties on our side and all their arms of these men were taken by the enemy. We retrieved the bodies of these brave men who died fighting to the last drop of blood and amidst simple but impressive ceremonies we laid them in their final resting place in the cemetery at Villa Isla, Muñoz.

7. These men gave their lives to their Fatherland without mental reservation and without any undue feeling of regret. Willingly and joyously they poured out the last drop of their blood in the gory field of battle, conscious of the fact that they were doing so in the service of their native land, fighting to make the Philippines safe for democracy and striving for a state of government that would be one of liberty and democracy; fighting for one common ideal - freedom and the democratic way of life.

8. The heroic death of my forty-two gallant men gives us further determination to fight the enemy at any odds and perhaps only when all my men shall have died in battle shall the activity of my Squadron cease. Our thirst for the life blood of our common enemy will never be quenched unless and until final victory shall have been achieved.

9. Determined to vindicate the death of my men and desiring to avenge their demise we are fervently praying for just one more encounter with the enemy if it were but to prove to the world that as long as there is life in us and the Filipino blood flows through our veins the Japanese are our arch enemies and that either that they die and we survive or they live and we die heroic deaths.

10. I have no doubt that all other Squadrons in the USAFFE-LOGAF will, by these presents, open their eyes to the heroic example set by these forty-two heroes who fought the enemy with so little and at a great disadvantage and gave their lives to the cause for which every true Filipino heart is dedicated.

TRUE COPY:

M. I. Aguila
M. I. AGUILA, O-29421
1st Lt., AGS

SQD: BENJAMIN V. MARQUEZ
1st Lt., USAFFE - LOGAF
Squad Comdr., S-267

Asst Adj Gen

U S P I Y
LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FOR
NUEVA ECUIJA MILITARY AREA
Hdqs., Squadron 267

LIST OF MEN KILLED IN ACTION AT MAGTANGCOL, MUNOZ, N. ECUIJA
JANUARY 17, 1945, WITH THEIR PERSONAL RECORDS

- 1)- a. Name: RAYMUNDO BARGA
b. Rank: 2nd Lieutenant
c. Age: 29
d. Beneficiary: Dolores Deocasin
e. Relationship: Wife
f. Home Address: Dical, San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: November 27, 1942
- 2)- a. Name: Marcelo A. Manglicmot
b. Rank: 1st Sergeant
c. Age: 23
d. Beneficiary: Engracia Africa
e. Relationship: Mother
f. Home Address: Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija
g. Date reported: October 15, 1944
- 3)- a. Name: Astronomo Gonzales
b. Rank: Corporal
c. Age: 22
d. Beneficiary: Basilio Gonzales
e. Relationship: Father
f. Home Address: Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija
g. Date Reported: Sept. 1, 1944
- 4)- a. Name: Vicente Poblete, Jr.
b. Rank: Corporal
c. Age: 25
d. Civil Status: Single
e. Beneficiary: Hilaria Cueva
f. Relationship: Mother
g. Home Address: 783 Legarda, Manila
h. Date Reported: January 1, 1945
- 5)- a. Name: Maximo Quijano
b. Rank: Pfc.
c. Age: 20
d. Beneficiary: Domingo Quijano
e. Relationship: Father
f. Home Address: Sta. Cruz, Marinduque
g. Date Reported: December 27, 1944
- 6)- a. Name: Pedro Villuria
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 22
d. Beneficiary: Albino Villuria
e. Relationship: Father
f. Home Address: San Felipe, Munoz, N. E.
g. Date Reported: January 15, 1945
- 7)- a. Name: Damian Guzman
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 19
d. Beneficiary: Leonora Gubao
e. Relationship: Mother
f. Home Address: Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija
g. Date Reported: December 12, 1944
- 8)- a. Name: Bonifacio P. Alonso
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 33
d. Beneficiary: Veronica Fernando
e. Relationship: Wife
f. Home Address: San Jose, Nueva Ecija
g. Date Reported: October 1, 1944

- 9)- a. Name: Apolonio dela Cruz
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 20
 d. Beneficiary: Pedro dela Cruz
 e. Relationship: Brother
 f. Home Address: Pinili, San Jose, N. E.
 g. Date reported: March 15, 1944

- 10)- a. Name: Faustino Gagarin
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 32
 d. Beneficiary: Virginia Capiapia
 e. Relationship: Wife
 f. Home Address: Sinipit Bobon, San Jose, N. E.
 g. Date Reported: February 12, 1944

- 11)- a. Name: Timoteo Diansen
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 34
 d. Beneficiary: Cayetana Tomada
 e. Relationship: Wife
 f. Home Address: San Jose, N. E.
 g. Date reported: January 2, 1945

- 12)- a. Name: Fidel Domingo
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 19
 d. Beneficiary: Pedro Domingo
 e. Relationship: Father
 f. Home Address: Sapang Kawayan, Muñoz, N. E.
 g. Date reported: August 1, 1943


- 13)- a. Name: Martin Aggalut
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 20
 d. Beneficiary: Daniel Aggalot
 e. Relationship: Father
 f. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija
 g. Date reported: October 1, 1944

- 14)- a. Name: Bienvenido Rellegue
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 25
 d. Beneficiary: Gregorio Rellegue
 e. Relationship: Brother
 f. Home Address: Abar 1st., San Jose, N. E.
 g. Date reported: April 17, 1944

- 15)- a. Name: Donato Lucas
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 28
 d. Beneficiary: Pedro Lucas
 e. Relationship: Brother
 f. Home Address: San Jose, N. E.
 g. Date reported: October 1, 1944

- 16)- a. Name: Elias Ducosin
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 20
 d. Beneficiary: Lope Ducosin
 e. Relationship: Father
 f. Home Address: Mayantoc, Nampicuan, N. E.
 g. Date reported: December 12, 1944

- 17)- a. Name: Andres Ventura
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 21
d. Beneficiary: Simeon Ventura
e. Relationship: Father
f. Home Address: Tabulara, San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: November 15, 1943
- 18)- a. Name: Leonardo de Dios
b. Rank: Pfc.
c. Age: 20
d. Beneficiary: Gertrudez Jovason
e. Relationship: Mother
f. Home Address: 572 Guadalupe Makati, Rizal
g. Date reported: November 1, 1944
- 19)- a. Name: Emeterio Ramos
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 20
d. Beneficiary: Ligaya Ramos
e. Relationship: Sister
f. Home Address: San Jose, N. E. Eija
g. Date reported: April 1, 1943
- 20)- a. Name: Joaquin Gomez
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 28
d. Beneficiary: Luciana Sambrano
e. Relationship: Wife
f. Home Address: Cabatuan, San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: January 4, 1945
- 21)- a. Name: Emilio Grospe
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 22
d. Beneficiary: Aquilino Grospe
e. Relationship: Father
f. Home Address: Tabulara, San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: June 15, 1944
- 22)- a. Name: Prudencio Sopena
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 27
d. Beneficiary: Dolores Sopena
e. Relationship: Daughter
f. Home Address: Calanutan, Rosales, Pangasinan
g. Date reported: December 27, 1944
- 23)- a. Name: Aurelio Cabinian
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 25
d. Beneficiary: Catalina Cable
e. Relationship: Mother
f. Home Address: Bagong Sikat, San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: March 1, 1944
- 24)- a. Name: Gregorio Magno
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 21
d. Beneficiary: Macaria Pascual
e. Relationship: Mother
f. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Eija
g. Date reported: April 17, 1943

- 25)- a. Name: ~~Erax~~ Carmelito Sanchez
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 22
 d. Beneficiary: Anastasia Saturno
 e. Relationship: Mother
 f. Home Address: Sinipit Bagan, San Jose, N. E.
 g. Date reported: June 1, 1944
- 26)- a. Name: Guillermo Catriz
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 22
 d. Beneficiary: Monica Catriz
 e. Relationship: Brother
 f. Home Address: Nampicuan, N. E. Eija
 g. Date reported: October 15, 1944
- 27)- a. Name: Artemio Rivera
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 22
 d. Beneficiary: Teofila Maron
 e. Relationship: Mother
 f. Home Address: Parilla, San Jose, N. E.
 g. Date reported: March 14, 1944
- 28)- a. Name: Cristobal Esteban
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 21
 d. Beneficiary: Marceline Mendoza
 e. Relationship: Mother
 f. Home Address: Nampicuan, N. E.
 g. Date reported: November 1, 1944
- 29)- a. Name: Remigio Guzman
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 23
 d. Beneficiary: Francisco Guzman
 e. Relationship: Nephew
 f. Home Address: Nampicuan, N. E.
 g. Date reported: December 25, 1944
- 30)- a. Name: Alfredo Cocos
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 23
 d. Beneficiary: Bernardo Cocos
 e. Relationship: Brother
 f. Home Address: Nampicuan, N. E.
 g. Date reported: November 15, 1944
-  31)- a. Clicerón Narciso
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 20
 d. Beneficiary: Raymunda Jose
 e. Relationship: Wife
 f. Home Address: San Antonio, Cuyapo, N. E.
 g. Date reported: January 1, 1945
- 32)- a. Name: Amado Guzman
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 25
 d. Beneficiary: Felipa Buenavista
 e. Relationship: Wife
 f. Home Address: Sta. Clara, Cuyapo, N. E.
 g. Date Reported: October 15, 1944
- 33)- a. Name: Herminigildo Martates
 b. Rank: Private
 c. Age: 19
 d. Beneficiary: Marcelino Martates
 e. Relationship: Brother
 f. Home Address: Nampicuan, N. E.
 g. Date reported: May 3, 1944

- 34)- a. Name: Guillermo Gomez
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 25
d. Beneficiary: Felisa Mariano
e. Relationship: Wife
f. Home Address: San Antonio, Cuyapo, N. E.
g. Date reported: October 14, 1944
- 35)- a. Name: Aurelio Rellegue
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 23
d. Beneficiary: Honorato Rellegue
e. Relationship: Brother
f. Home Address: Abar 1st., San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: March 17, 1944
- 36)- a. Name: Bernardo Padilla
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 24
d. Beneficiary: Beatriz Cachueta
e. Relationship: Wife
f. Home Address: San Antonio, Cuyapo, N. E.
g. Date reported: October 14, 1944
- 37)- a. Aurelio Antonio
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 21
d. Beneficiary: Minay Bernudes
e. Relationship: Wife
f. Home Address: Tomdod, San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: January 1, 1943
- 38)- a. Name: Eugenio Soto
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 24
d. Beneficiary: Felipe Soto
e. Relationship: Sister
f. Home Address: San Francisco, San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: November 1, 1942
- 39)- a. Name: Bienvenido Ventura
b. Rank: Corporal
c. Age: 26
d. Beneficiary: Anastacia Jara
e. Relationship: Wife
f. Home Address: Tabulac, San Jose, N. E.
g. Date reported: November 27, 1943
- (**) 40)- a. Name: Victor Safranea
b. Rank: Private
c. Age: 26
d. Beneficiary: Emiliano Safranea
e. Relationship: Father
f. Home Address: Nampisuan, N. E.
g. Date reported: December 15, 1944

NOTE: Marked (**) seriously wounded and totally incapacitated; also, two of these killed have not as yet been identified because their faces were mangled beyond recognition and no identification papers could be found in their pockets.

Benjamin V. Marquez
BENJAMIN V. MARQUEZ
1st Lt., USAFFE- L.G.A.F.
Squadron Commander
3-267

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CITY OF MANILA ----- }

A F F I D A V I T

I, BENJAMIN V. MARQUEZ, Filipino, of legal age, married and with postal address at Munoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, after having duly sworn on oath in accordance to law, do by these presents freely and voluntarily witnesseth:

That, I was formerly Commanding Officer of Squadron 267, LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES, under the Overall Command of Major ROBERT B. LAPHAM AUS, from the time to its organization to its incorporation into the PHILIPPINE ARMY;

That, the said Squadron was a portion of the defunct Sqdn 207 LOAF, which was then under the Command of Major EREMIAS C. SERAFICA. The Sqdn 207 was divided into squadrons 267 and 268 during the early part of 11 Oct 44 because Major Jeremias C. Serafica was called for duty as Inspector General with the office at the General Headquarters;

That, I know personally and officially Andres Bautista, having been an enlisted personnel of the 207 Squadron LOAF, on 1 October 1943 with the rank of Private;

That, upon the dissolution of Squadron 207 LOAF, on 11 Oct 44 said Andres Bautista was assigned in 267 Squadron with the same rank;

That, from the date of induction he became an active member of the organization and participated in the pre-liberation campaigns against the enemy forces at the assigned sector, Munoz, San Jose and Rizal, Nueva Ecija: combat

That, on 7 Feb 45 one/platoon of my company with some American soldiers were to Maragol just South of the CENTRAL LUZON AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL for patrol. At 9:00 A.M. a heavy fight was made against the enemy Japanese soldiers where Pvt. Andres Bautista and some American soldiers were killed in the fight;

That, Pvt. Andres Bautista has always proven his manifest capability in and outside of the battlefield as well. As a soldier he has an extraordinary sense of responsibility.

FURTHER Affiant sayeth not.

Benjamin V. Marquez
BENJAMIN V. MARQUEZ O-92669
1st Lieut. Inf PA (Rvt'd)
SO, Squadron 267 LOAF

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO Before me this 3rd day of Nov 1947
at RPD, Mandaluyong, Rizal.

Marciano P. Aganon
MARCIANO P. AGANON O-33024
2nd Lieut., Inf AFP
DCS, RPD, Philcom

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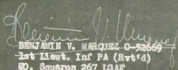
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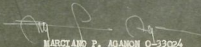
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1st Lieut. Inf PA (Rvt'd)
EO, Squadron 267 LOAF

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DCS, RPD, Phillycom

HEADQUARTERS
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 900

JWF/ja
18 January 1950

Manager
U. S. Veterans Administration
Manila Regional Office
(Attention: Mr. J. E. Palmer)

S i r :

Upon my return from Tokyo yesterday your letter of January 3, 1950, file 8-1, relating to "Casualty Roster of Anderson Guerrillas, Bulacan Military Area" was brought to my attention.

The action taken by this headquarters on this matter is represented in the attached letter, this date, to The Adjutant General, through Far East Command.

Local study, of records in AGRD, reveals that subject attorney is an unrecognized civilian guerrilla commander. Unless able to prove blood relationship, he cannot possibly profit from the arrears in pay benefits. Neither can he profit from veterans benefits, it is believed, emanating from the Veterans Administration, unless blood kin or bona fide foster relationship is established. Therefore, it is not easily seen why this attorney posed as the rightful heir when legal blood kin survived, except to promote a collusive effort with them. A study of the files also shows that the cases in question were determined negative for arrears in pay, the individuals having joined the unit subsequent to the time current pay was reinstated.

From our standpoint, it is immaterial whether the attorney assisted in securing recognition for these veterans. The fact remains that their cases were studied by the Guerrilla Affairs Division, their recognition approved, and their names included in the roster. We in AGRD are not in a position to question the GAD determinations as previously approved. Field investigation conceivably might explain the attorney's intent but it would not alter the recognition status of the veterans. In consideration of directives from higher headquarters relating to evaluating or altering recognition rosters, such field investigation is not presently authorized.

Sincerely yours,

/s/t/ JOHN W. PAGE
Major AGD
Director, S & C Division

1 Incl.,
as stated

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AGRD-A 330-.32

HWF/JWP/ja
18 January 1950

SUBJECT: Substantiating Validity of Casualty Roster, Prepared
by Guerrilla Affairs Division, Philippines Command,
U. S. Army.

THRU : Commander-in-Chief
Far East Command
APO 500
(Attention: The Adjutant General)

TO : The Adjutant General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to the attached letter from the U. S. Veterans Administration, Manila Regional Office, Subject: Casualty Roster of Anderson Guerrillas, Bulacan Military Area, file 8-1, dated January 3, 1950.

2. It is readily seen that the Veterans Administration is recommending that immediate and appropriate steps be taken to rectify, through deletion, modification or other roster alteration, any errors in recognition of guerrillas which may be represented by the subject casualty roster as now constituted and approved.

3. The action implied in the request by the Veterans Administration is both impossible under present rulings and dangerous, for the following reasons:

- a. On previous occasions, and as recent as 9 April 1949, the Commanding General (Major General J. W. Anderson), Philippines Command, APO 707, issued specific and emphatic directions to the Adjutant General Records Depository and other staff sections that "no deletions in or additions to will be made in these (recognition) rosters. It has been previously ruled that no changes will be effective on any of the official rosters now reposing in your Records Depository. Those persons deserving revocation received revocation of recognitions." These instructions were based upon competent advice presented to General Anderson by Lt. Col. Wallace M. Hanes, GSC, then Secretary of the General Staff and formerly Director, Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3

AGRD-A 330.32 - CO, AGRD to TAG, Wash., thru CINCPAC, subj: Casualty Rosters Prepared by GAD, PHILCOM, U.S. Army (Continued)

Section, Philippines Command, and who terminated the guerrilla recognition mission on 30 June 1948.

- b. The Adjutant General Records Depository, like the Veterans Administration and others, feel that the recognition rosters and, to a lesser degree, individual letters of recognition, are susceptible of error, because of the complicated and monumental task of trying to ascertain who were deserving of recognition, those who were not, and of determining correct and reasonable Tables of Organization and strengths for units under consideration. While it may reasonably be assumed that errors have been made in roster construction, no one is able to show conclusively where the errors lie.
- c. To attempt to alter, modify, i.e., "correct", one single name on one single roster would have the immediate effect of reopening the guerrilla recognition program. One change alone is sufficient ammunition to give heart to the unrecognized (deserving and undeserving) guerrillas to plead their cases openly and anew from Manila to Tokyo and Washington. Investigations designed only to prove basis of disqualification of a presently recognized guerrilla will, inevitably, be used as a precedent to show why such "corrective action" should similarly be used to prove recognition for those who, through nonrecognition, have allegedly been discriminated against. More harm than good would result, without question.
4. It is recommended that authority be granted the Adjutant General Records Depository to inform the Veterans Administration that no administrative changes may be effected on the accomplished guerrilla recognition mission, in accordance with established and announced policy in this theater, in force since the termination of the recognition program on 30 June 1948, or nineteen (19) months ago.

1 Incl.,
as stated

HORACE W. FORSTER
Colonel, Cavalry
Commanding

C O P Y

U. S.
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Manila Regional Office
Escolta & David Sts., Manila, P. I.

January 3, 1950

In reply refer to: 8-1

Major J. W. Page (Personal Attention)
Director, S and C Division
AGRD, PHILCOM (AF), APO 900

SUBJ: Casualty Roster of Anderson Guerrillas,
Bulacan Military Area.

Dear Major Page:

The undersigned has received a letter from our Central Office dated December 12, 1949, on the above subject matter, copy of which is attached for your information.

From the information furnished by our Central Office, it appears that there may be valid reason to doubt the authenticity of the Casualty Roster, particularly since in 10 of the cited cases an attorney was named as the beneficiary of the alleged guerrillas.

The undersigned will sincerely appreciate your cooperation in having the matter referred to adequately checked and investigated and a report furnished thereon so that an adequate reply may be made thereto. If in your opinion this office is in a position to render assistance in expediting the development or investigation or can take any other steps to aid in determining the true facts pertaining thereto, kindly give us your recommendation for our consideration.

For the reason set forth in paragraph 5 of attached copy of our Central Office letter, every effort should be made to expedite the investigation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/t/ J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

Encl: VACO letter dtd 12/12/49

C O P Y

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December 12, 1949

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TO: Manager
 VA Regional Office
 APO 900, c/o Postmaster
 San Francisco, California

SUBJ: Casualty Roster, Anderson's Guerrillas,
 Bulacan Military Area

1. The existence of suspicious circumstances in several cases involving claims based on service in the above named organization has led this office to review the casualty roster furnished by Philrycom. This analysis revealed statistical peculiarities which tend to cast doubt upon the authenticity of the service of many men named therein.

2. The following table illustrates the problem involved.

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KILD</u>	<u>DILD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Place of Death				
In Home Town	126	150	55	331
Not in Home Town	148	49	20	217
Total	274	199		

3. It should be noted that over 60% of all these alleged guerrillas died in their home town, and that of those not killed in action three quarters died at home. It has also been noted by this office that the men whose names, in the casualty roster, are numbered 1, 31, 37, 156, 164, 169, 268, 408, 493, and 589, have uniformly named Attorney Felix Giveno, Room 201, Center Theater Building, Manila, Philippines as their beneficiary.

4. In view of the above facts, it is requested that the Manila Regional Office attempt to obtain from the proper military authorities the reason that so high a percentage of these men died in line of duty at home; whether any of these men were killed during inter-guerrilla warfare or in combat with the HUKBALAHAPs; and whether Attorney Felix Giveno was instrumental in obtaining recognition as guerrillas for any of these named. A history, of this unit, if available should be furnished.

Manager, VA Regional Office

5. In view of the communication of Major Eaken, Chief, Veterans Branch, PHILCOM, dated July 8, 1949 and the discrepancies noted in the first and second paragraphs of this letter, this matter should be expedited since awards have been authorized on the basis of service certified in this casualty roster.

/s/t/ R. J. HINTON
Director, Dep. and Ben.
Claims Service

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 PHILIPPINES COMMAND
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FILE NO: GSXD-V

SUBJECT: Status of Casualties listed on the
 Revision Rosters of Recognized Guerrilla
 Units.

DATE: 22 Aug 49

(1) FROM: Chief, Veterans Branch

THRU:

TO: Director, S & C Div.

1. Attached herewith is a checknote from this Branch addressed to Lt. J. H. Manzano of the Adjustment Division on the subject of individuals who are listed as casualties on the Revision Rosters of recognized units. His views on the subject were requested inasmuch as the nature of the recognition accorded by the Guerrilla Affairs Division to such individuals is not fully known. The reply of Lt. Manzano which is self-explanatory is also attached.

2. It is recommended, that individuals listed as casualties on the Revision Rosters of recognized units be considered in a recognized status.

3 Incls:

1. C/N, this Br. 19 Aug 49
2. C/N, fr Lt Manzano to
Ch, Vets Br. 22 Aug 49
3. LGAF Casualty Rosters

Jim Baren
 P. M. BAREN
 Major Inf

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FILE NO: GSXD-V

SUBJECT:

DATE: 19 Aug 49

FROM: Chief, Veterans Branch
 S & C Div

THRU:
 TO: Chief, Arrears in Pay Branch
 Adjustment Division
 ATTN: Lt J H Menzano

1. It has come to my attention that on the Revision Rosters of many recognized guerrilla units, there are listed names of certain individuals who are shown to have been casualties (KIA, DILD, KILD, WIA, & MIA). These individuals are not carried on the Reconstructed Initial Troop Roster of their respective organizations nor are they listed on corresponding Casualty Rosters. Further, so far as it can be ascertained, no letter of individual recognition has been issued for any of them.

2. Under present policies of this headquarters as well as of the Veterans Administration, the only acceptable criterion for recognized guerrilla service is the appearance of an individual's name on a Reconstructed Initial Troop Roster, Casualty Roster, or the issuance of a letter of individual recognition. Inasmuch as the individuals referred to above are listed as casualties on a Revision Roster, they are technically outside the scope of the criterion for recognized guerrilla service.

3. In order to clarify the status of these individuals, an explanation of the policy adopted by the Guerrilla Affairs Division in the reconstruction of guerrilla rosters is requested, with specific reference to recognized status, if any, of those individuals who were listed as casualties on Revision Rosters. This request is made in consideration of your previous experience and connection with the Guerrilla Affairs Division.

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P. M. BAKEN
 Major Inf

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GSXD-F

SUBJECT: Casualties Listed on Revised Rosters DATE: 22 Aug '49

FROM: Chief, Adjudication Section TO: Chief, Veterans Br
Arrears in Pay Br, AGRD S & C Div, AGRD

1. In the preparation of revision rosters by the G-3, Guerrilla Affairs Division, Hq PHILRYCOM, the listing of names of casualties, regardless as to whether or not such individuals had been listed on initial recognized rosters, was authorized.
2. The listing of these individuals as casualties on such revised troop rosters was sufficient to place them in the status of recognized guerrillas.
3. The undersigned has personal knowledge of the above facts having acted as Investigator for the study of revision dates for the Anderson's Guerrillas and Bulacan Military Area and the preparation of revision rosters for these units, and as such was familiar with existing policies pertinent to para 1 & 2, above.


JAIME H. MANZANO
1st Lt INF

Chief, Adjudication Sec -----

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CASUALTY ROSTERS

List of Guerrilla

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(4 Oct 49)

SUBJECT: Casualty roster of 61st Inf, MMD, ECLGA

AGO, Department of the Army, Records Administration Center, St. Louis 20, Mo.

TO: Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository, Philippines Command, APO 900, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco California

1. Casualty rosters of 61st Infantry, MMD, ECLGA are not included in Recovered Philippine Records (microfilm).
2. Information pertaining to the revoking of above rosters is not included in Recovered Philippine Records (microfilm).

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

1 Incl
n/c

John P. Kaylor
Adjutant General

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1st Ind

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(1 Oct 69)

SUBJECT: Casualty roster of 1st Inf. Bn., 25th

AGC, Department of the Army, Records Administration Center, 47, 48th St., Falls Church, Va.

TO: Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository, Philippine Command, 470 900, 4th St., San Francisco, California

1. Casualty rosters of 1st Infantry Bn., 25th AGC are not included in Recovered Philippine Records (microfilm).

2. Information pertaining to the rosters of above rosters are not included in Recovered Philippine Records (microfilm).

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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Adjutant General

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g/c



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PHILIPPINES COMMAND
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AWO 900
4 October 1949

SUBJECT: Casualty Roster of 61st Inf, MWD, ECLGA.

TO : Commanding Officer
Records Administration Center
AGO Department of the Army
St. Louis 20, Missouri
(ATTN: Demobilized Records Branch)

1. Attached is a certified true copy of a tabulation of the recognized casualties of the different recognized components of the Military District, East Central Luzon, Guerrilla Area which is on file in this headquarters. Attention is invited to item 8, 61st Inf, wherein it is shown that said unit has 18 killed in action, 4 wounded in action, 129 killed in line of duty and 4 died in line of duty, with a total of 155 casualties.

2. The approved casualty rosters of the 61st Inf that are on file in this headquarters consist only of 129 killed in line of duty and 4 died in line of duty, or a total of 133 casualties. There is no file of the 18 killed in action and 4 wounded in action as shown on the attached tabulation. This headquarters has no information as to the action taken by the former Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3, PHILRYCOM, on the KIA, and WIA rosters of the 61st Inf, MWD, ECLGA, and cannot therefore with certainty determine if the absence of those rosters was due to revocation, or, if they were not revoked, copies were not furnished this headquarters through inadvertence.

3. It is therefore requested that this headquarters be informed as to whether or not according to records now in the custody of your headquarters, the KIA and WIA rosters of the 61st Inf, MWD, ECLGA were revoked, and if they were not, copies thereof be furnished this headquarters as soon as practicable.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Incl: s/s

W. S. McLELLAND JR
W. S. McLELLAND JR
WOJG USA
Asst Adjutant

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UNITED STATES ARMY
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SUBJECT: Casualty Report of 1st Lt. W. E. ...

Commanding Officer
Company, 48th Infantry Center
The Adjutant General's Office
The Adjutant General's Office
The Adjutant General's Office
(Name: [Redacted])

1. Attached is a certified true copy of a tabulation of the recognized committee of the different recognized committees of the Military Medal, Best Cavalry Medal, and other medals which are in the possession of the Adjutant General's Office. Attention is directed to the fact that the 1st Lt. W. E. ... is listed as killed in action on 17 October 1948. It is noted that the 1st Lt. W. E. ... is listed as killed in action on 17 October 1948. It is noted that the 1st Lt. W. E. ... is listed as killed in action on 17 October 1948.

2. The approved copies of the 1st Lt. W. E. ... are on file in this headquarters. The 1st Lt. W. E. ... is listed as killed in action on 17 October 1948. It is noted that the 1st Lt. W. E. ... is listed as killed in action on 17 October 1948. It is noted that the 1st Lt. W. E. ... is listed as killed in action on 17 October 1948.

3. It is requested that you advise this headquarters as to whether or not copies of records are in the custody of your headquarters, the 1st Lt. W. E. ... copies should be furnished to headquarters as soon as practicable.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



EAST CENTRAL LUZON GUERRILLA AREA
 MANILA MILITARY DISTRICT

Adjusted as authorized by deletion or revocation letters to CofS, AP,
 to include 31 May 48.

Name of Unit	KIA	WIA	MIA	KILD	DILD	TOTAL
1. District Headquarters	5		5	44	2	56
2. 1st Infantry	5	1		30		36
3. 11th Infantry		1		6		7
4. 21st Infantry	36	46	23	35	10	150
5. 31st Infantry	2	2		62	2	68
6. 41st Infantry	7	1		15	5	28
7. 51st Infantry	91		1	72	5	169
8. 61st Infantry	18	4		129	4	155
9. 71st Infantry	11			15	3	29
10. Naker Division						
11. Naker Division (Supplementary)						
GRAND TOTAL	175	55	29	408	31	698

KIA - Killed in Action
 WIA - Wounded in Action
 MIA - Missing in Action
 KILD - Killed in Line of Duty
 DILD - Died in Line of Duty

(Stamped signature) Charles L. Homewood
 C. L. HOMEWOOD
 1st Lt CAV

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Approved
 30 Jun 1948
 Headquarters
 PHILRYCOM

Reconstructed by
 Guerrilla Affairs Div
 Hq PHILRYCOM

CERTIFIED: A TRUE COPY

P. M. BAKER
 P. M. BAKER
 Major INF

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LIST OF CASUALTY ROSTERS

ANNEPOON'S COMMAND

Poder's PATY Co KIA
 SWSB BV Cad KIA, KILD, BILD
 Sector 43 KIA, KILD, BILD
 Atlanta York Area KIA, KILD, BILD
 Orlando York Area KIA, KILD, BILD
 SMA Sector 41 KILD, BILD
 SMA Sector 42
 SMA Sector 43 (Sqdn 409) KIA, KILD, BILD
 SMA Rice Sector
 1st Anderson Bn
 York Special Detachment KIA, BILD

BARRION'S Manila Division USFIP KIA, MIA, WIA, KILD, BILD

BLUE EAGLE REGT

Golden Bn

BICOL BRIGADE

53d Inf KIA, KILD

EPUCO'S GUERRILLAS

1st & 2d Teriac Regt KIA, KILD, BILD
 Negrito Unit, Squadron 30 KIA, BILD, KILD
 Basban Bn (101st Sqdn) KIA, KILD, BILD
 1st O'Donnell Regt KIA, KILD, BILD

CASTANEDA (FACGP) KIA, KILD, BILD

CEBU AREA COMMAND KIA, MIA, WIA, Voluntary Surrender Report

CHINESE GUERRILLA UNITS

Chinese Vol of the Philippines KIA, KILD, BILD

COLGA KIA, KILD, BILD, Correction

57th Inf

Co"B KIA

LYTE AREA COMMAND KIA, KILD, BILD, MIA, WIA, KILD, BILD, Captured

LICOPIA GRILA UNIT KIA, KILD

LGAF

Sqdn 300 KIA, KILD, BILD
 Hq CHEMA KIA, BILD
 Sqdn 231-A (CHEMA) KIA, KILD, BILD
 " 203 " KILD
 " 211 " KIA
 " 214 (SEMS) KILD
 " 215 " 1st Pltn WIA
 " 216 " WIA
 " 303 KIA
 " 267 KIA, KILD, BILD
 " 268 KIA, KILD, BILD
 " 304 1st Pltn KIA, KILD
 " 403 KIA, WIA, BILD, KILD
 100th Inf Bn BILD
 Sqdn 223 KIA
 " 270 KIA, KILD
 Dist Hq Detachment CHEMA KIA, BILD
 Sqdn 168 Co"B KIA, KILD, BILD
 320th Bn KIA, KILD, BILD
 2d Bn 6th Prov Regt WIA

MARDANAN GUERRILLAS

1st Mardanan Grila Co KIA

MASBATE REGT

3d Bn 426 Inf KIA, KILD, DILD

MINDORO-MARINBUQUE

Ruffy's Command KIA, KILD

PATNANUNGAN GRILA FORCES KIA

PQOG KIA, KILD, DILD

7th MD KIA, WIA, KILD, DILD, Captured & MIA

6th MD KIA, KILD, DILD, Captured & Missing, WIA, & Wounded of other causes
Lason I Intelligence Echelon KIA, DILD, KILD

SULU AREA COMMAND KIA, KILD, DILD, MIA, WIA, WILD, ILID

TAPARAN GRILA KIA

10th MD KIA, KILD, DILD

Dive or Pic Unit KILD, DILD

THORP'S GRILA REGT WIA

USAFIP NL KIA, KILD, DILD, WIA, WILD

VERA'S TAYABAS GRILA KIA, DILD

ZAMBALES MD KIA, KILD, DILD

Olongapo Sector, Squadron D

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 707

GSOPI 091 PI

21 Apr 47

SUBJECT: Recognition of Guerrilla Casualties

TO : Chief of Staff
Army of the Philippines
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. The inclosed casualty roster, Killed in Line of Duty, Died in Line of Duty, of the Live or Die Unit, 10th Military District, has been investigated.

2. This roster, consisting of three (3) pages and containing the names of nineteen (19) individuals, is approved. The period of recognition for each individual will extend from the date of induction or the date the unit was recognized, whichever is later, to the date the individual died, both dates inclusive.

3. It is requested that the names and ranks of these individuals be inserted on the unit roster of the Live or Die Unit, 10 Military District, by the issuance of appropriate orders.

4. All data contained herein are furnished on the sworn statement of the recognized guerrilla leader. They are accepted as official data upon which payments of arrears in pay may be adjudicated unless official documents in conflict therewith are later provided this headquarters to prove otherwise.

5. Upon receipt from their legal heirs of a claim for arrears in pay and allowances due their estates, authority for settlement thereof under existing laws and procedures will be furnished your headquarters by the Director, Recovered Personnel Division, this headquarters.

6. This roster will constitute the only official recognized casualty roster, Killed In Line of Duty and Died in Line of Duty, of the Live or Die Unit, 10th Military District.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Certified True Copy:

(SGD) NELSON A. VOORHEES
(Stamped) NELSON A. VOORHEES, Capt. USA

Incl: Major, Infantry

Casualty Roster
Killed in Line of Duty
Died in Line of Duty,
Live or Die Unit
10th Military District

A TRUE COPY:

L. H. CUTLER
1st Lt AGC

Lt. Col. W. M. Hanes:

Ltr fr Hqs PHILRYCOM to C/S (AP), subj: "Recognition of Guerrilla Casualties."

1. Roster approved. Consisting of three (3) pages and containing nineteen (19) names.
2. Claims to be authorized by RPD when legal heirs submit evidence.
3. All data contained herein are furnished on the sworn statement of the recognized guerrilla leader. They are accepted as official data upon which payments of arrears in pay may be adjudicated unless official documents in conflict therewith are later provided this headquarters to prove otherwise.
4. Roster prepared under the supervision of Capt. R. Morton, Unit Investigation and rechecked by Capt. R. Wilson, Casualty Section is considered as the only official recognized casualty roster, Killed in Line of Duty, Died in Line of Duty, of the Live or Die Unit, 10th Military District.

Capt. R. C. Wilson

Concurrences:

1. Lt Col W. M. Hanes - Chief, Individual Branch
2. Maj C. H. Wentzell - Actg Chief, Unit Branch
3. This form ltr concurred in by AG (RPD) - Lt Col J. R. Gilbert.

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A TRUE COPY:

L. H. CUTLER
1st Lt, AGC