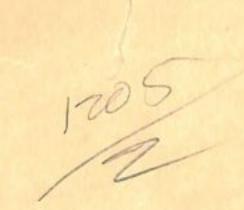
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REMARKS

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The functions of the various organizations using the records were entirely different, and in some cases not concurrent, so that the records were partially screened and sorted, and classified by each using organization to suit its own needs. New regulations and laws changed primary missions from time to time, forcing further sortings, and discontinuance of old filing systems. As the above organizations were deactivated, the records on hand were left for the succeeding organizations to deal with. AGRD, as the final organization in the chain, is housing this residue. As might be expected, a substantial part of the residue is so scattered that

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1. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 345-200 series
- b. Publications of the National Archives and Records
 Service, GSA.
- (1) Disposition of Federal Records, No. 50-3.
 - (2) Applying Records Schedules, Records Management
 Handbook.
 - (3) The Appraisal of Current and Recent Records, Staff Information Circular 13 June 1946.
- (4) The Appraisal of Modern Public Records, National Archives Bulletin No. 8, October 1956.
- 2. GENERAL. One of the responsibilities of the Commanding Officer is the examination and evaluation on a continuing basis of all files in his custody with a view to effecting the maximum disposal, and as appropriate, microfilming, transfer to other records centers or transfer to the National Archives. All persons engaged in records analysis must be thoroughly conversant with the references listed above. Studies will be made first for records for which there is no existing disposition standard, and next on those for which there is a disposition standard, but it is believed that the retention period should be changed. One end objective of each records analysis study should be the development of procedures to preclude such records from being filed with permanent records at time of creation. Records analysis studies, while primarily concerned with the disposition of the records holdings, will also include studies on accessioning of records, centralization of record material, retirement of records, reallocation of records, standardization of filing procedures, development of criteria for retirement of specialized files, and technical reviews of records holdings.
- 3. REGULATORY CONTROLS. Disposition of records is a serious matter and final authority for such action stems from the Congress of

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the United States. Each disposition standard affecting Department of the Army records approved by the Congress is published in the AR 345-200 series with few exceptions. As a part of the analysis of records, frequent reference should be made to the approved disposition standards as guides in determining retention periods. It should also be borne in mind that an existing disposition standard may not be satisfactory for currently created records as conditions, circumstances, and procedures affecting the records' use may have changed.

- 4. DECIDING WHICH RECORDS TO STUDY. A thorough knowledge of the agency and of the functions that resulted in the creation of records is basic in ascertaining which records are the most valuable. After records have been retired to a records center, it is also essential to know why the records are being used, who uses them and exactly which records or papers are used to secure information. It should not be taken for granted that frequency or infrequency of reference to a particular record is an infallible clue to value. The approach should be a positive one that of determining which records or papers must be kept. It then remains a matter of ascertaining how long the remaining records should be retained. Only through systematic identification and segregation of useless records can the permanently valuable records be made most useful.
- 5. ANALYSIS OF THE RECORDS. All records involved in the study will be analyzed to determine if they are governed by an approved disposition standard and, if covered, can the standard be effectively applied or must it be revised. During this phase of the study, the analyst should determine and document the distribution, informational content, inclusive dates, volume, echelon of creation, purpose of creation, use by the creator and other pertinent information, for use in evaluating the records.
- 6. EVALUATION OF RECORDS. The evaluation of records will be accomplished, for the most part, concurrently with the analysis. There will be occasions, however, when a more detailed study of the notes gathered on one particular records series will be necessary, together with a reanalysis or additional study of the actual records, before a sound recommendation may be evolved. In determining the value of any record (see references), consideration must be given to their legal, historical, research, administrative, fiscal, and sentimental aspects as well as to the rights of private citizens, governmental restrictions and requirements, global conditions, and many other facets.

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- 7. PREPARATION OF STUDY. All pertinent data relative to records on which recommendations are going to be made will be gathered and the study will be formalized as outlined in Figure 1. The formal study will not contain a complete inventory of all records studied only those records on which recommendations are being made will be included. A complete inventory of all records encountered during the study will be maintained with the working papers. A "memo for record" will be prepared to include information pertinent to records in the study on which recommendations are not made and filed with related working papers. This will include the same general information as is reported in the formal study. A separate report will be made on each record or records series and only one record will be discussed in one report. Several reports may be submitted at one time under one transmittal letter.
- 8. SUBMISSION OF STUDY. A disposition form, DD Form 96, addressed to Chief, Comptroller Division, TAGO, will be prepared as a transmittal letter to cover all recommendations submitted at one time. A complete copy of each study will be retained for file in U. S. Army Records Center Central Files.

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Payment of Civilians by Guerrilla Unit (Extract of Payroll)

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- 1. FUNCTIONAL PURPOSE: File is not now serving any functional purpose.
- 2. IDENTIFICATION: File originally maintained as a "Holding" file for records recovered from the Philippine Islands during and subsequent to the liberation period of WW II. Records pertained to United States and Philippine military units; United States or Allied military and civilian personnel who were in the Philippine Islands prior to surrender or during the Japanese Occupation period of World War II (1941-1945). Records pertaining to United States Army units; United States citizens; individual contract claims; personnel records and miscellaneous records of the Philippine Army deemed necessary for the adjudication of claims of personnel of the Philippine Army and for recognition of units and personnel of guerrilla organizations were removed by the different agencies responsible for those claims. The remnant of this file, consisting mainly of guerrilla procurment data, is the subject of this study. The small percentage of the remaining records, as shown below, are excluded for reasons as shown:
 - a. Philippine Army organizational records which contain names of personnel or historical accounts of activities and records containing any information on Prisoner of War Camps or released prisoners therefrom.

 Records of this type may be invaluable in the determination of service for Philippine Army personnel.

- b. Guerrilla Organizational records pertaining to personnel or accounts of activities. These records will be classified and filed with the pertinent guerrilla archives.
- c. Miscellaneous records pertaining to United States Army organizations or personnel, War Department Civilians and allied military and civilian personnel. This type of records will be the subject of further study.
- INCLUSIVE DATES: Miscellaneous records may be dated as early as
 1942 and as late as September or October 1946.

4. VOLUME: (linear feet):

a. Present

(1).	Unit type Procurement Records	220	
(2).	Phil Army & Grla Orgn Rec	32 K	
(3).	Procurement Creditors Ledgers	9	
(4).	Finance Accounts	6	
(5).	Civilian payrolls	5	
-(6).	Transmittal letters of Claims Approved for Payment	-8	
(b).	Receipts & Vouchers (Grla Procurement)	190	
(背).	TOTAL	460	

b. Potential disposal

(1). It is estimated that 95% of the records listed as 4a(1):
 (3): (4): (5): (6); and (6) may be disposed of and that eventually 80% of 4A(2) will be disposed of en completion of further study.

5. DESCRIPTION:

a. Unit type Procurement Records consists of:

(1). General Vouchers of guerrilla units for food, medicines and miscellaneous supplies purchased from civilians and/or government offices. Receipts for donated supplies are also in these files.

- (2). Open Market Purchase Vouchers (Guerrilla) lists transactions on open market for food and miscellaneous supplies.
- (3). Provincial Investigators files contain reports on cities, towns, barrios etc. which supported guerrilla organization by contributions of money, food and other supplies.
- (4). Procurement receipts contain description of food and equipment procured from various Barrios. Food allegedly came from 15% share of Government and was procured direct from farms and plantations.
- (5). Lists of Paid Creditors includes extracts of paid vouchers Food ford wire Moneras a popular which are from file of Philippine Library RPR, Mandulayong, Rizal.

b. Procurement Creditors ledgers

Records contain information pertaining to purchases and from whom purchased. Records arranged by Creditors Account, Province and by procurement officers.

c. Finance Accounts of Guerrilla Units

Records pertain to transactions made for procurement of food and supplies, and disbursement of funds for civilian and guerrilla payrolls. Accounts do not show names of personnel, merely amounts disbursed.

- d. Civilian Payrolls (Guerrilla Units) paying laborers, mechanics, etc who performed some service.
- e. Receipts and vouchers of individuals and firms for supplies etc. This group is individual filed in 201 folders.
- to Chief of Staff Army of the Phil (Attn: Chief Finance Servic). Each -claim letter is listed by subject names (25 names to sheet) and is filed by date of transmittal letter.

6. EVALUATION:

- a. The objective of this study is the retention of the minimum amount of records which are now or will be of use to the Department in fulfilling its obligations in establishing military service and to furnish information to authorized persons.
- b. The majority of records involved in this study have nothing to do with the establishing of military service, but are merely records of procurement transactions evolving out of guerrilla activities in the Philippines during WW II.
- c. No reference service activity has been made to these files since their acquisition by USARCEN in Feb 1953. No reference service activity is anticipated, since claims for reimbursement arising from these recorded transactions have been disbursed or denied long ago.
- d. If located, the type of records listed below should be retained.

 Reasons for their retention are as listed.
- (1). Any personnel rosters or payrolls of USAFFE (PA); Guerrilla or Regular PA units. (Records necessary for determination of service).
- (2). Any other type of USAFFE (PA); Guerrilla or Regular PA organizational records which show names of soldiers or historical record of events. (Records necessary for determination of service data).
- e. Listed below are reasons for the retention or for elimination of
 - (1). Records considered essential:

Personnel rosters; military payrolls and all other organizational or historical records which may have a bearing on determinations of service.

e. The following types of records are considered unessential to present or future operations of the Department.

- (4). Unit type Procurement Records
- (%). Procurement Creditors ledgers
- (3). Finance Accounts pertaining to disbursement of funds for civilian laborers and procurement activities.
 - (*). Receipts and Vouchers of individuals for supplies etc.
- (5). Letters transmitting approved claims for payment to Chief of Staff, Philippine Army.

7. RECOMMENDATION:

- a. Retain records described in Paragraph 2a; 2b; and 2c and destroy all others covered by this study.
- b. This office be delegated authority to retain or destroy, at its descretion, any papers to which the above evaluation applies but which were not encountered during the study.

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