

PROJECT "069" GAD ROSTERS, "C" CO, 1st TARLAC REGT, EGLGA + "B" CO, SQDN 401, L GAF

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Project "069" GAD Rosters, "C" Co, 1st
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401, LGAF.

1. This Project initiated by the receipt of an appeal in the case of "Esperidion O. Ochoa", with an affidavit by "Cuerdo T. Brillante", as an inclosure. Subject's military service was determined negative to the VA, on 25 Nov 59, based upon his name not being listed on an IRTR of organization with which he claims service. Affiant "Cuerdo T. Brillante" testifies that he was one of the platoon leaders of Co "C", 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA and that said company is carried in two different recognized guerrilla units namely "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA and "B" Co, 401st Sqdn, LGAF, because it served under said different units at different periods of time.

2. The name of one Esperidion Ochoa, is listed in the IRTR of "B" Co, Sqdn 401, LGAF.

3. Excerpts from the report on reinvestigation of 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA (GAD File 308-64) show:

P-2 Initial organization of the 1st Tarlac Regt was not as a ECLGA unit.

P-3 Recognized grla leaders operating in and adjacent to the claimed sectors of subject units are without knowledge of the activities of the 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA, during ^{THE} occupation period.

P-4 Rosters of the reserve units LGAF, Sqdn 401, 402, 403, 424, 427 and the ^{RAMOS} ~~Reserve~~ Sqdn prove that personnel now listed as recognized and claiming arrears in pay as members of the ECLGA, since 1943, were reserve members of the LGAF in late 1944 and early 1945.

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P-5 The present 1st Tarlac Regt was not organized prior to the liberation period. The recruiting of personnel taking place in early 1945.

P-8 The present 1st Tarlac Regt is the consolidation of the ^{ORIGINAL} original 1st and 2d Tarlac Provisional Regts organized on paper by Edwin P. Ramsey in the year 1943.

P-9 In early June 1943 the units so organized on paper reported to LGAF Hqs and were tentatively placed under the LGAF by order of Maj ^{LAPHAM} ~~Lapham~~. Eventually these units became permanent elements of the LGAF and remain identified as such to date. They made up the Tarlac Military Area (Eastern and Western Sectors of the LGAF), comprised of Sqn 401, 402, 403, 404, 421 to 440 and the Area Hqs.

P-10 The majority of the men listed on present roster of the 1st Tarlac Regt are not listed on original rosters of the 1st and 2d Tarlac Provisional Regts organized on paper by Maj Ramsey in early 1943. The majority of the men recognized as members of the present 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA were recruited in early January and subsequent months of the year 1945.

The 1st Tarlac Regt claims to have operated in the Western Sector of Tarlac Province throughout the occupation period. All claims of the unit pertaining to guerrilla activities have been refuted by Maj Laureano Ramos, CO of the 401st Sqn, LGAF and Major Tirso Agunon, CO of the 403d Sqn LGAF who controlled the entire Western and Eastern Sectors of Tarlac Province respectively. The Hqs of the 401st and 403d Sqn in addition to Hqs of the original Flying Sqn completely dominated the area surrounding Tarlac, Tarlac including the towns of Poniqui and Moncada, Tarlac, the alleged headquarters of the 1st Tarlac Regt.

P-19 All activities of a combat nature claimed by Millado in behalf of his alleged unit were in reality the activities of the men of the 401st Sqdn, LGAF.

Major Ramos in an afdvt dated 2 Aug 45 (TAB 17) states: Eugenio Millado, Capt was assigned ~~C~~ "B" Co, 401st Sqdn, LGAF on 15 Feb 45 and that "B" Co, 401st Sqdn, LGAF was recognized 3 Apr 45. On 29 Apr 45, Maj Ramos was wounded and during his two months hospitalization, Capt Eugenio Millado with the whole company under his command was transferred and absorbed as "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA.

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~~PP~~ Lt Altman on 20 Apr 48 in a discussion on the reconstructed troop roster of the 1st Tarlac Regt ECLGA F-308-1 states the following, in part; It is not known why this letter was amended to 1st Tarlac Regt. These men were recognized in a group, not listing any company or battalion (~~P-1~~).

C "Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, consists of the same personnel previously recognized with "B" Co, 401st Squadron, LGAF. This has been concurred with by Stanley V. Lesneski, Capt, CAC, Chief, Roster Br. (see INCL #1)

The recognized roster of the 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA (consolidated and not showing any lower components) was made up subsequent to the revocation of ECLGA Units. Roster does not contain any of the names listed on the recognized IRTR of "B" Co, Sqdn 401, LGAF. (This also means that names of those individuals who are on the roster of "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA, are not on this roster since personnel listed on the rosters of "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA and "B" Co, Sqdn 401, LGAF are identical).

A recognized roster of "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA, may have been in existence when revocation study was in progress; however, such roster can no longer be found (See excerpts from Team Leader Report (By Lt. J. C. Altmen) on 1st Bn, "C" CO, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA, (Incl #2.)

DISCUSSION:

Statements of recognized guerrilla leaders operating in and adjacent to the claimed sectors of 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA are without knowledge of its activities during the occupation period. Major Ramos, Command^{ing} Officer of Sqdn 401, LGAF, stated that Capt. Eugenio Millado, was assigned Commanding Officer of "B" Co, Sqdn 401, LGAF, on 15 Feb 45 and was recognized 3 April 45. That all activities of a combat nature claimed by Capt Millado in behalf of "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA his alleged unit were in reality the activities of the men of Sqdn 401, LGAF.

Lt. J. C. Altman, in his investigation states that "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA, consists of the same personnel previously recognized with "B" Co, Sqdn 401, LGAF. (See incl #1).

No approved roster of "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA located in GAD File. It is believed by this examiner that rosters were submitted for both units for the same personnel, and that the recognition for "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA was revoked in 1948. The roster of "B" Co, Sqdn 401, LGAF was recognized 3 Apr 1945, by letter Hqs 6th Army dated 12 June 1945. No personnel of the IRTR of "B" Co, Sqdn 401, LGAF appear on the revised roster (Revision of dates) of Sqdn 401, LGAF.

The conclusion drawn by Lt Altmen, in TLR, must have been confirmed and action taken to rescind recognized roster of "C" Co, 1st Tarlac

Regt, ECLGA. No official orders or other papers confirming such action can now be located.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that a "MEMO FOR RECORD" be placed in each identifiable 201 File (for names listed on the IRTR of "B" Co, ^{Sqdn 401,} LGAF) to show ^{location} ~~existence~~ of this study and that individuals alleging service with "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA may possibly be connected with names listed on the IRTR of "B" Co, Sqdn 401, LGAF. The "MEMO" should also indicate that this project merely gathered information and was not intended to be an automatic identification for names appearing on rosters. ~~Each case will be determined on its own merits.~~ No Attempt was made to draw 201 files and/or identify files with roster of B Co, 401st Sqdn, LGAF

This study has been approved by the
Branch Chief, R P R Br., thru Chief of Records Section,
R P R Br. 8 June 1961
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Reconstructed Troop Rosters of the 1st

File No.

Subject: Tarlac Regiment, ECLGA

(1) FROM: 1st Lt J. C. Altman TO: Director, GAD

DISCUSSION:

1. Investigation of records prior to reconstruction of rosters of the 1st Tarlac Regiment, ECLGA, reveals the following information:

a. Authority - Letter, Hq 6th Army (Supplement No. 1), dated 5 April 1945, subject, "Recognized Guerrilla Units", authorized recognition of 350 members of the 2nd Tarlac Regiment with effective date of recognition as of 3 March 1945. The 2nd Tarlac Regiment, as listed on supplement No. 1, Hq 6th Army, dated 5 April 1945, was amended to read 1st Tarlac Regiment by Par 1, supplement No. 10, Hq 6th Army, dated 30 June 1945. A study reveals:

It is not known why this letter was amended to 1st Tarlac Regiment. These men were recognized in a group, not listing any company or battalion. Three rosters are available concerning this unit and it appears that (1) below is deserving of recognition.

(1) Roster, subject, "Officers and Enlisted Men actually on duty with the Reconnaissance Company, 632nd TD Battalion on 26 February 1945" (See Tab A). Strength 215.

(2) Roster, subject, "List of Officers and Enlisted Men on Reserve Duty with the Reconnaissance Company, 632nd TD Battalion".

(3) Roster, subject, "Officers and Enlisted Men actually on duty with the Reconnaissance Company, 632nd TD Battalion on 28 Mar 1945", (See Tab C). Strength 216.

b. Authority - Letter, Hq AFPAC, dated 7 August 1945, subj, "Recognition of Guerrilla Units", authorized recognition to Co's K and L with effective date of recognition as of 30 June 1945. A study reveals:

No information available as to reasons for recognition of Co's K and L. Original rosters of Co's K and L are not to be located either in GAD files or HPA files. The only rosters of the units concerned are those presented on 29 September 1945 as part of the 3rd Battalion in strengths of 113 and 115 respectively.

c. Authority - Letter, Hq 1st Tarlac Regiment, ECLGA, subject, "Request for Amended Recognition and Approval of Roster", dated 28 September 1945, was approved by 2nd Indorsement, Hq AFPAC, dated 11 October 1945.

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The roster approved was to supersede all rosters previously recognized and listed a total of 1919 members of the 1st Tarlac Regiment. Later requests for corrections to the roster presented 28 September 1945 were also approved by various indorsement increasing the total number of members of the 1st Tarlac Regiment to 1956.

Basis for recognition authority of 2nd Indorsement, Hq AFPAC, dated 11 October 1945, reveals the following:

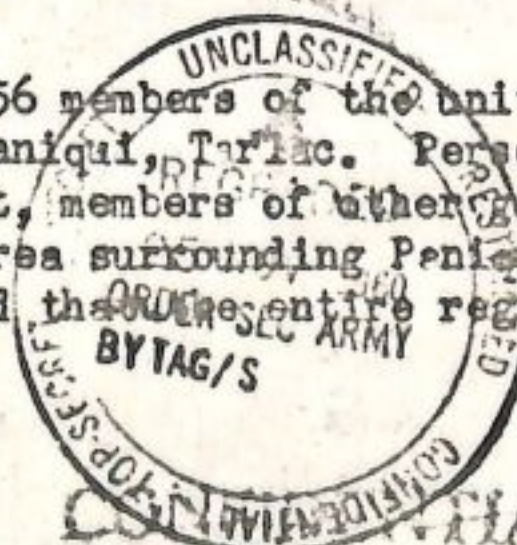
Ambiguous statements made by Jose C. Maristela (Co, 1st Tarlac Regt) , as to the worth and services of his unit to the US Army were accepted as fact and the approval of requests for recognition of rosters of the 1st Tarlac Regiment totaling 1956 members was the final result.

Initial organization of the 1st Tarlac Regiment was not as an ECLGA unit. Special Orders of the 1st Tarlac Regiment prove that the unit was not affiliated with the ECLGA prior to liberation. A thorough study of the Special Order file of the unit which is complete beginning with SO #1, dated 26 December 1944, and ending with SO #165, dated 30 December 1945, definitely shows that the unit joined the ECLGA on or about 27 February 1945. Special Orders also prove that the unit recruited personnel during the liberation period after the initial recognition of 350 men. Co C, 1st Tarlac Regt, consists of the same personnel previously recognized with Co B, 401st Squadron, LGAF.

Special Order #30, proves that the members of the 1st Tarlac Regiment were still seeking attachment to US Forces for purposes of guerrilla recognition on 21 Mar 45 although the entire regiment was allegedly attached to the 632nd TB Bn, stationed in Paniqui, Tarlac (See Tab D).

Special Order #30 proves also that the entire 1st Tarlac Regt was not attached to the 632nd TD Bn on 21 Mar 45 due to the units need for supplies and equipment. It was the responsibility of the American unit concerned to supply the guerrilla personnel being used (See Tab E).

That all 1956 members of the unit were attached to the 632nd TD Bn in the town of Paniqui, Tarlac. Personal contact with members of the 1st Tarlac Regiment, members of other guerrilla units and disinterested persons in the area surrounding Paniqui, Tarlac by this investigating officer revealed that the entire regiment remained in Paniqui, Tarlac,



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performing odd jobs for the 632nd TD Bn in addition to some training and parading.

That the entire unit was processed in Paniqui, Tarlac, by Processing Team C, 8th Army, the strength of the unit having increased by 1407, as reported by processing officers although there had been no additional recognition authorized the unit by Army authorities.

Special Order #60, definitely proves that members of the Medical Detachment were being called to active duty on 31 July 1945 (See Tab F).

Message, dated 21 July 1945, reveals a plan of the CO of the PTMD, Col Luis A. Villareal, to activate new units of the PTMD. This plan, approved on 21 July 1945, was revoked on 6 August 1945 (See Tab G).

That certificates of attachment do not indicate reasons or purpose of attachment of the unit other than just being attached. All records in the unit file indicate that this attachment was solely for administrative purposes. The 1st Tarlac Regt operated as an independent unit, all reports were sent to the CO of the PTMD. The unit carried on normal transfers, recruiting, assignment of new personnel, etc, and eventually presented their entire unit for recognition as guerrillas.

Weekly reports by various units of the 1st Tarlac Regt indicate that the majority of the men were bridge guards, etc. (See Tab H).

A "Skeleton Personnel Roster", dated 22 April 1945, definitely reveals the entire organization of the 1st Tarlac Regiment on that date. In the majority of cases, the activated portion of various units concerned is negligible. This roster proves that the 1st Tarlac Regiment could not have been attached to the 632nd TD Bn on 3 March 1945, in a complete regimental strength (See Tab I).

Recommendation - That the approval by 2nd Indorsement, Hq AFPAC, dated 11 October 1945, be rescinded.



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CONCLUSION:

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That this unit received revision of dates despite information contained in Tab I which indicates that only one company was fully activated and other companies only partially activated as of 20 April 1945. This revision was later revoked.

That 2nd Indorsement, Hq AFPAC, dated 11 Oct 45, to letter, Hq 1st Tarlac Regiment, ECLGA, subject, "Request for Amended Recognition and approval of Roster", dated 28 September 1945, erroneously accepts and approves rosters in the strength of 1919. Approval of later indorsements increased the strength to 1956.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the rosters, dated 26 Feb and 28 Mar 1945, in strengths of 215 and 216, respectively, be screened and consolidated to establish the original recognized strength of 350 as per letter, Hqs 6th Army dated 5 April 1945.

Concur:

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Captain CAC
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sufficient acceptable evidence. No proof was offered to establish the fact that the engagements, if authentic, were the result of any prior planning. The lack of arms possessed by the unit restricted armed activity to an absolute minimum.

During a personal interview with Alfonso Gomez, it was stated that activity of a combat nature was not performed by the members of B Company due to the retaliatory actions of the Japanese against the civilian populace in the area surrounding Moncada, Tarlac.

Intelligence reports allegedly were submitted to Capt Cabangbang, of the AIB, however, granting that reports may have been submitted, substantiating evidence that the reports were of value and were ever used in any military activity is unobtainable.

c. CONCLUSION:

The activities of Company B do not merit guerrilla recognition on behalf of its claimant member for the occupation period.

(7) 1ST BN C COMPANY

a. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See Unit File)

b. FINDINGS:

A thorough examination of the unit history and the history of the 401st Sqdn, LGAF, conclusively confirms the fact that a unit known as B Company, 401st Sqdn, LGAF, joined the 1st Tarlac Regiment during the liberation period.

Initially, Eugenio Millado organized a guerrilla band on 12 Jun 1942 by authority of Col Thorpe. Millado later incorporated his unit to the 1st Tarlac Regiment, commanded by Jose C Maristela, in March 1943. Prior to its claimed affiliation with the 1st Tarlac Regiment, the unit's true mission is explained in the following excerpt taken from the organization's history; "During the whole period from 1 July 1942 to 27 March 1943, patrols were sent out daily in our sector to preserve peace and order." The maintenance of peace and order is not an activity that conforms to the present criteria for recognition.

"Beginning 28 March 1943, I submitted my reports to Jose C Maristela," is the statement made by Millado regarding the disposal of intelligence reports compiled by his unit. This statement is easily refuted. The files of the 1st Tarlac Regt failed to reveal a single item that could pass for an intelligence report submitted by Millado's unit. Furthermore, Maristela did not accept Millado's guerrilla unit on 28 March 43:

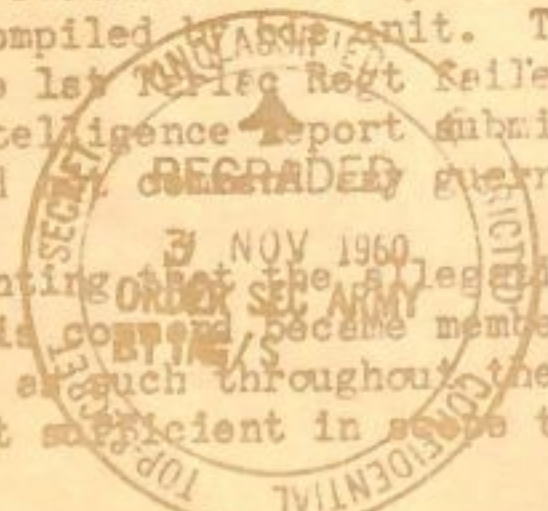
Granting that the allegations of Eugenio Millado are true in that the men of his company became members of the 1st Tarlac Regiment on 28 Mar 43 and remained such throughout the occupation period, the claimed activities are not sufficient in scope to warrant recognition of the claimant members.

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No combat activity has been claimed by the subject unit and the following excerpt from the unit history definitely proves it had none; "During this period, we were very careful not to injure or kill Japanese in populated places because of brutal reprisal wrought by the Japs to the civilian population".

On 1 Oct 1944, Millado claims that his unit coordinated activities with the 401st Sqdn, IGAF, further, that he received orders from the 401st Sqdn and from the 1st Tarlac Regiment during the period 1 Oct 1944 to 3 March 1945. In an affidavit, dated 10 July 1947, Millado states that he was the commanding officer of C Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA, from the date of its organization up to the date of his discharge from the PA on 30 April 46 (See Incl 16). All allegations made by Millado have been refuted by Major Laureano Ramos, CO of the 401st Sqdn, IGAF. Records of the 401st Sqdn, IGAF, and the Tarlac Area Hqs, IGAF, definitely prove that Eugenio Millado was the sector adjutant of the Tarlac West Sector commanded by Major Laureano Ramos. Certificate of Major Laureano Ramos stated that Millado joined his guerrilla unit in 1943 and was assigned as adjutant (See Incl 17).

A message for the apprehension of Jose C Maristela, dated 12 January 1945 and signed by Capt Albert Hendrickson, CO Tarlac Military Area, IGAF, subsequently led to the issuance of the apprehension order by the sector adjutant Eugenio Millado. The fact that Millado issued orders for the arrest of the CO of the 1st Tarlac Regt, the unit he claims to have joined in 1943, casts doubt upon the veracity of any allegations made by Millado as alleged CO of an integral unit of the 1st Tarlac Regiment. (See Incl 15).

A certification of Major Laureano Ramos and various orders, etc, in the files of the Tarlac Area Hqs, IGAF, portray Eugenio Millado in the role of Sector Adjutant of the Tarlac West Sector, and not as the commanding officer of a guerrilla unit (See Unit File, Incl 17). All activities of a combat nature claimed by Millado in behalf of his alleged unit were in reality the activities of the men of the 401st Sqdn, IGAF.

On 15 Feb 1945, Millado was assigned as the CO of Co B by Major Laureano Ramos in the reorganization of the 401st Sqdn, however, Co "B" was not used by the US Army units. Companies A, C and D of the 401st Sqdn were attached to the USA for operations in the Villa Verde campaign and received guerrilla recognition.

Following are the statements of Millado and Ramos concerning Millado's activation into the 1st Tarlac Regiment, ECLGA:

EUGENIO MILLADO: On 3 March 1945 when the 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA was activated my company was designated "C" Co, 1st Tarlac Regt, ECLGA and activated with the unit" (See Unit History).

MAJOR LAUREANO RAMOS: April 29, 1945. I was seriously wounded at Villa Verde Trail and during my two months hospitalization said Capt Eugenio Millado with the whole company under his command was transferred and absorbed as "C" Co, under the 1st Tarlac Regiment" (See Incl 17).

The claim of Eugenio Millado is refuted by Major Ramos.

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The statement of Major Ramos has been corroborated by testimony of disinterested persons and guerrilla leaders in the claimed area of operation of the claimant unit.

c. CONCLUSION:

The worthless allegations proffered by the subject unit's Commanding Officer cannot be directly supported by any evidence. The fraudulent claims of the CO are sufficient to disqualify the unit for any claim for revision of recognition dates. The recognition of the unit commanded by Eugenio Millado, "C" Company, 1st Terlac Regt, was made possible in the Liberation period organization of the 1st Terlac Regt. The revision of the initial recognition date extended the subject unit is not justifiable inasmuch as the unit activities during the occupation period do not satisfactorily conform to the five basic points for guerrilla recognition.

(8) 1ST BN D COMPANY

a. ALLEGED HISTORY: (See Unit File)

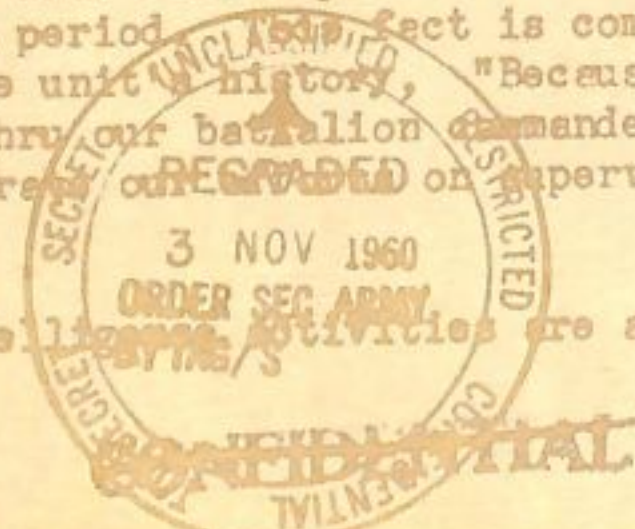
b. FINDINGS:

Throughout the alleged history, there is no evidence that the subject unit was active in field in a resistance capacity which would warrant guerrilla recognition. Organization of the unit begins with the original organization of the 1st Terlac Provisional Regiment, ECIGA, as 3rd Squadron. On August 15, 1943, the unit claims to have joined the 1st Terlac Regiment commanded by Jose C Maristela. Activities of the unit were entirely passive in nature throughout the Japanese occupation as is evidenced by the following excerpt from the unit's history, "Our first duties performed were to hide the plentiful stock of foodstuff, direly needed by the enemy"; "By December 1943 _____ The company in its subdivided groups under its officers enforced the orders for the people not to thresh large quantities of pelay, because we knew that if large quantities of pelay were available the Japs would commandeer them"; "In April 1944, when the Japanese were exerting their utmost to get pelay, we counteracted again by forming details and spread out to enforce another order to distribute all surplus pelay to needy ones in Moncada and all such distributions were recorded for proper adjustments when opportune time come up."; "In November 1944 _____ We sabotage the intensified efforts of the enemy to get all available pelay in town, by enforcing another order that no pelay will be threshed by the people until further orders to do so by our forces." This type of activity continued throughout the occupation period and is not an activity warranting guerrilla recognition on behalf of the claimant participants.

The unit cannot prove activities of a combat nature throughout the occupation period. Fact is completely confirmed by the following excerpt from the unit's history, "Because we lacked arms, Col Maristela instructed us thru our battalion commander, Lt Col Pedro Hernando, to lay low and to concentrate on supervising the peoples morale, etc _____."

Intelligence activities are also claimed in conjunction

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