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Letter of Macario Peralta Jr, dtd 9 Jan 48 27 January 48

FROM: G-3 (Guerrilla Affairs Div) TO: DC & C/S

DISCUSSION

1. Mr. Macario Peralta, Jr., Chairman of the Philippine Veterans' Board, contests the decision of this headquarters to deny recognition to members of his former guerrilla command that reverted to inactive duty prior to the liberation on the grounds that they failed to perform full-time military service and cites two specific requests. (Tab B)

2. Mr. Peralta in an abortive attempt to secure additional recognition categorically listed personnel that reverted to inactive status and requested that they be recognized, in letter, dated 20 August 47, and was denied by letter, dated 10 September 47 (Tab C).

CONCLUSION

1. This request does not satisfy our constant guerrilla recognition criterion, i. e., no continuous full-time military service to the exclusion of normal civilian pursuits.

2. To accede to this request would establish a precedent and prolong the mission of the GAD for an indefinite period.

3. Peralta was informed upon the compilation of his casualty roster to include those individuals that incurred a casualty status in the performance of duty while a member of a recognized unit and received subsequent discharge.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the attached letter (Tab A) be approved for the signature of the Commanding General and that it be returned to this section for dispatch.

3 Incls:  
Tab A  
Tab B  
Tab C

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Colonel, GSC  
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Mr. Macario Peralta Jr., Chairman  
Philippine Veterans Board  
Manila, P. I.

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Dear Mr. Peralta:

This is in answer to your letter, dated 9 January 1948, re-  
monstrating over my decision not to recognize members of your former  
guerrilla command that reverted to inactive duty prior to the  
American liberation of Panay, and citing two specific requests.

Investigation of your request reveals that to recognize an  
individual for part-time service would fail signally to satisfy a  
fundamental requirement of our constant guerrilla recognition criterion,  
i.e., an individual must perform continuous full-time military service  
in a constituted guerrilla unit to the exclusion of normal civilian  
pursuits. To recognize an individual as a guerrilla precedes im-  
mediate induction as a member of the Philippine Army in the service  
of the Armed Forces of the United States. During the late war, with  
rare exceptions, physical disability was the primary means by which  
an individual could resign from the armed services of his country. It  
is considered that those individuals in this latter category were duly  
placed on the recognized casualty rosters of your former guerrilla  
command.

Giving full consideration to your benignant concern for these  
individuals, I believe that our present criterion is just and adequate,  
that no revision is justified, and that it satisfies the moral issue  
involved. Specifically, that those individuals who did not perform  
continuous full-time military service to the exclusion of normal  
civilian pursuits are not deserving of special consideration by re-  
ceiving recognition as guerrillas and thereby becoming members of a  
select fraternity.

I regret that I am unable to accede to your request and assure  
you that my only wish in this matter is to do justice to those who so  
richly deserve the name of guerrilla.

Sincerely,

GEN. F. MOORE  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding



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that it is satisfactory and adequately satisfies the moral issues involved. I trust you that my only wish in this matter is to see individuals who so richly deserve the name of guerrilla and to protect the interests of those presently recognized as members of this select fraternity.

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Mr. Macario Peralta Jr.  
Chairman, Philippine Veterans Board  
Wallace Field, Manila

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Peralta:

This is in reply to your letter of 21 August 1947 requesting that recognized guerrillas captured in line of duty by the enemy be awarded arrears in pay during the period of their confinement.

To grant recognition to a recognized guerrilla for the period spent in confinement would violate our constant recognition criterion, i.e., no continuous full-time military service rendered the resistance movement. The very fact that he received recognition was the result of extensive investigation by the Guerrilla Affairs Division in order to determine the time that the services of the individual were of sufficient value as to warrant recognition by the enemy. It is requested that a policy be adopted by this Board whereby recognized guerrillas shall also be recognized for the period provided in reference to your statement that the United States Congress has approved payment to all USAFFE soldiers that were confined in concentration camps and that recognized guerrillas are entitled to the same pension, pay and allowances, it is desired to emphasize to you that while the means of remuneration is similar, the organization, method, and means of induction is not.

An individual that was inducted into the USAFFE became a member of a constituted and recognized military organization dedicated singularly to the execution of the art of warfare, should the occasion arise, executed in conformity with accepted and recognized rules of international warfare. The international profession of arms, which abides by certain accepted general rules and moral codes, takes cognizance of the fact that a duly accredited soldier may, due to circumstances beyond his control, be required to surrender to his adversary, subsequent to which he is entitled to certain military considerations. A guerrilla who was captured, at that time, had no military status and subsequent recognition for periods of affirmative service does not invest him with the status of a POW for periods of captivity nor entitle him to compensation therefor.

In summary, I wish to state that I have frequently reviewed the constant criterion used in the recognition of guerrillas and find

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Sincerely,

GEO. F. MOORE  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

M/R: Basic ltr fr Macerio Peralta Jr, dtd 21 August 1947, refers to guerrillas who during the resistance period were captured by the enemy and later on either escaped or were killed by the enemy. It is requested that a policy be adopted by this Hq whereby recognized guerrillas shall also be entitled to the payment of their arrears in pay during the period of their confinement by the enemy, the same as USAFFE personnel, provided they were captured in line of duty.

Lt Col Wallace M. Hanes, G-3, GAD

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col Wallace M Hanes:

Letter from Jaime N Ferrer, Chief, Pension Benefits Division, Philippine Veterans Board, to CG PHILRYCOM, dated 17 October 1947, requesting that Philippine Veterans Board be furnished with certified copies of all recognized casualty rosters of the different guerrilla units.

Maj Nelson A Voorhees

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Mr. Macario Peralta Jr  
Chairman, Philippine Veterans Board  
Wallace Field, Manila

Dear Mr. Peralta:

This will acknowledge receipt of a letter, dated 17 October 1947, from your office, requesting that the Philippine Veterans Board be furnished with certified copies of all recognized casualty rosters of the different guerrilla units.

The Guerrilla Affairs Division, this headquarters, prepares only those rosters necessary for the records of various sections of this headquarters and the office of the Army of the Philippines concerned with their processing. Thus, a copy of each approved and/or supplementary roster, plus official changes thereto, resides at Headquarters, Army of the Philippines.

At this late date, preparation of additional copies of approved rosters is not favorably considered, cognizance being taken of the fact that your office may secure this information from rosters now on file at Headquarters, Army of the Philippines.

Sincerely,

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Original request  
of Jaime N Ferrer

THOMAS J. BROWN  
CWO, USA  
ASST ADJ GEN

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