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FOLDER #9
M/S "BATAVIA"

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FEDERICO QUINSAY
807 North Bay Boulevard, Tondo
Manila

2 March 1948
Wage Claim
₱151.88
31 January 1947

29 March 1942 to 13 April 1942

Iloilo, Iloilo

FACTS: On 29 March 1942, claimant began working as wheelman on Board the M/S "Batavia". His work was continuous until 13 April 1942 at which time the said ship was agrounded due to enemy attack. Claimant alleges that his rate of pay was ₱95.00 per month and that he was never paid during the entire period of his employment.

FINDINGS: (1) Claimant, prior to his employment with the above ship, was a wheelman of the M/S "Fortuna" belonging to Rio & Olabarrieta under which he was receiving ₱35.00 per month. When his services with the M/S "Fortuna" were terminated, he was hired to work with the M/S "Batavia" on 29 March 1942, also as a wheelman. This fact is shown in the files of M/S "Fortuna" available in Team #7.

(2) The rates of pay for crews of vessels taken over by the Army were increased by 100% effective 1 February 1942. (Statements of Captain Jurika and Colonel Rogers are available in Team #7).

(3) The M/S "Batavia" appears on the Maritime Matters, as chartered by the U. S. Army.

OPINION: The fact that the M/S "Batavia" appears as a chartered vessel does not mean that her crew have no valid claim against the U. S. Army for unpaid wages, because crews of S/S "Lepus", M/V "Surigao", "Luzon", "Eleano" and other ships were paid by the Army although these ships appear as chartered vessels on the Maritime Matters. (See Photostatics, U. S. Army Payrolls, Visayan-Mindanao Forces, Team #7.)

As the rate of pay of claimant under his former employer was ₱35.00 per month, same should be ₱70.00 per month according to findings No. 2 above. Services of claimant were terminated on 13 April 1942, the date when he abandoned the ship.

It is recommended that claimant be paid in the amount of ₱37.08 in full settlement of his claim.

RAYMOND B. LICUDINE
1st Lt., Inf.
Asst.

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ALBINO Z. DINGLAS
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Claims Investigator

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QUEZON CITY)

SUPPLEMENTARY AFFIDAVIT

I, FEDERICO QUINSAY, Filipino, of legal age, and residing at 807 North Bay, Boulevard, Tondo, Manila, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That, I was a wheelman on Board M/S "Batavia" from 29 March 1942 up to the time the M/S "Batavia" was agrounded at Port Carmen, Cebu; Due to the fact that the ship and the crew were stopped by the Japanese cruiser, the date when the M/S "Batavia" was agrounded was on or about the 13th of April 1942; At this date, we abandoned the ship and it was towed by the enemy;

That, my rate of pay, as wheelman, was ₱95.00 per month and I was never paid from 29 March 1942 up to the time when the M/S "Batavia" was abandoned.

Federico Quinsay
FEDERICO QUINSAY

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party, signing the same voluntarily before me, this 1st day of March 1948.

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