

Penney Airfield Policy

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Proposal of Policy.

FROM: Civilian Section

TO: Director, RPD DATE: 1 Feb 46
THRU: Chief, Adj Branch
(PS-AUS-CIV)

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Request approval of attached policy

R. E. P.

FROM: Director, Rec Pers Div TO: Civilian Section DATE: 6 Feb 46

Approved.

M. H. M.

FROM: Civilian Section TO: Director, RPD DATE: 16 Nov 45

Problem: Determination of civilian employees on Panay, P.I.,
under Missing Persons Act.

Discussion: The following contingent construction employees at Anilao,
were started about 5 September 1941 and work
was suspended approximately 15 December 1941
by order of the C.G.,
61st Div P.A.
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Dingle
Pototan

Construction of Landing Fields on Panay began in January
were located in the following provinces:

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- Santa Barbara
- Sara

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- Pilar

In Antique province:

- San Jose

Work started on above fields in January 1942.
Construction of these fields were never completed.
Civilian employees were not working at all fields at time
of Japanese invasion.

American Civilian Mining Engineers were construction
engineers.

All technical work in the field was under the supervision
of American civilians.

American civilians only were on per annum or monthly basis
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All laborers were casually hired on a daily basis. Payments to civilian employees (less American Civilians supervisors paid by 61st Division Finance Officer) were paid by Provincial or City Treasurers with monies furnished by USAFFE disbursing officers.

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dtd 16 Nov 45, subject: "Policy".

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Except: Where sufficient evidence is furnished to prove claimant is a permanent War Department employee on a per annum basis.

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Conclusion:

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Subject: Policy

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(1) TO: Director, Rec Pers Div DATE: 29 Nov 45
THRU: Adjudication Branch 28 March 1945
Thru Legal Section

PROBLEM: Adjudication of cases involving workers on Panay Airfields

DISCUSSION:

MEMORANDUM: To Whom It May Concern.

1. Information in the form of records, affidavits, statements, timebooks, etc. has been furnished this office regarding a great number of **1. All civilians employed by the Visayan-Mindanao Forces during the period of the defense of the Philippine Islands (8 December 1941 to date of surrender) were temporary employees engaged on a month to month basis and were not per annum employees, as USAFFE Headquarters did not authorize permanent employment nor employment beyond the immediate work to be accomplished, nor the allocation of funds for any extended period.**

- a. Construction ordered by CG, USAFFE.
- b. Supervision of work by U. S. Army officers.
- c. Payment of employees effected by Municipal Treasurers, through Provincial Treasurer.
- d. Monies obtained from Phil Nat. */s/ PAUL S. BEARD*
- e. Three categories of civilian personnel: *PAUL S. BEARD*
 - (1) Technical specialists (mostly *Colonel, F.D.*)
 - (2) Regular employees of the Bureau *Finance Officer*
 - (3) Daily laborers, including gang *Visayan-Mindanao Forces*
- f. Laborers were hired on "Cabo" system.

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Robert E. Pender

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1st Lt. Inf.

- Mandurriao Jaro, Iloilo.
- San Jose San Jose, Antique.
- Dingle near Potolan, Iloilo (dumay field)

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THRU: Adjudication Branch

Thru Legal Section.

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2. An analysis of available information reveals the following pertinent points:

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3. A brief history consolidated from the attached file regarding the situation is as follows:

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dated 29 Nov 45.

Maj. Powell conferred with Mr. Gil Mallare, the District Engineer for the Bureau of Public Works, and through him arranged for the necessary personnel to accomplish the required task.

A number of technical men, surveyors, demolition experts, draftsmen, mechanics, etc. and ^{other} regular employees of the Bureau of Public Works were employed on the Projects.

Laborers, the number of which fluctuated greatly, were recruited by the "Cabo" system from the local native population. The "Cabo" system (i.e. the cabo foreman (capataz) took the responsibility of having his "gang" up to full strength as required for the day's work) operated satisfactorily; however, it is pointed out by all the people in the higher supervisory capacities, this being the case, the engineer or general foreman in charge did not know from day to day the identity of the individual laborers. This knowledge was not deemed necessary as the system was utilized for convenience in operation. Employees working under the "Cabo" system may be considered native labor intermittently or casually hired.

Through the Commanding General of the 61st Division, Brig. Gen. Chenoweth, a number of Engineers were hired to supervise the construction and perform other tasks.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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COORDINATION:

The above has been coordinated with Lt. Col. Gaines of the Legal ~~System~~.

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Policy

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THRU: Adjudication Branch

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COORDINATION:

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FROM: Civilian Section

TO: Director, RPD DATE: 1 Feb 46
THRU: Chief, Adj Branch
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R. E. P.

FROM: Director, Rec Pers Div TO: Civilian Section DATE: 6 Feb 46

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Approved.

M. H. M.

FROM: Civilian Section TO: Director, RPD DATE: 16 Nov 45

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION
ROUTING SLIP

12/17 1945

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Director _____
Asst Director _____
Executive Officer _____
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ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-DIVISION:
Director _____
Executive Officer _____
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Legal Section _____
A Administrative Branch _____
Plans & Operations _____
Message Center _____

OPERATIONS SUB-DIVISION:
Commanding Officer _____
Executive Officer _____
Adjutant _____
Asst Adjutant _____
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Sergeant Major _____

Adjudication Branch _____
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Invest & Review Branch _____
Determination Sec _____
Archives _____
201 Files _____
Investigation Sec _____

Finance Branch _____
Disbursing Section _____
Claims & Benefits _____

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Subject: Transmittal of C/N - *Panay Airfield*

(6) FROM: Dir, Rec Pers Div

To: Adju Br
Civ Sec

15 Dec 45

1. Paragraphs 1 and 3, recommendation *all* approved.
2. Paragraph 2, recommendation is disapproved.
3. It is determined that for the purpose of the administration of the Missing Persons Act, employees of the Bureau of Public Works were, in fact, employees of the Commonwealth Government and never were employees of the War Department insofar as the administration of the Act is concerned.

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(1) FROM: Civilian Section TO: Director, Rec Pers Div DATE: 7 Dec 45
THRU: Adjudication Branch
THRU: Legal Section
THRU: Administrative Sub Div

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COORDINATION:

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Subject: Transmittal of C/N

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(2) FROM: Legal Officer To: Dir Adm Sub-Div DATE: 12 Dec 45

1. Concur in conclusions 1 and 3 and recommendations 1 and 3.

2. I do not concur in conclusion 2 and recommendation 2. After study of compiled evidence in this file it is my opinion that determination should be made that the employees of the Bureau of Public Works remained employees of the Commonwealth Government on loan to the military forces. Borrowing of services of employees and compensating the employer for their services is not without precedent and seems consonant with the actual situation in these cases. The army's arrangements for services of these men were made through the Bureau itself with their ratings retained. The military situation considerably broadened the function of the Bureau but it nevertheless continued to function. The method of payment of these men through the local government officials remained the same. Discussion with Lt Col Hamer leads me to believe that this method of payment is not of great significance since the army appears to have availed itself of the use of these facilities in handling of other fiscal matters in that area. However it is reasonable to presume that the bureau employees continued to function as such and did not become WD Employees.


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Subject: Transmittal of C/N

① FROM: Civilian Section TO: Adjudication Branch DATE: 7 Dec. 1945

Recommend approval of attached Check Sheet.

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A. D. G.

③ FROM: Chief, Adj Branch TO: Dir, Adm Sub-Div DATE: 10 Dec 45
THRU: Legal Section

Concur in recommendation contained in covering C/N 1.

SHW
S. H. W.

⑤ FROM: Director, Adm Sub-Div TO: Director, RPD DATE: 14 Dec 45

1. Concur in conclusions 1 and 3 and recommendations 1 and 3, C/N 1.
2. Concur in par 2, C/N 2.

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N. R. W.

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(4) FROM: Dir, Rec Pers Div

To: Adju Br
Civ Sec

15 Dec 45

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OPERATION SUB-DIVISION:

Director [Signature]
Executive Officer _____
Adjutant _____
Asst Adjutant _____

ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-DIVISION:

Director _____

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Commanding Officer _____
Utilities _____
Mess _____
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Personnel _____

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION
CEBU BRANCH

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SUBJECT: Cebu War Dept. Claims
To : Recovered Personnel Division
Attn. Capt. Siwicki, Adjudication Section-civilian
personnel sub-section.

1. Your communication dated 6 Feb. '46, Attn.
Lt. E. J. McKeeny delivered to this office by Lt. G.C. Boesch.
Lt. McKeeny is unknown to this office.

2. The information requested in 1 a-b-c-d- has been
forwarded as received with affidavits.

3. In connection with above, witnessed affidavits
are now being obtained covering the history of every place
of employment claimed to have been under USAFFE control by
applicants processed at this office.

4. True copies of commandeering orders and charters
of over 50 ships have also been obtained. This information
will be brought to Manila by investigation teams.

5. Pending instructions to the contrary this branch
office will have completed its mission within the next ten
days after which personnel will return to Manila.

Robert G. Smith
ROBERT G. SMITH
Rec. Pers. Det.
War Dept. Pay Claims

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