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File No.

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SUBJECT: Claim for labor wages

TO : Director, Claims Service, Phylrycom, APO 1000

1. With reference to your basic communication dated 5 March 1947, I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct statement, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a. I did sign such a time sheet, stipulating wages at \$1.25 per diem, and such wages were not paid by me and I have no knowledge as to whether or not the wages were paid by any other organization or agency subsequent to July 1945.
- b. The laborers were hired as cargadores or carriers in connection with operations of the Llorente Task Force of which I was in command. They were used to carry rations and ammunition.
- d. No carpenters, as such, were hired. All were cargadores.
- e. I do not recall the exact number hired but I believe that 95 is approximately correct. They were hired through the mayor of the barrio of Llorente, who handled all arrangements.

2. It may be pertinent to record that a number of the men deserted after the first day and returned to the coast. All of them did not fulfill their mission but unfortunately I was unable to determine the names of those who deserted. To the best of my recollection about 20 of those men deserted in the middle of the night on the first night out. Also, purely as incidental information, the majority of those men did not volunteer their services but were "asked" to serve, after calls for volunteers had failed to produce sufficient carriers. Some of the men were tireless, loyal workers, others were either frightened, lazy or completely disinterested in assisting the American army.

Yours very truly,  
*A. N. Prather*  
A. N. Prather, Major Inf-Res.  
2745 Laniloa rd.,  
Honolulu, T. H.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF FINANCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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16 May 1947

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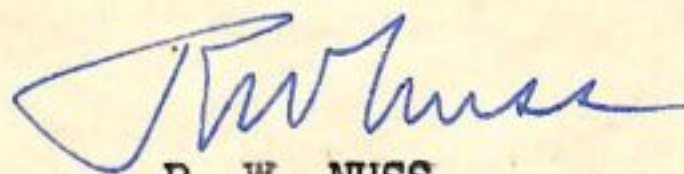
Mr. Aura N. Prather  
2745 Laniloa Road  
Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii

Dear Mr. Prather:

The attached request for information concerning claims of several residents of Llorente, Samar, P. I., was forwarded to this office by the Adjutant General's Office.

It is requested that you furnish the necessary information direct to the Director, Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, Base K, APO 1000.

Sincerely yours,



R. W. NUSS  
Colonel, Finance Department  
Chief, Military Audit Branch

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Ltr dtd 5 Mar 47  
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WD, AGO, Washington 25, D. C.

APR 29 1947

TO: Chief of Finance, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts & Disbursement Division.

The records show that Major Aura N. Prather, 0472308, Infantry, was relieved from active duty 21 February 1946. Officers' home address is shown as 2745 Laniloa Road, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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*E. C. Casbergue*  
Adjutant General

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM  
BASE K, APO 1000

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RBM/ahd  
5 March 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Information.

TO : A. N. Prather, Major, GSC  
Thru: Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel  
Division, Officer's Branch, Washington 25, D.C.

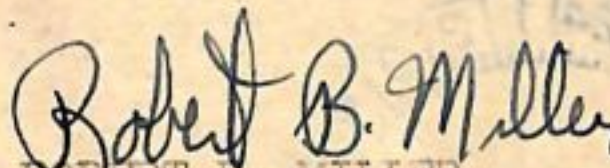
1. This office is investigating a claim filed by several residents of Llorente, Samar, P. I., for labor wages for period 12-24 July 1945. A time sheet purporting to have been signed by you was submitted, containing the names of 95 persons.

2. Request this office be furnished with your statement in the form of certificate covering the following points:

- a. Whether or not you had signed said time sheet, stipulating the wages of laborers at  $\$1.25$  per diem, and whether such wages were paid;
- b. What purpose were these laborers utilized for;
- c. Whether or not the wages of four carpenters was agreed to also at  $\$1.25$ ; if not, what was the agreed wage for them?;
- d. Whether or not you remember the number of laborers and carpenters hired, and thru what agency did such hiring occur.

3. In the event it is impossible for you to answer such points without the time-sheet, such will be forwarded to you. Said document was prepared on six sheets of lined pad paper and signed by you.

Yours very truly,

  
ROBERT B. MILLER  
Director

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF FINANCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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16 May 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Information  
TO: Claims Service, PHILRYCOM  
Base K, APO 1000  
San Francisco, California

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FOR THE CHIEF OF FINANCE:



R. W. NUSS  
Colonel, Finance Department  
Chief, Military Audit Branch

CHIEF FISCAL DIRECTOR P

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Office: Military Service Branch  
Colonel: Business Administration  
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R. W. NUSS  
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... INFORMATION OFFICE TO ...  
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... U. S. AIR FORCE ...

TO: ...  
SUBJECT: ...

		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1. Amancio Bonga	9 day	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2. Severino Sella	9"	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
3. Leon Mendano	9"	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
4. Paulino Sillero	9"	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
5. Constantino Cuervo	9"	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
6. Pedro Sabate	8.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
7. Gregorio Yape	8"	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
8. Juan Campo	6 day			x	x	x	x	x	x	x
9. Juan Barbo	6"				x	x	x	x	x	x
10. Felipe Barbo	6"				x	x	x	x	x	x
11. Maximino Sillero	6"				x	x	x	x	x	x
12. Gregorio Gajite	4"				x	x	x	x		
13. Aniceto Guao	4"				x	x	x	x		
14. Pablo Gajite	6"				x	x	x	x	x	x
15. Nervis Mendano	5"	x	x	x	x	x				
16. Gregorio Yape	2"	x	x							
17. Juan Comilla	3"	x	x	x						
18. Gregorio Barbo	2"	x	x							
19. Jose Escoto	4"	x	x	x	x					
20. Martinio Chardo	4"	x	x	x	x					
21. Urbano Calgado	3"	x	x	x						
22. Domingo Bidus	3"	x	x	x						
23. Pedro Boes	3"	x	x	x						

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
24. Pio Grafis	3 days	x	x	x						
25. Basilliano Alde	2 "	x	x							
26. Francisco Cojida	4 "	x	x	x	x					
27. Florentino Bague	2 "	x	x							
28. Benito Bague	2 "	x	x							
29. Leon Borak	2 "	x	x							
30. Anacleto Boc	4 "	x	x	x	x					
31. Gasiano Calzita	4 "	x	x	x	x					
32. Felix Baris	3 "	x	x	x						
33. Eneas Bonca	1 "	/	x							
34. Domingo Jape	1 "	/	x							
35. Herminigildo Goab	1 "	/	x							
36. Sedal Barbo	1 "	/	x							
37. Sixto Escobillon	1 "	/	x							
38. Marcos Escobillon	1 "	/	x							
39. Cassiano Lapa	1 "	/	x							
40. Jose Alido	1 "	/	x							
41. Alberto Guara	1 "	/	x							
42. Florentino Katay	1 "	/	x							
43. Andres Lapa	1 "	/	x							
44. Liberto Campo	1 "	/	x							
45. Amelio Boab	1 "	/	x							
46. Sixto Ty	1 "	/	x							

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July

		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
49. Gasiano Gura	1 day	/	X							
50. Agapito Capada	3 days	X	X	X						
51. Victor Bero	3 "	X	X	X						
52. Bonifacio Alido	3 "	X	X	X						
53. Ricardo Barsta	2 "	X	X							
54. Sivero Alde	2 "	X	X							
55. Marcos Alida	2 "				X	X				
56. Donato Gonda	2 "				X	X				
57. Crispin Villanueva	2 "	X	X							
58. Lauriano Calba	2 "	X	X							
59. Francisco Barcial	2 "	X	X							
60. Miguel Baloi	2 "	X	X							
61. Alston Dablon	2 "	X	X							
62. Sergio Comillo	2 "	X	X							
63. Pedro Cobillo	3 "	X	X	X						
64. Pantallon Alido	3 "	X	X	X						
65. Claro Guro	3 "	X	X	X						
66. Benito Roque	2 "	X	X							
67. Emillio Avenarias	2 "	X	X							
68. Primitio Besita	2 "	X	X							
69. Howell Bines	2 "	X	X							
70. Elunion Caliva	2 "	X	X							
71. Donato Anso	2 "	X	X							

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
72. Jose Gape	3 days	X	X	X							
73. Florentino Camara	3"	X	X	X		X	X	X			
74. Vitor Alata	3"					X	X	X			
75. Erisito Alata	3"					X	X	X			
76. Forjario Escoto	1"							X			
77. Quirino Bague	1"							X			
78. Abonido Bague	1"							X			
79. Vicente Escoto	1"							X			
80. Dominador Pantata	1"							X			
81. Segundino Guro	3"					X	X	X			
82. Bibiano Alata	3"					X	X	X			
83. Espiridion Alidor	3"					X	X	X			
84. Basilio Bague	3"					X	X	X			
85. Francisco Cajida	2"									X	X
86. Felipe Bocas	2"									X	X
87. Pedro Escoto	2"									X	X
88. Mariano Carbon	2"									X	X
89. Codrualdo Gape	7"	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
90. Macario Anies	7"	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
91. Marcelo Bocas	7"	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			

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July

- \* 45 Francisco Cajida
- \* 46 Felipe Boco
- \* 47 Pedro Escoto
- \* 48 Mariano Cablon
- \* 49 Silvestre Alilon

2 days  
 add. days 1 "  
 from page 2 "  
 2 "

	23	24		
	X	X		
	X			
	X	X		
	X	X		

25 July 1945

This is to certify that the above-named men were employed in the military service on the dates indicated and are entitled to pay at the rate of \$1.25 per day. No other pay or allowances is due or allowable.

A. N. Prather  
 Major, GSC  
 CO, Lorente Task Force  
 (8th Army Area Command, APO 343)

Carpenters ~~work~~ who work on the following date:

1. Selvestre Aliden
2. Jose Abay
3. Pablo Boes
4. Mateo Crapif

July 12 July 13 July 14

x

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ropes	2.50	27.00
blankets	25.00	242.00
mossquito nets	15.00	40.00
mattress covers	20.00	20.00
spike shirts	2.50	24.00
socks	3.00	11.00
shoes	1.00	11.00
canined boots	5.00	8.00
powder	4.50	8.00
lantern	7.00	13.00
green trousers	3.00	6.00
trape pants	10.00	15.00
shirts	8.00	6.00
matches	3.00	7.50
flashlight	3.00	3.00
pins	1.00	5.00
assorted pants and shirts	2.00	5.00
gloves and nails	1.00	3.00
woolen pants	3.00	5.00
soap	.50	1.50
calls	1.00	5.00

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		6.25	
1.	Abendano, Leon	11.25	✓
2.	Abey, Jose	1.25	✓
3.	Alde Borillano	2.50	✓
4.	Alde, Severo	2.50	✓
5.	Alido, Bonifacio	3.75	✓
6.	Alido, Jose	1.25	✓
7.	Alidon, Esperidion	3.75	✓
8.	Alidon, Pantaleon	3.75	✓
9.	Alidon, Silvestre	1.25	✓
10.	Allida, Marcos	2.50	✓
11.	Alota, Bibiano	3.75	✓
12.	Alota, Victor	3.75	✓
13.	Alota, Ernesto	3.75	✓
14.	Anies, Macario	8.75	✓
15.	Anos, Donato	2.50	✓
16.	Anos, Gregorio	2.50	✓
17.	Aspa, Andres	1.25	✓
18.	Aspa, Casiano	1.25	✓
19.	Avendano, Emilio	2.50	✓
20.	Balvis, Miguel	2.50	✓
21.	Baque, Abondio	1.25	✓
22.	Baque, Basilio	3.75	✓
23.	Baque, Benito	2.50	✓
24.	Baque, Florentino	2.50	✓
25.	Baque, Quirino	1.25	✓
26.	Barbo, Bidol	1.25	✓
27.	Barbo, Felipe	7.50	✓
28.	Barbo, Juan	7.50	✓
29.	Barcial, Francisco	2.50	✓
30.	Baris, Lucio (or Terio)	3.75	✓
31.	Bianes, Howel	2.50	✓
32.	Bianes, Quirino	3.75	✓
33.	Barota, Ricardo	2.50	✓
34.	Bocar, Marcelo	8.75	✓
35.	Boco, Anacleto	5.00	✓
36.	Boco, Felipe	3.75	✓
37.	Boco, Pablo	1.25	✓
38.	Boco, Pedro	3.75	✓
39.	Boco, Victor	3.75	✓
40.	Bonga, Ananias	11.25	✓
41.	Bonga, Egnacio	1.25	✓
42.	Borak, Leon	2.50	✓
43.	Calgado, Orban	3.75	✓
44.	Calgita, Graciano	5.00	✓
45.	Camora, Constantino	11.25	✓
46.	Camora, Florentino	3.75	✓
47.	Campo, Juan	7.50	✓
48.	Campo, Liberato	1.25	✓
49.	Capada, Agapito	3.75	✓
50.	Carlou, Mariano	5.00	✓
51.	Cobilla, Pedro	3.75	✓
52.	Cojida, Francisco	5.00	✓
53.	Coliba, Lauriano	2.50	✓
54.	Caliva, Hilarion	2.50	✓
55.	Comillo, Juan	3.75	✓
56.	Comillo, Sergio	2.50	✓
57.	Doblon, Aliston	2.50	✓
58.	Elardo, Martino	5.00	✓
59.	Escoto, Porfirio	1.25	✓
60.	Escoto, Jose	5.00	✓
61.	Escoto, Pedro	5.00	✓
62.	Escoto, Vicente	1.25	✓
63.	Escotillion, Magno	1.25	✓
64.	Escotillion, Sixto	1.25	✓
65.	Gezite, Gregorio	5.00	✓
66.	Gezite, Pablo	7.50	✓
67.	Goab, Aurelio	1.25	✓
68.	Goab, Hermenegildo	1.25	✓
69.	Gonda, Doroteo	2.50	✓
70.	Grafil, Mateo	1.25	✓
71.	Grafil, Pio	3.75	✓
72.	Gura, Alberto	1.25	✓
73.	Gura, Aurelio	5.00	✓
74.	Gura, Claro	3.75	✓
75.	Gura, Graciano	1.25	✓
76.	Gura, Segundino	3.75	✓
77.	Gesita, Premitivo	2.50	✓
78.	Pantata, Dominador	1.25	✓
79.	Rotay, Florentino	1.25	✓
80.	Sabate, Pedro	10.00	✓
81.	Sella, Severo	11.25	✓
82.	Sillero, Maximo	7.50	✓
83.	Sillero, Paulino	11.25	✓
84.	Ty, Sixto	1.25	✓
85.	Villanueva, Crispin	2.50	✓
86.	Yape, Clodualdo	8.75	✓
87.	Yape, Gregorio	10.00	✓
88.	Yape, Jose	3.75	✓
89.	Yape, Quirino	1.25	✓
90.	Yape, Sepronio	2.50	✓

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LIST OF LABORERS  
AND AMOUNT DUE

1.	Abendanio, Nonio .....	6.25	50.	Campo, Liberato .....	1.25
2.	Abendanio, Leon .....	11.25	51.	Capada, Agapito .....	3.75
3.	Aboy, Jose .....	1.25	52.	Carlou, Mariano .....	5.00
4.	Alde, Borillano .....	2.50	53.	Cobilla, Pedro .....	3.75
5.	Alde, Severo .....	2.50	54.	Cojida, Francisco .....	5.00
6.	Alido, Bonifacio .....	3.75	55.	Coliba, Lauriano .....	2.50
7.	Alido, Jose .....	1.25	56.	Coliva, Hilarion .....	2.50
8.	Alidon, Esperidion .....	3.75	57.	Comillo, Juan .....	3.75
9.	Alidon, Pantaleon .....	3.75	58.	Comillo, Sergio .....	2.50
10.	Alidon, Silvestre .....	1.25	59.	Doblon, Aliston .....	2.50
11.	Allida, Marcos .....	2.50	60.	Elardo, Martino .....	5.00
12.	Alota, Bibiano .....	3.75	61.	Escoto, Porfirio .....	1.25
13.	Alota, Victor .....	3.75	62.	Escoto, Jose .....	5.00
14.	Alota, Ernesto .....	3.75	63.	Escoto, Pedro .....	5.00
15.	Anies, Macario .....	8.75	64.	Escoto, Vicente .....	1.25
16.	Anos, Donato .....	2.50	65.	Escotillon, Magno .....	1.25
17.	Anos, Gregorio .....	2.50	66.	Escotillon, Sixto .....	1.25
18.	Aspa, Andres .....	1.25	67.	Gezite, Gregorio .....	5.00
19.	Aspa, Casiano .....	1.25	68.	Gezite, Pablo .....	7.50
20.	Avendanio, Emilio .....	2.50	69.	Goab, Aurelio .....	1.25
21.	Baleis, Miguel .....	2.50	70.	Goab, Herminigildo .....	1.25
22.	Baque, Abondio .....	1.25	71.	Gonda, Doroteo .....	2.50
23.	Baque, Basilio .....	3.75	72.	Grafil, Mateo .....	1.25
24.	Baque, Benito .....	2.50	73.	Grafil, Pio .....	3.75
25.	Baque, Florentino .....	2.50	74.	Gura, Alberto .....	1.25
26.	Baque, Quirino .....	1.25	75.	Gura, Aurelio .....	5.00
27.	Barbo, Bidol .....	1.25	76.	Gura, Claro .....	3.75
28.	Barbo, Felipe .....	7.50	77.	Gura, Graciano .....	1.25
29.	Barbo, Juan .....	7.50	78.	Gura, Segundino .....	3.75
30.	Barcial, Francisco .....	2.50	79.	Gezita, Primitivo .....	2.50
31.	Baris, Lucio (or Torio) .....	3.75	80.	Pentata, Dominador .....	1.25
32.	Bianes, Howel .....	2.50	81.	Rotay, Florentino .....	1.25
33.	Bianes, Quirino .....	3.75	82.	Sabate, Pedro .....	10.00
34.	Barota, Ricardo .....	2.50	83.	Sella, Severo .....	11.25
35.	Bocar, Marcelo .....	8.75	84.	Sillero, Maximo .....	7.50
36.	Boco, Anacleto .....	5.00	85.	Sillero, Paulino .....	11.25
37.	Boco, Felipe .....	3.75	86.	Ty, Sixto .....	1.25
38.	Boco, Pablo .....	1.25	87.	Villanueva, Crispin .....	2.50
39.	Boco, Pedro .....	3.75	88.	Yape, Clodualdo .....	8.75
40.	Boco, Victor .....	3.75	89.	Yape, Gregorio .....	10.00
41.	Bonga, Ananias .....	11.25	90.	Yape, Jose .....	3.75
42.	Bonga, Egnacio .....	1.25	91.	Yape, Quirino .....	1.25
43.	Boque, Benito .....	2.40	92.	Yape, Saponio .....	2.50
44.	Borak, Leon .....	2.50			
45.	Calgado, Urbano .....	3.75			
46.	Calgita, Graciano .....	5.00			
47.	Camora, Constantino .....	11.25			
48.	Camora, Florentino .....	3.75			
49.	Campo, Juan .....	7.50			

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## CHECK SHEET

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Note No.                      File No.                      Subject: Request for Information.

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22 Jan. 1947

FROM: Branch Office  
Claims Service, PHILRYCOM  
Base K, APO 1000

TO: Claims Service, PHILRYCOM  
APO 707  
Attn: Mr. Rodriguez

1. Request this office be furnished the present location of one A. N. Frather, Major, GSC, Commanding Officer, Llorente Task Force (8th Army Area Command, APO 343), 25 July 1945.

2. It is necessary that this office contact the above officer for verification of a penciled time sheet certified to by him and for which a claim has been filed with this office.

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*Ralph M. Longestham Jr.*  
RALPH M. LONGESTHAM JR.  
Asst. Director, Branch Office

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A F F I D A V I T

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
   : S.S.  
City of Manila                  )

I, Geronimo Rodriguez of the Claims Investigating Service, Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That I have carefully examined the following records of the Recovered Personnel Branch, PHILRYCOM: a. Index, B. Machine Locator Cards, c. 201 file, d. Pay Vouchers, e. WD List of Pers. in PIA, 7 December 1941, and also the "Index" and the "201" records of the Philippine Army, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, and found no information of any kind whatsoever pertaining to:

Major A. N. Prather

I further declare that communications regarding the above-mentioned officer may be sent thru:

That Adjutant General's Office  
Military Personnel Division  
Officer's Branch  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Further, affiant says that

*G. Rodriguez*  
GERONIMO RODRIGUEZ

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of February  
1947, at Manila, Philippines.

*Benjamin J. Pulley*  
BENJAMIN J. PULLEY  
Captain, Inf.,  
Director, Claims Invest. Teams



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1947-35 201 Prather, (28 Sep 47)

**BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM  
BASE K, APO 1000**

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WD, AGO, Washington 25, D. C.

JUL 11 1947

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Office of Finance, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: **5 March 1947** pts & Disbursement Division.

**SUBJECT: Request for Information.**

Previous correspondence was forwarded to your office 25 April 1947.

**TO : A. N. Prather, Major, GSC**

**Thru: Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Infantry, Division, Officer's Branch, Washington 25, D.C.** address is shown as 2745 Laniloa Road, Territory of Hawaii.

1. This office is investigating a claim filed by several residents of Lorente, Samar, P. I., for labor wages for period 12-24 July 1945. A time sheet purporting to have been signed by you was submitted, containing the names of 95 persons.

2. Request this office be furnished with your statement in the form of certificate covering the following points:

a. Whether or not you had signed said time sheet, stipulating the wages of laborers at \$1.25 per diem, and whether such wages were paid;

b. What purpose were these laborers utilized for;

c. Whether or not the wages of four carpenters was agreed to also at \$1.25; if not, what was the agreed wage for them?;

The correspondence referred to in the basic letter was forwarded by this office on 16 May 1947 to Major Prather at his address of record furnished by the Adjutant General's Office. This office was advised of this and copies of both letters are attached.

3. In the event it is impossible for you to answer such points without the time-sheet, such will be forwarded to you. Said document was prepared on six sheets of lined pad paper and signed by you.

Yours very truly,

S. R. LAMING  
Major, GSC

Assistant Director of Finance and Disbursements  
**ROBERT B. MILLER**  
Director

3 Encls  
1 n/c  
Added:  
2 Cy ltr Mr. Prather  
3 Cy ltr Claim Service  
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AGPI-OS 201 Prather, Aura N. 1st Ind  
(26 May 47)

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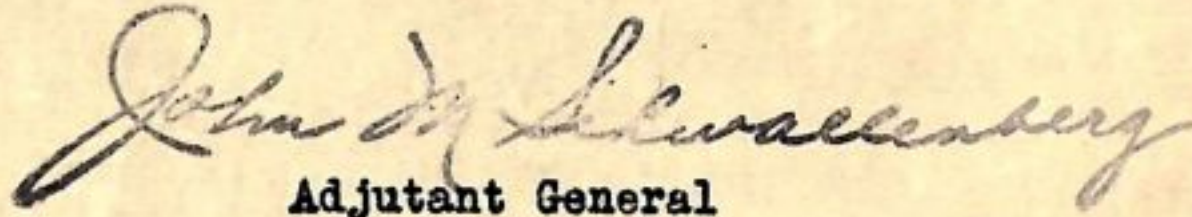
WD, AGO, Washington 25, D. C. JUL 11 1947

TO: Chief of Finance, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts &  
Disbursement Division.

1. Previous correspondence was forwarded to your office 25 April 1947.

2. The records show that Major Aura N. Prather, 0472308, Infantry, was relieved from active duty 21 February 1946. Officer's home address is shown as 2745 Laniloa Road, Territory of Hawaii.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

  
Adjutant General

1 Incl.  
n/c

FINEC 154/573261 Claim Miscl 2nd Ind


War Department, Office of the Chief of Finance, Washington 25, D. C.  
23 July 1947

TO: Claims Service, Philrycom, Base K, APO 1000, San Francisco, California

The correspondence referred to in the basic letter was forwarded by this office on 16 May 1947 to Major Prather at his address of record furnished by the Adjutant General's Office. At that same time, your office was advised of this action. Copies of both letters from this office are attached.

FOR THE CHIEF OF FINANCE:

3 Incls  
1 n/c  
Added:  
2 Cy ltr Mr. Prather  
3 Cy ltr Claim Service  
Philrycom

  
P. H. LAMING  
Major, F. D.  
Assistant, Receipts and Disbursements  
Division

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BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, MILRYCOM  
Tachoban, Leyte

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REI/ahd  
26 May 1947

SUBJECT: Tracer

FROM: Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Division,  
Officer's Branch, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Major A. H. Prather

1. Reference is made to our letter of 16 May 1947, copy of which is inclosed.

2. This office has not to date been advised of the results of your search.

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Request early compliance of same.  
FINEC 154/573261 Claim Miscl 2nd Ind

War Department, Office of the Chief of Finance, Washington 25, D. C.  
23 July 1947

TO: Claims Service, Philrycom, Base K, APO 1000, San Francisco, California

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BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM  
Tacloban, Leyte

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EMS/ahd  
26 May 1947

SUBJECT: Tracer

✓ THRU : Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Division,  
Officer's Branch, Washington 25, D. C.

TO : Major A. N. Prather

1. Reference is made to our letter of 5 March 1947, copy of which is inclosed.
2. This office has not to date received any reply relative to same.
3. Request early compliance of same.

*Edwin M. Sample*  
EDWIN M. SAMPLE  
Asst. Director

✓ Incl:

Ltr, this office,  
dtd 5 March 1947.

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BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM  
BASE K, APO 1000

16 May 1947

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RBM/ahd  
5 March 1947

Mr. Aura B. Prather  
2745 Laniloa Road

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO : A. N. Prather, Major, GSC  
Thru: Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel  
Division, Officer's Branch, Washington 25, D.C.

1. This office is investigating a claim filed by several residents of Llorente, Samar, P. I., for labor wages for period 12-24 July 1945. A time sheet purporting to have been signed by you was submitted, containing the names of 95 persons.

2. Request this office be furnished with your statement in the form of certificate covering the following points:

- a. Whether or not you had signed said time sheet, stipulating the wages of laborers at  $\text{P}1.25$  per diem, and whether such wages were paid.
- b. What purpose were these laborers utilized for;
- c. Whether or not the wages of four carpenters was agreed to also at  $\text{P}1.25$ ; if not, what was the agreed wage for them?;
- d. Whether or not you remember the number of laborers and carpenters hired, and thru what agency did such hiring occur.

3. In the event it is impossible for you to answer such points without the time-sheet, such will be forwarded to you. Said document was prepared on six sheets of lined pad paper and signed by you.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Robert B. Miller  
/t/ ROBERT B. MILLER  
Director

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16 May 1947  
16 May 1947

Request for Information

Mr. Aura N. Prather  
2745 Laniloa Road  
Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii

Dear Mr. Prather:

The attached request for information concerning claims of several residents of Llorente, Samar, P. I., was forwarded to this office by the Adjutant General's Office.

It is requested that you furnish the necessary information direct to the Director, Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, Base K. APO 1000.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. W. Nuss

R. W. NUSS  
Colonel, Finance Department  
Chief, Military Audit Branch

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Incl # 2

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16 May 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Claims Service, PHILRYCOM  
Base K, APO 1000  
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to your letter of 5 March 1947, subject as above, addressed to A. N. Prather, Major, G.S.C.
2. The Adjutant General's Office advised that Major Prather was relieved from active duty on 21 February 1946 and that his home address is 2745 Laniloa Road, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.
3. Your inquiry has been referred to Mr. Prather at the address furnished by the Adjutant General's Office, with a request that he furnish the desired information direct to your office.

FOR THE CHIEF OF FINANCE:

/s/ R. W. Nuss

R. W. NUSS  
Colonel, Finance Department  
Chief, Military Audit BranchC  
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**LIST OF PERSONS  
FURNISHING LUMBER TO LT CHISHOLM**

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Mr. Benito Escote  
Mrs Niebes De Tan  
Dionecia Leste  
Lucio Barbo (already contacted)  
Pablo Boco (already contacted)  
Alijandro De Los Santos  
Florentino Lumagbas  
Mrs Lorita de Bacar  
Mr. Francisco Cojeda

21. Victor Alala  
22. Benito Alala  
23. Florentino Bago  
24. Quirino Bago  
25. Benito Bago  
26. Florentino Bago  
27. Benito Bago  
28. Florentino Bago  
29. Benito Bago  
30. Florentino Bago

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**LIST OF LABORERS**

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Ananias Bonga     | 26. Francisco Cojeda      |
| 2. Severino Sella    | 27. Benito Baqui (Boque?) |
| 3. Leon Abendanio    | 28. Florentino Bago       |
| 4. Costantino Camera | 29. Leon Borok (Bonak?)   |
| 5. Pedro Sabate      | 30. Anacleto Boco         |
| 6. Gregorio Yape     | 31. Graciano Calgita      |
| 7. Juan Campo        | 32. Terio Banis (Baris?)  |
| 8. Juan Barbo        | 33. Egnasio Bonga         |
| 9. Paulino Sillero   | 34. Quirino Yape          |
| 10. Felipe Barbo     | 35. Herminigildo Coab     |
| 11. Maximo Sillero   | 36. Bidel Barbo           |
| 12. Gregorio Gezite  | 37. Sixto Escotillion     |
| 13. Aurillo Gura     | 38. Casiano Aspa          |
| 14. Pablo Gezite     | 39. Masno Escotillion     |
| 15. Henic Abendanio  | 40. Jose Alido            |
| 16. Sepronio Yape    | 41. Alberto Gura          |
| 17. Juan Comillo     | 42. Florentino Ratay      |
| 18. Gregorio Anos    | 43. Andres Aspa           |
| 19. Jose Escote      | 44. Liberato Campo        |
| 20. Martino Nlandio  | 45. Aurelio Coab          |
| 21. Urbano Calzade   | 46. Sixto Ty              |
| 22. Quirino Bianes   | 47. Graciano Gura         |
| 23. Pedro Boco       | 48. Agapite Copada        |
| 24. Pio Grafil       | 49. Victor Boco           |
| 25. Borilliano Alde  | 50. Bonifacio Alido       |

LIST OF LABORERS  
(Continued)

51. Ricardo Barota
52. Sivero Alde
53. Marcos Alliada
54. Doroteo Gonda
55. Crispen Villianuiva
56. Lauriano Galiba
57. Francisco Barcial
58. Miguel Balois
59. Aliston Doblou
60. Sergio Gamillo
61. Pedro Cobillo
62. Pantallion Alidon
63. Claro Gura
64. Benite Boque
65. Baillio Avendanio
66. Primitivo Gesite
67. Howel Biances
68. Elarion Galiva
69. Donato Anos
70. Jose Yape
71. Florentino Camora

72. Victor Alota
73. Enisito Alota
74. Forperio Escoto
75. Quirino Boque
76. Abondio Boque
77. Vicente Escoto
78. Dominador Pantata
79. Segundino Gura
80. Bibiano Alota
81. Espiridion Alidon
82. Basilio Boque
83. Francisco Cojida
84. Felipe Boco
85. Pedro Escoto
86. Mariano Carlon
87. Clodualde Yape
88. Macario Anies
89. Marcelo Bosar
90. Silvestre Alidon

Carpenters

1. Silvestre Alidon
2. Jose Aboy
3. Pablo Boco
4. Mateo Grafil.

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Authority NUM 883078

Llorente, Samar, P. I.  
12 March 1947

Mr. Ralph M. Longbotham, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Claim Service, Philrycom  
Base K, 1000

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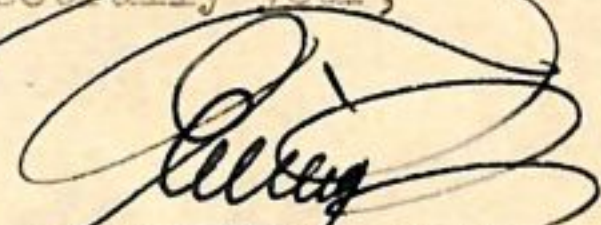
In compliance of your letter dated 20 February 1947, and received by me on the 5th instant, I have the honor to inform that office that it is true an affidavits of Mr. Mariano Borja was executed by the undersigned. In this connection to the claimed by Mr. Mariano Borja and Mr. Roque Escoto, etc., I was not present when they concluded the verbal agreement to the price per board foot and the price of each post.

However, when Lt. Chisholm called me in his office for a conference, he asked me to contact persons in the Poblacion whom he could buy enough lumbers and posts to be use in the repair of some bridges between Llorente to their radar site in Barrio Olaron, Hernani. I told Lt. Chisholm he could buy plenty of materials in the central. So I called Mr. Lucio Barbo, Mr. Mariano Borja and Mr. Roque Escoto whom I know <sup>have</sup> plenty of materials needed by Mr. Chisholm. When they arrived in my office I told too, the in-charge of the Signal Corp is very much willing to buy lumbers of the first group timbers. Without any delay they at once go to the office of Lt. Chisholm to verify the matter, leaving me in my office.

After the repair of the bridges was finished, Lt. Chisholm promised every owner of the lumbers that he will pay them within a month as soon as his report is received by their headquarters. For my great surprise until nowadays the promised of Lt. Chisholm has not been fulfilled with the elapse of more than two (2) years. There are still many who did not file their claim in your office and some are even disgusted the too many requisites of your office in handling this claim.

I hope and appreciated very much if you can hurry up the payments to the person affected.

Respectfully your,



FELIPE ESCOTO

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Note No.            File No.            Subject: Request for Information.

RML/FAN/gnc  
20 Jan. 1947

FROM: Branch Office  
Claims Service, PHILRYCOM  
Base K, APO 1000

TO: Claims Service,  
PHILRYCOM, APO 707  
Attn: Mr. Rodriguez

1. This office is investigating a number of claims filed by claimants from Llorente, Samar for lumber allegedly commandeered by one John E. Chisholm, Jr., 1st Lt. Signal Corps, U. S. Army.
2. This officer was reportedly in Llorente, Samar during the period from November 1944 to 26 February 1945.
3. Request this office be furnished the present location of above officer.

*Ralph M. Longbotham Jr.*  
RALPH M. LONGBOTHAM JR.  
Asst. Director, Branch Office

*Cause to*

*AGD*

*Mil. Pers. Dir.,*

*Off. Recd.*

*Washington 25, D.C.*

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)  
City of Manila ) : S.S.

I, Geronimo Rodriguez of the Claims Investigating Service,  
Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

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December 1941, and also the "Index" and the "201" records of the Hq.  
Philippine Army, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, and found no information of  
any kind whatsoever pertaining to:

1st Lt., John E. Chisholm, Jr.  
Sig Corp U.S. Army

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I further declare that communications regarding the above-  
mentioned officer may be sent thru:

The Adjutant General's Office  
Military Personnel Division  
Officer's Branch  
Washington 25, D. C.

Further, affiant sayeth not.

*G. Rodriguez*  
GERONIMO RODRIGUEZ

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of February  
1947, at Manila, Philippines.

*Benjamin J. Pulley*  
BENJAMIN J. PULLEY  
Captain, Inf.  
Director, Claims Invest. Teams



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BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM  
Tacloban, Leyte

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EMS/ahd  
26 May 1947

Mr. Felipe Santos,  
Mayor of Marikina,  
Philippines  
SUBJECT: Tracer

THRU : Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Division,  
Officer's Branch, Washington 25, D. C.

TO : Major A. N. Prather  
I am writing you in behalf of the persons concerned who are residents of your municipality.

1. Reference is made to our letter of 5 March 1947, copy of which is inclosed.
2. This office has not to date received any reply relative to same.
3. Request early compliance of same.

*EmS*  
EDWIN M. SAMPLE  
Asst. Director

Incl:  
Ltr, this office,  
dtd 5 March 1947.

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Thank very much.

*EmS*  
EDWIN M. SAMPLE  
Asst. Director

Answers of Attorneys should be submitted in quad-

LEYTE BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM  
TAGLOBAN, LEYTE

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RM/ahd  
26 June 1947

Mr. Felipe Escoto,  
Mayor of Lorente,  
Lorente, Samar,  
Philippines

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Authority NND 883078

Dear Sir:

In connection with the time-sheet for laborers which we received, we are today writing you in behalf of the persons concerned who are residents of your municipality.

This office has received verification from Major Prather who states that these laborers were hired through your office.

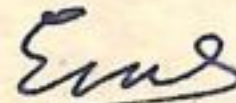
For the best interests of all concerned we believe that you should file a claim for all the laborers, provided they authorize you to represent them. Those who refuse to authorize you, should file their portion of this claim themselves.

We have therefore enclosed five copies of Form #619, which you should execute as Attorney in Fact for the laborers concerned. A complete list of the laborers with the amount of their claim should be made on the back of the Claims Form. Powers of Attorney will accompany.

To support said claim we request you to submit an affidavit wherein you state all the circumstances surrounding the use of the laborers by the Army, whether the laborers were paid, why labor was needed, and so on.

We hope that the above is clear, and in the event you do not understand completely, we shall be glad to give you closer details.

Yours very truly,



EDWIN M. SAMPLE  
Asst. Director

Note: Claims Form and Power of Attorneys should be submitted in quadruplicate.

Incls: Form #619  
Power of Attorney  
List of laborers

LEYTE BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM  
TAGLOBAN, LEYTE

EMS/ahd  
3 July 1947

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Mr. Benito Escoto,  
Llorente, SSMF,  
Philippines

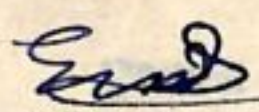
Dear Sir:

A duplicate of a receipt issued to you by Lt. Chisholm is in our file. If you desire to file a claim for the lumber taken from you, you should execute the enclosed Claims Form #619 (four copies to be returned to us).

Also forward the original receipt, as well as the affidavit of two witnesses who saw the taking of your lumber, and your own affidavit. These affidavits should describe in detail the circumstances surrounding the procurement of your lumber, giving dates, places, names of persons involved, the prices agreed upon.

The Claims Form and affidavits should be properly ratified and documentary stamps affixed thereto.

Yours very truly,

  
EDWIN M. SAMPLE  
Asst. Director

Incl:  
Form #619 (5 copies)

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LEYTE BRANCH OFFICE  
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM  
TAGLOBAN, LEYTE

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EM/ahd  
3 July 1947

Mr. Pablo Boco,  
Llorente, Samar,  
Philippines

Dear Sir:

This office has in file a duplicate of the receipt issued you by 1st Lt. John E. Chisholm for lumber taken from you. If it is your desire to file a claim for same, you should execute the enclosed Form #619 (4 copies to be returned to us).

Also forward to us the original receipt; two affidavits of witnesses who were present when the taking occurred; the affidavit of the mayor, and your own affidavit. These affidavits should describe in detail the circumstances surrounding the taking of your lumber, giving dates, places, purposes, names of persons involved, and the prices agreed upon.

The Claims Form and affidavits should be properly ratified and documentary stamps affixed thereto.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date, I remain

Yours very truly,

*EM*  
EDWIN M. SAMPLE  
Asst. Director

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