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Talisay - Tagaytay Road

Group Wage Claim

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES X
CITY OF BACOLOD : S. S.
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL :
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A F F I D A V I T

The undersigned, Fernando Arnaldo, of age, married, Filipino, and at present a resident of Bacolod City, Philippines, after having been duly sworn under oath, hereby depose:

1. That I was the District Engineer of Batangas province during the month of December 1941;
2. That in conjunction with the Engineering Corps of the U. S. Army then stationed in the Philippines, all military construction works in the province of Batangas at the outbreak of the war, were placed under the supervision of the District Engineer;
3. That the following projects were under my supervision: (a) Lipa Airstrip, Lipa; (b) Cuenca Airstrip between Alitagtag and Cuenca; (c) Talisay-Tagaytay road; (d) Calatagan road; and (e) Lemery-Tagaytay road;
4. That the projects were started right after the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1941 and work was stopped not later than December 31, 1941;
5. That the Engineer Corps of the U. S. Army in the Southern Luzon sector was then under certain Major Chenoweth;
6. That Mr. Emilio Cabigao, at present Assistant Civil Engineer of the province of Batangas was directly in charge of the Calatagan road, Lemery-Tagaytay road, and Cuenca Airstrip, and is in a position to remember the Foremen and Capataces who worked in these projects;
7. That Mr. Esteban Hipolito, at present District Engineer of the province of Marinduque, who was then Civil Engineer of Batangas province, was directly in charge of the Talisay-Tagaytay road; and Lipa Airstrip;
8. That as far as I can remember now, Mr. Nicanor Montalbo was the Foreman at Talisay-Tagaytay road; Mr. Igmidio Cataga was the Bridge Foreman; and Mr. Fidel Montalbo was the timekeeper; all these men may still be working with the District Engineer's Office in Batangas;
9. That Engineer Pedro Beredo was the Foreman in charge of Lipa Airstrip;
10. That the above statement are made as far as I can remember and without mental reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set forth my signature this 12th day of August 1947, at the City of Bacolod, Philippines

/s/ Fernando Arnaldo
/t/ FERNANDO ARNALDO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August 1947. The affiant exhibited to me his residence certificate No. A-1569429, issued at Bacolod City on January 4, 1947.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

(SGD.) Illegible

GRANT S. WILCOX
Acting Director, Team #2

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Check District Engineer of Tagaytay City

~~Check Laguna & Batangas treasuries
for payment record~~ None

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS
MANILA

July 16, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR
The Director

About the beginning of December, 1941, the U. S. Army authorities requested that three engineers from the Bureau of Public Works be "loaned" to the Army to take charge of the construction of road projects and of landing fields. The Director ordered Division Engineer S. Lopez, Division Engineer D. Urtula, and the undersigned to work with the Army authorities.

We established our headquarters first in Calamba and then in Biñan, Laguna.

The three main projects started were the Ginting-Tagaytay road between Cavite and Laguna; the Talisay-Tagaytay road between Batangas and Tagaytay, and the construction of an airfield near Tanauan, Batangas.

The District Engineers of Batangas, Laguna and Rizal recruited laborers with Engineers Lopez and Urtula to supervise the work, and the undersigned Incharge. Capt. Chenoweth of the U. S. Army supervised our work and we received instructions from him. Laborers were paid by the Army thru the Paymaster of Laguna.

After the war broke out, or from Dec. 16 to Dec. 25, 1941, we were ordered to return to the Bureau and all work was stopped.

From Dec. 16 to Dec. 25, 1941 the laborers and employees were no longer paid.

The enclosed Payroll is only part of the laborers that were not paid.

In view of the loss of all our records, it would be now impossible to estimate the amount not yet paid. Many of the laborers have died and in all probability their heirs will no longer claim for the wages due them.

It is recommended that representations be made with the U.S. Army authorities so that the enclosed payroll and claims for payment from Dec. 16 to Dec. 25, 1941 of laborers who worked on the Calamba-Tagaytay road, Talisay-Tagaytay and the Tanauan Airfield required by the Army may be paid.

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Grant S. Wilcox
GRANT S. WILCOX

Certifying Claims Investigator

/s/ Vicente Orosa
/t/ VICENTE OROSA
Highway Engineer

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Memo of Conference, 3 October 1945, with Lt. Colonel William C. Chenoweth, O-2061.

1. Colonel Chenoweth's present station is United States Military Academy, Engineer Detachment, West Point, New York.

2. At the time of the Japanese invasion of the Philippines in December 1941, Colonel Chenoweth was the Chief Engineer for the South Luzon Force which operated in the area south of Manila and north of Batangas.

3. During the period from 8 December 1941 until 23 December 1941 when the South Luzon Force withdrew to Bataan, Colonel Chenoweth had under his supervision, as the Engineer officer for the South Luzon Force, several projects. The usual method of operation was that the South Luzon Force used the District Engineers of the Bureau of Public Works to actually do the work involved. The Bureau of Public Works hired the necessary laborers, kept the pay roll and paid the men. The pay roll was presented to Colonel Chenoweth by the District Engineer and Army fund were then paid to the District Engineer who paid off the laborers. Colonel Chenoweth says that he believes all laborers were paid from 8 December 1941 through 20 December 1941. Some may not have been paid for the period from 20 December 1941 to 23 December 1941.

4. The projects to which this procedure applied were:

a. Road from Talisay around the north edge of Lake Taal to tie into a road which came from Taygaytay City. On this job the Army used the District Engineer from Taygaytay and an engineer from the Bureau of Public Works in Manila.

b. Road from Taygaytay Ridge running east to a Sugar Central to hook up with another road to the Sugar Central. The same engineers were used on this job as on the job mentioned in subparagraph a.

c. Operation of a rock-crusher at Los Banos. Colonel Chenoweth is not clear in his memory as to whether or not employees were paid by the Bureau of Public Works. He believes that the Army merely reimbursed the Bureau for the extra cost of a second shift. The Bureau ordinarily, during peace-time, operated one shift.

d. Other smaller groups of workers were employed on various jobs by the Atimonan and Tayabas.

5. Colonel Chenoweth says that Brigadier General George Parker who commanded the South Luzon Force and is now returning to his home in Portland, Oregon, authorized the commandeering of vehicles by the South Luzon Force. Colonel Chenoweth states that he was among those so authorized and that he did commandeer passenger cars and trucks necessary to his operations. He always gave a receipt signed by him on a printed form and turned a copy of the receipt over to the Adjutant General. He states that some trucks were

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requisitioned on a daily rental basis with the driver being furnished by the truck owner. He states that almost without exception these trucks went to Bataan.

6. Colonel Henry H. Stickney, Department Engineer, was in charge of Air-port construction, Major Wendell W. Fertig was Colonel Stickney's Executive Officer.

7. Colonel Chenoweth states that General Willoughby (probably Charles A. Willoughby) was G-4 on General MacArthur's staff and that he worked out the "take over" of busses in advance of the Japanese invasion.

8. Colonel Chenoweth states that one District Engineer employee in the Manila office, who was quite high-up in the Bureau of Public Works, was named Lopez. He believes Mr. Lopez may be able to identify the District Engineers who were carrying out the road construction work referred to above.

/s/ Charles M. Nisen
/t/ CHARLES M. NISEN
1st Lt., JAGD
Chief, Philippine Branch
Claims Division

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Grant Wilson
Certifying Claims Investigator

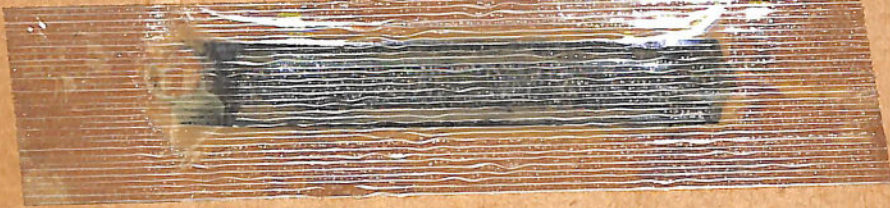
~~THOMAS B. HANNA~~
~~Captain, Infantry~~

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