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CITY OF MANILA

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A F F I D A V I T

I, LEO L. CAMPBELL, American citizen, of legal age, residing at 2816 Herran St., Sta. Ana, Manila, after having been duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

That in August 1941, I was called to work with the Philippine Engineer Depot at Port Area, Manila, under Col. Roscoe Bonham, as lumber inspector;

That on December 14, 1941, I left Port Area and was assigned to work at the Engineer Dump of the Philippine Engineer Depot at Isaac Peral St., Manila;

That at this place my duties was to check and inspect all goods and materials ordered or requisitioned by the Philippine Engineer Depot which was delivered at the Engineer Dump at Isaac Peral St., Manila;

That I have examined Philippine Net and Braid's Receipts Nos. 908-A, 464,492, and 496, dated 23 December and 24 December 1941, and that I certify that the signature appearing therein to be my genuine signature and that all the nets stated therein to have been delivered and receipted by me at the Engineer Dump of the Philippine Engineer Depot at Isaac Peral St., Manila; and that these goods were personally checked, inspected and received by me;

That I have also examined Receipts Nos. 501, 502 and 503, bearing the signature of S/Sgt. C. E. Burgan and J. Booth and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the signatures appearing therein to be their genuine signatures. I say this because I have seen their signatures very often as they were both working with me at the Engineer Dump at Isaac Peral St., Manila. I also certify that the nets stated in these receipts were actually delivered and received at the Engineer Dump by the persons signing the above mentioned receipts. S/Sgt. Burgan was an Army man while J. Booth was a U. S. Army Civil Service employee.

That W. Allen, who signed Receipt No. 504, is not well known to me, however, I know that he was employed with the Phil. Engineer Depot, working at the Engineer Dump at 451 Perez St., Manila. I can not identify his signature as I am not familiar with his signature, however i can identify him as an employee of the Engineer Dump at 451 Perez St;

That these nets were ordered by the Philippine Engineer Depot and was distributed to troops for camouflaging purposes;

That I have no knowledge whatsoever of the alleged burning of the 85 pieces of nets as alleged in the affidavit of Mr. Rafael Lalana, which was shown to me;

Further affiant sayeth not.

Leo L. Campbell

LEO L. CAMPBELL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of October, 1946, in the City of Manila.

W. F. Pabst

W. F. PABST
2nd Lt. Inf
Investigating Officer.

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Basic: Ltr PRO 4214, 4460, fr Hq Claims Service, AFWESPAC, Office of the Chief of Claims, dated 1 June 46, subj: Claims relative to Petroleum Products.

CE: (1 June 46)

1st Ind.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, GHQ, U. S. ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC, APO 500. 19 June 46

To: Office of the Chief of Claims, Claims Service, U. S. Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO 707

1. In order to understand the action taken in the Philippines after the outbreak of war, including the taking over and destruction of the Pandacan area oil installations, it is believed desirable to summarize the situation which existed at that time.

2. Japanese forces had landed in great strength in the Vigan-Cagayan area, with subsequent landings at Legaspi and to the north and east thereof. The American forces were of greatly reduced strength and the airforces had been largely destroyed shortly after the initial Japanese landings.

3. The Japanese were advancing rapidly from both north and south on Luzon toward Manila. Possibly the greatest factor in delaying their advance was the extensive demolition program employed on the destruction of communication facilities as well as on other facilities which would have been useful to the enemy.

4. The Japanese had not at that time taken the Netherlands East Indies and it was a known fact that their oil resources were limited for the conduct of major modern warfare. It was therefore vital that all petroleum stocks of any type be denied them.

5. Insofar as the petroleum situation in Manila was concerned, it was essential:

a. To prevent excess stocks from getting into the hands of civilians or other industries which, in turn, would be taken over by the Japanese;

b. To transport as much in the way of petroleum products as possible to Bataan to sustain the subsequent defense operations on that peninsula;

c. To destroy all remaining petroleum stocks to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy.

6. After the outbreak of war through December 1941, large stocks of petroleum products were requisitioned and drawn from the Pandacan installations by the Army, Navy and Airforce to meet their operational needs.

7. On 24 December 1941 it appeared that the Japanese were breaking through our right sector north of Manila, and orders were issued for the movement of virtually all Army installations in Manila to Bataan. Upon my return from an inspection of the North Luzon forces on the evening of 24 December, I found that our headquarters and many of the organizations in Manila had already been evacuated to Bataan. Prompt action was essential to secure and destroy, as dictated by the emergency, the tremendous oil stocks at Pandacan. The letter dated 25 December 1941, copy of which was inclosed with basic communication, was therefore dispatched to the four principal oil companies. The intent of this letter was not to take over as United States property the properties and installations of these four companies, but to assume complete military control and to insure against any opposition on the part of management to whatever measures the military considered necessary.

8. The managements of the oil companies were reluctant to destroy any of these installations themselves in the fear that they might be punished for sabotage activities by the Japanese, but at the same time it must be realized that this entire demolition program was being executed by practically a handful of personnel with a tremendous task to perform, including bridges, communication facilities, railroads, oil stocks, etc. After certain telephonic instructions between the undersigned and representatives of the oil companies, a conference was arranged on 28 December 1941. A copy of the action taken at that conference, recovered from the few files I have been able to retrieve, is inclosed.

9. Plans to increase the procurement and shipping of petroleum products, which had been the responsibility of the Quartermaster rather than the Engineer, were discussed, and measures, as indicated in the conference report, taken. In addition, each company was furnished a signed copy of an undated letter directing destruction of all petroleum products in the various plants to become effective upon instructions from me.

10. Mr. Ramsie, who had been a civilian employee of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Metropolitan Theatre Building, Manila, P. I., was assigned to my office, designated a 1st Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, although his actual commission was not confirmed until several weeks later, and placed in charge of the Pandacan area as my representative.

Thereafter he worked actively in accelerating the movement of vitally needed petroleum stocks toward Bataan by rail, truck and lighter. He also supervised the preparation of installations for demolition.

11. After adequate measures had been taken with reference to clearing the area in the immediate vicinity of Pandacan, the oil tanks were destroyed by simultaneous detonation at 1700 hours 31 December 1941. Manila was completely evacuated of the remaining military personnel through that night and the early morning of 1 January 1942. The destruction of the Pandacan oil area was complete. Fire within that area continued for almost a week thereafter.

12. Prior to the mass destruction of the principal storage tanks, I had dispatched details of troops and civilian labor through the warehouses, breaking open or destroying by automatic weapons fire, the canned stocks of lubricants, etc.

13. It was not the intent of the letter issued 25 December to take over actual title to the real estate and installations owned by the oil companies, but to take effective military measures to insure their proper utilization and destruction as dictated by the rapidly changing military situation. Attention is invited to the use of the words "your plant and stations" contained in the undated letter furnished the oil company representatives at the 28 December conference. In the event it had been considered that this was United States property at the time, the need for the issuance of that letter and the use of the terminology "your plant and stations" would have been unnecessary. The effective date of this letter was 31 December 1941 as transmitted to the oil company representatives by myself and by Lt. Rasmie. This letter was also to serve, if required, in their defense in case the Japanese might contemplate drastic punishment for the officials of these companies for sabotage, as it would afford them some proof that their action had been directed by the military authorities who were then in complete control.

14. In summary, the United States Army took over military control of the principal oil company plants in the Pandacan area, including the utilization of transportation facilities for the movement of petroleum stocks as required. The amount of petroleum stocks taken is unknown. I can testify, however, that virtually all of the remaining petroleum stocks and the major oil tanks used for storage, plus key valves and critical lines, were completely destroyed by the United States Army on

double the loss inasmuch as these facilities and stocks would be available to the Japanese to be employed against us.

15. Copies of all available correspondence or documents relative to this subject are attached.

HUGH J. CASEY
Major General, C.E.
Chief Engineer

27 Incls: (in dup)
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BASIC: Ltr, Hqs Claims Service, AFRES-PAC, Office of the Chief of Claims, file GSCL:PRO-660, dtd 17 September 45, subj: "Claim of Asiatic Petroleum Company", to Com Gen, AFPAC, Attn: Maj Gen H. J. Casey, Chief Engineer.

CE 660 (22 Nov 1945)0

1st Ind.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, GHQ, AFPAC ADV, APO 500, 22 Nov 1945

TO: Chief of Claims, Claims Service, AFRES-PAC, APO 707.

1. Shortly after the outbreak of war, large quantities of petroleum products were requisitioned from the principal oil companies located in Manila. I regret that I have no information or details as to the quantities of these products secured from the various oil companies, including the Asiatic Oil Company referred to in basic letter.

2. In connection with the claim initiated, I enclose copies of certain correspondence, including a memo on a conference held 28 December 1941 with representatives of the principal oil companies including the Asiatic Petroleum Company and a copy of an undated letter furnished to the Asiatic Petroleum Company directing them on further instructions from Headquarters USAFFE, to destroy all petroleum products remaining in their plant.

3. In this connection, on 31 December 1941, I had the Engineers under my command destroy all packaged products at the principal plants including the Asiatic Petroleum Company. At 5 PM on that date, I effected the destruction by demolition and burning of the bulk storage tanks and all other facilities which might prove of value to the enemy.

4. Prior to that destruction, large quantities of lubricants, Avgas, Diesel oil and motor gasoline had been requisitioned and moved out by truck, rail and barge to Batan. However, no records are available of the quantities so secured.

5. 1st Lt Ramble, Corps of Engineers, AUS, who had previously been in the employment of Standard Vacuum Company was my personal representative charged with the execution of this mission. It is suggested that further details as to estimated quantities of materials requisitioned prior to the destruction of these stocks may be secured from him. Lt Ramble was evacuated to the United States shortly after his release as a Japanese prisoner of war in the spring of 1945.

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s/ HUGH J. CASEY
HUGH J. CASEY
Major General, USA
Chief Engineer

2 Incls:

Incl 1 - copy, Ltr Hqs USAFFE,
Manila, P.I.

Incl 2 - copy, Memo, conference
28 Dec 41.

Certified True Copy:

James F. Bodine
JAMES F. BODINE,
1st Lieut., F.A.,
Investigating Officer.

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Memorandum on conference with representatives of four oil companies at 11:00 a.m.
12/28/41

1. The general situation with respect to the Pandacan oil stocks was discussed.

2. It was indicated that a portion of the Standard-Vacuum stocks were already destroyed by reason of the fire and by reason of the destruction that had already been made under the directive they had received from the Navy. The other three companies, Asiatic Petroleum, Tidewater Associated and Caltex had not yet destroyed any oil stocks nor had they suffered from the conflagration.

3. There was no electric current into the Pandacan area since the fire and it was urged that the Manila Electric Company be directed to resume service to this area so that operations could proceed. (Subsequently taken up with Manila Electric Company and current provided 12/29/41)

4. They indicated that three large lighters were located of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, The "VST 101", "103" and the "Georgia", which had been lying there several days but had drawn no stocks.

5. It was subsequently checked into and arrangements made for filling of these lighters with light diesel oil for Navy submarine use and loading was to be undertaken 12/29/41.

6. All companies indicated there were large stocks of aviation gasoline, motor gasoline, oils and lubricants which could be shipped out if transportation facilities and loading labor were provided. They also indicated they had some trucks and tank trucks which could be utilized for this purpose.

7. They also indicated they had in addition to the stocks at Pandacan, other stocks located at locations as follows:

Standard Vacuum
Johnson Pickett Rope Co.
International Harvester Co.
#9 Concepcion
Cristobal Oil Mills
Phil. Cotton Mills
Also on the Sta. Ana side of the Pasig, opposite
the Phil. Match Co.

8. They also indicated that other local stocks were available with Marsman Trading, Unsoil, Union Products Co. and others.

9. The question was considered as to the best method of destruction of these oil stocks in order to determine whether or not aviation gasoline, bunker oil, diesel oil and other products could all be combined by inter-pumping between tanks to form a useless emulsion. It was believed, however, that the additional piping valves, labor and time required, made this procedure unfeasible. It was, therefore, decided to prepare the major tanks for demolition and to provide for spilling or physical destruction of other package products, that could not be evacuated.

10. The oil companies were reluctant to execute the demolition themselves and requested that this work be done by Army demolition group. They indicated, however, they would cooperate to make their forces available to work under Army direction.

11. They were thereupon advised that Lt. Rennie would be put in charge of this work and that detailed plans would be worked up for the preparation of the Pandacan installation for destruction but, in the meantime, all possible stocks would be evacuated for distribution to the various Army installations.

12. They were furnished an undated letter which was to take effect upon notice from this Headquarters to the effect that their plants and stocks would be taken over by the Army.

13. Subsequently Lt. Buchanan, who had been designated to supervise the destruction of the Pandacan installation, was advised of this arrangement as was Capt. McFarland who had been working on the evacuation of aviation petroleum products.

HUGH J. CASEY
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Engineer

Certified True Copy:

James F. Bodine
JAMES F. BODINE,
1st Lt., F. A.,
Investigating Officer.

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CERTIFICATE

APD 500
5 April 1945

I certify that on 13 December 1941 I engaged Mr. Prentice M. Miles as a construction supervisor at a salary of \$2600 per annum in connection with engineer and demolition activities then underway. Mr. Miles was engaged on these activities until the time of his capture, 24 December 1941. He escaped on the morning of 25 December and thereafter was engaged in guerilla activities until 13 March, 1942, when he was captured by the Sakdala and turned over to the Japanese.

On the night of 18 February 1945, Mr. Miles escaped from the Internment camp at Los Banos and joined the 11th Airborne Division on the evening of 20 February where he was of immeasurable assistance in furnishing information and formulating plans for the rescue of Los Banos Interns. He accompanied the rescue forces from 21 to 23 February and performed outstandingly in that rescue.

During this entire period, Mr. Miles was in the status of temporary Civil Service employee as a construction supervisor at the salary indicated. It is requested that action be undertaken to pay him such compensation to which he is entitled for work during the period indicated.

Signed (Hugh J. Casey,)
Major General, USA.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Gerald G. Gearheart

GERALD G. GEARHEART
1st Lieut., INF.
Investigating Officer

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8969 Olden Ave.
St. Louis 14, Missouri
15 April 1946

Headquarters Claims Service
AFWESPAC
Office of the Chief of Claims

Sir:

In December 1941, I was under orders to evacuate or destroy equipment and material that would be of value to the Japanese Forces.

The records of my activities in the Tayabas area were lost and I do not remember the details. I do remember the Sta. Cecilia Saw Mills as one of two or three saw mills from whom I commandeered over twenty trucks. These trucks were loaded on flat cars and set to Manila. The locomotives were probably used for evacuating equipment.

Mr. Prentice Miles was working with me for a short time in that area and he may have signed for two of them.

This equipment was captured by the Japanese Forces when they landed behind me at Atimonan, Tayabas, before the train had passed that point on the way to Manila.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert C. Silhavy
Captain, C.E.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Gerald G. Gearheart
GERALD G. GEARHEART
1st Lieut., INF
Investigating Officer

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United States of American)
Commonwealth of the Philippines) S.S.
City of Manila)

I, PRENTICE M. MILES, of legal age, citizen of the U. S. of America and residing in Manila, after duly being sworn in accordance with law, depose and say:-

1. That when the war broke I was engaged by Major General Hugh J. Casey, USA, as a construction supervisor in connection with engineer and demolition activities then underway as per attached copy of certificates dated April 5, 1945;

2. That on December 21 to 23, 1941, by order of Col. Cordero of the U. S. Army, Commanding Officer of the sector adjacent to Calauag and Tagkawayan, Tayabas, I helped Lt. Silhavey, U. S. A. Engineer load and ship to Honduaga, Tayabas, on the Manila Railroad, 11 heavy duty logging trucks. I kept two trucks of the same tonnage at Tagkawayan which I used to move men to Tuba Mines. On the morning of December 24, 1941, I demolished one of these trucks by dynamite on the road between Tuba Mines and Tagkawayan. I drove the remaining one down the railroad to Manato, Tayabas, where this truck broke down, whereupon I destroyed it by dynamite. This moving of trucks to Honduaga was done by direct orders of Col. Cordero, USA, to keep the equipments from falling into the hands of the Japanese. These trucks were the property of the Sta. Cecilia Saw mills owned by Don Tomas B. Morato. Mr. Morato was at Calauag at this time and he knew what we were doing with his equipments. I found him very cooperative and sympathetic. I did not give Mr. Morato a receipt for the equipment that we took or destroyed and I am sure neither Lt. Silhavey did it. I truly believe Mr. Morato should be compensated for his loss and comended for his cooperative action in those troubled times.

3. That this statement is made to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Prentice M. Miles
/t/ PRENTICE M. MILES

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 1945, affiant having exhibited his Certificate of Residence No. A-1663782, issued Nov. 6, 1945, at Manila.

/s/ Illegible

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Gerald G. Gearheart
GERALD G. GEARHEART
1st Lieut., INF.
Investigating Officer

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1st Ind.

Ward 4, Fitzsimmons Gen.Hosp., Denver, Colorado, 3 July 1946

To: Chief of Claims, Hqs., Claims Service, AFWESPAC, AF 707

1. I was in command of the 809th Engr.Avn.Co.(Sep.) stationed at Nichols Field prior to the start of the war and in charge of various construction projects on that post. The operations of my organization were under the direct control and supervision of the Department Engineer, Philippine Dept., at that time Col. Stickney, C.E.

2. Due to the relative scarcity of construction equipment in the Philippines and in view of the large construction program, an arrangement had been made between the Dept. Engr. and various Philippine construction agencies for the "borrowing" of any surplus equipment from them which would be helpful in expediting the construction of airfields, etc.

3. Around the time of 30 August 1941, the date noted on the copy of the receipt as stated in par. 2, basic letter, (I do not remember the exact date.) I was notified by the Chief of Construction Section, Office of the Dept. Engr., that there was some surplus dirt moving equipment on the Calarya Dam project on the east side of Laguna de Bay and directed to go there, look it over, and see if I could use any of this equipment on the Nichols Field runway project. On inspecting the equipment, I decided that I could use the Muir-Hill Dumper, 2 cubic yard capacity. After returning to Nichols Field, I sent personnel from my Company to bring in three of them. This was with the full consent of the agency in charge of construction and in accordance with the agreement noted in par.2, this indorsement.

4. These three Muir-Hill dumpers were used on the Nichols Field runway project until 8 December 1941, and were still on the field when I evacuated most of my company to Bataan on 25 December 1941. At that time, all immovable equipment and equipment of lesser importance which was not taken to Bataan due to lack of manpower and hauling equipment was wrecked by use of high explosives. The dumpers fell in the second category and to the best of my knowledge were damaged beyond possible use as construction equipment.

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5. Since evacuating Nichols Field on 25 December 1941, I have had no further knowledge of these particular Muir-Hill Dumpers or of any similar ones.

Robert J. Chandler

ROBERT J. CHANDLER, O-21386
Major, C.E.

Fitzsimons General Hospital
Denver, Colorado

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July 1946

K. E. Larson

K. E. LARSON
1st Lt, MAC
Asst. Adjutant

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EXHIBIT H

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES } SS
CITY OF MANILA

I, MAJOR KENNETH L. DRAGOO, HEADQUARTERS AFWESPAC,
BEING DULY SWORN DEPOSE AND SAY:

AUTHORITY WAS GIVEN TO FIRST LIEUTENANT ERNEST C.
ANSLEY AND FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN R. STAUFFER BOTH MEM-
BERS OF THE GHQ MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT TO REQUISI-
TION ANY MATERIALS NEEDED FOR THE REPAIR AND CONSTRUC-
TION OF GHQ COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES DURING THE INITIAL
PHASES OF THE MANILA CAMPAIGN.

DURING THE PERIOD INDICATED BY THE DATES ON THE
ATTACHED BILLS, LIKE ITEMS WERE NOT PROCURABLE THROUGH
THE ENGINEER OR FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE. IT IS CONSIDERED
THAT THE ITEMS PURCHASED WERE NECESSARY FOR THE REPAIR,
RECONSTRUCTION OR CONSTRUCTION OF GHQ COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME INDICATED.

THE AUTHORITY FOR PURCHASE WAS GIVEN BY THE ELEVENTH
CORPS ENGINEER AND ALL ENGINEERING AND PURCHASE AGENTS
AVAILABLE IN THE AREA AT THE TIME INDICATED BY THE DATED
BILLS. AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION TO PROCEED TO MEET
URGENT DEADLINE DATES AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF ANY OR ALL
MATERIALS TO MEET THE DATES BECAUSE OF MILITARY NECESSITY,
WAS PERSONALLY GIVEN BY MAJOR GENERAL S. B. AKIN.

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K. L. Drago
K. L. DRAGOO
MAJ SIG C
OIC PHIL GOV'T COMM BRANCH

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 1945.
William A. Sheaffer
WILLIAM A. SHEAFFER
2ND LT F.A.

April 12, 1945

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

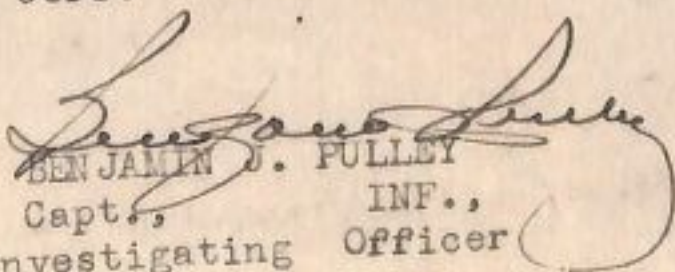
The undersigned a Civilian Employee of the Construction Department, under the Utilities Division, Fort William McKinley. As the General Timekeeper of the Construction, I have come to know the men in the construction and I know to the best of my knowledge that Eugenio Pascual was employed by our Department as a Carpenter. And I know also that he was one of the Carpenters depended on his workmanship.

JAMES B. FUNK
(Gen. Timekeeper)

Fort W McKinley
(57 int. Villaruel, Pasay)

This carpenter was hired April 2, 1941 up to Dec. 13, 1941. Lt. Col. Conaty, Utilities Officer was in-charge of Construction. He was assisted by an American Civil Engineer named O'Leary.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Capt., INF.,
Investigating Officer

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A F F I D A V I T

I, DAVID INNIS, American citizen, of legal age, presently employed by Connell Bros. Company (Philippines), with office located at 505 Wilson Building, Juan Luna St., Manila, after having been duly sworn to, according to law, depose and say:

1. As Administrative Assistant in the Procurement Section of the Philippine Engineer Department, I was closely associated with all activities of that Section from May 20, 1941 to January 2, 1942, when Manila was occupied by the Japanese forces.

2. During the same period, I became familiar, to a lesser degree, with the activities and procedure of other Sections of the Philippine Engineer Department, including the Philippine Engineer Depot, insofar as their activities and procedure were related to the Procurement Section.

3. As I recall, the regular procedure for completing a local purchase was to -

- (a) advertise for bids;
- (b) abstract bids submitted;
- (c) award contract and make purchase order, distributing copies to the Depot for receiving merchandise, and to the Finance Office of making payment;
- (d) delivery and receipt of merchandise at the Depot; and
- (e) payment for merchandise at the Finance Office.

4. With the necessity for expediting procurement late in 1941, we frequently requested delivery to be made to the De-

12. I was personally acquainted with, and can identify the signature of, Sgt. McMill (last name), who was assigned to receive merchandise at the Fuel Line Engineer Dept before his evacuation to Bataan on or about December 24, 1941.

I swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my recollection and belief.

David Innis
DAVID INNIS

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 18th day of December, 1946.

Paul D. Perrine
PAUL D. PERRINE
Certifying Claims Investigator

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A F F I D A V I T

I, DAVID INNIS, American citizen, of legal age, presently with the Connell Bros & Co. with office located at 505 Wilson Bldg., Juan Luna St., Manila, after having been duly sworn to, according to law, depose and say:

Following is the general statement of my association with the Philippine Engineer Department at the beginning of World War II.

1. As Administrative Assistant in the Procurement Section of Engineer Department, I was closely associated with all activities of the section from May 20, 1941 to January 2, 1942 when Manila was occupied by the Japanese Forces.

2. With the rapid expansion of the activities of this office during that period, I was chiefly occupied with office organization under the direction of Colonel Roscoe Bonham, with the view to expediting procurement, particularly of items that could be secured locally.

3. During the last days of December, it became necessary to speed up procurement to such a degree that deliveries were frequently effected before confirming order or contracts had been issued.

4. Some of these deliveries may have been made by dealers to one of our receiving depots or may have been taken by one of our clerks direct from the dealer's place of business. In either case, the only supporting papers may be the delivery memorandum invoice signed by one of our receiving clerks.

5. Some other types of "unfinished business" of the Engineer Department at the end of 1941 were as follows:

a. Authorization of payment to contractors of various construction projects based on percentage of completion of the work.

b. Authorization of rental payment or purchase of construction equipment, tractors, bulldozers, etc.

c. Authorization of rental payment or purchase of land and water transportation units, launches, barges, trucks, etc.

d. Authorization of rental payment for emergency use of real estate for various engineering dumps, private residences for offices, warehouses, etc.

e. Etc.

6. My personal notes made from memory are fairly complete as to civilian personnel working in the Engineer Procurement Section during 1941, who, if available could give more detailed information on "unfinished business".

a. Listing of American civilian employees in the procurement section during December 1941, by last names, is as follows:

Boone

Kelly

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Casad
Cassell
Cook
Gallin
Gewald
Hair
Heise
Innis
Johns

Levering
McCrory
Penn
Towne
McCall
Weidmann
Spencer
Thrasher
Ford

b. Listing of Filipino civilian employees in procurement section during December 1941, by last names, is as follows:

Bacani
Baltazar
Caparida
Del Rosario
Inocencio
Jazmines
Libio
Manalac
Manzano

Martin
Mitra
Murillo
Quizon
Rolda
Talaga
Dairo
Fernandez
Bautista

7. Although I can supply from memory only very limited and indefinite information on uncompleted contracts, it may be expected that some of the claims that will be filed will include the following:

a. Fish nets were being supplied by one or two contractors who were having these made in Manila and nearby provinces. I recall distinctly that attempts were made to deliver fish nets to a temporary Engineering Depot at 451 Calle Perez as late as the afternoon of January 1 or in the morning of January 2, 1942.

b. Camouflage materials such as colored cloth, were taken from Manila dealers by Mr. Heise and other procurement clerks in our own transportation during the last few days of December. Memorandum invoices were signed in the dealer's stores and were supposed to be confirmed by regular purchase orders.

c. Cold Water Paints for camouflage purposes were being supplied by the Elizalde Paint Factory in continuous quantity as fast as they could produce during the last few days of December.

d. Considerable quantities of electrical materials were secured chiefly from two electrical dealers on Rizal Avenue, one of whom was Uy Hoo, but whether these procurements extended late into December and whether some of them were unpaid for, I do not remember.

e. In airfield construction we were, sometime during November or December, renting considerable quantities of equipment, tractors, bulldozers, etc. from one of the Araneta Companies, also from Ayala, I believe. Whether this business with them was completed and equipment finally ~~rented~~ ^{returned} or purchased, I do not know.

f. Marion Karolchuck, a contractor was working up to the end of December on some confidential projects, the exact nature of which, I did not know. At frequent intervals his Filipino Foreman or Secretary was sent to me by Col. Bonham, with authorization to receive partial payments on some of these projects and I personally assisted him in securing these payments from the Finance Office when it was located in Villamor Hall nearby our own temporary office.

g. Smith Bell and Company sold considerable quantities of Steel Bars, Galvanized Iron Sheets, Barbed Wire, to the Engineer Department, deliveries of which were still being made during the last few days of December.

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h. Pacific Commercial Company supplied considerable quantities of cement, steel bars, and galvanized iron roofing, and deliveries of these items, except possibly cement, were being made during the last few days of December.

i. Supplies of dynamite in the hands of Manila dealers were taken over by the Engineer Department in the dealer's own warehouses. The names of the dynamite suppliers that I remember were Smith Bell and Company, Macondray and Company, Engineer Equipment and Supply Company.

j. Barges for transporting supplies by water to Bataan and Corregidor were rented from owners beginning some weeks prior to the outbreak of the war, as were always short of this type of transportation. We continued to rent these barges, as many as could be found available, right up to the last.

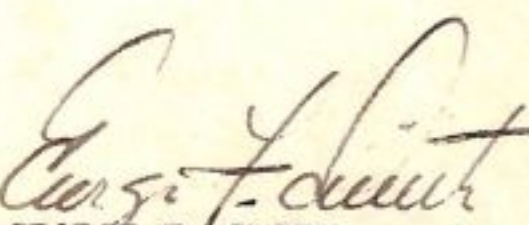
k. A claim may be expected from the owner of residences which we were occupying at the end of December 1941 at 1333 Oregon St., 451 Perez and a house on Isaac Peral, all of which I understand were owned by the same estate.

8. Mr. H. H. Keys, Civil Engineer and Architect in the Construction Section of the Engineer Department should be able to recall considerable accurate data with reference to contracts on various construction projects, who these contractors were, and to make appraisal of pending claims of this type.

9. Further explanatory data on any of the above statements will be furnished on request.


DAVID INNIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August 1946.


GEORGE F. SMITH,
Captain, CAC,
Director, Team No. 123

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
ARMY HEADQUARTERS
APO 501

18 February, 1945

201— Lopez, Urbano O. (OIS)(AG-Cas.)

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that, according to the records on file in this Office of persons reported captured, dead or killed in action in the field, the following information exist, to wit:

Name	Urbano O. Lopez
Rank	1st Lieutenant
Organization	4th Engr. Comp. En. PA
Type of casualty	Shot in action
Date	17 August 1945
Place	Officer Mess Hall
REMARKS	Lt. Lopez accidentally shot himself with an M-1 Garand, No. 253894

For the CHIEF OF STAFF:

Bautista
Asst. Adjutant General

NOTE.—Issued at the request of
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Faustino Macutay, Claim Service, AF SAC.

BY: *Auff*
1st Lieut., Inf.
Adm. Off., G.S. Div., APO

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned, certify as follows:

I have examined the records of the Casualty Division, Adjutant General's Office, Headquarters, Philippine Army, Manila, P.I., and therein found the following remarks:

Yrbano Lopus, 2nd Lt., CE, P.A., died of a bullet wound self-inflicted while cleaning a rifle U. S. caliber 30 model M-1, on 12 August 1945 in the Officers' Mess Hall, 4th Engineer Construction Bn., located at Mandaluyong, Rizal. No further official information was available in any records division, Adjutant General's Office, Philippine Army.

Frank E. Imwalle
FRANK E. IMWALLE
S/Sgt., Inf., AUS
Asst. Investigator

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COL. N. L. MANZANO
66 ENTRADA COURT
SAN FRANCISCO 12, CALIFORNIA

6 Dec 46

Subject: Claims, Construction, Bataan
To: Claims Serv., AFWESPAC

1. The undersigned reiterates his statements in previous communications regarding the two enclosed claims ~~resulting~~ ^{of an} from the construction of an airfield in Bataan, that he cannot furnish the requested information to assist in the settlement of the claims

2. He desires again to state that Mr. Cipriano Soler, the civilian engineer of the U.S. Engr. Dept, directly in charge of these constructions is probably the only person, in the government service, familiar with the details of this matter. Mr. Soler is now working for the Manila Engr. District.

N. L. Manzano
N. L. Manzano
Col. CE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES }
CITY OF MANILA }
A F F I D A V I T

I, EMILIO MANGABAT, of legal age, and a resident of 117 Plaza Goiti, Sta. Cruz, Manila, after having been duly sworn according to law, hereby depose and say:

That I was employed as Chief Clerk in the construction of U.S. Military Camp at Manacnac, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, prior to and up to the invasion of the Philippines by the Japanese Forces in December, 1941;

That I have personally known Mrs. Isidora Gonzales for the past 10 years, known to me to belong to a respectable family;

That sometime in the months of November and December, 1941, Mrs. Isidora Gonzales delivered to Eduardo Escobar, Construction Engineer of said U.S. Military Camp, at Manacnac, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, lumbers and logs for the construction of said U.S. Military Camp;

That these logs and lumber comprised 600 pieces of round posts - 5" x 6' each, and 300 pieces of sawn lumber 4" x 4" x 16' each;

That the cost of said logs and lumber amounted to \$685.50. I came to know this because I was then the Chief Clerk of said camp who was responsible for the making of receipts and other papers of this nature;

That these logs and lumber were not paid by the paymaster of said camp because of the bombing of this camp by the invading Japanese Forces sometime in December, 1941;

That as Chief Clerk of said camp, I am in a position to testify as to whether or not said logs and lumber were paid because papers of this nature passed thru me before payments were made;

Further, affiant sayeth not.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27 day of June 1946, in the City of Manila.

Emilio Mangabat
EMILIO MANGABAT

* Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of June, 1946, affiant exhibiting to me his Res. Cert. No. A-2189944, issued at Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija on Feb. 28, 1946.

Lembrosio Padilla
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires Dec. 1951, 1946

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES) s. s.
CITY OF MANILA)

A F F I D A V I T

I, MARCOS PALLAGUD, of legal age, married, and at present a resident of Gabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, after having duly sworn according to law, hereby depose and say:

That I have personally known Mrs. Isidora Gonzales, for the past ten (10) years;

That I was employed as SURVEYOR at the U. S. Military Camp, at Pangatian, Gabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, until about the end of December, 1941, when the invading Japanese Forces came;

That sometimes about the middle of December, 1941, Mrs. Isidora Gonzales has delivered to said Camp about 600 round posts and 300 sawn lumber with the knowledge of the then Lieut. Eduardo Escobar (now Captain) who was the Constructing Engineer of said Camp;

That the deliveries which were made by Mrs. Isidora Gonzales with reference to the said posts and sawn lumber were checked by me to be true and correct after which temporary receipts were issued by me in her name;

That in my capacity as checker of said Camp, I am in a position to testify as to the deliveries of these materials, because I was the one who have checked said materials and issued receipts therefor.

Further, affiant sayeth not.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of June, 1946, in the City of Manila.

Marcos Pallagud

MARCOS PALLAGUD

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of June, 1946, affiant exhibiting his Res. Cert. No. A-141588, issued on Feb. 18, 1946, at Linao, Bataan.

Cambrosio Padilla
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires on Dec. 31, 1946

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cc

Glen R Townsend Col.

Col (then Capt) Russell J. Volckman
Volckman, Russell W. Col. O-19537, was Ex. Officer of the
11th Inf (PA). On fall of Bataan escaped & reported to Col. M. Moses. Assumed
command of USAFIP, NL, upon capture of Col. Martin Moses. He is
in command of USAFIP, NL
Camp Spencer, Luzon, La
Union.
Capt Joe Sigot, Capt. QMS
O-48007, at present with Hq. 4th Regt.

Bn. PA APO 759 Camp Murphy has been assigned to 1st Camp Complement PA APO 74.

2nd Lt Timothy J. Whaley.
none.

Latest mail to report
to Hq. MPC Luzon,
Bataan, Tarlac.

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1st Ind

Colonel G. K. Withers, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

6 Sep 46

TO: HQ Claims Service, AFWESPAC, Office of the Chief of Claims, APO 707

1. Although I was executive officer of the Engineer section, Hq Philippine Department, up until my departure from the Philippines on 27 November, 1941, I have no recollection of the construction of an airstrip on Lubang Island, Mindoro or of Mr. Pedro de Mesa. The project as a whole was quite large however, and involved construction of three airfields on Mindinao and approximately seven others, most of which were on Luzon. It is possible that my memory is faulty but I do not believe that the project included an airstrip on Lubang prior to my departure. Also up to the time of my departure, it is my distinct recollection that our standard rate of pay for laborers was only one peso per day. Actually this was considered to be high at the time and was only paid by the government.

2. Another officer who might provide additional information on this matter is Colonel Narciso Manzano, formerly of the 14th Engineers (PS) and now Colonel in the AUS. He is believed to be at present a patient in Letterman General Hospital. I am sending him a copy of this correspondence with a request that he communicate directly with you on the matter.

3. Other officers who might possibly have some information regarding this are Colonel Roscoe Bonhom, CE, (PS) who is now believed to be retired and living in San Antonio, Texas, and Lt Colonel ~~Peter~~ Steve Malavich, CE, now stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

4. Unfortunately the Officer in charge of constructing the outlying airfields and the one who might have made a deal with Mr. Pedro de Mesa, died of a heart attack quite suddenly in the latter part of October 1941. His name was Captain Jack Findley, CE. He was a well known contractor around Manila, prior to being called to active duty in the summer of 1941. If any contract had been made with Mr. Pedro de Mesa, he is the one who would have initiated proceedings. If Mr. de Mesa has not mentioned his name already, I would say that his claim was doubtful.

5. Money was being spent and airfields were being constructed in such feverish haste during the period in question that most anything might have happened. It is for instance possible that the Air Corps might have made some "unauthorized" agreement with Mr. de Mesa and might have used Colonel Stickney's name.

G. K. Withers
G. K. WITHERS
Colonel, CE

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