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ROSCOE BONHAM, Colonel, Engineers, hereby certifies as follows:

The 302nd Engineers Battalion was formed after the commencement of hostilities in 1941, and was a Philippine Army unit. This battalion served as general service regiment for the 2nd Corps.

Dennis P. Murphy, Lt. Colonel, was the commanding officer of the 302nd Engineers, and was relieved from his assignment to the 57th Infantry Regiment (P. S. ) for the purpose of forming the 302nd Engineers.

Sg. Roscoe Bonham  
Sg. ROSCOE BONHAM  
COLONEL, CE

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Adolfo Magallanes

A F F I D A V I T

I, RAFAEL RAMOS, Lieut-Colonel, QMS, PA. 0-1068, married and residing at 1030 Craig St., Sampaloc, Manila, after having been duly sworn according to law, depose and says:

That sometime in December 1941, just after the general induction of the Philippine Army into the USAFFE on December 19, 1941, following T/O of the U.S.A., I made a recommendation for the promotion of the Quartermaster Service officers under me and myself to get the rank corresponding to the position we were holding:

That the following officers comprised the staff of the QMS office and held the position stated opposite their respective names:

Lt Col Rafael Ramos	- Chief, QMS
Major Zacarias Imperial	- Exec. Officer, QMS
Major Benedicto Galinato	- Chief, Supply Division
Major Francisco Navarrete	- Chief, Procurement Division
Capt Arturo Garcia	- Chief, Transportation Division
Capt William A Johnson	- CO, Motor Transport Co & MT School
Capt Jose S de Leon	- Chief, Storage & Issue Section
Capt Benito Legarda	- Asst. Exec. Officer, QMS
1st Lt Agapito Velasco	- Chief, Real Estate Section
1st Lt Atilano Nunez	- Asst Chief, Procurement Div.
1st Lt Modesto R Montemayor	- Chief, Budget & Statistics Sec.
1st Lt Leonardo del Rosario	- Chief, Utility Section
2nd Lt Ambrosio G Cruz	- Maintenance Officer, MT Co.
2nd Lt Virgilio Nicolas	- Chief, Mobilization Section
2nd Lt Jose P. Fernandez	- Supply & Finance Officer, MT Co.
3rd Lt Floro Henson	- On duty, Procurement Division

That the ranks of the above officers are the ones they were holding in the Philippine Army before the induction, and that no promotion had been given them by the USAFFE;

That the ranks recommended for them were as follows:

TO BE COLONEL:

Lt Col Rafael Ramos

TO BE LIEUT COLONEL:

Major Zacarias Imperial  
 Major Benedicto Galinato  
 Major Francisco Navarrete

TO BE MAJOR:

Capt Arturo Garcia  
 Capt William A Johnson  
 Capt Jose S de Leon  
 Capt Benito Legarda

TO BE CAPTAIN:

1st Lt Agapito Velasco  
 1st Lt Atilano Nunez  
 1st Lt Modesto R Montemayor  
 1st Lt Leonardo del Rosario

TO BE 1ST LIEUTENANT:

2nd Lt Ambrosio G Cruz  
 2nd Lt Virgilio Nicolas  
 2nd Lt Jose P Fernandez

TO BE 2ND LIEUTENANT:

3rd Lt Floro Henson

That at the end of February, 1942, when the USAFFE were already in Bataan, the said recommendation was referred back to me with instructions to include the T/O and a statement of the respective duties of the officers; that in view thereof I included the T/O and a statement of duties of the said officers, and returned the recommendation to the Commanding General, USAFFE;

That at the end of March, 1942, we found from Special Orders received at the Headquarters, PA, that there was a general promotion of officers in Bataan, and that some lower ranks were given promotion of two grades, all promotions being effective February 10, 1942;

That from information received from officers coming from Corregidor, I learned that the Special Orders for the promotion of the above-mentioned officers have been also issued but that copies of the orders must have gone astray due to the critical situation of the USAFFE then prevailing in Bataan which fell on April 9, 1942.

/s/ RAFAEL RAMOS  
/t/ RAFAEL RAMOS  
Lieut Col, QMS

Signed in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_ (SGD)

\_\_\_\_\_ (SGD)

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of May, 1945.

(SGD) SABINO V. AGUILA  
Administering Officer  
Capt., JAGS  
Rank & Branch of Service

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CITY OF MANILA )

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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, **PERFECTO B. TIONGSON**, 2nd Lieutenant, FS (IGS), ASN O-32831,  
being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That I was the Division Finance Officer of the Santo Tomas Cantonment Construction at Santo Tomas, Batangas. In my capacity as such I have knowledge of almost all of the contractors who supplied materials to the Santo Tomas Cantonment Construction.

That I remember very well one Mr. Lim Tek Chiong, a Chinese business man, proprietor and owner of a lumber establishment named "Tableria Oriental" at San Pablo City.

That I remember that Mr. Lim had been furnishing the Santo Tomas Cantonment Construction with construction materials because I had paid the supplies furnished up to and including those furnished on the 25th of November 1941. Mr. Lim Tek Chiong was also an authorized contractor to furnish construction materials at Banaybanay and Rosario cantonment construction in Batangas province.

That I remember clearly that Mr. Lim Tek Chiong had presented to me a file of invoices covering deliveries he made to the Santo Tomas Construction during the period covering the last week of November and the month of December 1941. These invoices were presented at my office but I could not make any payments since the vouchers covering said invoices had not yet been prepared by the office of the Constructing Officer. In addition to this there was limited funds released for the payment of materials furnished to the cantonment construction during this period.

That inasmuch as the vouchers covering the deliveries were not yet prepared by the constructing officer I directed Mr. Lim to take the invoices to the office of the Construction Officer, Lt. Javier, for the preparation of the necessary vouchers. Later on Mr. Lim brought back the invoices again with a blank voucher (but without the signature of Lt. Javier), the Construction Officer of the Cantonment Construction.

*Perfecto B. Tiongson*

I told Lim Tek Chiong to hold the invoices because there were no available funds yet.

That I remember the office of the Constructing Officer and my office had an agreement, that the former office should not sign vouchers unless I can certify that there are available funds to pay are about right. said vouchers.

I swear that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. That I remember that Mr. Lim Tek Chiong often times come to my office to ask if the funds were already available until my office moved out on or about December 28, 1941.

That I also remember that after my office had moved out from Santo Tomas, I was followed by Mr. Lim Tek Chiong to Binan where we had our temporary command post, but due to the absence of available funds and also the absence of Lt. Javier who went ahead to Bataan I could not effect any payments to deliveries made by Mr. Lim Tek Chiong.

That I also remember that all the invoices presented to me were duly audited and checked by authorized checkers of the cantonment construction. So far as my office is concerned, I do not know the disposition of these invoices that were presented to my office time and again.

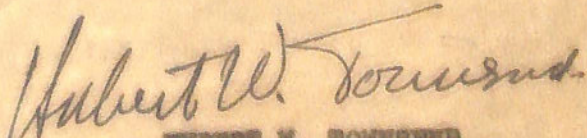
That I have been shown the statement of invoices covering deliveries made by Mr. Lim Tek Chiong during the period November 26 to December 6, 1941, and that as far as the dates are concerned and the materials delivered are concerned and the approximate total amount, I think they are about right.

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

Further deponent sayeth not.

  
PERFECTO B. TIONGSON  
2nd Lt., FS (IGS)  
ASN O-32831

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 16th day of May 1947, Manila, Philippines.

  
Hubert W. Townsend

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)

City of Manila

A F F I D A V I T

ADRIANO G. MIRANDA, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says:

That he is a Philippine citizen by birth and is  
a 2nd Lt. in the Finance Service of the Philippine Ar-  
my now stationed at Camp Murphy, Quezon City, Rizal,  
APO 75.

That in December 1941 deponent was stationed at  
Camp del Pilar, Fort Stotsenberg Reservation, Pampanga  
and was the Finance Officer in charge of the payment of  
construction vouchers. That he was stationed at Camp  
del Pilar as Disbursing Officer from 1940 until the  
Finance Office was removed therefrom to Camp Murphy on  
or about 13 December 1941 and thence to Bataan about 26  
December 1941.

That if a contractor has the original voucher in  
his possession there is a strong presumption it was ne-  
ver paid for the reason that after processing and pay-  
ment the original voucher was retained by the Finance  
Office.

During November and December, 1941 many construc-  
tion vouchers were not paid due to lack of funds, the  
tremendous volume of work suddenly thrust onto the Fi-  
nance Office, the lack of transportation and the chaotic  
conditions existing as the result of the bombing of the  
Philippines by Japanese planes.

So far as deponent knows, all of the records of the  
Finance Offices in the different military districts were  
destroyed either pursuant to orders or by the Japanese.

/s/ Adriano G. Miranda  
/t/ ADRIANO G. MIRANDA

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 3rd day of  
October 1945.

s/ William J. Ackerman  
t/ WILLIAM J. ACKERMAN  
Capt., JAGD,  
Investigating Officer

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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*Adolfo L. Magallanes*  
ADOLFO L. MAGALLANES  
Chief, Statistics Branch, RFD

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JESUS O. TIONGSON, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is 2nd Lieutenant Jesus O. Tiongson, Finance Service, Philippine Army and is presently assigned to the 31st Finance Disbursing Section, Philippine Army located at Davao, Mindanao.

That on 16 November 1941 deponent, then a Third Lieutenant, Finance Service, P.A., was assigned as an agent officer of Captain Jose Abrenica, District Finance Officer, 2nd Military District, with Headquarters at Camp Ord, San Miguel, Tarlac. As agent officer, deponent's station was at Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija. Deponent was authorized to pay civilian laborers and contractors.

That if a contractor has the original voucher in his possession there is a strong presumption it was never paid for the reason that after processing and payment, the original voucher was retained by the Finance Office.

That deponent, except for the time spent going to and from the District Finance Office in San Miguel, Tarlac, spent all his time during the month of December 1941 in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija until the evening of 24 December 1941 when deponent returned to Tarlac because most laborers and contractors had left Cabanatuan due to the constant bombing of that place by the Japanese.

That deponent did have some vouchers in his possession when he left Cabanatuan. These vouchers had been left with deponent for auditing prior to payment. These vouchers were not returned to the payees because the payees could not be located by deponent.

That deponent had no safe or other place to put his funds,

Therefore, deponent did not carry cash but carried checks instead. Deponent would cash these checks in the Philippine National Bank, Branch Bank at Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija. That on or about 17 December 1941 deponent was at San Miguel, Tarlac and received from Capt. Abrenica a check for P40,000.00. That upon his return to Cabanatuan deponent changed the said check in the amount of P40,000.00 with 8 checks in the amount of P5,000.00 each.

That deponent was in the Branch Bank, Philippine National Bank, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija on 24 December 1941 and paid all those contractors who were present to receive payment. On that date deponent was paying only contractors because had he been paying laborers he would have been at the Cantonment Area instead of the bank. After completing payments to those contractors present deponent left Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija on the same day, 24 December 1941, and went to Tarlac, Tarlac, where the Headquarters, 2nd Military District had been removed in deponent's absence.

That deponent does not remember the claimants, Eligio Sayson, Francisco Reyes, Baltazar Pascual. Deponent does not remember if the vouchers of Francisco Reyes and Baltazar Pascual, alleged to have been in possession of deponent, were actually in his possession or not. In the claim of Francisco Reyes, deponent is positive that he did not pay the claimant because claimant was given the voucher on 26 December whereas deponent left Cabanatuan on the 24 December 1941.

That deponent moved with the Second Military District Headquarters to San Isidro, Nueva Ecija, then to Penaranda from which place deponent along with all other personnel were told to return to their homes and await further orders. This happened on or about 28 December 1941 and deponent, prior to his departure for home, gave all his records to Captain Abrenica. The ultimate disposition of the records is unknown to deponent but from speaking to other officers of Finance Service deponent is of the opinion that all

finance records were destroyed, upon order prior to the sur-  
render to the Japanese Forces, or thereafter by the Japanese  
Forces.

*Jesus O. Tiongson*  
JESUS O. TIONGSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1946.

*William J. Ackerman*  
WILLIAM J. ACKERMAN  
Captain, JAGD  
Director Team No. 3

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A F F I D A V I T

I BIENVENIDO E SANTIAGO, after having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

1. That I am a commissioned officer of the Philippine Army since 1938 up to the present time.

2. That I was the Camp Commander and Mobilization Center Officer of Camp Holmes, Trinidad, Benguet, Mt. Prov. from 1940 to December 1941. Prior to the outbreak of the Pacific war I was activating PA reservists for induction into the USAFFE.

3. That on December 17, 1941 sixteen (16) trucks of the Dangwa Transportation Company were used to transport more than 400 officer and EM from Camp Holmes to Camp Murphy, Quezon City. On my return to Baguio I commandeered the passenger truck of Mr. Ramon Pulongbarit (International make, red paint and mark "Daily Double") <sup>and two automobiles</sup> near the Railroad Junction of Malolos. On December 21st I again led a troop convey of 19 trucks Manila bound and at about 0200I we encountered the Japs at Klendike Resthouse along the Kennon Road. After some hours of fire fight the road was cleared and only six out of the convey were able to reach Camp Murphy then to Bataan. The rest of the trucks were either destroyed or abandoned by the fleeing soldiers toward Baguio. One of these trucks left behind was the International truck of Mr. Ramon Pulongbarit.

Further, affiant sayeth none.  
October 10, 1945

Bienvenido E Santiago  
BIENVENIDO E SANTIAGO  
Lieut. Col. FA

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me at the City of Manila, this 12th day of October, 1945.

Notary Public  
Notary Public  
Until Dec. 31, 1946.

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A F F I D A V I T

AVELINO E. SAUCO, O-33120, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he was a 1st Lieutenant, INF. (P.A.) on duty with the Luzon Zone M. P. Command as Adjutant of said Command;

That in December 1941, he was a 1st Lieutenant in the Philippine Army, and was Adjutant at the 2nd Military District, stationed at Camp Ord, Tarlac, Tarlac;

That at the outbreak of war, one of the functions of the 2nd Military District was to furnish casualty replacements to USAFFE Divisions; that in order to carry on this function, it was necessary to have large amount of transportation; that on orders from Headquarters, Philippine Army, deponent commandeered many vehicles to get necessary transportation to supply the Divisions of the USAFFE with replacement troops;

That on 16 December 1941, deponent commandeered a Ford truck, Model 1937, of Josefino Francisco;

That he issued a receipt to the driver of the commandeered vehicle; that deponent has inspected the receipt, marked Exh. D, and states that it is authentic in its detail;

That vehicle commandeered from Josefino Francisco was used by the 2nd Military District to haul replacement troops from the 2nd Military District Replacement Pool to USAFFE Divisions;

That the driver of the commandeered vehicle was most cooperative in furnishing the vehicle for the use of the Army.

FURTHER DEPONENT SAYETH NOT.

(SGD) AVELINO E. SAUCO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Nov. 1945.

(SGD) HOWARD EPSTEIN  
1st Lt., F.A.  
Investigating Officer

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ADOLFO L. MAGALLANES  
Chief, Statistics Branch  
Records and Fiscal Division

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