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Maj. Geovasio Francisco, FS (PA)
61st Div. F.O. (Iloilo)

Capt Antonio A. Aliguen, Inf (PA)
was Railroad Officer, Base Quartermaster,
at Capias + Passi
X (May be important lead)
Also was CO, QM Bn, 61st Div.

Airfield Construction
CO - Thomas N Powell, Jr. Maj.
Corps of Engrs Representative -
Capt Silvino Macaranas

Col. Nicanor ~~Vera~~ Velarde
was G-4, 61st Div.

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Iloilo Witnesses

1. Col. Carter R. McKeenan
CO. Iloilo Navigation Head
(Dep't DM, Iloilo)
8 Dec 41 - 9 Apr 42

~~Francis A Whitney~~
215 East Kennedy St.
Syracuse, NY.
(12 Dec 48)

2. Francis A Whitney
Chief Clerk, Iloilo Navigation Head
PO Box # 204,
12 Rizal St.
Iloilo, Phil.

3. Major Richard I. Jones
CO Iloilo Navigation Head
9 - 16 April, 1942
c/o TAG, Wash.

4. Maj. Prudencio T. Palatox, FS. (RA)
FO, Port Quartermaster

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San Jose Landing Field
San Jose, Antigua (Panama)

1-15 Apr 42
File 242.5 BK 55

Sara - Ajuy Landing Field, Iloilo
Apr 42
File 242.5 BK 20

Tiong Landing Field Iloilo
Apr 42
File 242.5 BK 21
BK 21 A

Pertinent information re Dumarao
can be found in claim file of
Iluminado Villaruz
(see statement of Luis Sirilan)

There were two
Thomas N. Powell '5.

Sr & Jr
Father & Son

Sr - Civil Affairs Officer LT Col

Jr - Engr Officer - Maj
Chargé of all airfield construction

Died on Oruku-Marw
Civ - aptd Capt by Gen Chynoweth
promtd to Maj o/a 15 Jan 42

Maj. Thomas N. Powell, Jr CO US Army Engns
in charge of Construction

Chief of Engns on Panay, later
Chief of Engns, USM Forces,

Capt. Silvino Z. Macaranas (Now Lt Col)
Ex O. - to Maj Powell

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P.O.Box 204....12 Rizal Street
Iloilo City, Philippines.
December 12,1948.

The Commanding General
U.S.Claim Service,PHILRYCOM
Manila,Philippines.

Dear Sir:

Please permit me to submit the following:

At the outbreak of the past war with Japan on Dec.8,1941,I was in the employ of the Pacific Commercial Company,its Iloilo Branch, in the capacity as auditor in charge of accounting,handling of all funds,credits,etc. Following Pearl Harbor I sent my family to an interior town and at once wrote a letter to the Commanding General, offering my services for whatever work he might find me fitted for, A few days later,I quit the Pacific Commercial Company and went with Col.Carter R.McLennan,U.S.Army,to assist in the organization of the Iloilo Navigation Head (Sepot Q.M.,etc.). I served as Chief Clerk of this organization under Col.McLennan until April 9,1942 when he was relieved and sent to Negros Occidental for organization of forces at that point,and then under Major Richard I.Jones until the City of Iloilo was invaded by Japanese forces on the morning of April 16,1942. I was able to escape through the Japanese lines and joined my family in a barrio of Pototan Municipality.Here I remained,keeping clear of the Japs, until,in the end,on Feb.21,1944,they found my hide-out. While the Japanese killed seven of our neighbors,through the help of the people of the barrio,I was able to escape with my family. A few days later,by orders purporting to have come from Headquarters of the U.S.Army,I turned myself over to the Guerrilla Forces to be taken to a safety zone. Instead of this,I,among others,was taken to the northern part of Antique Province from whence we were evacuated by submarine,and taken to Australia.From there we were sent to San Francisco,arriving June 5,1944. I immediately went to work at the U.S. Naval Drydocks at Hunter's Point,continuing to work there until I left to return to the Philippines on Mar.16,1947. I arrived at Iloilo April 9,1947. I am writing all this as an explanation for what follows.

When I first went with Col.McLennan,the City of Iloilo had been practically evacuated,there having been but a very few people left in the city. Col.McLennan was instructed to organize the Navigation Head,but had nothing to work with. He was in full charge of shipping out of Iloilo,and he was being called upon to procure subsistence supplies,make shipments of troops to Mindanao and towards Battan,etc. It was essential that the Navigation Head be established immediately. Fortunately,as I had been with the PCC,and it was closing out its business, I knew of a sufficient number of experienced men to form our office force,and to serve in the procurement of supplies,etc.They had left Iloilo to go to the hills,this since an invasion was expected at any time. I got these men back from where they were living in safety at the time,and they remained in Iloilo until the invasion came and the Navigation Head had to be abandoned. Japanese planes were flying over almost daily,and there were several bombings. In the end,Iloilo City was practically deserted except for the personnel of the Navigation Head,and the only military forces were composed of what was called a suicide company. When the invasion came,the greater number got away,some were hurt,and several were killed.

I have written the foregoing, trying to give a clear explanation as to why I should be interested in the welfare of the men employed by the Navigation Head. Having no assistant, Col. McLennan had to leave many things to me, his Chief Clerk. I personally hired the majority of the men, and it was I who set their salary. In this connection, please to note that the men employed at the Navigation Head received as pay no more than fifty or sixty per cent of what they had been receiving in commercial life. The majority had but recently been dropped from the PCC, and they had been paid a bonus for service with the company. They had money, and it hadn't been necessary for them to return to a danger zone. They thought that they were doing their bit to help win the war, and I can vouch that they did good service.

On April 14, 1942 Major Jones made a trip to Divisional Headquarters to secure funds with which to pay the men. He had in mind to not only pay them for their service from April 1st to 15th, but he had in mind to make an advance as was being done with other organizations. They needed the money as practically everything had been removed from the city. Payrolls were prepared on Apr. 15th, and were in the possession of the Finance Officer, Captain Prudencio Palafox, USAFFE. But this money was never paid as the invasion came early in the morning of April 16th. I can state, therefore, that all employees of the Navigation Head were paid only to include March 31, 1942. They, each and every one of them, has pay coming to them for the period April 1-16, 1942. However, while these may have been considered as temporary employees, the most of them were on the rolls from December of 1941 to April 16, 1942 (with some exceptions). In accord with pre-war regulations in force in the Islands, where a man was kept on over one month, he was considered as permanent; and, if dropped, such employee was entitled to one month's pay in lieu of notice. Admitted the circumstances, but it has always appeared to me that these men should have been allowed the one month. But, to repeat, they are surely entitled to their pay from Apr. 1st to 16th.

As soon as I got back from the U.S. during 1947, these men began coming to me, asking them that I assist them in getting their money. I was naturally interested; in fact, under all circumstances, I considered it my duty. I found that these men had been processed singly, in sections, and in mass, many of them several times. I went to the Claim Office here in Iloilo, and they didn't know anything about it, saying that no doubt the papers were in Manila. I requested that the files be searched to be sure. This was done, and the folder was found. I spoke to no less than three heads of teams, and each promised that the matter would be attended to. And, still, many of these men keep coming to me, wanting to know why they hadn't been paid. There can be no doubt about this account. I can recognize every name that may have appeared on the rolls of the Navigation Head, and I am more than willing to cover same by an affidavit. I stated this at the Claim Office; moreover, I gave the address of Col. Carter R. McLennan whom I'm sure will furnish any required affidavit, especially if I can assure him that such men were actually on the rolls. Col. McLennan was a very busy man, and he hadn't much time to spend on detailed work.

I expect that some of these men have been paid. I do not know how many. The one name I have in mind at present is TEOFILO ALEJANDRIA who was receiving ₱50.00 monthly, although he was receiving twice the amount with the Pacific Commercial Co. This man claims to have made

out an submitted an individual claim. This was in accord with the instructions of your Iloilo Branch Office. The amount in question is small, only some ₱25.00, but it appears quite large to a man who has nothing. May I request that this name be looked up to see what action, if any, has ever been taken? It will be greatly appreciated.

This is a lengthy letter to send, I admit, but if I'm going to write at all, I may as well make it understandable. I think I have. To repeat, the men thus employed are entitled to one-half month at least, and I would request that they be paid. My understanding is that all former were processed. If I may see these names, and I recognize them as having been employed, I will gladly sign an affidavit; further, if it may be necessary, considering the amounts so small, I will submit such names to Col. McLennan for his approval. Again, Capt. Prudencio Palafox, now with the Philippine Army, may possibly be able to recall the names of those employed. He was the finance officer for the Navigation Head.

Trusting that this letter will be given due consideration, and that these small accounts of the Navigation Head be cleared, I am, sir,

Yours very truly,


Francis A. Whitney

P.S.:

Should your office desire to communicate with Col. McLennan, his present address is Army Retiring Board, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington 12, D.C. His home address is 215 East Kennedy Street, Syracuse, New York. As I say, he commanded the Iloilo Navigation Head from its inception until April 9, 1942. He was then relieved by Major (now col.) Richard I. Jones. I do not know his present whereabouts.

If there is more information I can give to enable your office to settle these small claims, I trust that you will so advise.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Luis Sirilan of legal age, Filipino citizen, and a resident of the City of Iloilo, Province of Iloilo, Philippines, after having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That I was the Assistant District Engineer of Capiz, Capiz, before the Pacific war broke out; that when the war broke out on 8 December 1941, I was detailed sometimes in the construction of Pilar and Dumarao landing fields;

That I have the full knowledge of the constructions of these two landing fields (Pilar & Dumarao); that these projects being supervised and paid for by the Armed Forces of the United States;

That in my capacity as one of the supervisors of these two landing fields (Pilar and Dumarao) I became familiar with the signatures of many Officers and enlisted men and also civilian employees who were inducted into the USAFFE:

That I have inspected and examined the Requisition and Issue Vouchers submitted by Iluminado Villaruz;

<u>Dated</u>	<u>Signed</u>
8 March 1942	C.L. Spencer & B. Acevedo
20 " "	C.L. Spencer & B. Acevedo
1 April "	R. dela Cruz
3 April "	R. dela Cruz & Miguel Roa
9 " "	H.A. Mann & Miguel Roa
3 " "	H.A. Mann
10 " "	H.A. Mann & Miguel Roa

That I have seen the above mentioned Officers signed their names on Army papers on several occasions; and that I certify to best of my knowledge and belief, that the signatures appearing thereon are genuine.

s/ Luis Sirilan
t/ LUIS SIRILAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of October 1946.

HOWARD C. MENZEL
Certifying Claims Investigator

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AFFIDAVIT

Gervacio Francisco, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and say:

That he is a Major, Finance Service, P.A., and presently assigned to the Regional Finance Office, Visayas, Mindanao and Sulu District; that prior to April 16, 1942 he was assigned as Division Finance Officer, 61st Division, USAFFE, and stationed in the City of Iloilo;

That in January of 1942 arrangements were made with the Philippine National Bank in Iloilo for the Finance Office of the 61st Division to draw upon an overdraft account created and set up in the bank for the payment of salaries, commandeered goods and all other types of army obligations were apid through this account in the form of a check issued by the Philippine National Bank and bearing the stamp across the face of the check that it was payable to the 61st Division, USAFFE; that all of these checks were signed by myself and by Lt. Jack Hulme who was appointed and assigned as Division Auditor;

That in the processing and paying of USAFFE Accounts the vouchers would be prepared and certified by the Quartermaster Office and would then be delivered to the Finance Office for payment; that all checks which were issued were drawn for the payment of vouchers which had been properly and correctly prepared and had been thoroughly checked and approved; that most of the checks issued were presented and cashed by the Philippine National Bank but some of the checks issued in March or April 1942 are still outstanding and unpaid; that these checks represent accounts which had been fully approved, certified and checked prior to the issuance or drawing of the checks for their payment and that all papers, such as receipts, invoices, requisition orders, were all presented to the Quartermaster Office or Finance Office in proof of the account and the check delivered and payment thereof; that all records of the Finance Office supporting the issuance of these checks were lost or burned during the Japanese occupation and so far as is known, there are no available records of any type of the Finance Office, 61st Division, USAFFE, now in existence.

/s/ Gervacio Francisco
/t/ GERVACIO FRANCISCO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January, 1946.

/s/ Boynton Kamb
/t/ BOYNTON KAMB

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

A F F I D A V I T

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I, LORENZO N. CORTUNA, 1st Lieutenant, AGS, O-23519, presently stationed at Camp Hernandez, Municipality of Dingle, Province of Iloilo, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to according to law, depose and say:

That I was enlisted with the Philippine Constabulary on 16 April 1925, and was inducted into the USAFFE 25 December 1941, and assigned as Administrative Clerk, G-I, 61st Division, USAFFE, stationed in Panay;

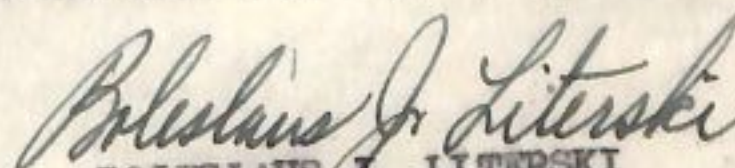
That as Administrative Clerk, G-I, 61st Division, USAFFE, I was in charge of all records and roster of officers and troops and personnel of the 61st Division, USAFFE;

That I know personally and had been many times in contact with Capt. Antonio Lucero, who was assigned Chief Procurement Officer, QMS, 61st Division, USAFFE, prior to April 16, 1942, and I am familiar with and can identify his signature;

That I have examined the signature of Capt. Antonio Lucero, QMS, Res., appearing on the Invoice of Pablo Dulalia dated 31 March 1942, as well as on Commandeering Receipt of the same date, and I recognize and identify both signatures as the true and genuine signatures of the said Capt. Antonio Lucero.


LORENZO N. CORTUNA
1st Lieut., AGS, O-23519.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of April 1946.


BOLESLAUS J. LITERSKI
1st Lieut., Infantry.

A F F I D A V I T

I, Florentino Visitacion, Filipino citizen and a resident of Iloilo City, Philippines, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say:

That on 1 January 1942 I was employed by the USAFFE Port Quartermaster, Iloilo City, as Bookkeeper, Voucher Clerk and Typist; that I was under the direct supervision of Mr. Francis A. Whitney, Chief Clerk of the Port Quartermaster, Captain Prudencio T. Palafox, FS, Port Quartermaster, now Major, FS, PA, Captain C. P. Moat, Acting Port Quartermaster, and under the over-all supervision of Major Richard Jones, successor to Colonel Carter R. McLennan, Port Quartermaster; and that I continued in this capacity until 16 April 1942, when the Japanese invaded Panay;

That after the purchase or commandeering of supplies by the Port Quartermaster, an official receipt was issued by the office of the Port Quartermaster to the seller; that the original receipt was never issued until the delivery or taking of all supplies had been checked in the Port Quartermaster office; that the seller then would prepare his invoice and deliver both the original receipt and three copies of the invoice for the preparation and issuance of a voucher; that when the voucher was then prepared, it was approved by the proper officials on the basis of prices listed on the invoices, with the understanding that the Price Fixing Committee would finally determine all prices;

That in my work I became familiar with the signatures of Major Richard Jones, successor to Colonel Carter R. McLennan, Port Quartermaster, Monty O. Wain, Property and Subsistence Agent, Port Quartermaster; that I have examined the signatures of Major Richard Jones and Mr. Monty O. Wain appearing on the General Voucher and my own signature appearing on the receipt as follows:

Purchase Orders Nos. 1140 and 1157 dated 10 and 13 April 1942 respectively, signed by Major Richard Jones, Port Quartermaster (Exhibit _____);

General Voucher covered by Purchase Order Nos. 1140 and 1157 for ₱157.12, signed by Major Richard Jones, Port Quartermaster, as to the correctness of the amount of goods purchased and signed by Mr. Monty O. Wain, Property and Subsistence Agent, certifying the goods as having been received by the office of the Port Quartermaster (Exhibit _____);

Receipt dated 10 April 1942 signed by me for various fresh food-stuffs purchased by the USAFFE covered by two unnumbered invoices for the amount of ₱78.31 (Exhibit _____)

and certify that they are the true and authentic signatures of Major Richard Jones, Monty O. Wain, and my own.

In witness hereof, I hereunto affix my signature this 23rd day of April 1946.

Florentino Visitacion
FLORENTINO VISITACION

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April 1946.

Boleslaus J. Literski
BOLESLAUS J. LITERSKI
1st Lt., Infantry
Investigating Officer

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Igmedio de los Santos, of legal age, married, Filipino, and resident of the City of Iloilo, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with the law, depose and say:

That on 14 December, 1941, I volunteered for induction into the USAFEE, and was given the rank of Private. I was discharged on 12 February, 1942.

On 13 February, 1942, I was given the job of timekeeper at Port Quartermaster Iloilo by Col. Carter Maclean U.S.A. I continued in this capacity until 15 April, 1942.

I hereby certify that I prepared the attached time-book of employees at Port Q.M., Iloilo, and that this is the original copy.

I further certify that Mr. Emerson, American civilian foreman, prepared the list of four (4) trucks and that Mr. Emerson refused to accept these trucks for use at Port Q.M. due to their poor state of repair. That the names shown with the truck number are the Port Q.M. drivers assigned to the designated trucks.

Also that the list of laborers titled 7 April, 1942 was prepared by me, and that these laborers worked overtime on 7 April, 1942 from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m.

That the attached list of headed Igmedio de los Santos was prepared by the Office of Port Q.M. Iloilo, and given to me since I was timekeeper for the group. The original list consisted of approximately eighty (80) names; however some of the names have now been obliterated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand in the City of Iloilo, Philippines, this 2nd day of November, 1945.

Igmedio de los Santos
IGMEDIO DE LOS SANTOS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November, 1945, at AFPAC Customs House, Iloilo City.

Receipt is acknowledged of the attached "Time Book", "list of 4 drivers", "list of laborers (April 7 P.M.)" "list of laborers entitled "IGMEDIO DE LOS SANTOS" and "Memorandum to all Timekeepers" on 11th day of July 1947.

WARREN A. VICK
Capt. Inf.

C. P. Derrick
C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Asst. Dir., Investigation Div.

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CERTIFICATE

I, Emilio Conanan, do hereby certify that I was employed at Port Quartermaster, USAFFE, La Paz, Iloilo City, Panay, P.I. as a foreman of a cargo detail. I began work as a foreman on 1 February, 1942 and worked as such until 15 April, 1942 due to the Japanese landing on Panay the following day.


I further certify that Igmedio de los Santos, Timekeeper for Port Quartermaster, made the entries shown in this time book. I also certify that this book is the original time book prepared in April, 1942. Also that I know Igmedio de los Santos personally and worked with him during the course of our employment at Port Quartermaster.

/s/ Emilio A. Conanan
/t/ EMILIO CONANAN
Foreman
Port QM Iloilo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day
of November, 1945.

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, JR.
1st LT., INF.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

AFFIDAVIT

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I, ANTONIO PLA, in charge of Procurement Section of Port Quartermaster, Iloilo, after having been duly sworn, hereby certify and declare:


That I first became connected with Port Quartermaster on 8th December 1941, as a Peso a year man, to help Col. McLlenan, 26th Cavalry, organize same. That by 1st February 1942, Port Quartermaster was completely organized, and all regular employees including myself were placed on a regular payroll. However, several employees were already on a steady employment basis.

That a list of the regular employees, fifty (52) two in number had previously been submitted, and these were the only regular employees of Port Quartermaster of Iloilo.

That labourers were obtained by contacting the Personnel Section, who in turn, hired labourers by the day. Employment of labourers was a simple matter, since most civilian places were closed and crowds of civilian labourers assembled at our offices, waiting for a job. These labourers were hired on a daily basis, placed on a separate payroll, and paid daily, by Captain Prudencio Palafox, Finance Officer, Port Quartermaster.

That 15th April 1942, was the last day that Port Quartermaster functioned; ceasing on that day because of the Japanese landing in Iloilo.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I affixed my signature this 8th day of December 1945.


ANTONIO PLA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of December 1945, at Iloilo City, Iloilo, Panay.


WARREN A. VICK
Capt., Inf.

A F F I D A V I T

I, LOPE QUIAL, Filipino, of age, married and resident of the city of Baguio, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to according to law, depose and say:

That during the war and before the landing of the Japanese forces in Panay on April 16, 1942, I was a member of the USAFFE with the rank of Lt.-Col., and a member of the Staff of the Commanding General, 61st Division, USAFFE, in Panay;

That as a member of the Staff of the 61st Division, USAFFE, Panay, one of my duties was to sign all requisition slips for commandeered goods and supplies, equipment, etc. that were needed by the various units of the USAFFE forces in Panay Island;

That I remember very well that I had signed requisition slips for spare parts for automobiles and trucks, automobile tires and accessories, lumber, cement and other construction materials addressed to Uy Bico & Co. of Iloilo city, to cover requisitions made by the various units of the USAFFE in Panay, particularly for the construction of hospitals in the municipalities of Calinog and Ma-asin, Iloilo, for the Motor Pool, and for the airfields in Panay;

That I cannot recall now the quantity and value of these construction materials, automobile and truck spare parts, tires and accessories, lumber, and cement, etc., which were requisitioned from Uy Bico & Co., Iloilo city, but I can estimate that I must have signed requisition slips worth some P13,000.00 of automobile and truck spare parts, some P5,000.00 worth of tires and accessories, and some P9,000.00 worth of lumber, cement, nails and other construction materials that were badly needed at that time by the Motor Pool, hospitals, airfields and for the construction of bridges; and

That it was the practice then of the USAFFE to have the corresponding invoices covering all requisitioned and commandeered goods and supplies passed upon by the Price Fixing Committee before said invoices are partially or wholly paid by the Finance Office of the USAFFE, then headed by Major Cervacio Francisco.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed this affidavit in the city of Baguio, Philippines, this ___ day of March, 1948.

LOPE QUIAL
Lt.-Col., Army of the Phil.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of March, 1948, in the city of Baguio, affiant having exhibited his Res. Cert. No. _____, issued in Baguio city, on _____, 1948.

Notary Public

Until December 31, 1948

Doc. ___; page ___; Book ___; Series, 1948

CERTIFICATE

I, ELVIRO ALBALADEJO, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of the City of Iloilo, hereby certifies that the following is true and correct:

That I was a reserve officer called into active duty on 13 December 1941 and inducted into the service of the USAFFE on the same day by Brig. Gen. Juan C Quimbo, PA, at Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City, and assigned as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Bn, 64th Inf, 61st Division, and later procurement officer of the 64th Inf, and after that assigned to the Base Quartermaster of the 61st Division, attached to the 64th Inf, with the rank of Captain until the time of surrender to the Japanese forces;

That during the time I had my above assignments, I came to know many officers and enlisted men and became familiar with their signatures and could identify them;

That I have examined the signature on the receipt dated 14 April 1942 submitted by Mrs Maria Garcia de Ford and I hereby certify that the signature and initial thereon are the true and authentic signature and initials of Lt A G Nuñez; that to the best of my knowledge, recollection and belief, the receipt is genuine.

*Signature of Elviro
Albaladejo cut out
for Signature Card File*

MAG.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements were made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 12th day of December, 1946.

Conrad R Sipple
CONRAD R SIPPLE
Legal Investigator
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
: S.S.
CITY OF MANILA)

A F F I D A V I T

I, ALFONSO FRAN, Lieutenant Colonel, PA, of legal age, widower, Filipino, and presently assigned with the Accountability Investigation Board, HPA, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, after having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That before the War, I was a member of the Philippine Army and of the USAFFE with the rank of Major, and was assigned as Quartermaster, PA, of the 6th Military District, with station at Iloilo City, Philippines;

That on or about May, 1941, I with an American Army Officer, Lt-Col. George Clarke, USA, went to the Municipality of Anilao, Iloilo, Philippines, to look for site for a Camp, and one of those included was the property of Mr. Marcelino Buyco of Anilao, Iloilo, bound on the North by the Provincial Road to Banate, and on the South by the Culub Creek;

That upon permission and authorization of the said Marcelino Buyco, the Army thru Lt. Macaranas, CB., entered the land and constructed Army temporary buildings thereat on or about August 1941;

That before the land was occupied by the Army, the land was planted with sugar cane and palay, which crops were destroyed upon the construction of the buildings and the roadways;

That after the completion of Army temporary buildings, the Headquarters Service Company, 61st Division, first under 1st Lieut. Grasparil, and later under Capt. Saure, occupied the buildings on or about November, 1941. They were later joined by the 61st Medical Battalion, 61st Division, under Major Jose Caedo, MC. Because of another assignment, I was not aware who occupied the buildings later.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I affix my signature on this 29th day of October 1946, at the City of Manila, Philippines.

*Signature of Alfonso
Fran cut out for signature
card file. G.*



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before us this 29th day of October
1946, at H.A.P. Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

*Coronel B. Amador
Capt JAGS*

A F F I D A V I T

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REPUBLIC OF THE)
PHILIPPINES) SS
PROVINCE OF ILOILO)

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I, JOSE DINGCONG, married, of age, Filipino citizen, an ex-1st Lieut., QMS, O-23829, a resident of Iloilo City, after having been duly sworn to, according to law, do hereby depose and say:

That, the signature appearing in the commandeering receipt of Mrs. MATILDE VDA. DE SALAZAR, containing 42 (forty two) Bultos of palay, dated 28 March '42, is my genuine signature.

That, I was authorized to commandeered palay and other commodities for the used of the 61st DIVISION, USAFFE, by Capt. ANTONINO ALIBAEN, who was then my senior officer in the Base S-4, 61st Division, USAFFE. (My records pertaining to the Base S-4, 61st Division, USAFFE, were lost during the landing of the Japanese Forces in Panay, 16 April '42.)

I do hereby swear that the information set forth herein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Signature of Jose Dingcong
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J.



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12th day of July 1946, at Iloilo City, Iloilo, Philippines. Affiants, Jose Dingcong, exhibited his Residence Certificate No. A-1152686, issued at Iloilo City, on January 25, 1946.

[Handwritten Signature]

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PROVINCE OF ILOILO, CITY OF ILOILO) S. S.

AFFIDAVIT

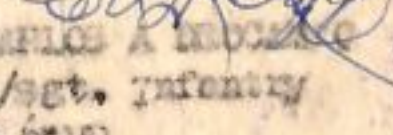
I, Carlos A. Deocampo, S/sergeant, (PA) ASN 478808, of legal age, married, and a resident of Iloilo City, after having been duly sworn to according to law, depose and say:

That I know Mr. Ignacio Achurra, a native of Ajuy, Sara, a possessor of Winchester shotgun, 12 gauge, No. 399547 covered by license No. 49454.

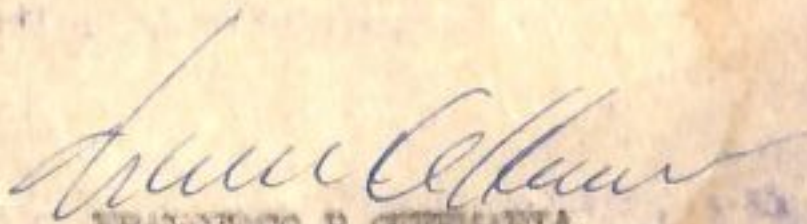
That on March 5, 1942 his Winchester shotgun was commandeered by USAFFE under Philippine Constabulary receipt No. 109245, and same was turned over to Lieut. Coloz for proper disposition.

That the signature appearing on the aforesaid Philippine Constabulary receipt No. 109245 issued Mr. Achurra was my genuine signature while I was a duty Sergeant in the office of the Provincial Inspector, PC, Iloilo before the Japanese Invasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 21st day of October 1946, at Camp Delgado, Iloilo City.


CARLOS A. DEOCAMPO ASN 478808
S/sgt. Infantry
W 6th ID

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 21st day of October 1946.


FRANCISCO B. GUTIERREZ
Captain, Infantry
TK-0 & Adjutant, 6th ID

5-3628

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES } S. S.
CITY OF ILOILO }

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I, PRIMO M. DOREZA, an Officer of the Philippine Army, of legal age, Filipino, and actually assigned to the 2nd Ordnance M.M. Co. P. A. DO hereby declare and affirm after having been sworn according to law:

That I commandeered from Mr. Manuel G. Azaola at La Paz, City of Iloilo, on or about the month of February 1942, one DYNAMO generator bearing the trade mark of Westinghouse with 110 volts, AC capacity;

That I cannot recall the serial number and model of said generator:

That I commandeered the said generator on the authority and order of Brig. Gen. Bradford Chenneth, the Division Commander of the 61st Div. USAFFE;

That my assignment during that time was that of Procurement and Maintenance Officer of the 61st MT.CO. USAFFE, and that I have issued the legal Commandeering receipt to the owner of the generator, Mr. Manuel G. Azaola at his home in La, Paz, Iloilo City, Philippines;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature in the City of Iloilo, Philippines this 24th of April 1946.

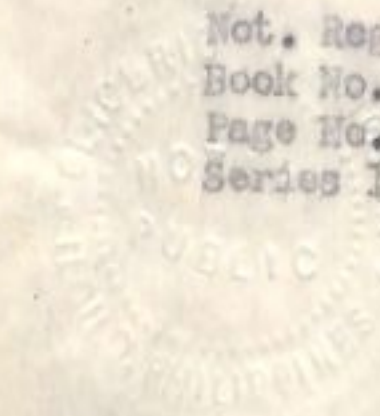
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Captain, 2nd Ord. MM. CO. PA.
SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me in the City of Iloilo, Philippines this 24th day of April 1946. The Affiant Exhibited Gen. Cert. No. A-1726134, issued on 19th April, Iloilo City, in 1946.

[Signature]
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A F F I D A V I T

I, VICENTE BELLO O-43107, 1st Lieut. Inf. of legal age, married, residing in La Paz, Iloilo City, after having been duly sworn to according to law, hereby depose and say;

1. That I was the ME. Officer, 63rd Inf. 61st Division, Panay, from 16 Dec. 1941 to 14 March 1942.

2. That on 17 Dec. 1941, the CO 63rd Inf. Regt. Lieut. Col. Maclenan ordered me to commandeered trucks for the use of the said regiment.

3. That on 18 Dec. 1941, I personally commandeered the truck T-10250 belonging to Mr. MARIANO TIONKO for the use of the 63rd Inf. Regt.

3. That the truck was in a fally good condition when it was commandeered.

In WITNESS HEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature on this 24th day of ~~Sept~~ 1946 in La Paz, Iloilo City.

*Signature of Vicente Bello
cut out for signature
card file. J.*



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24th day of ~~September~~ 1946. He exhibited his residence certificate No. ~~41726253~~ ~~Iloilo City~~ February 20, 1946.



Jose C. Divinagracia
Notary Public

*My Com. expires Dec. 31, 1946.
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A F F I D A V I T

I, Florentino G. Armonio, of legal age, and resident of the Municipality of Culasi, Province of Antique, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby depose and say:

That, being a Reserve Officer, PA, I was called to active duty during the War and was inducted into the USAFFE with the rank of Captain on 29 December 1941 at Camp Hernandez, Dingle, Iloilo, by then Col. Juan C. Quimbo;

That, after my induction, I was subsequently designated S-4, 1st Bn, 61st Regiment; Asst. S-4 65th Infantry Regiment; and Procurement Officer, BQM, all of the 61st Division;

That as Asst. S-4, and at the same time procurement Officer, of the 65th Regiment, I procured from Mrs. Remedios M. Opinion of Bugasong, Antique, on 17 March 1942 Two Hundred-Seventy (270) Cavanos of Palay at the agreed price of Two and 50/100 pesos (P2.50) per cavan;

That I issued to said Mrs. Remedios M. Opinion a receipt duly signed by me and bearing a commandeering authority duly signed by Col. Lope Quial, then Adjutant General, 61st Division, for the aforementioned 270 cavanos of palay which were turned over to the S-4, 65th Regiment, for use of that unit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I signed my name this 19th day of November, 1946, at San Jose, Antique.

Florentino G. Armonio
FLORENTINO G. ARMONIO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Nov, 1946, at San Jose, Antique.

Sixto R. Villavert
SIXTO R. VILLAVERT
Register of Deeds
Province of Antique.

This Office has no
Dry Seal.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES ...
PROVINCE OF ILOILO
MUNICIPALITY OF ALIMODIAN ... | SS

A F F I D A A V I T

I, MANUEL A. ANINO, Filipino, of legal age, married and resident of the municipality of Alimodian, province of Iloilo, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to according to law depose and say:

That on or about December 24, 1941, after my induction to the USAFFE, I was detached from my company ("C" Co. 1st Bn. 63rd Inf Regt, 61st Div. USAFFE, assigned that time at Camp Hernandez, Dingle, Iloilo.) I was temporarily stationed that time at Sta Barbara and our immediate Officer in charge over us was Lt. Martil;

That we were assigned to campaign in the different towns in connection with the commandeering of all kinds of trucks and automobiles with the said Officer Lt. Martil;

That on or about the date above-mentioned, in the Municipality of Molo, Iloilo, when I was with Lt. Martil, he commandeered a truck (FARGO) belonging to Catalina Domingo and the corresponding receipt duly issued;

That from the moment the said truck was commandeered it was used for military purposes by Lt. Martil, I myself being the driver of the said vehicle;

That the above-referred truck was never returned to its owner Catalina Domingo from the date it was commandeered till the present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my signature this 2nd day of October, 1946 at Alimodian, Iloilo, Philippines.

Signature of Manuel A. Anino cut out for signature card file

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 2nd day of October, 1946 at Alimodian, Iloilo, Affiant exhibited to me his Reg. Cert. No. A-1232078 issued at Alimodian, Iloilo, on January 21, 1946.

Salvador P. Castellano
SALVADOR P. CASTELLANO
Justice of the Peace
of Alimodian, Iloilo

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Iloilo City)

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A F F I D A V I T

I, AGUSTIN VALDIVIESO, S. Sgt., FS, 478811, On duty with the 6th MD (PA), of legal age, Filipino citizen, married and a resident of the City of Iloilo, Province of Iloilo, Philippines, after being duly sworn according to law, deposes and say:

That on Jan. 1943, I was assigned as Clerk of the Regimental Finance Officer, 64th Inf., USAFFE and remained with the same unit until the surrender of the USAFFE forces here in Panay.

That on March 19, 1943, I was instructed by Lt. EMPESTAN, Regimental Finance Officer, 64th Inf USAFFE, to collect all the receipts of the goods which were commandeered by various officers from their owners for preparation of vouchers, and to issue a temporary receipt in lieu of the receipts taken.

That I complied with the instructions of my superior officer and collected from Mr. Lim Pieng Sieng, owner of Oriental Bakery, Kalibo, CapiZ the receipts signed by Lt. Walter Hinkle in the amount of P55.11; from Mr. Lim Chong Kim, owner of Lim Chong Kim Store, of Kalibo, CapiZ, the receipts of several officers in the total amount of P811.66, and issued them a temporary receipt in lieu of the receipts taken by me.

That the receipt which I issued to the 2 above named persons in lieu of the original receipts which they surrender to ~~me~~ ^{Mc KFO}, is my own receipt and the signature appearing therein is my true and genuine signature.

That the said receipts which were received by me from the 2 ~~persons~~ above named persons for the Regimental Officer, 64th Inf USAFFE; the amount for payment was not received from the Division Finance Officer, 61st Division, USAFFE; and furthermore, that those receipts were buried in the Regimental Security Area of the 64th Inf. somewhere in the mountains of Tapaz, CapiZ upon orders from the Regimental Finance Officer, 64th Inf. USAFFE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed this affidavit at Iloilo City, Iloilo, Philippines on this 23d day of May 1947.

Agustin Valdivieso
AGUSTIN VALDIVIESO 478811
S. Sgt., FS
On Duty w/ 6th MD (PA)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the affiant, S. Sgt. Agustin Valdivieso, 478811, at Iloilo City, Iloilo, Philippines on this 23d day of May 1947. Affiant having shown his Residence Certificate No. A-1441543, issued at Iloilo City, Iloilo on 31 March 1947.

Vicente Castromero, Jr.
VICENTE CASTROMERO, Jr.
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A F F I D A V I T

I, RIZALINO G. SO, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen and a resident of the municipality of Libacao, Province of Capiz, Philippines, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and say:

That on 1 Dec. 1941, I was inducted into the services of the USAFFE as SERGEANT, and assigned with the G-2 Section, Division Hqrs., 61st Div. USAFFE. That I did not surrender to the Japanese Imperial Forces, but instead joined the "Resistance Movement, Panay Guerilla Forces, later called the 6th Military District (Guerilla) on 22 Aug. 1942 and assigned as UNIT COMMANDER, of LIBACAO UNIT. That on 1 Sept. 1942, I was Commissioned as THIRD LIEUT., and remained with the same unit. That on 15 Nov. 1942, I was again transferred and assigned as Junior Off., "G" Co., 64th Inf., and was promoted to SECOND LIEUT. on 1 Dec. 1942. That on 5 Jan 1943, I was assigned on Duty with the G-2 Section, Division Hqrs., 61st Division under Capt. Federico L. Salcedo until 2 Feb. 1943 when I was assigned as Administrative and Asst. Combat Int. Officer of the same unit until 31 March 1943. That on 1 April 1943, I was again assigned as Combat and Counter Int. Officer, G-2 Section, 61st Division Hqrs., under Major Federico L. Salcedo until 30 Sept. 1943. That on 1 Oct., 1943, I was transferred and assigned with the 66th Inf., as Regimental Int. Officer (S-2) under Lt. Col. V. Grasparil until 5 April 1945. That on 1 Dec. 1943, I was promoted to FIRST LIEUT. and promoted to CAPTAIN on 1 March 1945. That on 6 April 1945, I was assigned as Regimental Plans and Trng. Officer (S-3) 66th Inf. until 20 May 1945 and again assigned as Regimental Int. Officer (S-2) 66th Inf. from 21 May 1945 until 15 June 1945 under Lt. Col. B. Villasis. That I was processed and returned to full military control on 18 May 1945 at Capiz, Capiz. That I was activated into the 52d Inf (PA) and assigned as Battalion Int. Officer (S-2) 1st Bn. 52d Inf (PA) under Major C. Carreon on June 16, 1945 until 15 Jan. 1946. That on 16 Jan 1946, I was assigned as Actg. CO "A" Co., 1st Bn., 52d Inf (PA) under Major Ernesto Golez: Reprocessed 31 Jan 1946 at Camp Hernandez, Dingle, Iloilo, by RPD Team No. 7; DEMOBILIZED, 31 March 1946.

That in my various assigned duties enumerated above, I came in contact with various officers and enlisted men and saw them on several occasions sign their names on army papers.

That I have examined the commanding receipts and vouchers submitted by Lim Pieng Sieng to the AFWESPAC, Team No. 5-1, Iloilo Branch Iloilo City which are follows:

- (1) Receipt dated 16 Jan 1942 signed by Lt. Salvador Tubelleja.
- (2) Receipt dated 16 Jan 1942 signed by Lt. Alfonso Amada.
- (3) Receipt dated 16 Jan 1942 signed by Lt. Sabidong
- (4) Receipt dated 19 Jan 1942 signed by Lt. Manuel Divinagracia
- (5) Receipt dated 21 Jan 1942 signed by Capt. E. Albaladejo
- (6) Receipt dated 22 Jan 1942 signed by Lt. Carlos Gregorio
- (7) Receipt dated 27 Jan 1942 signed by Lt. Florencio Palacios
- (8) Receipt dated 30 Jan 1942 signed by Lt. Sixto Griengo
- (9) Receipt dated 15 Feb 1942 signed by Lt. B. Alunan
- (10) Receipt dated 27 Feb 1942 signed by Capt. E. Albaladejo

That I have seen the commanding receipts or vouchers and the officers who signed their names thereon as hereinabove stated and I recognized and identify the signatures appearing thereon as actually signed by the above persons and to the best of my knowledge, the receipts are genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed this affidavit at Iloilo City, Iloilo, Philippines, on this 22d day of May 1947.


RIZALINO G. SO

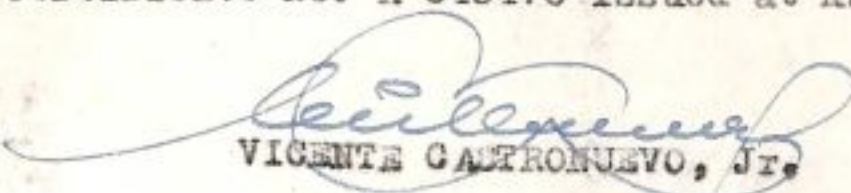
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the affiant, Rizalino G. So
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(Affidavit of Rizalino G. So)

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at Iloilo City, Iloilo, Philippines, on this 22d day of May 1947. Affiant having shown his Residence Certificate No. A-845476 issued at Kalibo, Capiz on 1 April, 1947.


VICENTE CASTROMUEVO, Jr.

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CERTIFICATE

I, LORENZO N. CORTUNA, of legal age, married, at present residing in Valeria St., Iloilo City, hereby certify that the following is true and correct:

That I joined the Philippine Constabulary in 1925, and in 1936 when the Philippine Army was created, I was transferred thereto; that as of the outbreak of the war, I was a Sgt Inf, and was under the direct supervision of Lope Quial, Major Inf, District Commander, 6th MD, PA, Camp Delgado, Iloilo; that I was then assigned to the Office of the District Commander, 6th MD, Camp Delgado, Iloilo, and when the war broke out, Major Lope Quial was promoted to Lt Col Inf, Adjutant General of the 61st Div USAFFE and I was promoted to Master Sgt and made Chief Clerk of the Adj General's Office, 61st Div USAFFE;

That in the execution of my duties, I became familiar with the formulation of policies regarding the procurement of supplies by the USAFFE as well as the preparation of procurement receipt forms;

That I also became familiar with the signatures of many officers and enlisted men on account of having seen them on many official papers that passed thru the Office of the Adjutant General, 61st Div USAFFE;

That I have examined the following papers submitted by Mr Cesar D Evangelista to Claims Service, Iloilo Branch Office:

Receipt signed by Lt Col Lopez Quial and P D Esguerra, Major Inf, dated 23 March 1942

Receipt signed by Lt Col Lope Quial and Major P E Esguerra, dated 23 March 1942

Certificate dated 8 April 1942 signed by Capt N E Avancena

That I recognize the signatures thereon to be the genuine signatures of Lt Col Lope Quial, Major P D Esguerra, and Capt N E Avancena, and to the best of my judgment and belief, the said receipts and certificate are authentic;

That I know that Mr Cesar Evangelista owned a rice mill in Dumangas and that he was milling palay for the Army; I also know of the arrangement whereby he was to mill Army palay and haul the clean rice from his mill in Dumangas to the Army bodega in Pototan; as to the charges he was to be paid for the milling and hauling, I can not remember.

IN WITNESS TO THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, I hereon sign this certificate this 1st day of July 1947 in the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

Lorenzo N. Cortuna

L. N. Cortuna
LORENZO N. CORTUNA

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements were made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 1st day of July 1947 in the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

Enrique S Garcia
ENRIQUE S GARCIA
Certifying Claims Investigator
Claims Service, PHILRYCOM
Iloilo Branch Office

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MANILA) SS.

A F F I D A V I T

I, JOAQUIN B. HIDALGO, Capt. FA, AP ASN O-1571, of legal age and presently assigned as ~~Junior~~^{Senior} Aide to His Excellency the President of the Philippines, after being duly sworn according to law do hereby depose and say:

That I was the Executive Officer of the 81st FA Regiment, 81st Division USAFFE under Lt. Col. Woodbridge from the time of its organization up to the surrender of the Visayas-Mindanao Force on 10 May 1942;

That the Regimental Hqs authorized commandeering things such as barbed wires for sector defenses, horses, carabaos, bulls and carts for hauling ammunitions, food supplies and the like;

That Capt. G. A. Abellada FA, Battery Commander Hqs & Hqs Battery, 3rd Bn of our Regiment, the 81st FA, used commandeered barbed wires for his sector defenses and other things needed by his Battery, from civilians in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental where the unit is assigned.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Joaquin B. Hidalgo
JOAQUIN B. HIDALGO
Capt. FA. AP
O-1571

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ th day of August, 1947
at HAP, Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

Jacinto T. Gavino
JACINTO T. GAVINO
Major FA
WPD, HAP -



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CITY OF MANILA)

APPENDIX

I, JOAQUIN B. RIMMICO, Capt. RA, AP ASN 0-1271, of legal age and
presently assigned as ~~Executive~~ Aide to his Excellency the President of the
Philippines, after being duly sworn according to law do hereby depose and
say:

That I was the Executive Officer of the 81st RA Regiment, 81st
Division USARV under Lt. Col. Woodbridge from the time of its organization
up to the surrender of the Visayas-Mindanao Force on 10 May 1945;

That the Regiment had authorized commanding things such as
corpses wires for sector defense, horses, oxen, bulis and carts for
hauling ammunition, food supplies and the like;

That Capt. O. A. Abalida RA, Battery Commander 8th A Rifle Battery,
1st Inf of our Regiment, was in command of the battery, from the time of
sector defense and other things needed by his battery, from the time of
Japanese, Spanish and other things the unit is equipped.

Further deponent says the following:

Joaquin B. Rimmico
JOAQUIN B. RIMMICO
Capt. RA, AP
0-1271

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of August, 1947
at IAP, Camp Murphy, Cebu City.

J. F. Davino
JACOB F. DAVINO
Major RA
IAP, Cebu



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*To. Navies
Team # 2*

AFFIDAVIT

I, FLORENTINO VISITACION, Filipino citizen and resident of the City of Iloilo, Philippines, being first duly sworn to, depose and say:

That on 1 January 1942 I was employed by the USAFFE Port Quartermaster, Iloilo City, as bookkeeper, voucher clerk and typist, and continued in this capacity until 15 April 1942; that I was under the direct supervision of Mr. Francis A. Whitney, Chief Clerk of the Port Quartermaster, Capt. Prudencio T. Palafox, F.S. and under the over-all supervision of Capt. C. P. Moat, Acting Port Quartermaster.

That after the purchase or commandeering of supplies by the Port Quartermaster, an official receipt was issued by the office of the Port Quartermaster to the seller; that the seller then would prepare his invoices and deliver both the original receipt and three copies of the invoices for the preparation and issue of a voucher for payment; that the original receipt was never issued until the delivery or taking of all supplies had been checked in the Port Quartermaster Office;

That at the time the original receipt and invoices were delivered, the Quartermaster Office would issue to the claimant a receipt acknowledging the delivery of the invoices, and that a voucher would be prepared and submitted for payment, that as the original receipt was checked and certified before delivery, there were very few instances where the prices stated in the invoice were ever changed and payment would be on the invoice price as submitted;

That in my work, I became familiar with and examined the signatures of Mr. Whitney, Capt. P. T. Palafox, Capt. C. P. Moat, Jose R. Jose, Eleuterio Valenzuela, Jovito L. Ronzales, Pvt. Singson, Capt. Francisco Valdes; and I certify that I have seen them signing their names many times on the vouchers and other documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of July 1946 in the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

Florentino Visitacion
FLORENTINO VISITACION

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July 1946 in the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

URIAS S. HORST
2nd Lt., CMP
Investigating Officer

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL INSPECTOR

Santa Barbara, Iloilo
March 18, 1942

MEMORANDUM -
All Chiefs of Police
Iloilo Province.

Upon receipt of this memorandum you are directed to commandeer immediately all privately owned firearms and ammunitions from all private persons residents in your municipality except those who are in the government service.

The Governor has already issued circular letters to all Mayors in the province to cooperate with the Constabulary and Police in order that the commandeering of all firearms will be effected within the shortest time possible.

Attached is the form of receipt to be issued for each firearm and ammunitions commandeered. Prepare the receipt in duplicate, deliver the original to the firearm holder and attach the duplicate to the firearm commandeered to be delivered to this office for disposition. Keep a record in your office of all firearms commandeered showing in tabulated form the name of the firearm holder, kind and make of arm, its caliber and serial number, amount of ammunition and date when commandeered. Advise this office as soon as sufficient firearms and ammunitions have been commandeered so that a representative of this office may go to your municipality to gather the arms.

BBW/ug-
Encl. As stated.

A true copy:

By: MARCELO DELICENA,
Sgt. of Police
Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo.

(SDD) E. B. ALCALA
1st. Lt. (IC) USAFFE
Provincial Inspector

CERTIFICATE

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I, Carlos Deocampo, presently stationed at Camp Delgado, Iloilo City, hereby certify that the following is true and correct:

That since 1928 I have served continuously in the Philippine Constabulary until the Japanese invasion of Panay on the 16 April 1942. I was assigned to the Iloilo Company, PC. My duty in this company was as Firearms Clerk.

That in November 1941 I know that the Provincial Governor, Tomas Confesor, issued orders to the Provincial Inspector, Major Rafael Alcala, PC, to gather firearms from Iloilo Province for the USAFFE. Major Rafael Alcala gave orders to Capt. Elizalde, CO of the Iloilo Company, PC, to establish an organization in the City of Iloilo to collect firearms from the civilians. Capt. Elizalde established a receiving section in Iloilo and informed that Chiefs of Police of various towns to submit to him lists of firearms in the possession of the civilians in their corresponding towns. After Capt. Elizalde received a list of firearms from a Chief of Police, he would issue orders for the Chief of Police to collect these firearms. After the firearms were collected, he personally or Lt. Maximo Tabeta would go to the town and receive the weapons from the Chief of Police and issue receipts for same.

In November 1941 I was assigned to the Firearm Section of the Iloilo Company, PC, by Capt. Elizalde. My duties were to receive the firearms from Capt. Elizalde and Lt. Tabeta, check the firearms to see if they were in working condition and to record said weapons in a journal, issue receipts for said weapons and to turn over said weapons to the Ordnance Officer, Lt. Golez. Lt. Golez in turn would turn over the weapons to the 61st Division, USAFFE. After receiving and checking the weapons and recording them, I would make out proper receipts in the owner's names. These receipts would be signed by Capt. Elizalde or Lt. Tabeta and then they would be issued to the Chief of Police to distribute them to their proper owners.

After Christmas of 1941 our office was moved to the municipal building of Jarol. In January 1942 our Firearm Section was moved to Passi and around the 1st of April, 1942 our Section moved to Sta. Barbara. In Sta. Barbara all of our records were burned and destroyed so that they would not fall into the hands of the Japanese when Panay was invaded on 16 April 1942.

s/ Carlos Deocampo
 t/ CARLOS DEOCAMPO

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements were made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 5th day of August 1947.

s/ Enrique S. Garcia
 t/ ENRIQUE S. GARCIA
 Certifying Claims Investigator
 Claims Service, PHILRYCCW
 Iloilo Branch Office

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Enrique S. Garcia
 ENRIQUE S. GARCIA
 Certifying Claims Investigator

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AFFIDAVIT

Antonio P. Pla, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says: That I am a Spanish citizen, of legal age and a resident of Iloilo City;

That on February 1, 1942, I was employed by the Port Quartermaster, Iloilo City, in charge of all procurements by the Port Quartermaster under Col. Carter MacLenan, Port Quartermaster, and later under Major Richard Jones; That sometime during March 1942 I requisitioned 5,000 new empty sugar sacks from Mr. Benjamin Javellana for the purpose of supplying rice thru the Port Quartermaster to the Leper Colony located near Palawan Island; That the usual and average market price for new sugar sacks in Iloilo City at that time was ₱.40 to ₱.50 per sack, and second hand ones ₱.15 to ₱.20 each; That I had made other purchases of this type of merchandise, and was familiar with the market price;

That prior to serving with the USAFFE, I was the Manager of the local branch of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. (P. I.), and at the present time am reopening the Cebu and Iloilo branches of this Company.

Signed this 13th day of December, 1945, in the City of Iloilo.

/s/ Antonio P. Pla
/t/ ANTONIO P. PLA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December 1945.

/s/ Boynton Kamb
/t/ BOYNTON KAMB
2d Lt., JAGD
Investigating Officer

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Conrad R. Sipple
CONRAD R. SIPPLE
Legal Investigator
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

Washington, D. C.
1 October 1947

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I, CARTER R. McLENNAN, Colonel, Cavalry, United States Army, ASN 05750, being first duly sworn, do depose and say:

At the time of the outbreak of the war between the United States of America and the Nipponese Empire, the Philippine Army was deficient in many essential materials. Conspicuous among these were automotive fuels and lubricants. Immediately upon the outbreak of war requisitions were made on all of the firms dealing in supplies of this nature, and to the best of my knowledge and belief all available automotive fuels and lubricants were taken for the use of the Armed Services.

To the best of my recollection the Chief Procurement Agent of the 61st Division, Philippine Army, was Major Fran, subsequently Lieutenant Colonel and possibly Colonel, whose first name of initial cannot now be recalled, an officer of the Philippine Regular Army. This officer was the Division Quartermaster, and it is believed that most supplies required for the Division were acquired by him or his agents.

I was detailed as Navigation Head Officer, Iloilo, Iloilo, Panay Island, and as Navigation Head Officer procured a considerable quantity of supplies, and I do not now recall whether any supplies were acquired by my office from the Caltex (Philippines) Incorporated.

I have examined the statement of the Caltex Company appearing as an inclosure to letter, Headquarters, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, Office of the Chief of Claims Service, and believe the claim stated therein is just and correct. The only method of determining its absolute accuracy that I can think of is to compare the statement with the company's accounts as of the date of declaration of war. If the account does not exceed the materials shown by the company's inventory of that date it is undoubtedly correct, for practically all automotive fuels and lubricants, together with the necessary containers for their transportation were requisitioned by USAFFE immediately after the declaration of war.

Almost immediately upon the declaration of war currency disappeared, being presumably hoarded by the people, and checks or other negotiable instruments could not be cashed. This situation continued for a considerable period until the local Provincial Government began printing its own currency. During that period very few supplies were paid for in cash, and checks, being non-negotiable, were unacceptable. Even after the printing of currency was started only a comparatively small amount of the indebtedness incurred by the Armed Forces on the Island of Panay were paid for, either by cash or

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check. The reason for this, many firms, came particularly in the case of the larger firms, (whose business had ceased as a result of the war) expressed a desire not to be paid, preferring that an obligation of the United States continued to exist until after the hazard of an invasion by the Nipponese had terminated. It is strongly suspected that Galtex is one of the firms that preferred to "carry" an obligation of the United States than to be paid.

/s/ Carter R. McLennan
/t/ CARTER R. McLENNAN
Colonel, CAV.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of October 1947.

/s/ A. J. Rouch
/t/ A. J. ROUCH
Lt. Colonel, AGD
O-242736
Recorder, Army Retiring Board

Certified True Copy:

T/Sgt TEODORO M. TALUBAN
Claims Investigator

Washington, D. C.
1 October 1947

A-F-F-I-D-A-V-I-T

I, CARTER R. McLENNAN, Colonel, Cavalry, United States Army, ASN 05750, being first duly sworn, do depose and say:

At the time of the outbreak of the war between the United States of America and the Nipponese Empire, the Philippine Army was deficient in many essential materials. Conspicuous among these were automotive fuels and lubricants. Immediately upon the outbreak of war requisitions were made on all of the firms dealing in supplies of this nature, and to the best of my knowledge and belief all available automotive fuels and lubricants were taken for the use of the Armed Services.

To the best of my recollection the Chief Procurement Agent of the 61st Division, Philippine Army, was Major Fran, subsequently Lieutenant Colonel and possibly Colonel, whose first name or initial cannot now be recalled, an officer of the Philippine Regular Army. This officer was the Division Quartermaster, and it is believed that most supplies required for the Division were acquired by him or his agents.

I was detailed as Navigation Head Officer, Iloilo, Iloilo, Panay Island, and as Navigation Head Officer procured a considerable quantity of supplies. I do not now recall whether any supplies were acquired by my office from the Caltex (Philippines) Incorporated.

I have examined the statement of the Caltex Company appearing as an inclosure to letter, Headquarters, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, Office of the Chief of Claims Service, and believe the claim stated therein is just and correct. The only method of determining its absolute accuracy that I can think of is to compare the statement with the company's accounts as of the date of declaration of war. If the account does not exceed the materials shown by the company's inventory of that date it is undoubtedly correct, for practically all automotive fuels and lubricants, together with the necessary containers for their transportation were requisitioned by USAFFE immediately after the declaration of war.

Almost immediately upon the declaration of war currency disappeared, being presumably hoarded by the people, and checks or other negotiable instruments could not be cashed. This situation continued for a considerable period until the local Provincial Government began printing its own currency. During that period very few supplies were paid for in cash, and checks, being non-negotiable, were unacceptable. Even after the printing of currency was started only a comparatively small amount of the indebtedness incurred by the Armed Forces on the Island of Panay were paid for, either by cash or

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1. CARTER R. McLENNAN, Colonel, Cavalry, United States Army, ASN 05790, being first duly sworn, do depose and say:

Carter R. McLennan

CARTER R. McLENNAN
Colonel, CAV.

At the time of the outbreak of the war between America and the Nipponese Empire, the Philippines were a source of essential materials. Conspicuous among these were automotive fuels and lubricants. Immediately upon the outbreak of war requisitions were made on all of the firms dealing in supplies of this nature, and to the best of my knowledge and belief all available automotive fuels and lubricants were taken for the use of the Armed Services.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2^d day of October, 1947

In the best of my recollection the Chief Procurement Agent of the 61st Division, Philippine Army, was Major Fren, subsequently Lieutenant Colonel and possibly Colonel, whose first name or initial cannot now be recalled, an officer of the Philippine Army who was Chief of the Division Quartermaster, and it is believed that requisitions for the Division were acquired by him or his agents.

A. J. Rouch

A. J. ROUCH
Lt. Colonel, AGD
0-242736
Recorder, Army Retiring Board

I was detailed as Navigation Head Officer, Fanny Island, and as Navigation Head Officer procured supplies. I do not now recall whether any supplies were acquired by my office from the Caltex (Philippines) Incorporated.

I have examined the statement of the Caltex Company appearing as an inclosure to letter, Headquarters, Philippine-Byukyan Command, Office of the Chief of Marine Service, and believe the claim stated therein is just and correct. The only method of determining its absolute accuracy that I can think of is to compare the statement with the company's accounts as of the date of declaration of war. If the account does not exceed the materials shown by the company's inventory of that date it is undoubtedly correct, for practically all automotive fuels and lubricants, together with the necessary containers for their transportation were requisitioned by USARP immediately after the declaration of war.

Almost immediately upon the declaration of war currency disappeared, being hoarded by the people, and checks or other negotiable instruments could not be cashed. This situation continued for a considerable period until the local Provincial Government began printing its own currency. Payments for supplies were paid for in cash, and checks, being unacceptable. Even after the printing of currency the small amount of the indebtedness incurred by the island of Fanny was paid for, either by cash or



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The reason for this, particularly in the case of the larger firms, is that those businesses had ceased as a result of the war (expressed a desire not to be paid, preferring that an obligation of the United States continue to exist until after the hazard of an invasion by the Japanese had passed). It is strongly suggested that Carter is one of the firms that profited to "carry" an obligation of the United States than to be paid.

[Signature]
CARTER R. WOLFE
Colonel, GAV.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October, 1947

[Signature]
A. J. HUGHES
Lt. Colonel, AGD
C-248730
Recorder, Army Hearing Board

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Washington, D. C.
1 October 1947

A-F-F-I-D-A-V-I-T

I, CARTER R. McLENNAN, Colonel, Cavalry, United States Army, ASN 05750,
being first duly sworn, do depose and say:

At the time of the outbreak of the war between the United States of America and the Nipponese Empire, the Philippine Army was deficient in many essential materials. Conspicuous among these were automotive fuels and lubricants. Immediately upon the outbreak of war requisitions were made on all of the firms dealing in supplies of this nature, and to the best of my knowledge and belief all available automotive fuels and lubricants were taken for the use of the Armed Services.

To the best of my recollection the Chief Procurement Agent of the 61st Division, Philippine Army, was Major Fran, subsequently Lieutenant Colonel and possibly Colonel, whose first name or initial cannot now be recalled, an officer of the Philippine Regular Army. This officer was the Division Quartermaster, and it is believed that most supplies required for the Division were acquired by him or his agents.

I was detailed as Navigation Head Officer, Iloilo, Iloilo, Panay Island, and as Navigation Head Officer procured a considerable quantity of supplies. I do not now recall whether any supplies were acquired by my office from the Caltex (Philippines) Incorporated.

I have examined the statement of the Caltex Company appearing as an inclosure to letter, Headquarters, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, Office of the Chief of Claims Service, and believe the claim stated therein is just and correct. The only method of determining its absolute accuracy that I can think of is to compare the statement with the company's accounts as of the date of declaration of war. If the account does not exceed the materials shown by the company's inventory of that date it is undoubtedly correct, for practically all automotive fuels and lubricants, together with the necessary containers for their transportation were requisitioned by USAFFE immediately after the declaration of war.

Almost immediately upon the declaration of war currency disappeared, being presumably hoarded by the people, and checks or other negotiable instruments could not be cashed. This situation continued for a considerable period until the local Provincial Government began printing its own currency. During that period very few supplies were paid for in cash, and checks, being non-negotiable, were unacceptable. Even after the printing of currency was started only a comparatively small amount of the indebtedness incurred by the Armed Forces on the Island of Panay were paid for, either by cash or

Washington, D. C.
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I, CARTER A. HOLMANN, Colonel, Cavalry, United States Army, 12M 03700,
being first duty amount, do depose and say:
At the time of the outbreak of the war between the United States of
America and the Japanese Empire, the Philippine Army was depleted in many
essential materials. Consequently among these were automotive fuels and
lubricants. Immediately upon the outbreak of this war, and to the best of my
knowledge and belief all available automotive fuels and lubricants were
taken for the use of the Armed Services.

To the best of my recollection the Chief Procurement Agent of the
Sixth Division, Philippine Army, was Major Frank, subsequently Lieutenant
Colonel and possibly Colonel, whose first name or initial cannot now be
recalled, an officer of the Philippine Cavalry. This officer was the
division Quartermaster, and it is believed that most supplies required for
the division were supplied by him or his agents.

I was detailed as Investigation Head Officer, Liojio, Iloilo, P.I.,
Iland, and as Investigation Head Officer procured a considerable quantity of
supplies. I do not recall whether any supplies were supplied by my
office from the Caltex (Philippine) Incorporated.

I have examined the statement of the Caltex Company appearing as an
addendum to letter, Headquarters, Philippine Army Command, Office of
the Chief of Staff, and believe the data stated therein is just
and correct. The only method of determining its accuracy is to
compare the statement with the company's records as of
the date of declaration of war. If the records do not show the
data shown by the company's inventory of that date it is undoubtedly
true, for practically all automotive fuels and lubricants, together with
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USAFS immediately after the declaration of war.

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period until the local Provincial Government began printing its own currency.
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unusable, were unusable. Even after the printing of currency was
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forces on the island of Iloilo was paid by cash or

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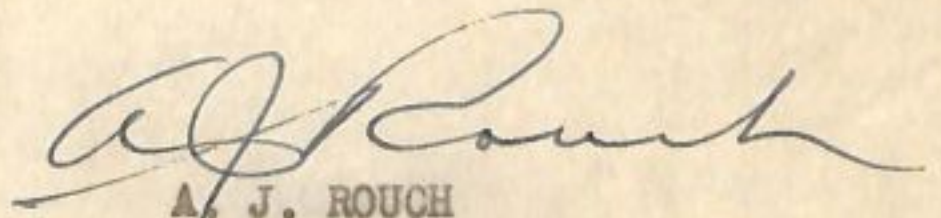


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CARTER R. McLENNAN
Colonel, CAV.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2^d day of October, 1947



A. J. ROUCH
Lt. Colonel, AGD
O-242736
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WALTER R. MOLENAAR
Colonel, GAV.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of October, 1947



A. J. ROUCH
Lt. Colonel, AGO
0-24730
Recorder, Army Retiring Board



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A F F I D A V I T

I, Oscar Ledesma, O-23847 Captain, Philippine Army, hereby certify to the following:

That I am at present the Commanding Officer of the 5th Quartermaster Company, Philippine Army.

That at the outbreak of war with Japan and continuing until the invasion of Panay in April 1942 I was Commanding officer of the 81st Quartermaster Service Company. In that position I was acquainted with the acquisition of property by the USAFFE in the Iloilo area. Supplies of food needed by the armed forces were paid for on a regular procurement basis rather than being requisitioned without compensation. In some instances, especially cereal, some of the supplies were not paid in full. General Chynweth, the Commanding General, authorized the commandeering of motor vehicles in Panay, which was done under Major Alviar, Commanding Officer of the 61st Transportation Battalion, who is now deceased. Major (then 1st Lt.) Francisco B. Offemaria, of Iloilo, Iloilo, Operations Officer of the 61st Transportation Battalion was in active charge of the commandeering. Fleets of vehicles belonging to the Iloilo Transportation Company, Mr. Lopez, civilian passenger cars, and spare parts were taken by USAFFE. Receipts for these vehicles were issued and some payments thereon were made by USAFFE. Some owners received payment in full and others received only partial payments, but the majority were paid. These payments were made in accordance with the valuations set on the vehicles, figured on a commercial basis, by a BOARD OF APPRAISAL appointed for that purpose. There were three members on this Board: Major Offemaria, Col. Greathouse, an American Army officer, and a third person whom I cannot recall. This Board issued an appraisal statement on the valuation, and a notation was made on the receipt as to payment. In addition to vehicles, fuel (gas and oil) was requisitioned for the Army under Col. Nicomedes Velarde, as G-4, 61st Div., now at G. H. Q., PA. Capt. Primo Moriza, who was in the Transportation Section of the 61st Division and is now with the 7th Replacement Battalion, may also have knowledge of other facts.

That I was an officer with the guerrilla force on Panay under Col. Penita and served as Commanding Officer of the Quartermaster Battalion from April 1944 to March 1945. We had the responsibility of procuring cereals for all the guerrilla force on the island. Supplies other than cereals were procured through Major Abelardo Luyco, District Quartermaster until March, 1945, when I succeeded him. Major Luyco retained all his records when I succeeded him. He was recently living in La Paz, Iloilo. Major Caesar Roces was District Quartermaster from December 1942 to September 1943 when he was captured. Major Roces is now with the Philippine Army and may be stationed at Camp Murphy.

That in the early part of the guerrilla movement after the organization in August 1942 most of the supplies for the force were voluntarily contributed by civilians, and no receipts were given. Later, however, beginning in November 1942 receipts were issued with the understanding that payment would later be made. In the procurement of cereals receipts for the supplies were issued under the supervision of the Commanding Officers of the four companies under me. The following served as such company commanders:

Lt. Laticas Rey
 Lt. Santiago Defensor
 Lt. Magdalena Apotadera
 Capt. Vivencio Lolido
 Capt. Clato Elaguin

Lt. Terreso Penaflores, who is now with the MP Company at ZARRAGA Lt. Jobito Barajo, who is with 7th Replacement Battalion. Each company commander had seventeen junior officers who handled the procurement and actually signed receipts. These receipts were both typed and handwritten and certified that a certain quantity of cereal had been procured on credit from a named owner, which was chargeable to the Sixth Military District. In some instances the receipts stated the charge was to the United States. The respective company commanders should still have in their possession the records they kept on this requisitioning. The commanding officers of tactical companies also procured supplies when the necessity arose. At first we were able to pay cash for the cereals we procured but later it was necessary to obtain them on credit and issue receipts.

That Capt. Antonio Alegaen was a former commanding officer of the Quartermaster Battalion and is now Assistant Division Ordnance Officer with the 5th Ordnance Battalion at Camp Dingley.

(SGD.) OSCAR C. LEDERER
 Captain (US)
 CO. 5th QMCO. (PA)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of August 1945.

(SGD.) EMMETT L. WHITSETT, JR.
 Captain, JAGD

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Ricardo Abanico
 RICARDO ABANICO
 Capt., Inf., AUS.

Asst. Director, Team #5-C

C E R T I F I C A T E

Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
29 September 1947

I, RICHARD I. JONES, O 30 410, Lt-Colonel, Infantry certify that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I was assigned as the Commanding Officer, 1st Bn 61st Inf (PA) from 1 September 1941 to about 20 November 1941. On or about 20 November 1941 the unit was moved to Magallon, Negros Occidental and it is believed that the accounts in subject claim are for a later period and are for units on Panay after 20 November 1941.

That from on or about 8 April 1942 to 16 April 1942 I was the Post Quartermaster, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands. Prior and after dates mentioned I was stationed at Bacolod, Negros Occidental, Philippine Islands.

That most of these claims appear to have been transacted prior to my arriving in Iloilo.

That I know that business was done with Catlex and USAFFE but as to amounts, items, cost, etc., I can make no definite statement.



RICHARD I. JONES
Lt Colonel, Infantry



STATEMENTS

President of San Francisco, Calif.
22 September 1947

I, RICHARD I. JONES, O 30 410, Lt-Colonel, Infantry certify that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I was assigned as the Commanding Officer, 1st Lt. (PA) from 1 September 1941 to about 20 November 1941. On or about 20 November 1941 the unit was moved to Magallon, Negros Occidental and it is believed that the accounts in subject claim are for a later period and are for units on Panay after 20 November 1941.

That from on or about 8 April 1942 to 18 April 1942 I was the Post Quartermaster, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands. Prior and after dates mentioned I was stationed at Bacolod, Negros Occidental, Philippine Islands.

That most of these claims appear to have been transacted prior to my arriving in Iloilo.

That I know that business was done with Galar and USARV but as to amounts, items, cost, etc., I can make no definite statement.

Richard I. Jones
RICHARD I. JONES
Lt Colonel, Infantry

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Richard I. Jones, O-292839, Colonel, Infantry certify that the following history of the operation of the Bacolod Quartermaster Sub-Depot is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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For the purpose of further clarifying the procedure and method under which the Sub-depot operated, the following will serve:

A Unit of, or any unit attached to the Negros Force, desiring any item would submit a prepared requisition and forward it to Force G-4 for consolidation and primary approval. After consolidating it would be sent to the Sub-depot for final approval and completion. Here it would be checked by the warehouse section, and if the item was in stock the requisition was filled. If the item was not in stock it would come to the Purchasing-Contracting Officer for audit and assignment to one of the authorized Purchasing Agents. This agent would then procure the item and at the same time making a Purchase Receipt in triplicate for the item. This Purchase-Receipt gave the vendor's name, place of business, description of the article purchased or commandeered and the price asked, and signed by the authorized agent. (See Exhibit "D") The price set forth on the Purchase-Receipt could not be agreed to by the agent. The original went to the vendor, the duplicate to the Warehouse Section and the triplicate remained in the agent's book. The duplicate was checked by the warehouse section and certified that the goods indicated thereon had been received by the Sub-depot from the vendor.

The vendor with his copy of the P-R would then prepare his bill, statement or invoice, placing thereon the certificate required as to payment not being received, and that it was a just and honest claim. Attached to these invoices would be the original P-R. The vendor would then present his prepared invoices to the Audit Section where they would be checked for correct monetary extension required certificates as to receipt and non-payment and whether or not the price was just and correct, and that the duplicate copy of the P-R duly certified by the Warehouse Section covering the requisition had been received the the Audit Section. The Audit Section would then issue a Check-Receipt (See Exhibit "E") to the vendor for his invoices indicating thereon the name of the vendor, the number and amount of each invoice and the Chief Auditor's Signature. The Audit Section would then prepare the proper US Government Voucher which were sent to the Purchasing-Contracting Officer for final approval and signature and correct certificates on vendor's invoices. From the Purchasing-Contracting Officer They then went to the Finance Section for payment.

The vendor would present his Check-Receipt from the Audit Section to the Finance Section and payment would be made and the account closed.

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Cars, trucks, motorcycles were handled in a slightly different manner. Capt. C. H. Smith and Mr. Abad Santos and the CO QM Sub-Depot were the only parties authorized to commandeer or requisition vehicles. For each unit taken a receipt in triplicate (Exhibit "D") was prepared listing the type of vehicle, motor number, license number, condition of body, tires, and any other necessary information that would be required by the Evaluation Board, to determine the value of the unit. The original of this receipt went to the owner of the vehicle, the duplicate of the Evaluation Board, and the triplicate remained in the agent's book. (This board was just starting to operate at the time of the Japanese invasion and only 6 or 7 cars and one motorcycle had been paid for.) The function of the Board was to determine the value of the vehicle, check into legal ownership, liens, mortgages, encumbrances of any kind and any other pertinent information so that payment when made would be to the proper party.

/s/ Richard I. Jones
 /t/ RICHARD I. JONES
 Colonel, Infantry
 O-292839
 Former Commanding Officer
 Bacolod Quartermaster Sub-Depot

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

s/ Charles M. Menapache
 t/ CHARLES M. MENAFACHE
 1st Lt., JAGD
 Investigating Officer
 Claims Service, AFWESPAC
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A TRUE COPY:

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[Handwritten Signature]
 ADOLFO L. MAGALLANES
 Chief, Statistics Branch
 Records and Fiscal Division

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CERTIFICATE

I, Carlos Deocampo, presently stationed at Camp Delgado, Iloilo City, hereby certify that the following is true and correct:

That since 1928 I have served continuously in the Philippine Constabulary until the Japanese invasion of Panay on the 16 April 1942. I was assigned to the Iloilo Company, PC. My duty in this company was as Firearms Clerk.

That in November 1941 I know that the Provincial Governor, Tomas Confesor, issued orders to the Provincial Inspector, Major Rafael Alcala, PC, to gather firearms from Iloilo province for the USAFFE. Major Rafael Alcala gave orders to Capt. Elizalde, CO of the Iloilo Company, PC, to establish an organization in the City of Iloilo to collect firearms from the civilians. Capt. Elizalde established a receiving section in Iloilo and informed that Chiefs of Police of various towns to submit to him lists of firearms in the possession of the civilians in their corresponding towns. After Capt. Elizalde received a list of firearms from a Chief of Police, he would issue orders for the Chief of Police to collect these firearms. After the firearms were collected, he personally or Lt. Maximo Tabeta would go to the town and receive the weapons from the Chief of Police and issue receipts for same.

In November 1941 I was assigned to the Firearm Section of the Iloilo Company, PC, by Capt. Elizalde. My duties were to receive the firearms from Capt. Elizalde and Lt. Tabeta, check the firearms to see if they were in working condition and to record said weapons in a journal, issue receipts for said weapons and to turn over said weapons to the Ordnance Officer, Lt. Golez. Lt. Golez in turn would turn over the weapons to the 61st Division, USAFFE. After receiving and checking the weapons and recording them, I would make out proper receipts in the owner's names. These receipts would be signed by Capt. Elizalde or Lt. Tabeta and then they would be issued to the Chief of Police to distribute them to their proper owners.

After Christmas of 1941 our office was moved to the municipal building of Jaro. In January 1942 our Firearm Section was moved to Passi and around the 1st of April, 1942 our Section moved to Sta. Barbara. In Sta. Barbara all of our records were burned and destroyed so that they would not fall into the hands of the Japanese when Panay was invaded on 16 April 1942.

*Signature of Carlos Deocampo
cut out for Signature Card File
M.A.E.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements were made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 5th day of August 1947.

See

Enrique B. Garcia
ENRIQUE B. GARCIA
Certifying Claims Investigator
Claims Service, PHILRYOON
Iloilo Branch Office