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AFFIDAVIT

Pedro D. Dimaya, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

That I am 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, P. A., and presently assigned to the 1st Replacement Battalion, P. A., APO 72;

That I was first commissioned on 7 June 1941, as a 1st Lieutenant, P. A. and was assigned on 20 December 1941, as Commanding Officer of the QM Service Co., Sub-Depot, under Lt. (later Capt) John H. Macon, Navigation-Head Quartermaster Sub-Depot, Dumaguete, Negros Oriental;

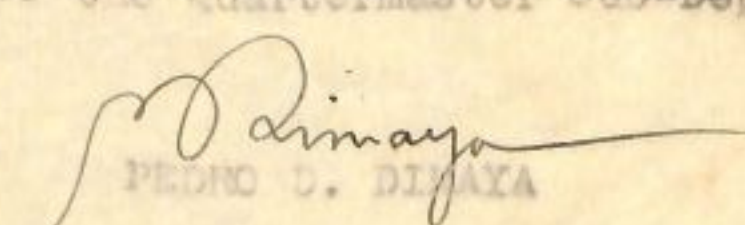
That I was also assigned Executive Officer to Lt. Macon and continued in that capacity until 18 April 1942, when I was given command of the Quartermaster Sub-Depot to relieve Capt. Macon;

That on 9 May 1942, I was appointed Agent Finance Officer in charge of all obligations of the Quartermaster Sub-Depot, with headquarters at that time in Panubigan, Vallehermoso, Negros Oriental;

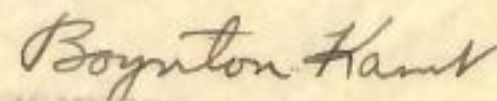
That from and after 9 May 1942, I prepared many vouchers for payment of various items of merchandise purchased for the Quartermaster Sub-Depot;

That when these vouchers were prepared, they were approved as to delivery of the goods and fairness of price, and all accounts as shown by these vouchers were and are unpaid;

That the vouchers and records now held by the Claims Service Office in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, are these original records and represent valid obligations of the Quartermaster Sub-Depot.

  
PEDRO D. DIMAYA

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of October 1945, at Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I.

  
BOYNTON HAM  
2nd Lt., JAGO  
Investigating Officer  
Claims Service, AFVESPAG

*Dumaguete  
Sub-DM - Report*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES ) S.S.  
PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL )

A F F I D A V I T

I, JUAN E. DOMINADO (O-38032) Major, Infantry, presently assigned CO, 3d Bn, 53d Inf (PA), after having been sworn according to law, hereby state:

1. That prior to Japanese invasion, I was assigned Motor Transport Officer, of the QM Sub-Depot (USAFPE) at Dumaguete, Negros Oriental;

2. That, in the above-mentioned capacity, it was my duty to legally procure civilian motor vehicles for Army use, issuing proper receipts for such units commandeered;

3. That I procured from Mr. DANIEL AMISTOSO, of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, one (1) Ford V/8 Truck, Model 1939, with two tons capacity;

4. That, the above-mentioned vehicle was evacuated when enemy invasion became eminent to Panubigan, Vallehermoso, Negros Oriental, and destroyed thereat sometime in May 1942.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 26th day of January, 1946.

*Juan E. Dominado*  
JUAN E. DOMINADO (O-38032)  
Major, Inf (PA)  
CO, 3d Bn, 53d Inf

WITNESS:

*Pedro E. Rivera*  
*Federico Bano*

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me this 1st day of February 1946, at the Municipality of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, Philippines.

*M. P. Perdices*  
MARIANO PERDICES  
(Municipal Mayor)

A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Victor de la Peña, who being duly sworn upon oath states:

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That I am/Filipino Citizen and a resident of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I.;

That from December 26, 1941, until the Japanese Invasion of Bacolod, Negros Occidental, P. I., on May 22, 1942, I was employed by USAFFE. I served as Purchasing Agent under Lt. (later Capt.) John H. Macon, Commanding Officer of the Dumaguete Quartermaster Sub-Depot until the end of January, 1942, at which time I was transferred to the USAFFE Motor Pool, where I served as assistant to Lt. (now Major) Juan E. Dominado, the Motor Transport Officer, up until the day the Japanese landed at Bacolod, Negros Occidental, P. I.;

That in the early part of March, 1942, a Committee was appointed by Lt. Juan E. Dominado and Capt. John H. Macon to appraise the value of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, boats and launches commandeered by USAFFE. This Committee was composed of the following persons:

1. Lt. Juan E. Dominado, a Filipino, Chairman, who was employed as an Overseer of the "National Land Settlement Project" of the Philippine Government prior to entering the Philippine Army,
2. George Fleischher, an American, Assistant Shop Manager, who was engaged in the automobile sales business and also a plantation operator,
3. Henry Fleischer, an American, Driver Examiner, who was employed as a Mechanic by the Philippine Refining Co., Opon, Cebu, P. II, and at the outbreak of the war came to Dumaguete and worked on a plantation about 20 Kms. from the city,
4. Mariano Perdices, a Filipino Citizen and Municipal Mayor prior to the Japanese Invasion and is the present Mayor of Dumaguete,
5. Serafin Perez, a Filipino, and formerly a professor at Silliman University, and
6. Victor de la Peña, a Filipino, and assistant to the Motor Transport Officer, who was an automobile salesman in Dumaguete for about 8 years prior to the War;

That the Committee made appraisals for almost 5 weeks between the early part of March, 1942, and April 8, 1942;

That the procedure the Committee used was as follows: After the vehicles and boats, etc. were commandeered, the Committee was notified by myself as to the location of the vehicle. We then went to the place and viewed the vehicle, noting the condition of the body, condition of tires and condition of the motor. Each member would give an estimate of the value of the vehicle and then an average taken which was the final determined value. Having been in the automobile sales business I can say that the value finally determined was the fair and reasonable market value at the time. When an appraisal was made all six members of the Committee signed and I took the same to the Motor Pool Office where I would make an entry of the value on a Motor Pool Form in the column "Final Determined Value". See Exhibit A attached hereto. The rental value appearing on this form was entered by me based on a schedule of rentals for different size vehicles which we received from the

A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Victor de la Peña, who being duly sworn upon oath deposes and states:

That I am a Filipino Citizen and a resident of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I.

That on December 26, 1941, I became an employee of Dumaguete Sub-Depot Office of the Quartermaster. This Office was in charge of commandeering vehicles, vessels, foodstuffs and merchandise, etc. The Sub-Depot Office was located in the Provincial High School Building. The Motor Pool was located in the Provincial Trade School but operated under the Quartermaster Office. I worked for the Sub-Depot Quartermaster as Purchasing Agent under Lt. John H. Macon, the Commanding Officer, (promoted to Captain in the latter part of January 1942), until the end of January 1942. I was then transferred to the Motor Pool where I became the Assistant to the Motor Transport Officer, Lt. (now Major) Juan E. Dominado;

That while I was under Lt. Macon, the following people also worked for him;

- 1st Lt. Pedro Dimaya, P. I., Executive Officer and Second in Command, address unknown,
- 2nd Lt. Aniano (?) Alcantara, Quartermaster, now in Manila, P. I.
- 2nd Lt. Friso Cruz, Assistant Quartermaster, address unknown,
- 1st Lt. Montelibano, Medical Attached, address unknown,
- 3rd Lt. Juan E. Dominado, Motor Transport Officer, Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Johann H. Muller, Auditor, address unknown,  
Johanan Y. Yam, Accountant, Dumaguete, Neg. Oriental,  
(?) Lim, Asst. Accountant, address unknown,  
Gervasio Miranda, Purchasing Agent, Dumaguete, Neg. Or.,  
Marcelo Naval, " address unknown,  
Narciso Majarcon, Stenographer, Dumaguete, Neg. Or.,  
Minda Palileo, Secretary to Capt. Macon, Manila, P. I.

That while I was under Lt. Dominado, the following people worked for him:

Cpl. Sulpicio Cruzpuro, Traffic Inspector, now deceased,  
Another Cpl and PFC whose names I do not remember worked as Vehicle Dispatchers,  
There was also an American Mechanic, Repair Shop Manager, whose name I do not remember and his whereabouts is unknown;

That as Purchasing Agent for the Sub-Depot Quartermaster, I had blanket written authority, signed by Capt. Macon, to buy all foodstuffs, merchandise, supplies and equipment needed by the Depot. I purchased supplies and equipment in Dumaguete and as far north as San Carlos, Negros Occidental (165 Kms) and as far south as Bacong (8Kms) and in the interior, the town of Luzuriaga (8Kms). The usual procedure was for a purchasing agent to go on an Army Truck to buy whatever was

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**A F F I D A V I T**

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Major Juan E. Dominado, who being duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

That I am a Filipino citizen and a resident of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, and presently active as Major in the Philippine Army and Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, 53rd Regiment;

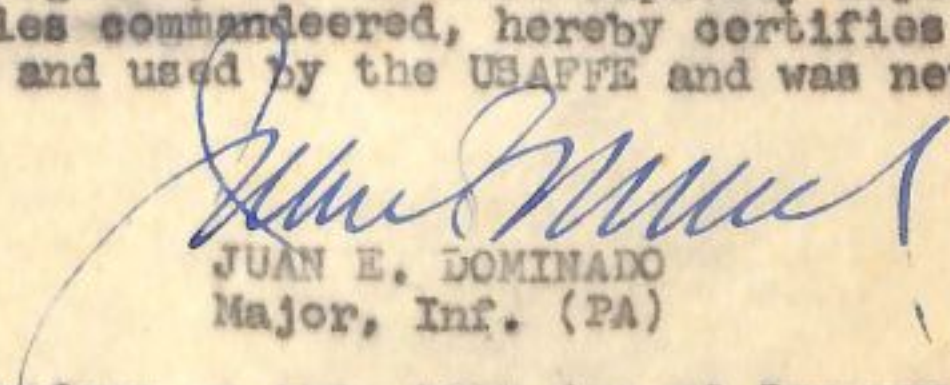
That on December 18, 1941, I became connected with the USAFFE and was assigned to the Navigation-Head Quartermaster Sub-Depot under Lt. (later Capt.) John H. Mason, in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, as Motor Transport Officer and in such capacity had authority to issue official receipts for commandeered vehicles; and kept records of same;

That when the 81st Division of the USAFFE, whose Chief of Staff was Lt. Col. Calixto Duque, arrived in Dumaguete during the latter part of December 1941, the Motor Vehicle Registration section of the District Engineer of this province, before the organization of the USAFFE Motor Pool and due to lack of military transportation, helped in commandeering practically most of the motor vehicles;

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That one/such motor vehicles commandeered was a BUICK SEDAN, 5-passenger fordor, bearing motor No. 2593822, Factory No. 2451367, belonging to and registered in the name of LU PEGA, Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, in accordance with the note of Mr. Babiera of Motor Vehicle Registration section of the District Engineer;

That although the note stated it was to be used only for some-time, the said Buick Sedan automobile has never been returned to the owner because of shortage of transportation facilities for the USAFFE;

That the undersigned having been the Motor Transport Officer of the USAFFE Motor Pool in Dumaguete, and in such capacity kept the records of all motor vehicles commandeered, hereby certifies that said car was commandeered and used by the USAFFE and was never returned to the said owner.

  
JUAN E. DOMINADO  
Major, Inf. (PA)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January 1946, at Dumaguete, Negros Oriental.

FRANK W. BARTON  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Investigating Officer  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

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A P P I D A V I T

JOHNNAN YAM, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

That he is a Chinese Citizen and a resident of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I.;

That on or about December 20, 1941, he was employed by the USAFFE Navigation-Head Quartermaster Sub-Depot in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, under the direct supervision of Lt. (later Captain) John H. Macos;

That his official duties was accountant, and in such duties he would check and certify the vouchers issued by the Quartermaster purchasing agents;

That when purchases were made, the Purchasing Agent would prepare seven copies of the voucher, retaining six and giving one to the seller;

That when a seller would present his copy of voucher for payment, this copy was always retained in the records of the Finance Office to prevent any duplication of payments being made;

That in some cases, the prices charged by the seller were reduced by the accounting office, but ordinarily when a voucher had been certified correct by the purchasing agent, the prices set forth on the voucher were the fair and reasonable prices charged in Dumaguete at that time;

That prior to being employed by the Quartermaster Sub-Depot, he was employed for several years as accountant and bookkeeper for different merchandising firms in Dumaguete, and in such work became familiar with the reasonable and usual standard of prices charged for merchandise in Dumaguete, and a part of his work as accountant with the Finance Office was to determine and set a price reasonable and fair for items of supplies and merchandise purchased by the Quartermaster Sub-Depot.

/s/ JOHNNAN YAM  
/t/ JOHNNAN YAM

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of October 1945, at Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P.I.

/s/ Boynton Kamb  
/t/ BOYNTON KAMB  
2nd Lt., JAGD  
Investigating Officer  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

Certified a True Copy:

*Frank C. Smith*

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HEADQUARTERS  
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

APO 707  
28 November 1945

Mr. Tiburcio Cadiante  
c/o Sy Cip Plantation,  
Bo. Palahan, Manjuyod,  
Negros Oriental

Dear Sir:

Lieutenant Boynton Kamb of Claims Service, AFWESPAC, has informed this Headquarters how you, at peril to yourself, kept and preserved the records of the Finance Office of the Dumaguete Quartermaster Sub-Depot entrusted to your care by Lt. Pedro Dimaya in May, 1942.

These records which you delivered to Claims Service have proved to be of great assistance to its officers in the performance of their duties.

The Chief of Claims wishes to express to you his sincere appreciation for your commendable action in safeguarding these valuable records.

Sincerely,

BASIL A. WOOD  
Lt.Col., JAGD  
Acting Chief of Claims

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CLAIM SERVICE  
HEADQUARTERS, AFWESPAC  
BASE S  
CHECK SHEET

*Mr. Beck*

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Note No.      File No.      Subject: Recovered Records

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TO: Director, CIS      FROM: Branch Office S      19 Nov 45  
Claims Service      Claims Service  
AFWESPAC, APO 707      AFWESPAC, APO 718

1. Attention is invited to the attached Check Sheet from Lt. Boynton Kamb relative to the recovery of records of the Finance Office of the Dumaguete Quartermaster Sub-Depot. Lt. Kamb was able to locate and obtain these records which are of great assistance in processing claims arising in that area.

2. It is recommended that the letter suggested in paragraph 2 of Lt. Kamb's communication be written Mr. Cadiante.

*Emmett L. Whitsett, Jr.*  
EMMETT L. WHITSETT, JR.  
Captain, J A G D  
Officer in Charge

Incl.

CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC  
BRANCH OFFICE "S"  
DUMAGUETE SUB-OFFICE  
APO 718  
CHECK SHEET

13 October 1945

Subject: Tiburcio Cadiante.

TO:	From:
Director, Claims	Branch Office "S"
Investigating Service	Dumaguete Sub-Office
HQ Claims Service	Claims Service
AFWESPAC, APO 707	AFWESPAC, APO 718

1. Mr. Tiburcio Cadiante, Filipino Citizen and a resident of barrio Palahan, Manjuyod, Negros Oriental, P. I., was entrusted with many of the records of the Finance Office of the Dumaguete Quartermaster Sub-Depot, in May 1942. He kept and preserved these records at great peril to himself during the Japanese occupation, and the records have now been recovered by the Claims Service Office in Dumaguete. The records were left in Mr. Cadiante's care by 1st Lt. Pedro Dimaya, former Finance Officer of the Quartermaster Sub-Depot.

2. Request that the proper authority send Mr. Cadiante a letter of commendation for his services.

3. The correct address is as follows:

Mr. Tiburcio Cadiante  
Bo. Palahan, Manjuyod, Neg. Oriental  
c/o Sy Cip Plantation.

*Boynton Kamb*  
BOYNTON KAMB  
2nd Lt., JAGD  
Investigating Officer  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

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Note No.      File No.      Subject: Obtaining of USAFFE Finance  
Paid Vouchers and Commendation  
for Preserving Same.

TO: Chief of Claims  
Claims Service,  
AFWESPAC, APO 707

21 June 1946

1. Copies of a letter addressed to the Provincial Treasurer, Negros Oriental, and his reply thereto are enclosed for your information.

2. Apparently, it was the intention of Capt. Phelps to request a letter of commendation for the person who preserved these records.

3. From the response of the present Provincial Treasurer, I do not feel that the former Provincial Treasurer who served during the Japanese occupation up until the liberation is entitled to a letter of commendation. There is nothing in his response to show that he saved these paid vouchers at any personal risk or sacrifice. The most that this response shows is that the paid vouchers were among the public records in the Provincial Treasurer's Office during the occupation and after the liberation. In the absence of evidence that he made some sacrifice, he should not be given credit merely because he was then Provincial Treasurer. He was doing no more than required of any public official, namely, the taking custody of public records. Had the Japanese desired these records, there is no doubt in my mind that any of the public officials who had charge of the same would have complied. Should a letter of commendation be forthcoming on this meagre evidence, Claims Service may find itself in a strange position of rewarding a possible collaborator. This conclusion is not unreasonable in view of the fact that this man served as Provincial Treasurer up until the time of the American liberation.

*Charles M. Menapace*  
CHARLES M. MENAPACE  
1st Lt., JAGD  
Officer-in-Charge

2 Incls  
Incl 1: Copy letter Capt. Phelps dated 3 May 46  
Incl 2: " " Prov. Treas, Neg. Or, dated 8 June 46

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CLAIM SERVICE  
HEADQUARTERS, AFWESPAC

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL  
Office of the Treasurer  
DUMAGUETE

June 8, 1946

Capt. Robert G. Phelps  
JAGD, Officer-in-Charge  
Branch Office S, Claims Service  
AFWESPAC, APO 718

S i r :

With further reference to your letter of May 3, 1946, which was received in this office during my absence in Manila, wherein you requested delivery to Lt. Napoleon Toting, Investigating Officer of your sub-office here in Dumaguete, of the vouchers originally deposited for safekeeping in this office in 1942 by Capt. John H. Macon, USAFFE Finance Officer, I have the honor to inform that the said vouchers have already been delivered to Lt. Toting on May 27, 1946.

The undersigned was not then the Provincial Treasurer of this province when Capt. Macon deposited the vouchers in question in this office, but I have been informed, when this case was called to my attention, that the former Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Vicente Avila, was personally in charge of the safekeeping of these vouchers during the Japanese occupation, as Mr. Avila continued to perform his duties as Provincial Treasurer of this province during the occupation and until the liberation. Credit for the safekeeping of these vouchers is, therefore, due entirely to Mr. Avila, who, undoubtedly, must have experienced great concern for his life in the safekeeping of the said vouchers.

Very respectfully,

s/ L. J. Alfabeto  
t/ L. J. ALFABETO  
Provincial Treasurer

A TRUE COPY:

*Charles M. Menapace*  
CHARLES M. MENAPACE  
1st Lt., JAGD  
Officer-in-Charge,  
Branch Office S, Claims Service,  
AFWESPAC

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BRANCH OFFICE 5  
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC  
APO 718

3 May 1946

The Provincial Treasurer  
Province of Oriental Negros,  
Dumaguete, Oriental Negros

SUBJECT: Release of USAFFE Finance  
Vouchers

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to the attention of the undersigned that there is in your possession a number of USAFFE Finance vouchers covering a portion of the years 1941 and 1942, which were originally left in your care for safekeeping by Captain John J. Macon, a USAFFE Finance Officer.

Your efforts in preserving these records since 1942 are deeply appreciated and their existence at the present time will be a great aid in the investigation and processing of claims filed against the Government of the United States.

In order that you will no longer be burdened with the responsibility of safeguarding these records and in order that the maximum use can be made of such records in the processing of claims against the United States, it is requested that they now be turned over to Claims Service, AFWESPAC, by delivering them to the Officer-in-Charge of our Dumaguete Sub-Office, Lt. Napoleon Toting.

It is requested that you also advise Lt. Toting of the names of the individuals responsible for the safeguarding of these records and the steps which they took at the risk of great personal sacrifice to discharge this duty. It is the intention of the undersigned to forward this information to higher headquarters in order that proper recognition for such services can be accorded the individuals concerned.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT G. PHELPS  
Capt., JAGD  
Officer-in-Charge

A TRUE COPY:

*Charles M. Menapace*  
CHARLES M. MENAPACE  
1st Lt., JAGD

Claims Service, AFWESPAC, Cebu

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A F F I D A V I T

The undersigned, Major, IG, MPC (PA), now at Camp Overton, Lanao, after having been duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

That he is a regular officer of the Philippine Army and inducted into the USAFFE on 28 December 1941.

That at the outbreak of the war he was the Commanding Officer of Negros Oriental Co, PC, with station at Tanjay, Negros Oriental.

That before his incumbency as Acting Prov Inspector in February 1942, Lt Col Leckerio Balolong was the Prov Inspector PC Negros Oriental at Dumaguete. That he was ordered by his Prov Inspector to instruct all Chiefs of Police of the Province to gather all license shotguns in Negros Oriental for the purpose of arming the mobile police Co that the Provincial Governor was organizing.

That the mobile police company was composed of all municipal policemen of Negros Oriental formed and organized to help the USAFFE stave off the enemy occupation in Negros Oriental.

That the firearms in question were never returned to their respective owners due to the untimely surrender of the USAFFE in Negros Island.

Further deponent sayeth not.

s/ A. C. Sabarra  
t/ A. J. Sabarra  
Major, IG  
Inspector General

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24th day of June '47 at Camp Overton, Lanao.

s/ P B Garcia  
t/ P B Garcia  
Captain, Inf  
Adjutant, 1st MPC (PA)

A TRUE COPY:  
3 July 47

*Howard R. Fanelree*  
HOWARD R. FANELREE  
Certifying Claims Investigator  
Bacolod Branch Office

HEADQUARTERS  
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS  
ROUTING SLIP

26 November 1945

FROM: DIS

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Reviewing Officer _____	_____

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① It is recommended that the letter of commendation recommended by Lt. Kamb be forwarded.

*[Signature]*  
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, ESPERIDION T. MUSTRE, hereby certify that the following statements are true and correct:

1. That I am a Filipino citizen and a resident of Barrio Abuanan, Bago, Negros Occidental;

2. That I am a demobilized officer of the Philippine Army holding the rank of Captain, Infantry, as of June 30, 1946, having been demobilized at Camp Tiring (6th Replacement Complement, PA), Santa Barbara, Iloilo; that before the war broke out in the Pacific, I was a member of the Philippine Constabulary from 1926 to December 1941 and was taken up by the Philippine Army in January 1942 as 1st Sergeant, attached and assigned with the 1st Bn, 74th Infantry Regt. and continued to hold such designation until May, 1942 when my unit was disbanded as a result of the Japanese invasion of Negros; that when the Japanese occupied Negros, I did not surrender, but instead in June 1942, I organized a guerrilla band in the mountains of Bacolod, Talisay and Silay, Negros Occ; my unit was recognized by then Major Ernesto S. Mata, who assumed command of North Negros Sector, Negros Guerrilla Forces; that subsequently thereafter, I was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Inf, by Col. Ernesto S. Mata, CO, 72nd Division (Negros Guerrilla Forces) on September 1st, 1942 and on Oct. 23, '42 was promoted to 1st Lt., Inf, which rank was confirmed by Major Jesus Villamore (SWPA), who was District Commander, 7MD, USFIP.

3. That as such officer of the Negros Guerrilla Forces, I held the following designations:

- (a) Sept. - Nov. '42 -- ExO, 1st Bn, 74th Inf Regt (Negros Guerrilla Forces)
- (b) Dec. '42 - Aug. '43- O/D, S-4, 74th Inf Regt
- (c) Sept '43 - Feb '44-- DQM Agent & Adm Off, District Quartermaster, 7MD, USFIP (Bacolod-Talisay- /Murcia Area)
- (d) March '44 - 31 March '45 -- DQM Agent & ExO, DQM, 7MD, USFIP
- (e) April-June '45 -- Supply Officer, 72nd, 7MD, USFIP
- (f) July, 1945 -- Unassigned (La Carlota Casual Camp, Neg. Occ)
- (g) Aug. '45 - June '46 -- Casual Camp (6th Replacement Complement, PA), Tiring, Santa Barbara, Iloilo.

4. That as such Supply Officer of the 7MD USFIP, I procured foodstuffs, equipments, articles, etc, which were vitally necessary to carry on the guerrilla movement; that as such, I was authorized by the District Commander, 7MD, USFIP, to employ assistants or procurement agents to help me in the procurement of supplies, who were sent out to the field to requisition and/or purchase on credit these supplies from farmers, supply vendors and loyal civilians;

5. That in return for the supplies so procured, corresponding receipts were duly issued therefor in favor of the creditor by the procurement agents, which receipts were only temporary; that as soon as the temporary receipts were surrendered to my office, an official receipt bearing my signature was exchanged for same, which official receipts were duly recorded in my books of account;

6. That most of these accounts incurred by me in my capacity as supply officer were not paid inasmuch as the funds of the 7MD, (USFIP) allotted to me by the District Finance Officer were not sufficient to cover all obligations incurred during the resistance movement;

Certificate, ESPERIDION T. MUSTRE.

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7. That on March 31, 1945, pursuant to orders from Hq, 72D, 7MD, I submitted a final Report of Accounts Payable, captioned "REPORT ON UNPAID BALANCE DUE CREDITORS", which report was made from the available records of my office and my books of account;

8. That subsequently thereafter, I submitted various supplementary reports of accounts payable for procurements made by different procurement agents under my supervision which were not included in my final report as of 31 March '45, for the following reasons:

- (a) Failure on the part of the procurement agents to report their procurements to my office before the final preparation of my Report of Accounts Payable on 31 March 45, due to the fact that practically all of them were operating in the field within the enemy occupied areas wherein the combat units were in operation;
- (b) Misplacement, destruction and total loss of records as a consequence of frequent enemy surprise raids and dumping of records in various secret places to avoid the falling of same into the hands of the enemy, thereby resulting to mutilation, obliteration and total destruction of said records by insects and due to exposure to the elements;
- (c) That my office was highly mobile, requiring frequent evacuation of records, hence there was strong possibility of loss, destruction or misplacement of records;

9. That in some instances, I authorized my procurement agents to bring with them while foraging blank forms of official receipts already signed by me, but in so doing I required them to submit the duplicate copies of the official receipts to me for proper recording and accountability;

10. There were instances, however, when procurement agents failed to issue receipts, either temporary or official, especially when they were closely competing with the Japanese foraging parties in the lowlands, hence my inability to report these particular procurements until after the farmers or supply vendors reported same to my office; that upon confirmation of the procurement agents, corresponding receipts were issued therefor.

s/ Esperidion T. Mustre  
t/ ESPERIDION T. MUSTRE  
(Formerly DQM Agent 7MD)

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement were made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me on this 2d day of January, 1947, at Bacolod, Negros Occidental.

s/ Frank C. Smith  
t/ FRANK C. SMITH  
Legal Investigator  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

T/Sgt. THEODORO M. TALUBAN  
Claims Investigator

A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Victor de la Pena, who being duly sworn upon oath deposes and states:

That I am a Filipino Citizen and a resident of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P.I.

That on December 26, 1941, I became an employee of Dumaguete Sub-Depot Office of the Quartermaster. This Office was in charge of commandeering vehicles, vessels, foodstuffs and merchandise, etc. The Sub-Depot Office was located in the Provincial High School Building. The Motor Pool was located in the Provincial Trade School but operated under the Quartermaster Office. I worked for the Sub-Depot Quartermaster as Purchasing Agent under Lt. John H. Macon, the Commanding Officer, (promoted to Captain in the latter part of January 1942), until the end of January 1942. I was then transferred to the Motor Pool where I became the Assistant to the Motor Transport Officer, Lt. (now Major) Juan E. Dominado;

That while I was under Lt. Macon, the following people also worked for him;

- 1st Lt. Pedro Dimaya, P.A., Executive Officer and Second in Command, address unknown,
- 2nd Lt. Aniano (?) Alcantara, Quartermaster, now in Manila, P.I.
- 2nd Lt. Primo Cruz, Assistant Quartermaster, address unknown,
- 1st Lt. Montelibano, Medical Attached, address unknown,
- 3rd Lt. Juan E. Dominado, Motor Transport Officer, Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P.I.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

- Johann H. Muller, Auditor, address unknown
- Johanan Y. Yan, Accountant, Dumaguete, Neg. Oriental
- (?) Lim, Asst. Accountant, address unknown,
- Gervasio Miranda, Purchasing Agent, Dumaguete, Neg. Or.,
- Marcelo Naval, " " address unknown,
- Narciso Majarecon, Stenographer, Dumaguete, Neg. Or.,
- Minda Palileo, Secretary to Capt. Macon, Manila, P.I.

That while I was under Lt. Dominado, the following people worked for him:

- Cpl. Sulpicio Cruspero, Traffic Inspector, now deceased,
- Another Cpl and PFC whose names I do not remember worked as Vehicle Dispatchers,
- There was also an American Mechanic, Repair Shop Manager, whose name I do not remember and his whereabouts is unknown.

That as Purchasing Agent for the Sub-Depot Quartermaster, I had blanket written authority, signed by Capt. Macon, to buy all foodstuffs, merchandise, supplies and equipment needed by the Depot. I purchased supplies and equipment in Dumaguete and as far north as San Carlos, Negros Occidental (165 Kms) and as far south as Bacong (8 Kms) and in the interior, the town of Luzuriaga (8 Kms). The usual procedure was for a purchasing agent to go on an Army Truck to buy whatever was

needed. The purchasing agent would show the seller this authority to purchase on behalf of the Quartermaster Depot and then order whatever he wanted. The seller would then place the materials on the Army Truck and the Purchasing Agent would prepare invoices right then and there and give two copies to the seller. The material would be brought back to the Quartermaster Office where it was checked against the invoices by non-commissioned officers of the Philippine Army who worked in the Warehouse which was also located in the High School Building. The checker would then sign the invoices to the effect that the merchandise was received and the Purchasing Agent would then take them into the Office where the vouchers were prepared. Then in a few days, the seller would come to the Quartermaster Office and be paid by the Finance Officer who was Capt. John H. Macon. After Capt. Macon left for Mindanao near the end of April, 1942, Lt. Pedro Dimaya became the Finance Officer. Most bills were paid by the Finance Officer at the time of the Japanese invasion. As far as I know, sellers were always paid in cash and I do not remember of Certificates of Future Payment being issued. Capt. Macon always had enough money on hand and the payments were not usually very large. Due to an imminent Japanese invasion, in early April, 1942, the Quartermaster moved from the High School Building to Camp Leon Kilat at barrio Palanas, Tanjay, Negros Oriental, and then to Panubigan, Vallehermoso, Negros Oriental, about 165 Kms. to north of Dumaguete and about a 3-hour ride from Bacolod, Negros Occidental, by automobile. At this time I was not connected with the Quartermaster but was connected with the Motor Pool. I know that the Purchasing Agents came in to Dumaguete and San Carlos and made purchases up to about May 22, 1942. There was no general freeze order on merchandise at any time, and the merchants operated their business as usual. Capt. Macon instructed us to buy all foodstuffs needed by the USAFFE but to leave sufficient for the civilians.

Prior to the organization of the Motor Pool Office, the procedure in commandeering vehicles was for an officer to go out and look for vehicles. When he found one that he thought desirable he would take it and give a temporary receipt to the owner, similar to the attached Exhibit A. The owner would then take the temporary receipt and go to the Motor Pool Office where he would turn over the temporary receipt and be issued a permanent receipt, Exhibit B, in lieu of the temporary receipt.

After the organization of the Motor Pool Office which was in February, 1942, in cases where we were sure we were going to take over a certain vehicle, we would prepare a notice of Requisition, Exhibit C, and also a Permanent Receipt, Exhibit B, in triplicate, and give this notice of requisition and the original and one copy of the receipt to the Officer of the Unit that needed the vehicle and he would deliver all of these papers to the owner when he took the vehicle. In many cases, Lt. Dominado would take these receipts personally to the owner and take over his vehicle. The triplicate copy of the receipt was retained in the Motor Pool Office. These receipts were signed by Lt. Juan E. Dominado and approved by Capt. John H. Macon.

In some cases vehicles were returned to the owners after they were commandeered and the Motor Pool would get the receipts back from the owner.

The last time I saw the Motor Pool records was in the middle of May, 1942, when I packed the records. I do not know

what happened to the records after that as the Officer said this was a Military Secret and would not let civilians know. I did hear subsequently that civilians had dug up some records but I do not know what happened to the records after that.

/s/ Victor de la Pena  
/t/ VICTOR DE LA PEÑA

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

/s/ Charles M. Menspace  
/t/ CHARLES M. MENAPACE  
2nd Lt., JAGD  
Investigating Officer  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:  
20 November, 1946

/s/ Frank C. Smith  
/t/ FRANK C. SMITH  
Legal Investigator  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

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/s/ Richard Kyle  
/t/ RICHARD KYLE  
Chief, Statistics Branch  
Records and Fiscal Division

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*Teodoro M. Taluban*  
T/Sgt TEODORO M. TALUBAN  
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ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES  
 HEADQUARTERS 7TH MILITARY DISTRICT  
 Bacolod City

30 October 1946

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that to the best of my memory the NEGROS FORCE (Provisional 72nd Inf Div) was organized as follows at the outbreak of the Pacific War:

The Staff Officers were:

CO - COL R HILLSMAN  
 Asst - COL MACLENNAN  
 Ex O - LT. COL. L BALOLONG  
 G-1 - MAJOR S R MENCHAVEZ  
 G-2 - MAJOR F GOMEZ  
 G-3 - MAJOR S ABCEDA  
 G-4 - MAJOR V GEROSO

Special Staff Officers were:

Engr - CAPT A ALFONSO  
 Div Surg - CAPT F SERRANO  
 Staff Judge Adv - CAPT C L MARTINEZ  
 Sig O - LT S REAL

The force was a brigade composed of the 74th Inf under CAPT SAM JONES, the 75th Inf under MAJOR BALLESTEROS, besides supporting units such as Motor Transport under CAPT B GASTON, Signal Co. under Lt. S. REAL, Engr Sec under CAPT A ALFONSO, Medical Sec under CAPT F SERRANO, and Judge Advocate Sec under CAPT C L MARTINEZ.

On 16 April 1942, the NEGROS SECTOR was reorganized as follows:

General & Special Staffs:

CO - COL R HILLSMAN  
 Ex O - COL MACLENNAN  
 G-1 - MAJOR MENCHAVEZ  
 G-2 - LT COL BALOLONG  
 G-3 - LT COL MONTILLA  
 G-4 - MAJOR V GEROSO  
 Div Surg - CAPT F SERRANO  
 Div Engr - CAPT A ALFONSO  
 Staff Judge Adv - CAPT C L MARTINEZ  
 Sig O - LT S REAL

PLAN OF DEFENSE- Plan of defense was changed to suit conditions. Masulog as a final line of resistance, was abandoned. The island was divided into five sub-sectors each under a Bravet Major who had under his command about 30 officers and 600 men. The center point of the sub-sectors dividing line was located at Talos, near Kanlaon Mt. The area from Cadiz to Talos and from Talos to San Carlos (town of San Carlos excluded) was assigned to the 2nd Sector under Major Arpe; 1st Sector - from Cadiz to Talos and Talos to Bago river, under Major Mata; 3rd Sector - From San Carlos inclusive, to Guihulngan, under Major Roque; 4th Sector - From Talos to Bago river and Talos to Binalbagan river, under Major Gomez; 5th Sector - from Talos to Ilog river, Ilog river to Libertad, Negros Oriental and Libertad to Talos under Major Abcede.

A TRUE COPY: 22 Nov 46

/s/t/ FRANK O. SMITH  
 Legal Investigator  
 Claims Service, AFWSBPAC

s/t/ B H MONTILLA  
 Lt Col., Inf  
 District Commander

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Francisco M. Taluban*  
 FRANCISCO M. TALUBAN  
 Claims Investigator



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A F F I D A V I T

I, GABRIEL R. GADOR, Lieutenant Colonel, ASN O-1050 (AP), retired, and presently residing at 2447 O'Donnell, Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines, having been first duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That I was in 1941 the District Commander of the 7th Military District (AP). In February 1942 I was transferred to Del Monte, Misamis Oriental, and designated Liason Officer by General William F. Sharp. That as District Commander I was in charge of the training of officers and enlisted men for mobilization.

That I had no immediate connection with the planning and supervision of the construction of airstrips on Negros Island; that the construction of the airstrips was instigated by the USAFFE in expectation of airplane reinforcements from the United States; that such construction was not initiated by the Philippine Army which at that time was not as yet inducted into the USAFFE; that the administration of the construction of the airstrips was handled by the District Engineers of Negros; that the expenses incurred in the construction of airstrips was advanced by the Provincial Treasurers out of the printed script money; that the Provincial Treasurers and the District Engineers were the ones who had direct contact with the USAFFE Corps of Engineers where they must have received instructions relative to the airstrip constructions. That the only connection I had in the airstrip constructions, when I was made the Brigade Commander of Negros, was to see to it that the construction work was expedited.

That with respect to the relationship between the USAFFE and the Provincial Governments in Negros, I am of the opinion that such relation was similar to that existing before the emergency, in that their administrative functions were distinct and separate. However, due to the every day mounting war jitters, the provincial officials lost their initiative and practically depended upon the USAFFE officers. They very often consulted said officers on various matters before making any decision or action.

That the Finance matters with regards to the construction of the airstrips was handled by the Provincial Treasurer who must have had certain understanding with the USAFFE with respect to financial questions relative to the such construction. There were at that time U.S. Army command groups composed of Filipino personnel who constituted the USAFFE combat forces. The construction of the airstrips was more or less ran by the high command of the Visayan-Mindanao Forces under Major General William F. Sharp.

That there was a possibility that the Finance Officer of the USAFFE was not able to reimburse the Provincial Treasurer for the expenses which the latter advanced in financing the airstrip projects as there was no time to do so due to the proximity of the Japanese Forces and that the USAFFE units had already been transferred to Mindanao.

That the sites for the airstrips were selected by the U.S. Army from places recommended by Capt. Cepeda who was then a civilian engineer of the La Carlota Sugar Central and later inducted by me into the Army due to lack of officers experienced in construction work. After the selection of the airfield sites, the District Engineers handled the construction work. That I am of the opinion that Capt Cepeda is in a position to give more definite information about the construction of the airstrips and the real circumstances involved.

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That to the best of my knowledge and recollection, airstrips were constructed on the Island of Negros in the following places: Binalbagan, Alicante, Bacolod, Victoria or Sarabia, Fabrica, Bais, and Dumaguete.

That as far as I can remember some of the land owners who suffered damages incident to the construction of these airfields were Dr. Locsin in Dumaguete, and a Spaniard in La Carlota. Such damages were in the form of coconut trees destroyed and sugar canes cut down to give space for the airfields.

That in order to determine the extent of the area covered by the airfields reference should be made with the records of the Office of the District Engineers of Negros in whose possession the plans of the airfields must have been deposited.

Further, deponent sayeth not.

  
GABRIEL R. GADOR  
Affiant

I certify that the foregoing statement consisting of two pages was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this \_\_\_ of July 1947, in the City of Manila, Philippines.

ROGERIO A. DE JOYA  
Sr Claims Investigator  
Claims Service, PHILCOM

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

Airstrip Information,  
Negros Island.

A F F I D A V I T

I, DOMINADOR CEPEDA, 40 years of age, married, Filipino, a Civil Engineer, and presently residing at 1227 Int. Lealtad, Sampaloc, Manila, Philippines, having been first duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That the following statement is made entirely from memory, records not being available.

That in 1941 I was a Civil Engineer of the La Carlota Sugar Central belonging to the Elizalde & Company at La Carlota, Negros Occidental. That around September 1941 Colonel Mitchell of the United States Army requested the manager of the La Carlota Sugar Central, Mr. Von Kauffmann, if my services could be utilized for the immediate job of selecting airfield sites on Negros Island. Mr. Kauffmann readily consented so that from then on I started making trips around the Island of Negros as a civilian Civil Engineer selecting sites for probable airstrips.

That I was able to locate around 14 different sites suitable for airfields, however, only six of them were finally approved by Major Fernando who was then the Director of the Bureau of Aeronautics and later inducted into the Army. That the six sites for airfields selected were those at Himamaylan, Bacoled, La Carlota, Victorias, Fabrica, and Dumaguete.

When the war broke out, I was inducted into the Army with the rank of 1st Lieutenant, CE, taking charge of all the construction work on the six selected airfields. I made the designs and prepared the plans for these airfields which, after the approval of the Commanding Officer of the USAFFE on Negros Island, were issued to the District Engineers for construction. Construction by the District Engineers was begun on these airfields sometime in October 1941. That labor and supply of equipment were supervised by the District Engineers of the provinces of Occidental and Oriental Negros on the fields within their respective districts. However, all technical designing and military installations around the airfields were under my direct charge.

That when the constructions on these airfields were in full blast, the Army requested the cooperation of all sugar planters and civilians in the vicinities of said airfields to render whatever assistance they could extend to the Army with the view to the rapid completion of the projects. The people responded willingly and gave all their efforts to help the Army in the form of tractors, services of their laborers, and other implements that we could utilize for the finishing of said projects.

That the wages of all the regular laborers, after their payrolls were approved by the Office of the District Engineer concerned, were paid by the Provincial Treasurers of the respective provinces. That I do not know where the funds for the payment of the wages of the laborers were secured by the Provincial Treasurers nor the finance procedures followed because I handled only the construction phase of the airfields and had no hand in financial matters. The sugar centrals, specially the La Carlota and Bacoled-Marcos Sugar Centrals, gave the services of their men and the use of their locomotives, other equipments and even molasses to harden the surfacing of the airstrips.

*Dominador Cepeda*

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MIGUEL Y. GARCIA  
(DISTRICT ENGINEER)  
BACOLOD, NEGROS OCC.

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Bacolod City  
January 12, 1942

The Manager  
Hacienda P6  
La Carlota, Negros Occ.

S i r:

I have the honor to inform you that your land in Hacienda P6 has been selected by Major Fernando of the Air Corps, U.S. Army, and Director of the Bureau of Aeronautics. In this connection, I have the honor to request that you permit us to undertake the construction of the desired airport having the following dimensions: 300 meters wide by 1500 meters long.

As this is badly needed by the U. S. Army, it is hoped that you will not refuse to cede said land, of course, with the understanding that you may file your claims for cost or for the rent of same against the USAFFE funds, thru this Office.

Very respectfully,

M. Y. GARCIA  
District Engineer

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I hereby certify to have received the original of this letter and that I and my brother Julian have given permission in the use of our land as airport for the U. S. Army.

HIGINIO URIARTE

COPY FURNISHED:  
Captain Richard I. Jones  
57th Inf. U. S. Army

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*San Juan 22, Puerto Rico*

August 26, 1949



Commanding General  
Camp John Hay  
Luzon, P.I.

Subject: Manila Trading & Supply Co. "Claim".

Dear Sir:-

Your cable received in care of Mrs. Charles H. Smith, 1740 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California, regarding the above subject, has just been received today in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the undersigned now resides.

It is true that the USAFFE, through the Bacolod QM Sub-depot, at that time under the command of Capt. Richard I. Jones, (presently Lt. Col. Richard I. Jones, stationed at El Presidio, San Francisco, California) did requisition numerous trucks from the Manila Trading and Supply Company, as well as from other automobile and motor truck concerns in Bacolod and private citizens. It is also true that the undersigned was ordered to take possession of some of the requisitioned trucks and issued corresponding receipts accordingly. However, the writer does not recall Messrs. José A. Rivera and Lauro Cartagena, but he does recall Mr. Alfred Handowsky, from whom the undersigned took delivery of several trucks and issued corresponding receipts for them.

It is also true that at the outbreak of the last war, the undersigned was Branch Manager for the International Harvester Company (P.I.) Inc., at Bacolod, and that after the outbreak of war he was commissioned and assigned to the Bacolod QM sub-depot.

It is unfair (for both the claimants as well as the U.S. Army) for the undersigned to either confirm or repudiate claimants allegations because after a lapse of eight years (four of which were spent by the undersigned under most difficult circumstances, aiding guerillas in their fight against the enemy, undergoing poor nourishment, whenever available, coupled with extreme worries), it would be difficult to recall correctly and accurately the number and type of commodities he actually took delivery of and issued receipts for them at that time. Nevertheless, if any receipts with the writer's signature are still available, you may consider them as a true and just confirmation of the item or items requisitioned by the USAFFE QM Sub-depot, Bacolod. However, in so far as the writer is concerned, any of these receipts bearing his signature should not show a date prior to December 22, 1941.

The undersigned wishes to assure that Command that his intentions are to confirm any and all, just and fair claims, if and when they can clearly be recalled by him and/or corresponding receipts bearing his signature produced as evidence. In this particular case the writer cannot be expected to either confirm or repudiate

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Subject: Manila Trading & Supply Co. "Gila"

Dear Sir:-

Your copies received in care of Mrs. Charles H. Smith, 170 Cedar Street, Berkeley, California, regarding the above subject, has just been received today in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the undersigned now resides.

It is true that the USAID, through the Bureau of Economic Warfare, at that time under the command of Capt. Richard I. Jones, (presently Lt. Col. Richard I. Jones, stationed at Ft. Ord, California) did requisition numerous trucks from the Manila Trading and Supply Company, as well as from other automobile and motor truck concerns in the area and private citizens. It is also true that the undersigned was ordered to take possession of some of the requisitioned trucks and issued corresponding receipts accordingly. However, the writer does not recall hearing from Jose A. Rivera and Lario Gutierrez, but he does recall Mr. Alfred Handovsky, from whom the undersigned took delivery of several trucks and issued corresponding receipts for them.

It is also true that at the outbreak of the last war, the undersigned was former manager for the International Harvester Company (I.H.C.) Inc., at Manila, and that after the outbreak of war he was commissioned and assigned to the Bureau of Economic Warfare.

It is further true that the undersigned, as well as the U.S. Army (for the undersigned to either conflict or replicate duplicate allegations because after a lapse of eight years (four of which were spent by the undersigned under most difficult circumstances, fighting guerrillas in their fight against the enemy, undergoing poor nourishment, whenever available, coupled with extreme weather), it would be difficult to recall correctly and accurately the number and type of commodities he actually took delivery of and issued receipts for then at that time. Nevertheless, the undersigned will cooperate with the writer's statements and still available, you may consider the undersigned's receipt in the situation of the item or items requisitioned by the U.S. Army. However, in so far as the writer is concerned, any of the receipts bearing the signature should not show a date other than September 25, 1941.



The undersigned wishes to advise that because that his records are in Manila and all, just and fair, it and when they are clearly recalled by him, the undersigned will cooperate with the writer's statements and still available, you may consider the undersigned's receipt in the situation of the item or items requisitioned by the U.S. Army. However, in so far as the writer is concerned, any of the receipts bearing the signature should not show a date other than September 25, 1941.

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claimants allegations when he cannot sincerely and honestly recall these particular trucks that might have been requisitioned among numerous others, and furthermore, when receipts bearing his signature are not available.

Should you feel that the undersigned can be of any further assistance in this or other matters, please do not hesitate to communicate with him at the following address:

Maj. Charles H. Smith, QM RES O-2032299  
ORC - U.S. Army Forces Antilles  
San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Very truly yours,

*Charles H. Smith*  
Charles H. Smith

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Major Charles H. Smith, G-2  
U.S. Army Forces Antilles  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
G-2-203229

Very truly yours,  
*Charles H. Smith*  
Charles H. Smith

GHS:jph



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AFFIDAVIT

I, Wilfred R. Muller a Swiss National and resident of Bacolod, Negros Occidental, P.I., declare that from January 1, 1942, until the Japanese invasion of Bacolod, Negros Occidental, on May 21, 1942, I was employed by the USAFFE Quartermaster Sub-Depot, Bacolod, Negros Occidental, in charge of the Gas, Oil and Lubrication section and also acted as the Chief Purchasing Agent; that in connection with my duties in this section and as Purchasing Agent I came in frequent contact with Major (now Col.) Richard I. Jones, the Commanding Officer of the Sub-depot, and Lt. (Capt.) C. H. Smith, Capt. L. S. Cairns, Mr. Luis Amechuzurra, Mr. E. W. Carceller and Mr. Abad Santos, Purchasing Agents of the Sub-depot; that I had occasion to see Major Richard I. Jones, Capt. C. H. Smith, Capt. L. S. Cairns, Mr. Luis Amechuzurra, Mr. E. W. Carceller and Mr. Abad Santos sign their respective names many times; that on many occasions I examined each of these signatures; that I am well acquainted with each of these signatures and able to recognize them readily; that I have inspected the signature of Lt. C. H. Smith

\_\_\_\_\_ appearing on  
Purchase Order Receipt No. 204 of the Quartermaster Sub-Depot,  
Bacolod, Negros, Occ. dated April 1, 1942 and the duplicate copy of  
same.

issued to Dr. Ramon H. Hinojales  
and identify it as the genuine signature of \_\_\_\_\_  
Lt. C. H. Smith

(SGD) WILFRED R. MULLER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of October  
1945, at Bacolod, Negros, Occidental., P.I.

(SGD) CHARLES M. MENAPACE  
Investigating Officer  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

A TRUE COPY:

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ADC E. MAGALDANES  
Chief, Statistics Branch  
Records and Fiscal Division.

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A F F I D A V I T

I, Gervasio Miranda, a Filipino Citizen and a resident of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I., after being first duly sworn on oath depose and say: That on December 19, 1941, I was employed by the USAFFE Quartermaster Sub-Depot in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, as one of three purchasing agents for the Quartermaster Office with written authority to purchase for and execute on behalf of the Quartermaster Office binding agreements for these purchase; that at the time and place of the purchase of goods, a voucher was prepared setting forth the items purchased and the price charged, and the purchasing agent would sign each voucher and attest to the delivery of the goods and fairness of price; that from my experience in this work, I became familiar with the fair and reasonable prices of items of general goods and merchandise as sold in Dumaguete at that time;

That I have examined purchase vouchers, dated January 12, 1942, (Exh. 5), February 13, 1942, (Exh. 6), February 18, 1942 (Exh. 7), February 23, 1942, (Exh. 8)

bearing the signature of Gervasio Miranda and certify that the items listed therein were delivered to the Quartermaster Sub-Depot and that the prices charged were fair and reasonable and were the usual and standard prices charged for similar items in Dumaguete at that time.

s/ Gervasio Miranda  
t/ GERVASIO MIRANDA

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of October 1945, at Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I.

s/ Boynton Kamb  
t/ BOYNTON KAMB, 2nd Lt., JAGD  
Investigating Officer  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

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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 .....

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 to the Evaluation Board, and the triplicate re-

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mained 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  
/w/ RICHARD I. JONES  
Colonel, Infantry  
O-292839

Former Commanding Officer  
Bacolod Quartermaster Sub-De

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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



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President of San Francisco, Calif.  
29 September 1947


I, RICHARD I. JONES, 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 Makalua, Negros Occidental and it is believed that the accounts in subject claim are for a later period and are for units on Tausog 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 translated prior to my arriving in Iloilo.

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

  
RICHARD I. JONES  
Lt Colonel, Infantry

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, Major Juan E. Dominado, who being duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

That I am a Filipino Citizen and a resident of Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I., and presently active as Major in the Philippine Army and Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, 53rd Regiment;

That on December 18, 1941, I became connected with the USAFFE and was assigned to the Navigation-Head Quartermaster Sub-Depot under Lt. (later Capt.) John H. Macon, in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, as Motor Transport Officer and in such capacity had authority to issue receipts for commandeered vehicles; Victor de la Pena was my Chief Clerk and when an appraisal board of the Motor Pool composed of six members was set up in March 1942, to determine the value of commandeered vehicles, Mr. de la Pena would enter the appraisal value upon his records and prepare notice to be given the owner;

That before the organization of the Motor Pool, any tactical officer had authority to commandeer vehicles for the USAFFE, and would issue Temporary Receipts which were later redeemed and Permanent Official Receipts were issued by the Motor Pool; Official Receipts were issued by the Motor Pool for all vehicles commandeered after February 1942;

That no payments were made on commandeered vehicles by the Motor Pool Office, and it is believed that no payments were ever made by the Finance Officer.

/s/ Juan E. Dominado  
/t/ JUAN E. DOMINADO  
Major, P. A.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of October 1945, at Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, P. I.

/s/ Boynton Kamb  
/t/ BOYNTON KAMB  
2nd Lt., JAGD  
Investigating Officer  
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

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