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ARMY HEADQUARTERS)
CAMP MURPHY, QUEZON CITY)

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A F F I D A V I T

I, ALVARO R SIEVERT, 1st Lt PA, ASN G-49057 Inf, and presently assigned with the Inspector General Service, HAF, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, after having been duly sworn to oath in accordance to law, depose and say the following:

That prior to 8 December 1941 and until the official surrender of the USAFFE Forces at Bataan on 9 April 1942, I was the Executive Officer, Motor Transport Company, Headquarters Philippine Constabulary at Port Area, Manila, and later at Km. 167.8, Little Baguio, Bataan;

That prior to 8 December 1941, in addition to my duties, I was on duty with the US Army Quartermaster Depot, under Col Michael A Quinn, Department Motor Transport Officer, Philippine Department, US Army;

That after the pacific war broke out on or about 8 December 1941, I received orders from Col Michael A Quinn; from Col Alberto Ramos, then Chief Supply Division, Hq, Philippine Constabulary and later G-4, 2nd Regular Division, and presently Chief, MPC Staff, at BMB, Manila North Road, to commandeer vehicles of all types, thus, passenger cars were commandeered for use of Staff Officers and Unit Commanders; Pannel wagons were commandeered for conversion to ambulances and trucks of all kinds were commandeered for the purpose of moving troops and for moving supplies especially so when Japanese bombing raids had disrupted rail lines in north and south of Manila;

That while still in Manila prior to 30 December 1941, most of these vehicles commandeered by me in the number of more or less 400 were supplied to then 1st Lt John E Shanks, in charge of 3rd and 4th echelon maintenance shops at Port Area and later moved to Sta Ana race track and which later moved to the Administration Building, Top-Side, Corregidor Island; to then Camp Austin Montgomery, in charge of Motor Pool No. 2, in the vicinity of the Rotonda, Espana Extention; to then 1st Lt Robinson, who operated 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance shops in Port Area and later at Km. 164, Bataan; to then Major Howard Cavender who later operated a separate Motor Pool near Km. 158, Lamac, Bataan; and to the Motor Pools of separate units I do not know remember;

That I commandeered both passenger car and truck tires which were deposited in one of the offices of Col Quinn located at the old Centre Escolar University, Ascarraga, Manila, which then later were transferred to Corregidor Island under Lt Shanks;

That in Bataan, after 5 January 1941, we pooled vehicles that were commandeered by officers that were later assigned with the 2nd Regular Division and submitted them for distribution to Col Michael A Quinn who had his Headquarters near Km. 163, Bataan. Among these vehicles were passenger cars and passenger trucks and about 18 new International, 1 1/3 ton, Pick-up Delivery Wagons which had just been assembled from the crates;

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That in the afternoon of 21 December 1941 up to about 2100 hrs. Capt Herrera and I were ordered to commandeer vehicles for the purpose of sending to Batavia supplies and equipment of trucks that were damaged along the way and for sending stragglers that had accumulated in the south side of the Pangasinan river and all possible arms from stragglers abandoned in the houses and in the thickets along the south bank of the river. On account of the bombing of San Fernando railroad station

commandeered vehicles; that while we made a more or less complete record of all vehicles commandeered by some of the enlisted personnel belonging to the first four grades who were not supposed to sign receipts for motor vehicles by a permanent one signed by me when the temporary receipt was surrendered in our office, said records were under the charge of Mr. Vicente Romualdez, a civilian who was our unit procurement officer before the war, and whose last address that I know was with the Burglar Property Commission, Cebu City, and whose cousin is Major Miguel Romualdez, presently Lt. Col. in Manila and records of these vehicles were kept in a safe we had in our office which was left in the school building at Benilde St., our last headquarters in Manila. It is probable that that safe was looted or captured and the records were destroyed by the enemy or by the looters. Mr. Romualdez is a native of Tacloban, Leyte, and he may be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has today in his possession part of the records of our commandeered vehicles;

That when the members of the Philippine Air Corps were moved out to Batavia sometime on the latter part of February 1942, my commanding officer, Capt Carlos J. Herrera and myself were ordered to pick up and commandeer the personal cars of the Air Corps officers which were distributed to the several Motor Pools under Col Quinn so that they may be disassembled and the reclaimed parts stored or used as spare parts for vehicles then under repair. This was done due to the fact that there was an acute shortage of batteries, tires, radiators, carburetors and other critical car items;

That out of the 300 or more units of transportation that the Philippine Constabulary ordered from the International Harvester Co. motor dealer, long before hostilities broke out, I remember having actually received only 28 Pick-up Delivery Wagons, 1 1/2 ton, commercial type, as others could not be delivered by them because they were still in crates. I know positively that those vehicles still existed were not assembled even when a representative of Col Quinn took over the shop of the International Harvester Co. and neither were these vehicles that were still crated figured or brought to Batavia or elsewhere because we had the problem of the shortage of flat-bed trucks to lug them out of Manila and because of the fear of being spotted by Japanese aircrafts due to the hardship of looking for suitable cover;



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1. ALVARO R. SIVANE, 1st Lt PA, ASN 0-48057 Inf, and presently assigned with the Inspector General Service, MAC, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, after having been duly sworn to oath in accordance to law, depose and say the following:

That prior to 8 December 1941 and until the official surrender of the United States Forces at Batavia on 9 April 1942, I was the Executive Officer, Motor Transport Company, Headquarters Philippine Constabulary at Fort Area, Manila, and later at Km. 167.8, Little Baguio, Batavia.

That prior to 8 December 1941, in addition to my duties, I was on duty with the US Army Quartermaster Depot, under Col Michael A Quinn, Department Motor Transport Officer, Philippine Department, US Army.

That after the battle was broken out on or about 8 December 1941, I received orders from Col Michael A Quinn; from Col Alberto Ramos, then Chief Supply Division, Philippine Constabulary and later 6-4, 2nd Regular BATTALION, and presently Chief, Motor Transport, thus, passenger cars were commandeered for use of staff officers and unit commanders; General wagons were commandeered for conversion to ambulances and trucks of all kinds were commandeered for the purpose of moving troops and for moving supplies especially so when Japanese bombing raids had disrupted rail lines in north and south of Manila.

That while still in Manila prior to 30 December 1941, most of these vehicles commandeered by me in the number of more or less 400 were supplied to then 1st Lt John H. Shanks, in charge of 3rd and 4th echelon maintenance shops at Fort Area and later moved to the area and which later moved to the Administration Building, Top-Side, Corregidor Island; to then Camp Austin Montgomery, in charge of Motor Pool No. 2, in the vicinity of the Honorable, Japanese Intention; to then 1st Lt Robinson, who operated 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance shops in Fort Area and later at Km. 164, Batavia; to then Major Howard Cervera who later operated a separate Motor Pool near Km. 158, Lungs, Batavia; and to the Motor Pools of separate units I do not know members.

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APPENDIX

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That when the members of the Philippine Air Corps were moved out to Bataan sometime on the later part of February 1942, my Commanding Officer, Capt Carlos J Herrera and myself were ordered to pick up and commandeer the personal cars of the Air Corps officers which were distributed to the several Motor Pools under Col Quinn so that they may be disassembled and the reclaimed parts stored or used as spare parts for vehicles then under repair. This was done due to the fact that there was an acute shortage of batteries, tires, radiators, carburetors and other critical car items;

That while we made a more or less complete record of all vehicles commandeered by some of the enlisted personnel belonging to the first four grades who were not supposed to sign receipt for motor vehicles commandeered other than temporary receipts which had to be replaced by a permanent one signed by me when the temporary receipt was surrendered in our office, said records were under the charge of Mr. Vicente Romualdes, a civilian who was our unit procurement officer before the war, and whose last address that I know was with the Surplus Property Commission, Cebu City, and whose cousin is Major Miguel Romualdes, presently Ex O, Hq Bn, MAP, Camp Murphy, Queson City. Mr. Romualdes was left in Manila and records of these vehicles were kept in a safe we had in our office which was left in the school building at Benivides St, our last Headquarters in Manila. It is probable that that safe was looted or captured and the records were destroyed by the enemy or by the looters. Mr. Romualdes is a native of Saeleban, Leyte, and he may be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has today in his possession part of the records of our commandeered vehicles;

That in the afternoon of 31 December 1941 up to about 2100 hrs, Capt Herrera and I were ordered to commandeer vehicles for the purpose of sending to Bataan supplies and equipment of trucks that were damaged along the way and for sending stragglers that had accumulated in the south side of the Pampanga river and all possible arms from stragglers abandoned in the houses and in the thickets along the south bank of the river. On account of the bombing of San Fernando railroad station

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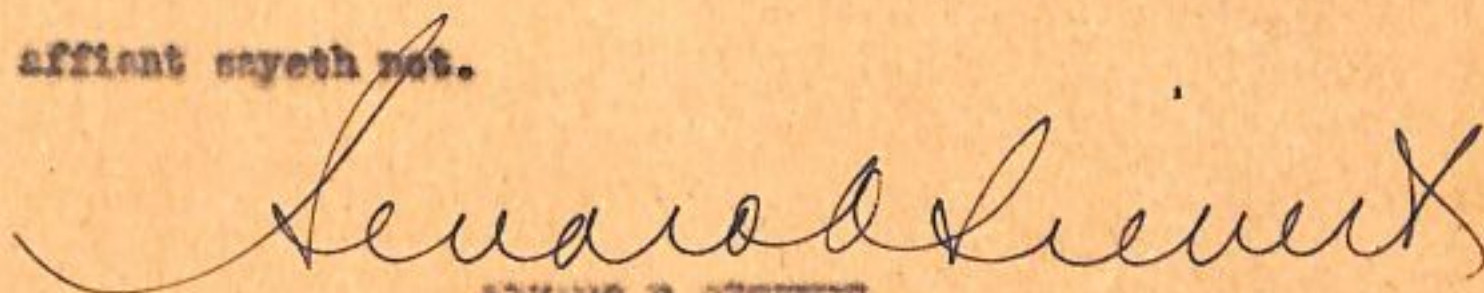


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which exploded a long line of railway cars loaded with ammunitions and which caused confusion and damage to vehicles carrying supplies, we were forced to commandeered trucks and passenger cars found inside abandoned garages and stores and most of these vehicles were not issued any receipt because owners thereof were not in the vicinity and in some cases, we had to break down the doors of some stores and garages to take out the abandoned vehicles thereat;

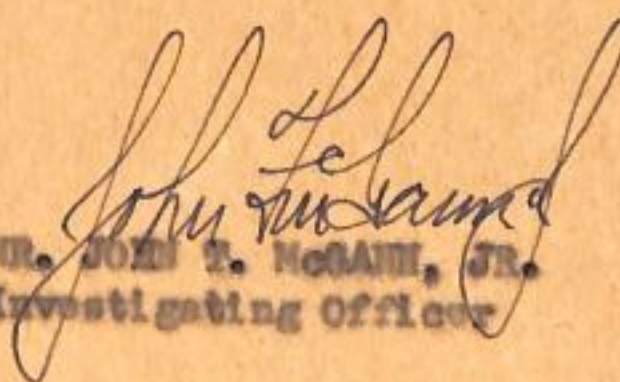
That after the surrender of our unit at Little Baguio, Bataan on 9 April 1942, all the commandeered vehicles still in our Motor Pool, in the same way as our other unit equipment and arms, all fell into the hands of the Japanese Army. From Little Baguio, Bataan, we were herded into groups and marched to our concentration camp at Camp Farlar, from where I was released a bed-patient on 4 August 1942.

FURTHER, affiant sayeth not.



EDWARD R. SIEVERT
1st Lt, ICS

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



MR. JOHN T. MCCALL, JR.
Investigating Officer

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HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY, 2nd REGULAR

DIVISION

I, Guillermo B. Francisco, Major General, Philippine Army, and a resident of the City of Manila, after having been sworn to according to law, depose and say:

That on or about December 10, 1941, I received instructions from both the late President Manuel L. Quezon and General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of the USAFFE, to require all firearm dealers to surrender their stocks of firearms and ammunition to the Constabulary to be taken by coastguard boats to either Bataan or Corregidor;

That the above instructions were transmitted to Major Pedro N. Jaminola, who was then Chief of the Firearms and Explosives Division of the Philippine Constabulary for execution;

That in or about the middle of December, 1941, there were purchased from H. E. Heacock Company, a number of Thompson Sub-machine Guns, Trench Shotguns and a quantity of ammunition, the delivery of which, it was reported to me, was made at the warehouse of the Philippine Constabulary under the supervision of Major Jaminola;

That these firearms and ammunition were issued to our men who retreated to Bataan on December 31, 1941.

Furthermore, the herein affiant sayeth not.

/s/ G. B. Francisco
/t/ G. B. FRANCISCO
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of July, 1946, affiant
x having exhibited his Residence Tax No. (Exempt) issued at Manila, on
_____, 1946.

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/s/ Jose L. de Leon
Notary Public
My commission expires on Dec. __, 1946.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL:

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

MOTOR TRANSPORT COMPANY
HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY

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

A F F I D A V I T

I, CARLOS J. HERRERA, Filipino, of legal age, single and a resident of Manila, after having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That I am a commissioned officer in the Regular Force of the Philippine Army;

That I was the Chief, Transportation Section, Philippine Constabulary and Commanding Officer of the Motor Transport Company, HPC, at the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1941;

That having been authorized to commandeer vehicle for use of military personnel in conjunction with our orders to withdraw to Bataan, I commandeered many motor vehicles, among which was an automobile whose description was as follows:

Make - Pontiac

Type - 4 door sedan, de-luxe

Model - 1939

Motor Number - # 6-515803

Factory Number - P6EB-11785

That a temporary commandeering receipt was issued in favor of the owner of the car Captain (then 1st Lieutenant) Osarundo Mondonado C-1713 PA AC;

That the price of the vehicle at the time it was commandeered was not set nor agreed upon;

That the vehicle was in excellent condition with all tires new;

Further deponent sayeth not.

Carlos J. Herrera
CARLOS J. HERRERA
Captain, PA, IGS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June 1946,
at HPA, Manila.

Pedro L. Los Banos
PEDRO L. LOS BANOS
1st Lt, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant, PAF

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24 August 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am presently assigned as Liason Officer, Department of National Defense.

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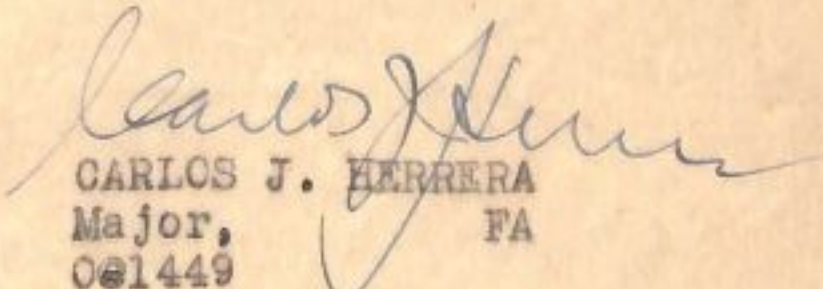
I was designated Motor Pool Officer at the Motor Transportation Headquarters at Little Baguio, Bataan, of the 2nd Regular Division.

As Motor Transport Officer, I had commandeered hundreds of trucks during the war, and as Motor Pool Officer at Little Baguio, Bataan, I had more than a thousand vehicles under my supervision.

On or about 27 December 1941, the Philippine Constabulary employed a truck to dump guns and ammunition into the Pasig River to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Japanese as we were about to retreat to Bataan. This truck was a Ford truck which belonged to Mrs. Ana A. de Barretto. When we moved to Bataan, this truck was naturally taken by us to convey supplies to Bataan.

This truck was among the trucks leased by the Southern Express to the U. S. Army.

I have read the affidavit of Teodoro Soriano, in connection with the claim of Mrs. Barretto, filed with the Claims Service, AFWESPAC, and I believe that he may be one of my drivers at the Motor Pool at Little Baguio who answers the name of Soriano. His statement regarding my position as Motor Pool Officer and Captain Zeta working under me is right and correct. Sergeant Zeta (now Captain) worked under me in said Motor Pool.


CARLOS J. HERRERA
Major, FA
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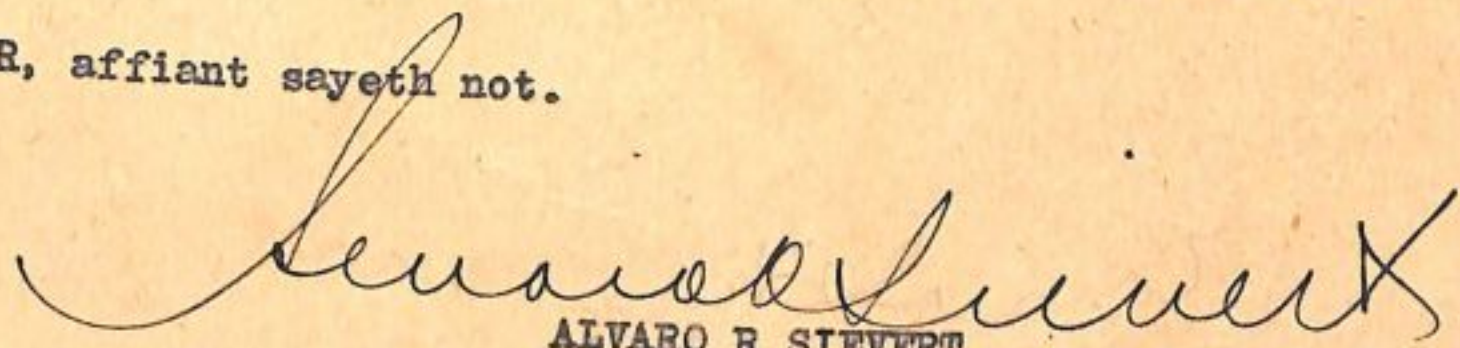
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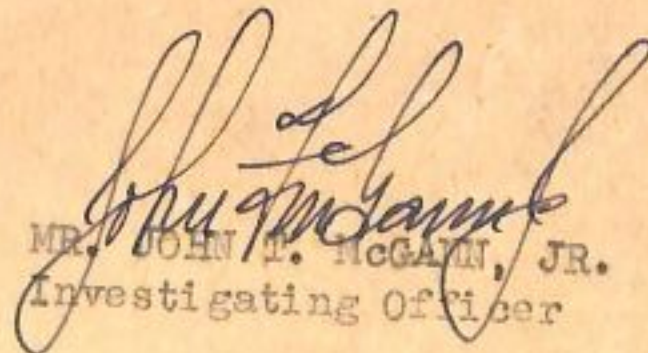
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FURTHER, affiant sayeth not.



ALVARO R SIEVERT
1st Lt, IGS

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



MR. JOHN T. MCGINN, JR.
Investigating Officer

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A F F I D A V I T

I, ALVARO R SIEVERT, 1st Lieutenant, PA, ASN O-48057, and presently assigned with the Inspector General's Service, HAP, Camp Murphy, Quezon City, after having been sworn to oath in accordance to law, depose and say the following:

1. That prior to 8 December 1941, I was a 1st Lieutenant in the Philippine Constabulary, and Executive Officer, Motor Transport Company, Hq, Philippine Constabulary, at Port Area, Manila, and at the same time I was on duty in the Office of Lt-Col Michael A. Quinn, QMS, AUS, Motor Officer, USA Quartermaster Depot, Philippine Department, at Port Area, Manila; and I was directly under the then 1st Lt. JOHN N SHANKS, QMS, AUS, Officer in-charge, Motor Maintenance Shops, USA Quartermaster Depot, Port Area Manila;

2. That after 8 Dec 41, after the break of the Pacific War, I was directed by both Col QUINN and Col ALBERTO RAMOS, then Chief, Supply Division, PC, and later G-4, 2nd Regular Division, USAFFE, and presently Chief, MPC Staff, PA, to commandeer all types of vehicles within the City of Manila for the purpose of supplying transportation needs for all USAFFE units serviced by the USA Quartermaster Depot and for use of the Constabulary;

3. That I commandeered trucks for supplies; Panel wagons for conversion to ambulances and passenger cars of all types for staff and command use of officers;

4. That I remember having commandeered the 1939 Chevrolet, bearing plates No. 1-1434 belonging to Mr. DOMINADOR G LACAP, in the vicinity of the Bonifacio Monument, Rizal Avenue Extension, Balintawak, sometime between 9-30 December, 1941 inclusive dates of which was the period I commandeered motor vehicles. That a receipt for the commandeered vehicle as given to said Mr LACAP.

5. Further, affiant sayeth not.

s/ Alvaro R Sievert
t/ ALVARO R SIEVERT
1st Lieutenant, IGS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 14th day of May, 1947 in the Office of the Inspector General's Service, HAP, Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

s/ Raymond B Licudine
t/ RAYMOND B LICUDINE
Investigating Officer

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Raymond B Licudine
RAYMOND B. LICUDINE
1st Lieutenant, Inf.
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FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES DIVISION
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from the H. E. Heacock Co. I remember that this purchase satisfied

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PASTOR V. GARCIA, 1st Lieutenant, AGS, O-22390, at present assigned to the Personnel Division, Adjutant General's Office, HPA, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That in December 1941 I was Assistant Chief of the Firearms and Explosives Division, P.C.

That all dealers in firearms and ammunition were authorized to keep only a certain amount of supplies in their stores and were required to keep their excess supplies in the bodega of the abovementioned Division located in the Oriente Building, Binondo, Manila. Each dealer had an assigned compartment in the said bodega, and the H. E. Heacock Co. was one of these dealers. The abovementioned had been a practice of long standing.

That on or about 10 December 1941 all dealers in Manila were required to turn over all their firearms and ammunition to the Firearms and Explosives Division, P. C. The purpose for this requisition was to keep the said supplies from the hands of the Japanese and/or looters. Each dealer was provided with materials by which to pack their supplies into boxes. By the latter part of December 1941 the above had been accomplished and the boxes transported by trucks to the S.S. "MACTAN," a small inter-island ship, upon which they were loaded. The said ship was to take the supplies to Bataan or Corregidor though I do not know whether they were ever delivered to one of these destinations. The H. E. Heacock Co. was one of the dealers whose supplies were boxed and loaded onto the said ship.

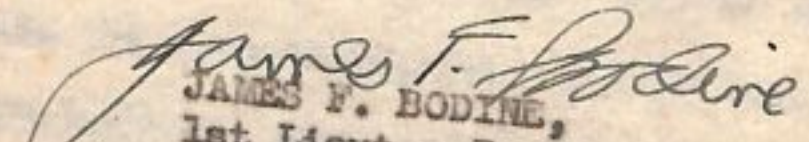
That the abovementioned accounted for the greater portion of supplies originally in the bodega, and the firearms and ammunition remaining belonged for the most part to private individuals or were unserviceable. That those which might have been of any value to the enemy were

likewise loaded in boxes and dumped into the river.

That in the latter part of December 1941 the said Division of the Philippine Constabulary purchased some firearms and ammunition from the H. E. Heacock Co. I remember that this purchase included approximately thirty (30) sub-machine guns and ammunition which were issued to the Philippine Constabulary units at Bilibid and Camp Crane, Rizal. I do not know if payment was made for this purchase.


PASTOR V. GARCIA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of May, 1946.


JAMES F. BODINE,
1st Lieut., Inf.,
Investigating Officer.

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City of Manila)

A F F I D A V I T

I, PEDRO N. JAMINOLA, of legal age, a Filipino citizen, widower, now residing at 302 Lardizabal, Sampaloc, Manila, after having been duly sworn, depose and say:

I am a major in the Philippine Army, AGS, and at present I am assigned to the 3rd Replacement Battalion, Quezon City. I have been serving continuously either in the Army or Constabulary since 1912. Since 1916, I was in charge of the Firearms Section, Philippine Constabulary, and under my supervision was a bodega for the firearms vault, where all firearms belonging to the Constabulary that were deposited by individuals for safekeeping or that have been confiscated by the Constabulary or police, and excess stock owned by weapons dealers. These dealers were permitted to retain in their stock at their place of business only those weapons authorized by their license, and any stock above that was always placed in our bodega. It is the law in the Philippines that any establishment dealing in weapons that, for any reason, discontinues business, the stock is placed with us for safekeeping. We would issue them a series of numbered receipts and that we could issue receipts for at least five (5) weapons on a receipt. If at a later date they desire to withdraw any of these weapons on authorized sale, it was customary for us to scratch through the weapon that was being released and initial the change on the receipt to indicate withdrawal. On this day, I have examined the following receipts: No. 97282, dated December 15, 1938, No. 97314, dated December 27, 1938, No. 97160, November 3, 1938, No. 97161, November 3, 1938 and No. 97281, December 15, 1938,

... as being the property owned by the Bavaria Gun Store Inc, signed by J. M. Gonzales in the name of P. F. Tabuena, Major, ^{Inf.} ~~Adj.~~, Executive Officer, and they do not indicate that any of these weapons were withdrawn by the owner at that time. The signature of Gonzales is an authentic facsimile of his signature. As I recall, these weapons were deposited with us at the time the Bavaria Gun Store, Inc. ceased to operate as a selling organization.

On or about 10 December 1941, I received an order from General G. B. Francisco, then Chief of the Constabulary, instructing me to require all firearms and ammunition dealers in Manila to turn in all firearms and ammunition they have at their store for safe-keeping at the Constabulary Bodega. Around 17 December 1941, General Francisco instructed me to have all the firearms and ammunition in the bodega be put in boxes and brought to the pier to be loaded on coast guard boats so that the firearms and ammunition could be taken to either Corregidor or Bataan, in compliance with the instructions of President Quezon and General Douglas MacArthur. I am of the opinion that the firearms listed on the receipts enumerated above were among those firearms packed and put on ships to be delivered as ordered. Included in the firearms are numerous weapons of various makes and ammunitions of various caliber that were the property of Isaac Gun Store, Inc., that they have deposited with us due to ^{the} order mentioned. I am not in a position, however, to make a statement as to the number of weapons or their makes or the amount of ammunition since they do not have the receipts. Since the Isaac Gun Store, Inc. was one of the largest small arms stores located in Manila, they did have a considerable stock stored with us at that time. I am not in a position to furnish any records showing the amount of weapons and ammunition we had

were destroyed when our building burned due to the aerial bombing of the Americans on 22 September 1944.

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

Pedro N. Jaminola
PEDRO N. JAMINOLA,
Major, AGS, P.A.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of February, 1946.

John W. Thomas
JOHN W. THOMAS,
Capt., CAV.,
Investigating Officer.

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FERMIN F. PERALTA, O-21331, First Lieutenant, QMS, at present assigned to the Headquarters Luzon Zone, MPC, P.A., at Bamban, Tarlac, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That from 6 January 1936 to 31 December 1941, I was assigned as firearms custodian, Firearms and Explosives Division, P.C. That in December 1941 Major Pedro M. Jaminola was Chief of the Firearms and Explosives Division, P. C. and Lt. Pastor V. Garcia was Assistant Chief of the said unit. That my duties consisted of guarding the bodega in the Oriente Building, Binondo, Manila situated on the estuary of the Pasig river.

That all Manila dealers in firearms and ammunitions kept their excess supplies in the said bodega, and the H. E. Heacock Company was one of these dealers.

That in the middle of December 1941, I was given orders to pack in boxes all the firearms that were stored in the said bodega. This was accomplished under my supervision by employees of the dealers storing supplies. Inocentes Villegas was In-Charge of the Firearms Department of H. E. Heacock Company and he packed the said company's firearms into boxes under my supervision. That I have no idea of the amount of firearms or ammunition stored by the said company in the bodega.

That from 22 to 31 December 1941 these boxes were loaded in the Coast Guard boats together with crates of ammunitions for the purpose of taking them to Bataan and Corregidor. That approximately seventy-five (75%) per cent of the supplies were loaded into the said boats. That from 29 to 31 December 1941 the remaining twenty-five (25%) per cent were thrown into the river so as to prevent their use by the Japanese.

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or ammunitions remaining were classified as unserviceable and as such had not been thrown into the river.

That after the outbreak of the war on 8 December 1941 all the said dealers were ordered to turn their firearms and ammunitions over to the said Division of the P. C. so that they could be put to the best use of the Philippine Army.

Fermin F. Peralta
FERMIN F. PERALTA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May, 1946.

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

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, ANGEL OPPUS, certify:

That I am a Lt. Col., AGS, O-1194 and now on duty as the President of the General Court Martial at Camp Murphy, APO 75:

That on 30 December 1941 I was a Major and Property Officer of Hqs., Philippine Constabulary located at the Oriente Bldg., Reina Regente St., Manila: that said headquarters had been inducted into the USAFFE 17 December 1941:

That on or about 30 December 1941, a military emergency existed and the commandeering of motor vehicles was necessary to meet the needs of the Armed forces in the prosecution of the war:

That on or about said date as Property Officer I assumed responsibility for commandeering vehicles for Hqs, P. C.; that these vehicles were used to haul supplies and equipment to Bataan;

That I have examined and read the two(2) requisition receipts now on file in Hqs; Claims Service, AFWESPAC, in PRO Claim No.2745; that I recognize the handwriting and signature thereon to be mine; that I do not recall specifically the two vehicles mentioned in said receipts as I had commandeered and issued receipts for about thirty (30) vehicles on or about 30 December 1941.

Sg. Angel Oppus
Sg. ANGEL OPPUS

Dated: 7 December 1945.

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