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Procurement

Vehicles

Historical

Some mention Induction

Drivers

51ST DIV PA

Nagasaki, 5 January, 1948

The Commanding General
Philippine Ryukus Command, APO. TO7
Attention: Chief of Claims Service.

Sir: In reply to your letter of the 10th Nov. 1947, the following information is furnished.

(a) The 53rd Inf. Reg. started into action in Payabao (now Quezon) sometime the month of Dec. 1941 and later on in Davao. The unit had occupied several places in the M.L.O.R., like, Abucay, Natib, Orion and other places.

(b) I can not exactly remember the number of drivers of truck employed by us, but they were not less than Twenty (20)

(c) The drivers were made to understand that they were to receive ₱2.00 a day for their services.

(d) While these drivers were serving with our unit, they were not paid at all from about the 15 Dec. 1941 till about the end of January, 1942 when all our trucks with the drivers were turned over to the different Motor Pools by order of the G-4, Corps II.

(e) I can ^{not} furnish a list of our drivers as we lost all our records, and I can not remember them all.

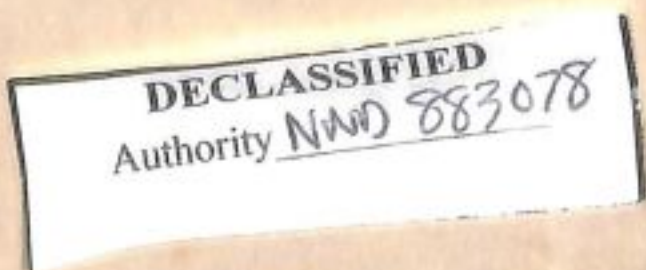
(f) I remember we commandeered trucks belonging to the Franklin Baker Co. but I can not remember the number.

(g) I remember that there was one named Alvarado among the drivers of the Franklin Baker Co, but I can not remember whether Victorino Pedrosa was one of them. However, if there is no other who claims to be a driver of Franklin Baker Co. this man might have been one of the drivers.

Sincerely yours,

R. Habano

Capt. Inf. - Res. A.P.
Former Co. Officer, 53rd Inf. Reg.



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Pro 9092

ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS MILITARY TRAINING COMMAND
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

30 September 1947

The Commanding General,
PHILRYCOM, APO 707
Attn: Chief of Claims Service
PRO - 9092

S i r:

In reply to your letter dated 27 September 1947, I have the following to say:

That I was the Executive Officer of the 52nd Inf Regt, whose Commanding Officer was Colonel V. N. Cordero, USA;

That immediately after the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1941, and while our unit was stationed at Sto Tomas, Batangas, we were authorized to commander as we did commanded several trucks and cars, owned by individuals and truck operators.

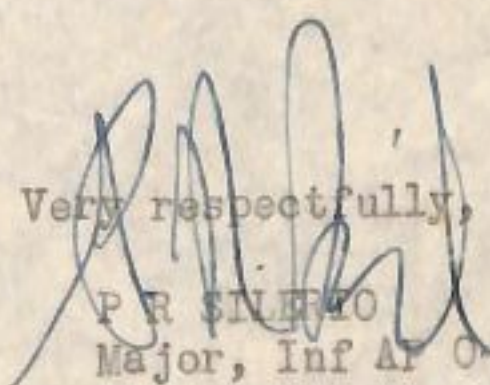
That I remember, we commanded several busses from the Laguna Tayabas Bus Company, including respective driver and conductor who later on were inducted into the USAFFE;

That I don't remember whether Porfirio Adam was one of those drivers whose bus was commanded, as I don't remember any names now for lack of record;

That at the time the busses were commanded, the drivers and conductors were made to understand that they would be paid the same emoluments as they were receiving from the company.

That as to my best knowledge and belief, these drivers and conductors were never paid for their services while with the USAFFE.

Very respectfully,


P. R. SILETO
Major, Inf Ar O-1273

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS
DOWNTOWN, WASHINGTON, D.C.

30 September 1947

The Commanding General
The Air Force
Headquarters
DOWNTOWN, WASHINGTON, D.C.

In reply to your letter dated 20 September 1947, I have the
following to say:

That I was the Executive Officer of the 1st Air Force, then
Commanding Officer was Colonel V. V. Gordon, USAF.

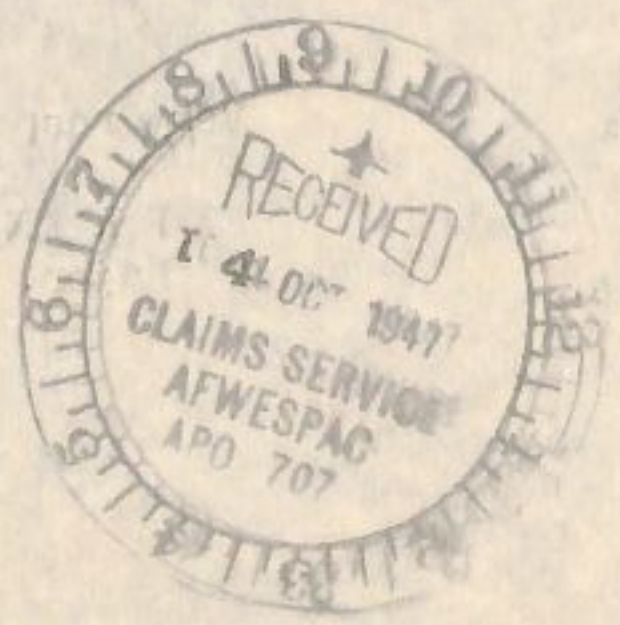
Yet immediately after the outbreak of the war on December
1941, and while our unit was stationed at the Army, Panama, we
were authorized to conduct as we did several and several flights
and were, and by individuals and such operations.

That I remember, we conducted several flights from the Panama
Army Air Corps, including responsive driver and instructor who
later on were inducted into the USAF.

That I don't recall whether the flight was one of those
driven when we were on duty, as I don't recall any of the
now for lack of records.

That at the time the flight was conducted, the flight
and operations were not authorized that it would be a flight
and operations in that area would be in the way.

That as a result of the flight, there were no
operations were conducted in that area with the
30 September 1947



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1st. Ind.

Colonel John R. Boatwright, (Retd.), R2, Bedford, Va., 11 Nov. 1947.
To: Chief of Claims Service, Phil-Ryukyus Command, Manila, P.I.

1. The only officers mentioned in your letter concerning claim PRO 11369 whom the writer can recall are Lts. Cummings and Brown. It is however quite probable that the others mentioned were also members of my command. I had only been in command of The 53 Inf., (PA), for a little over one hour when the regiment was disposed over the Tyabas Beaches and an opportunity to connect all names and faces never did arrive. Lt. Cummings was reported to have been killed in the bombing of the prisoner of war transport The Oryoka Maru in the fall of 1944. No word concerning Lt. Brown has been received. He was a Filipino and was on duty with Lt. Cummings' battalion at Lucena in Dec. 1941.

2. Since the supply system at this period just didn't exist as such and authority had been given for the requisitioning of vehicles and supplies, with certain exceptions, it would appear that this claim and others of a similar nature might well be passed for payment. Provided, of course, that receipts are presented for such supplies as were received. It is not believed that any enormous supplies were requisitioned by any individual organization or person. When it is considered that my regiment had only four trucks, one of which was in Manila for repairs and never did report back to the organization, to transport all personnel, supplies and impedimenta of a regiment of Infantry, such requisitioning of supplies as was done was held to a minimum.

3. So far as the writer knows Mr. Ginainati has not been paid for such supplies as may have been requisitioned from him.

Incl n/c

*Sig. of John R.
Boatwright cut out
for Sig. Card file.*

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1. The only officer mentioned in your letter concerning claim
 42-1189 who the writer can recall is Mr. Cummings and Brown. It is
 however quite probable that the other mentioned were also members of
 a company. The only man in company of the 28 Inf., (P.A.) for a little
 over one hour with the regiment was disposed over the Lydas Beaches
 and an opportunity to contact all names and faces never did arrive.
 Cummings was reported to have been killed in the holding of the prisoner
 of war transport the truck was in the fall of 1944. No word concerning
 i.e. Brown has been received. He was a Filipino and was on duty with it.
 Cummings' battalion at income in Dec. 1941.

2. Since the supply system of this period just didn't exist as
 such and authority had been given for the requisitioning of vehicles and
 supplies, with certain exceptions, it would appear that this claim and
 of course, that receipts are presented for such supplies as were received.
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 individual organization or person. When it is considered that my regiment
 had only four trucks, one of which was in Manila for repairs and never did
 report back to the organization, to transport all personnel, supplies and
 impediments of a regiment of Infantry, such requisitioning of supplies
 as was done was held to a minimum.

3. As far as the writer knows Mr. Dimasanti has not been paid
 for such supplies as may have been requisitioned from him.
 Requisitioned from him.

John H. [Name obscured]



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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS SERVICE

APO 707
11 October 1947

Lieutenant Colonel John R. Boatwright, O-6927, Infantry
Route 2, Bedford, Virginia

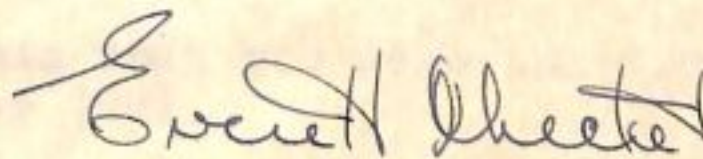
Dear Sir:

On 5 September 1947, this office sent you a letter, copy of which is enclosed, to which no reply has as yet been received.

Your testimony is very necessary in the proper adjudication of the instant claim and any action you may take on the matter will be highly appreciated.

This case has been assigned number PRO 11369. When replying, please refer to this number.

Very truly yours,



EVERETT CHECKET
Director, Team No. 13

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Ltr dtd 5 Sept '47

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HEADQUARTERS
FIRST BRIGADE - AIRBORNE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS SERVICE

11 October 1947
APO 707

Lieutenant Colonel John H. Howarth, O-625V, Infantry
Box 2, Bedford, Virginia

Dear Sir:
On 5 September 1947, this office sent you a letter
in which is enclosed, as which copy has no
been received.

Your testimony is very necessary in the proper
adjudication of the instant claim and any action you may
take on the matter will be highly appreciated.
This case has been assigned number WFO 11-49. When
replying, please refer to this number.

Very truly yours,

Ernest C. Brown
Ernest C. Brown
Director, Room 10. 13

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS SERVICE

APO 707
5 September 1947

Lt. Col. John R. Boatwright, O-6927 Inf.
Route 2, Bedford, Virginia

Dear Sir:

This letter is with reference to a claim filed with this office by M. S. Ginainati of Lucena, Tayabas for reimbursement of the value of gasoline and motor oil which, allegedly were furnished to the 26th Cavalry (PS) and to the 53rd Inf. (PA) in December 1941.

Mr. Ginainati has submitted several receipts signed by Lt. W. M. Cummings, Lt. Louis Meducci, and Lt. F. M. Siguenza of the 26th Cavalry and by Lt. Salvador D. Aramburo, Lt. Emiliano Caballes, Lt. Salvador D. Deduque, Lt. Brown and Lt. Col. J. R. Boatwright of the 53rd Inf., as evidence to support the claim.

Investigation reveals that you were the C.O. of the 53rd Inf. PA, in December 1941.

In this connection, it is requested that, if possible, you furnish this office with statement to include all information that you may have concerning the gasoline and oil requisitioned by the 53rd Inf. and the 26th Cavalry from Mr. Ginainati in December 1941. Please state whether or not the above named officers have the authority to requisition and whether or not Mr. Ginainati was paid.

This claim has been assigned number PRO 11369. When replying, please refer to this number

Very truly yours,

EVERETT CHECKET
Director, Team No. 13

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE-MARINE CORPS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

707
8 September 1947

Lt. Col. John A. Boswright, O-6287 Inf.
Route 2, Bedford, Virginia

Dear Sir:

This letter is with reference to your letter of 28 August 1947, in which you requested information regarding the value of gasoline and motor oil which were furnished to the 53rd Inf. (PA) in December 1941.

Mr. Ginalanti has submitted several receipts signed by Lt. W. M. Cummings, Lt. Louis Meducci, and Lt. P. M. Signatures of the 53rd Cavalry and by Lt. Salvador D. Aramburo, Lt. Amiliano Capriles, Lt. Salvador D. Deane, Lt. Brown and Lt. Col. J. R. Boswright of the 53rd Inf., as evidence to support the claim.

Investigation reveals that you were the C.O. of the 53rd Inf. PA, in December 1941.

In this connection, it is requested that, if possible, you furnish data on the value of gasoline and motor oil which you may have concerning the 53rd Inf. and the 53rd Cavalry from the period in December 1941. These data should be furnished to the nearest officer who has the authority to requisition and whether or not Mr. Ginalanti was paid.

This claim has been assigned number 707 1300. When you, please refer to this number.

Very truly yours,



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1st. Ind.

Colonel John R. Boatwright, (Retd.), R2, Bedford, Va., 11 Nov. 1947.
To: Chief of Claims Service, Phil-Ryukyus Command, Manila, P.I.

1. The only officers mentioned in your letter concerning claim PRO 11369 whom the writer can recall are Lts. Cummings and Brown. It is however quite probable that the others mentioned were also members of my command. I had only been in command of The 53 Inf., (PA), for a little over one hour when the regiment was disposed over the Tyabas Beaches and an opportunity to connect all names and faces never did arrive. Lt. Cummings was reported to have been killed in the bombing of the prisoner of war transport The Oryoka Maru in the fall of 1944. No word concerning Lt. Brown has been received. He was a Filipino and was on duty with Lt. Cummings' battalion at Lucena in Dec. 1941.

2. Since the supply system at this period just didn't exist as such and authority had been given for the requisitioning of vehicles and supplies, with certain exceptions, it would appear that this claim and others of a similar nature might well be passed for payment. Provided, of course, that receipts are presented for such supplies as were received. It is not believed that any enormous supplies were requisitioned by any individual organization or person. When it is considered that my regiment had only four trucks, one of which was in Manila for repairs and never did report back to the organization, to transport all personnel, supplies and impedimenta of a regiment of Infantry, such requisitioning of supplies as was done was held to a minimum.

3. So far as the writer knows Mr. Ginainati has not been paid for such supplies as may have been requisitioned from him.

Incl n/c

John R. Boatwright,
Col. USA, Retd.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, RUFINO SABINO, certify:

That I am of legal age, a Filipino citizen and a Captain in the Philippine Army (ASN C-47084) and now assigned to the 3rd Replacement Battalion, Camp Murphy, APO 75.

That in December, 1941 I was a Captain in the Philippine Army and Executive Officer of the 53rd Infantry Regiment of the 51st Division, with Headquarters at Rosario, Batangas;

That on or about 10 December 1941 the Headquarters of the 53rd Infantry Regiment moved to Sariaya, Tayabas;

That I have read the affidavit (Exhibit I) of Elias Pineda on file in Headquarters, Claims Service, AFWES-PAC in PRO Claim No. 1096 (Tan Chay); that I have no memory of the Lieutenant Meta mentioned therein nor do I recall receiving the Ford truck described in said affidavit, but I can state that many civilian vehicles were being requisitioned in December 1941 in the province of Tayabas, and as Executive Officer of the 53rd Infantry Regiment I together with the Motor Transportation Officer had charge of them;

That I recall that many vehicles were used by the Headquarters of the 53rd Infantry Regiment to transport supplies and ammunition to Calausg and Lucena, Tayabas, both towns being within the defense sector of the 53rd Infantry Regiment; and I recall further that a few trucks and automobiles were abandoned in the latter part of December 1941 in Lucena because of the entry there of the Japanese and, too, many bridges had been blown up which prevented our withdrawal in vehicles;

That I cannot recall whether or not the truck, belonging to Tan Chay and which Elias Pineda, in his affidavit (Exhibit I) alleged was left under my supervision was actually so left.

I further certify that in December 1941 I knew Captain Gabriel Viduya and also knew that he was connected in some capacity with the Philippine Constabulary at Camp Wilhelm, Lucena, Tayabas;

I further certify that the 53rd Infantry Regiment of the 51st Division was a Philippine Army organization inducted into the USAFFE on or about 1 September 1941.

s/ Rufino Sabino
t/ RUFINO SABINO
Captain (P.A.)

Dated 29 September 1945.

A TRUE COPY:

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CC-5-X-651

Adolfo L. Magallanes
ADOLFO L. MAGALLANES
Chief, Statistics Br.,
Records and Fiscal Div.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
) SS
CITY OF MANILA)

A F F I D A V I T

I, ELISEO V. TOLENTINO, Filipino, of legal age, married and now residing at Settlement House, Canonigo Street, Paco, Manila, P.I., after having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That in December 1941 I was a 3rd Lieutenant, Infantry, PA, USAFFE, then stationed in Tayabas, Philippines. That I was then duly authorized by our American Tactical Staff Officer, Lt. George Calas, assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 53rd Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, to commandeer vehicles for use by the same outfit, due to the shortage of Army vehicles then prevailing at that time.

That I do not know relative to the procurement authority of Lieutenant George C. Calas when he commandeered the vehicles owned by Tiu Sip, nor do I know the understanding made between him and the Municipal Mayor of Candelaria, Tayabas.

That to the best of my knowledge and belief, during our general withdrawal from Candelaria, Tayabas to Bataan on or about the last week of December 1941, I have seen several trucks used by our outfit with the markings "TIU SIP", but I have no knowledge who commandeered or requisitioned them. DEPONENT FURTHER SAYETH NOT:

Eliseo V. Tolentino
ELISEO V. TOLENTINO
Deponent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July 1946.

Norman H. Hall
NORMAN H. HALL
1st Lt. MQC
Investigating Officer

*Presently attached unassigned &
the 1st replacement Bn, APO 70-
622 P. Naval, Sempaloc*

424 MD
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, EMILIANO R. BASKINAS, certify:

That I am of legal age and a citizen of the Philippine Islands by birth;

That I am presently assigned to Recovered Personnel Division, Headquarters, Philippine Army at Manila;

That in December 1941 I was Executive Officer and Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry Regiment assigned to defend the Atimonan, Tayabas-Tigbinan, Camarines Norte Sector;

That there was a Lt. Braquiel M. Dizon Attached to our unit as Signal and Communication Officer. That he used a 5 passenger Ford Sedan to patrol the sector;

That on or about 22 December, I used the aforementioned sedan to contact a friendly unit but we were caught by machine gun fire from enemy tanks and planes. My driver was killed and the car crashed into a ditch where I abandoned it;

That I do not know how Lt. Dizon came into possession of the car nor do I know the name of the owner thereof.

That Lt. Dizon was killed in action on 24 December 1941 in Atimonan and was buried somewhere behind the Catholic Church in Atimonan.

DATED: 11 December 1945

SG. Emiliano R. Baskinas
SG. EMILIANO R. BASKINAS
1st Lieutenant, Inf.
O-22192

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Adolfo Magallanes
Adolfo Magallanes
Chief, Statistics Br, RPL

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CITY OF MANILA)

A F F I D A V I T

I, JOSE C. LIMPO, 1st Lieutenant, presently on TDY, G-4 section, MPC PA, after being duly sworn, depose and say:

I was with the 51st Division Motor Transport Company during the outbreak of the war and later Division Motor Transport Officer at Bataan of the same division and upon orders of General Albert M. Jones, Commanding General of the 51st Division with station at Sto. Tomas, Batangas, I remembered having used officially a car requisitioned by Capt. Manuel T. Flores, G-4, 51st Division from Mr. Gertrudo Inciong of San Pablo, Laguna thru Mr. Joe Benedict of Laguna Tayabas Bus Company. This car was used in our operations and it was our intention to take this car to Bataan. Being the last man of the 51st Division to proceed to Bataan due to the fact that it was my duty to see that all supplies of the division must be carried thru to Bataan, the bridge at Calumpit was blown up before I have the opportunity to pass thru. I left the car at Barrio Corazon de Jesus, Calumpit at a house whose owner I forgot the name. It was January 1, 1942 when the said car was left at Calumpit and it was impossible for me to return the car to San Pablo as the enemies were coming from the North and South already.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jose C. Limpo
JOSE C. LIMPO

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 27th day of May 1947.

Paul D. Perrine

PAUL D. PERRINE
Certifying Claims Investigator

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF MANILA

A T T I D A V I T

I, JOSE G. LIMPO, 1st Lieutenant, presently on T-4
G-4 section, MPO PA, after being duly sworn, depose and
say:

I was with the 51st Division Motor Transport Compa-
ny during the outbreak of the war and later Division
Motor Transport Officer at Batangas of the same division
and upon orders of General Albert M. Jones, Commanding
General of the 51st Division with station at Sto. Tomas,
Batangas, I remembered having used officially a car
requisitioned by Capt. Manuel T. Flores, G-4, 51st Divi-
sion from Mr. Gerardo Inocencio of San Pablo, Laguna thru
Mr. Joe Benedict of Laguna Tapes Bus Company. This car
was used in our operations and it was our intention to
take this car to Batangas. Being the last man of the 51st
Division to proceed to Batangas due to the fact that it

was my duty to see that all supplies of the division were
be carried thru to Batangas, the bridge at Calumpit was
blown up before I have the opportunity to pass thru. I
left the car at Barrio Gerson de Jesus, Calumpit at a
house whose owner I forgot the name. It was January 1,
1942 when the said car was left at Calumpit and it was
impossible for me to return the car to San Pablo as the
enemies were coming from the North and South. I
FURTHER AFFIRM THAT THESE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE.

27 MAY 1942
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APO 707
JOSE G. LIMPO

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the
party signing the same voluntarily before me this 27th day

Paul D. Ferris

PAUL D. FERRIS
Certifying Officer Investigator

AFFIDAVIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MANILA) S.S.:
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Lt. AQUILINO L. VILLANUEVA and Lt. FLORENTINO N. VILLANUEVA, M.D.,
being first duly sworn, on their several oath, depose and say:

That at present Lt. Aquilino L. Villanueva is a 1st. Lt., Inf.,
1st. Casual Detachment, 3rd. Replacement Bn., USAFFE; that Lt.
Florentino N. Villanueva is a 1st. Lt. M. C., USAFFE; and that
both are now stationed at Camp Murphy, Philippines.

That at the time of the Japanese invasion of the Philippines,
on December 1941, they already were Army Officers of the USAFFE,
viz: Aquilino L. Villanueva, a 1st. Lt., Inf., 51st Inf. Regt.,
51st Div., Col. Stewart commanding; and Dr. Florentino N. Villanueva,
a 1st. Lt., M.C., both stationed at the Municipality of Taal, Prov-
ince of Batangas.

That on or about 15 December 1941, war operations necessitating,
and acting upon superior orders, affiant Lt. Aquilino L. Villanueva
accompanied by affiant Lt. Florentino N. Villanueva, in the name of
the USAFFE, commandeered and took possession of a truck, the property
of Mr. Ramon Estacio of Taal, Batangas, and more particularly described
as follows:

"Car (truck) suburban (Chevrolet), Model 1941, ADR
497207, 2AKO-1-6549, tires very new & good condition"

and for the purpose, issued a receipt signed by Lt. Aquilino L. Villa-
nueva, now in the possession of the said Mr. Ramon Estacio.

That thereafter, said truck was used for ambulance purposes, and for
carrying baggage, litters and medicines of the medical platoon.

That on or about December 25, 1941, all the officers and men of the
USAFFE stationed at Taal, Batangas, including affiants, left the said town
for Bataan, via Manila, and passing thru the Municipality of Flaridel,
Province of Bulacan where they stopped for about two days, and finally
reaching the Municipality of Abucay, Province of Bataan, on or about 1st
January 1942; that they remained in Abucay for about four or five days
after which they were ordered to the front lines; that upon leaving
Abucay the above truck was left at a place in the said Municipality
called "Avocadahan" where there was an avocado plantation; and that
since then, affiants are unaware of the whereabouts of the aforesaid truck.

FURTHER deponents sayeth not.

Aquilino L. Villanueva
(Lt.) AQUILINO L. VILLANUEVA
Florentino N. Villanueva
(Lt.) FLORENTINO N. VILLANUEVA

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me by Lt. Aquilino L. Villanueva and
Lt. Florentino N. Villanueva, this 27th day of June, 1945.

Aquilino L. Villanueva - A.S.N.-O- 45956
Florentino N. Villanueva - A.S.N.-O- 45975

Pedro A. Lara
Notary Public
Until December 31, 1946

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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CITY OF MANILA)

AFFIDAVIT

I, JOSE C. LIMPO, 1st Lieutenant, presently on TDY, G-4 section, MPC PA, after being duly sworn, depose and say:

I was with the 51st Division Motor Transport Company during the outbreak of the war and later Division Motor Transport Officer at Bataan of the same division and upon orders of General Albert M. Jones, Commanding General of the 51st Division with station at Sto. Tomas, Batangas, I remembered having used officially a car requisitioned by Capt. Manuel T. Flores, G-4, 51st Division from Mr. Gertrudo Inciong of San Pablo, Laguna thru Mr. Joe Benedict of Laguna Tayabas Bus Company. This car was used in our operations and it was our intention to take this car to Bataan. Being the last man of the 51st Division to proceed to Bataan due to the fact that it was my duty to see that all supplies of the division must be carried thru to Bataan, the bridge at Calumpit was blown up before I have the opportunity to pass thru. I left the car at Barrio Corazon de Jesus, Calumpit at a house whose owner I forgot the name. It was January 1, 1942 when the said car was left at Calumpit and it was impossible for me to return the car to San Pablo as the enemies were coming from the North and South already.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jose C. Limpo
JOSE C. LIMPO

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 27th day of May 1947.

Paul D. Perrine
PAUL D. PERRINE
Certifying Claims Investigator

Commonwealth of the Philippines)
City of Manila)
when claimant was proposed as a civilian driver.

A F F I D A V I T

VICENTE YAP-DIANGCO, being duly sworn deposes and says:

That he is a Captain O-45819, Infantry, Philippine Army, is stationed at Headquarters, P. A., Manila, P. I. and is assigned to duty in the Office of the Chief of Staff, P. A. and the Loyalty Status Board.

That in December 1941 deponent was a 1st Lieutenant and Executive Officer of the 51st Infantry Regiment, 51st Division, P. A., USAFFE. That the vehicle of Candido Magtibay, the claimant, was requisitioned by order of Lt. Col. Loren P. Stewart, later killed in action 14 January 1941 at Abucay, Bataan. In December 1941, Lt. Col. Stewart was the Regimental Commander of the 51st Infantry Regiment. The receipt which has issued to claimant, was prepared under the deponent's supervision and signed by Lt. Col. Stewart.

That after the said vehicle was requisitioned it was assigned to the deponent and the claimant was assigned as the driver of the same vehicle. Deponent remembers Candido Magtibay well as deponent was in the company of said driver from date of requisitioning until the early part of January 1942. At that time combat action became intense and all vehicles and drivers were withdrawn to Motor Pool # 7, Lamao, Bataan. Later when deponent went to the said Motor Pool he saw the claimant there. Deponent did not again see the claimant until August 1945 when claimant requested from deponent an affidavit stating that claimant had been a civilian driver attached to the 51st Infantry Regiment.

Deponent had an affidavit to that effect prepared and gave it to the claimant. The said affidavit was needed by claimant when claimant was processed at Camp Murphy, as a civilian driver.

That after the surrender of the USAFFE at Bataan, deponent escaped. Deponent proceeded to Manila where he continuedly evaded the Japanese. Later deponent went to the Province of Tayabas and remained there hiding in the mountains until the return of the U.S. Armed Forces to Gumaca, Tayabas. On 30th April 1945 deponent returned to active duty at Camp Murphy.

That the said vehicle was not requisitioned to prevent its use by the Japanese. The ultimate disposition of said vehicle is unknown to deponent.

Vicente Yap-Dianco
VICENTE YAP-DIANCO
Deponent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of September, 1945.

William J. Ackerman
WILLIAM J. ACKERMAN,
1st Lt., J.A.G.D.,
Investigating Officer.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF MANILA

DECLARATION

I, MANUEL T. FLORES, Major, presently Superintendent of ROTC, Paredes Street, Manila, after being duly sworn, depose and say:

I was with G-4 of the 51st Division during the outbreak of the war and upon orders of General Albert M. Jones, Commanding General of the 51st Division, stationed at Sto. Tomas Bataan, I commanded several private vehicles for the use of our division; I remembered having requisitioned personally a car belonging to Mr. Gerardo Inacion of San Isidro, Laguna on the recommendation of Mr. Benedict, Manager of the Laguna Tzapara Bus Company. I remember having used this car while at Bataan with Lt. Limpo the Assistant Motor Pool Officer of the division. This car was turned in our motor pool some time in December 1941 and it was our procedure to issue receipt for every vehicle turned in the motor pool. This car was used in our operations and was intended to be brought to Bataan. From the report of Lt. Limpo, this car never reached Bataan because it was left at Calumpit, Bulacan when the road to Bataan was cut by the demolition of Calumpit Bridge.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

[Signature]
MANUEL T. FLORES
Major

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same on this 20th day of March 1967.

W. D. FERRIS
Claims Investigator



A F F I D A V I T

I, BASILIO P. SOLIS, 1st Lieutenant, ASN O-45766, Philippine Army, after having been duly sworn according to law depose and say that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. That I was the Asst G-4 of the 51st Division from November 18, 1941 to February 26, 1942.
2. That from February 27, 1942, I was the Asst Quartermaster and Motor Pool officer of the Hq Left Subsector, II Corps.
3. That I saw the car of Lt Colonel Ricardo Poblete Packard 120 Model 1940 being used by the personnel of the Hq 51st Division during the withdrawal to Bataan and while the Division was at Bataan.
4. That said car was being used also by the personnel of Hq Left Subsector, II Corps when part of the division Hq 51st Division was organized and made by Hq of the Left Subsector, II Corps.
5. That said car was being used by the Army personnel up to the time of the surrender of Bataan, April 9, 1942.
6. That said car was taken by the Japanese forces when we surrendered at Bataan, April 9, 1942.

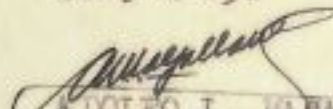
s/ Basilio P. Solis
t, BASILIO P. SOLIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of September 1945, at Manila.

s/ Angel L. Salcedo
t/ ANGEL L. SALCEDO
Capt. JAGD

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ADOLFO L. MABALIANES
Chief, Statistics Br.
R. P. D.

1st Ind

VNC/rdy

Office of the Theater Judge Advocate, HQ, MTOUSA, APO 514, US Army,
16 July 1947.

To: HQs, Philippines-Ryukyus Command, Office of the Chief of Claims Service,
APO 707, US Army, Attn: T. C. Dukes, Actg Director, Manila Branch.

1. In compliance with your request of 24 April 1947, the following information is furnished:

a. On 11 December 1941, the Japs landed at Legaspi, Southern Luzon. They moved north without opposition since none of our troops were in that sector. By 19 December they had reached the vicinity of Calauag, Province of Tayabas, where I had sent two infantry companies to delay the advance. I recall very well having used some civilian trucks around this area needed for troop movements. On 23 December 1941, the Japs landed at Sian, north of Calauag and our troops were cut off and denied the use of the railroad and highway to the north. Since we did not have any more use for motor transportation, all trucks were left in the vicinity of Calauag and the troops were taken across country.

b. I do not remember how many trucks we used, their type, model or year; but I do remember that they were used for only about five days and then left in the Calauag area. There was no way to take them out. The Japs had the railway and highway to our front and rear, and we had to march across country to join the remainder of our troop in the vicinity of Dolores, Tayabas.

c. I am sure that no payment was made at the time to the owner of the trucks.

*Sig. of V. N. Cordero
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TO : Captain George F. Smith, CAC
Claims Investigating Services
Headquarters, AFWESPAC - APO 707

1. The following information is furnished with reference to the commandeering of trains and trucks in the Southern part of Tayabas Province in Luzon, Philippine Islands:

"The 17th of December 1941, I was placed in command of all U.S. Troops south of the Antimoni - Padre Burgos line, to stop the advance of the Japanese who were working their way north after having landed at Legaspi on 12 December. I took over from Col. John Boatwright, who had been in command of the area until the day of my arrival and under whom Lieutenant Silhavy had been working. Most of the equipment used in transporting troops was the property of the Philippine Government, and was placed at our disposal on call. On 23 December 1941, when a second landing was made by the Japanese at 2330 at Sian, south of Antimoni on our rear, we were in the process of moving all the rolling stock north. I do not have any knowledge of any locomotive nor trucks, the property of Mr. Morato, having been commandeered by Lt. Silhavy by my orders. All property owners in south Tayabas were very willing to place all their rolling stock at our disposal so that we could move it north for them thus preventing its early capture by the Japanese."

2. If any additional information is desired, I would be glad to furnish same.

V. N. CORDERO
Col. Inf. -O-7472

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