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HILARION T. CHUA KIA

ROSARIO BANCA & ETC.

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Investigation of TIMBONG, David.

(1) Investigation Section TO: Civ. Sect., 23 February 1946

Purpose of Investigation: To get original or photostatic copies of the commandeering orders from Hilarion T. Chua Kia.

Interviewed Mr. Hilarion T. Chua Kia. He stated that David Timbong was employed him as Pilot of the banca "Rosario" from the time the vessel was commandeered by the US Army on 28 December 1941 until he was subsequently killed in action on 4 January 1942. That his pay for that period was 140 pesos per month and was last paid to include 31 December 1941. See affidavit attached. He further stated that the pay for employees on his vessel were the following:

1) Bancas and scows:

Captains or Pilots, 70 pesos per month if around City, 140 pesos per month if away from city.

Crew members, 40 pesos per month around city, but 3 pesos per day plus overtime (3.50 pesos for all night, 2 pesos for half the night) if they were away from the city.

2) Launches and Tugboats:

Captains or Pilots, 150 pesos per month plus overtime no matter where they worked.

Engineer, 150 pesos per month plus overtime no matter where they worked.

A'sst. Eng. and Pilots, 80 pesos per month no matter where they worked.

Cooks and balance of crew, 35-50 pesos per month plus overtime no matter where they worked.

Overtime consisted of 14 pesos per night to be split among the crew.

The following enclosures are made a part of this report:

- Encl. 1. Affidavit of Hilarion T. Chua Kia.
- Encl. 2. Affidavit of A. W. Robertson
- Encl. 3. Affidavit of Montgomery W. Rice
- Encl. 4. Affidavit of Jose Tejucoo
- Encl. 5. Affidavit of Francisco Legaspi
- Encl. 6. Certificate of Comm. signed by Col. W. P. Parker
- Encl. 7. Receipt signed by H. O. B auman
- Encl. 8. List of employees of Hilarion T. Chua Kia as of December 1941.

All enclosures are certified true copies.

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ JNH

Robert A. Shaffer
ROBERT A. SHAFFER
1st Lt Inf

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF MANILA

IN THE MATTER OF)
) SS
TIMBONG, DAVID)

A F F I D A V I T

I, HILARION T. CHUA KIA, of legal age and resident of 45 Gral. Lacaambre, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law depose and say: That I am the owner of Hilarion T. Chua Kia Co, dealing in Water Transportation, stevedoring, coal, lumber transportation, and for hire vessels. That my vessels were commandeered by order of Lt. Col Packer, Constructing officer, QM Corps, US Army on the 15th December 1941. That Mr. Montgomery W. Rice and myself obtained approximately 60 more vessels for use of the US. Government. That some vessels that I was renting from other owners were also commandeered, among them being the banca, Rosario, and the pilot was David Timbong. That his father was the first to tell me that David had been killed. I also heard of it from some other workers on the vessels. His salary at that time was ~~7~~140.00 per month as he was away from the city and Harbor of Manila. I received the permission of Col Parker to pay the men their salaries and he would in turn pay me. I paid all the men up to and including 21st of December 1941. Afger that they were so far away and in different places that I did not pay them again.

Further affiant sayeth not:

/s/ HILARION T. CHUA KIA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 21st day of February 1946 in the City of Manila.

/s/ GEORGE J. CAMPFER
2nd Lt Inf

A TRUE COPY:

Robert A. Shaffer
ROBERT A. SHAFFER
1st Lt Inf

A F F I D A V I T

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
City Of Manila)

A. W. Robertson, after being duly sworn according to Law,
deposes and says:

1. That he is the President, Manager and Director of the
Findlay Millar Timber Co., having its main office at the City of Manila,
Philippines.

2. That before the war, the United States Army used the Lumber
yard of the above-mentioned entity up to the time the United States Army
retreated to Bataan and Corregidor in December, 1941.

3. That through my recommendation, the Office of Hilarion T.
Chua Kin, who had been performing lighterage business for the Findlay
Millar Timber Co., got the contract with the United States Army to do the
same, in the month of October, 1941.

4. That the lighters and tugboats of the Office of Hilarion
T. Chua Kia were used to carry lumber to the lumber yard of the Findlay
Millar Co., that were consigned to the Quartermaster Service Dept., United
States Army.

5. That the above-mentioned lighters and tugboats were used
by the United States Army to carry cargo to Corregidor and Bataan in the
latter part of December, 1941.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Manila, Philippines, July 16th, 1945.

(Signed) A. W. Robertson
A. W. ROBERTSON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, affiant exhibiting his
Residence Tax Certificate No. A-2467393 issued at Manila, Philippines,
on April 27th, on this 16th day of July, 1945.

(Signed) Jose A. de Jesus
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires on
Dec. 31, 1946

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I hereby certify that the above document is a true copy of
the original affidavit.

Manila, Philippines, July 27, 1945.

/s/ Jose A. de Jesus
NOTARY PUBLIC
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A TRUE COPY
/s/ GEORGE J. CAMPHER
2nd Lt Inf

A TRUE COPY:
Robert A. Shaffer
ROBERT A. SHAFFER
1st Lt Inf

A F F I D A V I T

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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CITY OF MANILA)

JOSE TEJUCOO, Filipino, of legal age, and resident of the City of Manila, after having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he was the Superintendent of the Lumber Yard at Sta. Mesa which was controlled by the U. S. Army, Quartermaster Department Constructing Service, until December 31, 1941;

That he personally know Mr. Hilarion T. Chua Kia who was the only contractor for the U. S. Army in furnishing boats for the transportation of the lumber needed by the said U. S. Army;

That upon order of the U. S. Army authorities all the boats operated by Mr. Hilarion T. Chua Kia were commandeered and taken by the U. S. Army, among them the launches TOTOY, scow Maria, and Bancas LUZ, MARTINA, PAMPING, AGUSTA, DNA. BASILIA, DON HILARION and DOMING belonging to Mr. Hilarion T. Chua Kia, as well as other boats pertaining to other persons but rented and administered by said Mr. Chua Kia.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

/s/ Jose Jejucoo
JOSE TEJUCOO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 16th day of July, 1945, in the City of Manila, affiant exhibited to me his Res. Cert. No. A-69558, issued at Manila on April 26, 1945.

/s/ Jose A. de Jesus
NOTARY PUBLIC
Until December 31, 1946

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A TRUE COPY
/s/ GEORGE J. CAMPHER
2nd Lt Inf

A TRUE COPY:

Robert A. Shaffer
ROBERT A. SHAFFER
1st Lt Inf

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CITY OF MANILA)
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FRANCISCO LEGASPI, Filipino, of legal age, and resident of the City of Manila, after having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

That during the last months of the year 1941 he was assistant to Mr. Frank E. Willson, in charge of the lumber yard at Sta. Mesa belonging to the U. S. Quartermaster Dept., Constracting Service;

That during the time that office was functioning up to December 31, 1941, Mr. Hilarion T. Chua Kia was the only contractor who furnished water transportation for the lumber used by the U. S. Ar my;

That afterwards the U. S. Army ordered the commanding of all these boats and Mr. Hilarion T. Chua Kia delivered to the U. S. Army all boats pertaining to him as well as other boats which he was renting and administering belonging to other persons;

That the boats owned by Mr. Hilarion T. Chua Kia which were commanded by the U. S. Army are as follows; Launche TOTOY, scow MARIA and bancas LUZ, MARTINA, PAMPING, AGUSTA, DNA. BASILIA, DON HILARION and DOMING.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

/s/ Francisco Legaspi
FRANCISCO LEGASPI

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 16th day of July, 1945, in the City of Manila, affiant exhibited to me his Res. Cert. No. A-69430 issued at Manila on March 26, 1945.

/s/ Jose A. de Jesus
NOTARY PUBLIC
Until December 31, 1946

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A TRUE COPY
/s/ GEORGE J. CAMPHER
2nd Lt Inf

A TRUE COPY:
Robert A. Shaffer
ROBERT A. SHAFFER
1st Lt Inf



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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES) S.S.
CITY OF MANILA)
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MONTGOMERY W. RICE, After being duly sworn in accordance with law, deposes and says:

1. That I was Consultant on lumber and procuer of same for the United States Army Department Quartermaster, Construction Service from September, 1941 to December 31, 1941;
2. That I hereby attest to the fact that the office of Hilarion T. Chua Kin was under contract with the above-mentioned Constructing Service for lighterage towing service which he faithfully carried out from October, 1941 to December 15, 1941, at which time the Army too k command of all his equipments;
3. That on or about December 15, 1941 I received orders from Lt. Col. Arthur W. Parker, to commandeer all lighters, banca, scows, launches and tugboats in the Pasig River and Waters in Manila and vicinity to move supplies from Manila to Bataan, Mariveles and Corregidor during the latter half of December, 1941;
4. That Hilarion T. Chua Kia, surrendered his own lighters of various types and one launch and also, through his cooperation and direction, we were able to press into service approximately Sixty (60) lighters of various types. Mr. Chua Kia, being acquainted with the various owners, made his own records of the names and types of vessels delivered to him;
5. That according to his records and according to the best of my recollection and belief, the following list of scows, lighters, bancas and launch were among these commandeered:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
Maria	Scow
Totoy	Launch
Luz	Banca
Martina	"
Pamping	"
Ina. Basilia	"
Don Halarion	"
Doming	"
Agusta	"

by me in the name of the United States Army with the assistance of soldiers who were assigned to us for that purpose.

Manila, Philippines, July 20, 1945.

/s/ Montgomery W. Rice
MONTGOMERY W. RICE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 20th day of July, 1945 in the City of Manila, affiant exhibiting his Residence Certificate No. A-3116023, issued at Pasay, Manila on May 14, 1945.

/s/ Jose A. de Jesus
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires on Dec 31, 1946

List of Employees of the Office of Hilarion T. Chua Kia in December 1941, as can be recollected.

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Name	Capacity	Address
1. Hilarion T. Chua Kia	Manager & Prp.	49 Plaza La Chambre
2. Coarado M. Chua	Asst. Manager	1467 Shaw Blvd Mandl.
3. Nicodemus Sibulo	Secty & Bkpr	Unknown
4. Alberto Reyes	Auditor	"
5. Rosendo Levy	Cash. & Collector	"
6. Leonardo Madanita	Lighter & Stevedoring	516 San Nicolas
	Chief Inspector	Malate, Rizal
7. Ciriaco Sosa	Vessel Disp & Chief	Antipolo St. Manila
	Insp., of working	
8. Armando Maribujo	Chief Stevedoring	Solis St. Manila
	Insp., Unloading	
9. Santiago Aguas	Foreman, loading & unloading, Lumber	Unknown
10. Angel Valle	Asst. to Santiago Aguas	"
11. Marcario -----	" " " "	"
12. Thomas Timbang	Controller of Tugboats	538 Alvarado, Int. 9-c, Manila
13. Tacio Aquilino	Pilot of L/TOTOY	602 San Nicolas Mla.
14. Maximo Romero	" "/LORETA	Unknown
15. Francisco Medina	Traffic Controller in smaller rivers, "Esteros"	2567 Lico St. Manila
16. So Yu	Treasurer	47 Plaza Lachambre
17. Elluterio Aguilar	Mngr dry dock	Malabon, Rizal
18. Fidel Uypangco	Checker	Dead
19. Agustin -----	"	Unknown
20. Pano -----	"	"
21. Cawili -----	"	"
22. Mariano Maniclon	"	"
23. Canuto Mendiola	"	"
24. Badina ---	"	Dead
25. Brigido Cipriano	Pilot scow Bonifacio	Unknown
26. Romualdo de la Cruz	" " Charito	Malbon, Rizal
27. Antonio Borja	" " Fish No. 1	Bataan Prov.
28. Marcello Gallego	" " Angelita	Nuelle de la Reina
29. Lucio Flores	" " Victoria	Isla de Balot Man.
30. Tomas Asis	" " Kolambugan	Muella de la Reina
31. Valentin Suluin	" " Cristina	Unknown
32. Ventura Igman	" " Milbek	"
33. Santiago Patricio	" " Patricio #2	Isla de Balot
34. Julian Masni	" " "	Unknown
35. Rosendo Repito	" " Jaime	"
36. Ceferino Cruz	" " Harding	Dead
37. Marcario Navarro	" " Maria	Unknown
38. Esias Tialogo	" " Marcelo	"
39. Tomas Mataas	" " Beatriz	"

(The following are men who worked as "banqueros", or who move bancas in esteros by means of long bamboo poles. They also work as pilots of scows when necessary, carry lumber, and promotions to the above named employees are taken from this rank. They are also paid on a monthly basis.)

40. Leoncio Soliman	538 Alvarado, Manila
41. Agustin Bujos	" " "
42. Akong Pampilo	Unknown
43. Vicente Mangat	404 Sevilla, Manila
44. Tranquilino Marasigan	538 Alvarado, Manila
45. Pedro Austria	Salitran Imus, Cavite
46. Benigno Delgado	538 Alvarado, Manila
47. Graciano Mananita	" " "
48. Felix Delgado	" " "
49. Teodorico Timbong	" " "
50. Lebrado Parce	Dead
51. Felix Mangat	516 San Nicolas
52. Melencio Mananita	518 " "
53. Lauro Cabaling	Callejon Reina
54. Serapio Parce	Balara Filter

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NAME	ADDRESS
55. Adriano Quilino	Dead
56. Armando Maribujo	"
57. Epifanio Taban	Unknown
58. Ludovico Villareal	"
59. Severino Marzan	538 Alvarado, Manila
60. Mariano Villanueva	"
61. Melencio Encarnacion	10 Narra
62. Fidel Yupangco	Unknown
63. Buddy Hernandez	"
64. Honorio Yupano	"
65. Emiliano Lopez	Chauffeur sometimes Dead
66. Isidro David	Unknown
67. Jesus Villanueva	"
68. Serafin Arsenio	"
69. Romualdo Dalida	"
70. Maximo Romero	"
71. Segundo Bistis	Dead
72. David Timbang	"
73. Palaviano Bistis	Unknown
74. Nicanor Francisco	Orani, Bataan
75. Dominador Gonzales	Unknown
76. Federico Dalmacio	"
77. Florentino Barreto	"
78. Juan Eligio	"
79. Torres Marcelo	"
80. Jaime Frinio	"
81. Antonio Rodrigo	"
82. Alejandro -----	"
83. Alejo Ingreso	"
84. Felimon Bulutong	"
85. Nilong Nanes	"
86. Bilbao Calipata	"
87. Tino Malibu	"
88. Jorge Aguilan	"
89. J. Hernandez	"
90. Hilario Adante	"
91. Alfonso Molina	"
92. Flaviano Oliva	"
93. Carlos Soto	"
94. Elisoe -----	"
95. Apio -----	"
96. Jose Imus	"
97. Santiago ----	"
98. Pabling ----	"
99. Ludovico ----	"
100. Mansueto ----	"
101. Pecto -----	"
102. Venido -----	"
103. Siano -----	"
104. Mengay -----	"
105. Tecio -----	"
106. Andres -----	"
107. Escquiel ----	"
108. Labala -----	"
109. Benjamin ----	"
110. Floreng -----	"
111. Maberto -----	"
112. Arcadio -----	"
113. Siano -----	"
114. Atong -----	"
115. Lucio -----	"
116. Ignacio -----	"

----- hereby certify that the following tugbo-----
----- re commandeered by the UNITED STATES -----
----- dates hereinafter stated:

- 1. Tugboat - LORETA December 24, 1----
- 2. Barge - ANGELITA " 24, 1----
- 3. " - PATRICIO I ... " 24, 1941.
- 4. " - CHARITO " 24, 1941.
- 5. " - MILBUK " 24, 1941.
- 6. " - - SH -- " --, 1941.
- 7. " - ---Ding..... " 28, 1941.
- 8. Banca - BENIGNO JR.... " 28, 1941.
- 9. " - MLAGORS " 28, 194-
- 10. " - FILIPINAS " 28, 19--.
- 11. " - ROSARIO..... " 28, 19--.
- 12. " - DON VENIDO ... " 28, 19--.
- 13. " - DOMINGA " 28, 194-

COL. ARTHUR W. P -----
Dept. Construction

----- (Initial) -----
----- (Initial) -----

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Irving W. Beaudoin,
IRVING. W. BEAUDOIN,
Captain, AC
Investigating Officer,
Claims Service, AFWESPAC

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/s/ GEORGE J. CAMPER
2nd Lt Inf

A TRUE COPY:
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Rec'd from H. T. Chua Kia the following lighters and launch
as following:

- - - - - (7) - - - - - Illegible
- - - - - rici- - - - - Illegible
- - - - - arito - - - - - Illegible
- " Fish
- " Milbuk - - do do-

Launch Loreta - Dec 24, 1941 PM.

Launch Loreta returned 3 pm on Dec. 26,
1941

/s/ H. O. Bauman

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/s/ IRVING W. BEAUDOIN
IRVING W. BEAUDOIN,
Captain, AC,
Investigating Officer,
Claims Service, AFWESPAC.

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