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HEADQUARTERS ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY, PHILCOM (AF) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 900

FEB 3 1950

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command
APO 500, Tokyo, Japan
(Attn: The Adjutant General)

1. A search of files on hand at and locally available to this headquarters fails to reveal evidence of the nature requested in the basic letter from the U. S. Veterans Administration, Manila Regional Office.

2. Request that this communication be referred to the Commanding Officer, 441st CIC Detachment, GHQ, SCAP, for possible assistance in procuring and furnishing copies of requested evidence.

3. Further request that the reply to the Veterans Administration, Manila, be routed through this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. BILLINGS
1st Lt Inf
Adjutant

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Regional Office
U.S. Veterans Administration Building
Escolta & David Sts.
Manila, Philippines

February 2, 1950

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Major J. W. Page
Director, S and C Division
AGRD, PHILCOM (AF)

Dear Major Page:

This office is presently conducting an investigation into the activities of certain guerrillas and their dependents who are alleged to have been engaged in buying and selling war materials in and around San Nicolas, Pangasinan, during the years 1943-1944. This investigation is being made for the purpose of ascertaining the loyalty status of veterans and claimants so as to determine their entitlement to monetary benefits from this Administration.

A large number of the guerrillas and individuals who have been charged with the foregoing acts were former members of the 14th Inf LGAF, 66th Inf and other guerrilla units in that area.

While certain derogatory information is currently available from the former 229th CIC Det, few affidavits are available which were actually obtained by CIC Agents. It has been suggested that some of the affidavits and investigation reports pertaining to the trafficking with the Japanese may have been consolidated with the files of the 441st CIC Det, currently said to be in the possession of GHQ SCAP, APO 500.

An investigator stationed at this office and formerly with the 32nd CIC Det at San Manuel, Pangasinan, is of the belief that CIC Agents did consummate a survey of the traffic in war materials. If this is the case and reports thereof can be obtained, they will be of material value to this office in connection with the current investigation.

In view of the foregoing, it will be sincerely appreciated if you will communicate with the Commanding Officer, 441st CIC Det, at GHQ SCAP, APO 500, and any other sources for the purpose of procuring any evidence that may be available on the subject matter, particularly photostat copies of: investigation reports, affidavits, lists of guerrillas and individuals that may have been involved and investigated, etc.

In order to aid you in identifying the records referred to, the attached mimeographed copies of investigations that we have been successful in locating are referred for your information.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. PALMER
Adjudication Officer

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Subject:

1. Certificate of Search of records of G-2 Headquarters, Army of the Philippines
2. Interview with Mr. Hospicio M. Velarde, 1050 R. Hidalgo, Manila

Manila, Philippines
September 28, 1948
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FIELD EXAMINER'S MEMORANDUM

1. On September 8, 1948, the records of G-2 Headquarters, Army of the Philippines, were searched and the Affidavits and Memorandums marked Exhibits _____ were found in the Enemy Trading Files of G-2 Headquarters, Army of the Philippines, and contained the same name as the above-mentioned veteran. The records appeared complete and authentic in every way.

2. Mr. Hospicio M. Velarde was contacted on September 8, 1948, and stated that in July, 1945, he was a Lieutenant in G-2 Headquarters, Army of the Philippines, and he personally conducted an investigation in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, The basis of the investigation was a letter written to the President of the Philippines by one Rufino F. Mejia, whose home town is San Nicolas, Pangasinan. Mr. Velarde stated that his report is on file with G-2 Headquarters, Army of the Philippines. (FE's NOTE:- That part of said report referring to the above-named veteran are marked Exhibits _____ in this report.) He further stated that there were citizens of San Nicolas, Pangasinan, who stated in substance the same charges in the affidavits, who refused or were unwilling to give an affidavit. Mr. Velarde further stated that there was a definite feeling of unfriendliness by many of the civilians in San Nicolas against the guerrillas who operated in and around there during the war.

JOHN K. WINN
Field Examiner
Authority: VA Form 5-4505b

Exhibit C

1. Rufino Mariano (1st Lt.)
2. Carlos Veridiano (1st Lt.)
3. Carlos Galves (1st Lt.)

Cases handled by the G-2, NPA

Major Dominador Cepeda
Major Arturo Garcia
1st Lt. Amado S. Garcia
Capt. Catalino Mabavilla
Major Jose Montilla
Capt. Jesus Celso
Major Ramon Echem
1st Lt. Julian Farrales
2nd Lt. Eugenio Galvez
Capt. Nonoy Javier
Lt. Raymundo Rufo
Lt. Col. Froilan Maglaya
Major Glicerio Opinion
Lt. Sixto Ramos
Capt. Jose de la Rosa
Lt. Maka-arao Santos
Major Pullong Arpa
Capt. Estanislao Baltazar - Reg.
Capt. Antonio Delgado
1st Lt. Miguel Cartchalian
Lt. Rufino Mariano
Lt. Alfredo Paco
Capt. Conrado Rivera
Major Joaquin Roces
Lt. Arturo Sevilla
Lt. Bienvenido Valle

Regular Officers

Capt. Arturo Garcia
Major Cornelio Lopez
Capt. Bernardino Reyes
Capt. Estanislao Baltazar
Major Jose Francisco

Reserve Officers

Lt. Francisco Marinas
Juan Celeste
Lt. Mario Sulit
Lt. Ernesto Achacoso
Lt. Jose Regala
Capt. Ponciano Dudan Cruz
Capt. Isidro Perez
Capt. Gregorio Montejo
Capt. Saturnino Dumalo
Capt. Juan Mabunga
Capt. Tom Chengay
Capt. Cipriano Allos
Lt. Vivencio Milinit
Lt. Juan Payatos
Lt. Juan Jamandre
Lt. Ignacio Laceder
Lt. Cristobal Rodrogo
Lt. Pacifico Ylarde
Lt. Pedro Sajoria
Lt. Arsenio Ledesma
Lt. Mauro Bravo
Lt. Fernando Lopez
Lt. Vicente Rivera
Lt. Felipe Ortiz
Lt. Felipe Guarin
Lt. Meolos Soli
Lt. Alejo Norberto
Lt. Donato Ancheta
Lt. Constantino Guloy
Lt. Felipe Olavides
Lt. Mariano Kagaoan
Lt. Victor Rodriguez
Lt. Francisco Paragos
Capt. Eustaquio Olbino
Capt. Xavier Apostol
Lt. Dominador Servillano
Lt. Antonio Castro
Major Jose Francisco, AC
Capt. Estanislao Baltazar CAC
Capt. Antonio Delgado Inf
3rd Lt. Frio Alfon
3rd Lt. Hector Alfon
Major Cornelio Lopez
Capt. Bernardo Reyes
Lt. Jose Regala

A F F I D A V I T

I, PEDRO MEJIA, 28 years old, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a farmer by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, without threats or promises having been made to me, and of my own free will and volition depose and say:

That I know personally Juan Mabunga, Saturnino Dumlao, Ponciano Dudan Cruz, Juan Payatos, Juan Jamandre, Alejo Norberte, Felipe Ortiz, Arsenio Ledesma, Ignacio Lauder, and Felipe Olavides;

That these officers named above engaged in the business of steel cables which they brought on trucks to Manila;

That in the early part of 1944, some of the men of Tom Chengay used to come to the town and compelled the guards of the neighborhood associations to collect chickens, eggs, wine, and other things for their (Tom Chengay and his men) use;

That Juan Payatos was the leader of the collection of fees, popularly known here in San Nicolas as army shares. These fees were imposed as a tax on civilians and that those civilians who were not able to meet such fees were compelled by Juan Payatos or his men to go up the mountains to haul steel cables down to the town of San Nicolas. Said cable hauled by these civilians down were owned by Lt. Juan Payatos and his co-partners in business to whom they were delivered. Juan Payatos and his partners will in turn sell these steel cables here or bring them to Manila to be sold there;

That Juan Payatos and his co-officers alleged that the proceeds from the sale of these steel cables were to be spent for the needs of the guerrilla forces, but the real fact as to where this proceeds are spent is that it was used for the personal cravings and needs of Juan Payatos and his partners as shown by the fact that on one occasion one of the soldiers of said officers begged from me some clothing because he was not given money or clothing for himself;

That the partners of Lt. Juan Payatos in said cable business were Juan Mabunga, Alejo Norberte, and Juan Jamandre;

That sometime in February 1943, Lt. Felipe Ortiz came to my house and ordered me to cook a meal consisting of rice and chickens for his four companions whom he alleged as members of the guerrilla forces but upon seeing said companions, I readily knew that they were all civilians. On this same occasion, Felipe Ortiz further ordered me to collect some chickens, rice, eggs, and onions for them to bring when they go away from my house;

A F F I D A V I T

I, BERTOLDO SUYAT, age 42, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a farmer by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, and without being coerced and of my own free will, voluntarily depose and say:

That sometime on August, 1942 until December 1943, I used to be and Agent of the Halili Enterprise, of which Mr. Rufino Halili, was the owner and manager: Halili Enterprise was engaged in the purchase and sale of muriatic acid, steel cables, barbed wires, galvanized iron, nails and other war materials. In this steel cable business, the Guerrilla leaders, used to collect ten per cent (10%) of the sale of steel cables sold not only by the Halili Enterprise but also by other buyers from Manila and other places;

That the guerrilla leaders who used to collect what is known as army shares representing ten per cent (10%) of the sales of steel cables were Saturnino Dumlao, Pedro Sajonia, Mariano Kagaoan, and Nicolas Sali.

That there were times in which we could not buy steel cables because of the strong competition in the purchase of cables offered by Lts. Ylarde, Pacifico; Sajonia, Pedro; Capts. Dumlao, Saturnino; and Dudan Cruz, Ponciano.

That these officers, Capts. Ponciano Dudan Cruz, Saturnino Dumlao, and Lts. Pacifico Ylarde, and Pedro Sajonia, sold their steel cables direct to Manila because they had their Japanese passes to transport said materials to the city of Manila.

Further affiant sayeth not.

(SGD) Bertoldo Suyat
/t/ BERTOLDO SUYAT

In the presence of:

(SGD) MAX R. MARTIN, JR.
(SGD) S. MA. GONZALES

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1945 in San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. Velarde
/t/ HOSPICIO M. VELARDE
1st Lt. Inf.
Investigating Officer
Office of AC of S, G-2

A F F I D A V I T

I, LEONCIO GARCIA, 42 years old, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a Municipal Police of this town, after having been duly sworn according to law, without threats or promises having been made to me, and of my own free will and volition depose and say:

That I know personally Juan Mabunga, Saturnino Dumlao, Gregorio Montejo, Ponciano Dudan Cruz, Vivencio Malinit, Fernando Lopez, Juan Payatos, Juan Jamandre, Nicolas Sali, Cristobal Rodrigo, Pacifico Ylarde, Alejo Norberte, Felipe Ortiz, Arsenio Ledesma, Ignacio Lauder, Mariano Kagaoan, Constantino Guloy, and Felipe Olavides;

That the above named officers during the period from about the latter part of 1942 until about the middle of 1943 engaged themselves in the business of purchasing and selling of steel cables;

That only those granted permit by these guerrilla officers could engage in the cable business;

That those granted permits were required to pay to the guerrilla officers issuing them said permits would pay a certain percentage from the total sales of their respective steel cables;

That sometime in either 1942 or 1943 some men under the command of Gregorio Montejo, Captain, took six men supposed to be residents of Omingan, San Quintin, Rosales, Sta. Maria, and San Manuel to the municipal cemetery of San Nicolas and shot them to death;

That acts of this same nature were committed by these same men under Gregorio Montejo occasionally during the period of 1942 to 1943 in the same cemetery;

That it is the belief of the people of this town that the crimes mentioned above were committed by Gregorio Montejo as he was the only guerrilla officer present and in this town whenever such crime was committed besides his men being the persons who did the shooting;

That the soldiers brought here by Gregorio Montejo were not from this place and were not therefore known in the community;

That sometime in 1942, Lt. Felipe Ortiz was arrested by the Japs but before his captors had time to search his body, I secretly removed from his pocket the revolver he was carrying so that he would not be killed by the Japs as was the habit of the Japs during that time;

That two weeks after that incident, when he learned that I lost his revolver, he came to my house and threatened to kill my wife and me if I was not able to produce the revolver;

That he also ordered my wife to cook and kill chickens for him the evening he came to my house demanding for his arms;

That Lt. Felipe Ortiz often demanded from the people of this town's barrios chickens, eggs, rice, and pigs preferably the big ones, and that he enforced such demands by threats, by force, or by intimidation most of the times.

Further affiant sayeth not.

(SGD) Leoncio Garcia
/t/ LEONCIO GARCIA

In the presence of:
(SGD) MAX R. MARTIN, JR.
(SGD) S. MA. GONZALEZ

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July 1945 at San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. Velarde
HOSPICIO M. VELARDE
1st Lieut. Infantry
Investigating officer

A F F I D A V I T

I, FELICIANO SERMONIA, 52 years old, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, an ex-teacher with 20 years of service in the teaching profession and a Pensioner of the Bureau of Education, after having been duly sworn according to law, without threats or promises having been made to me, and of my own free will and volition depose and say:

That sometime in 1942, at about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon at a Rizal Street of this town, a certain soldier, the body-guard of Capt. Gregorio Montejo who was then drunk at that time had a quarrel with one of the men under the command of Lt. Mariano Kagaoan, who was then present in this town;

That Capt. Montejo, Gregorio intervened in the quarrel by pacifying the men telling them that this bodyguard was drunk;

That Capt. Gregorio Montejo conferred with Lt. Mariano Kagaoan on the spot where his body-guard quarreled with another soldier for the purpose of settling the matter amicably;

That in the meantime, while these two leaders were in conference, some of the men under Lt. Mariano Kagaoan took away the drunk bodyguard of Capt. Gregorio Montejo from the crowd;

That the drunk bodyguard of said Gregorio Montejo was taken by Lt. Mariano Kagaoan and his men that evening with the assurance that said bodyguard would be kept for safe custody in another place;

That about midnight of same day, said bodyguard of Capt. Gregorio Montejo was shot and killed;

That the following morning Capt. Montejo and his men buried the body of the bodyguard and made a cement platform on the grave of the bodyguard;

That a week after the burial of said bodyguard, I received a verbal order from Capt. Montejo to exhume secretly the body and corpse of his bodyguard, but we failed to do so because there were Japs in town then;

That it is generally known that Capt. Tom Chengay and his men by the use of force, threats, or intimidation collected rice, chickens, pigs, dogs, and others from the people around this place;

That it is generally known by the people of this town that the disappearance of Pedro Sajonia, Juan Prestosa, Hospicio Banaga was the work of Capt. Tom Chengay and his men arising out of the rivalry in collection what is known as the army share which is a sort of a tax levied on people dealing in the steel cable business;

Further affiant sayeth not.

Sgd. Feliciano Sermonia
/t/ FELICIANO SERMONIA

In the presence of:

Sgd. Max R. Martin, Jr.
Sgd. S. Ma. Gonzales
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 17th day of July 1945 at
San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

Sgd. H. M. Velarde
HOSPICIO M. VELARDE
1st Lieut. Infantry

A F F I D A V I T

I, FRANCISCO SULIO, age 43, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a farmer by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, and without being coerced and of my own free will, voluntarily depose and say:

That in or about April 1943, I received instructions from Mr. Laureano Sanchez, my partner in the cable business to gather cables from the mountains of Marikit, Mountain Province, upon the permit issued by Lt. Nicolas Sali;

That nobody could gather cable from the Mountain Province without the permit issued by either Lt. Pedro Sajonia or Lt. Nicolas Sali, otherwise he would be shot;

That I was able to gather and to bring to San Nicolas, Pangasinan 100 meters of cable;

That I was given the sum of ₱200.00 by Mr. Laureano Sanchez to be delivered to Lt. Pedro Sajonia as sales permit for the cable I obtained from the Mountain Province;

That I delivered the sum of ₱200.00 to Lt. Pedro Sajonia for which the latter issued me the corresponding receipt;

And the affiant further sayeth not.

(SGD) Francisco Sulio
/t/ FRANCISCO SULIO

In the presence of:

(SGD) LAUREANO SANCHEZ
(SGD) MAX R. MARTIN, JR.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July 1945 in San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. Velarde
/t/ HOSPICIO M. VELARDE
1st Lieut. Infantry
Investigating Officer

A F F I D A V I T

I, TOMAS SORIANO Y CANSINO, age 43, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a farmer by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, and without being coerced and of my own free will, voluntarily depose and say:

That I know personally Fernando Lopez and Felipe Ortiz who are residents of San Nicolas, Pangasinan;

That during the period beginning about the middle of 1942 until about the middle of 1943, I personally know that Fernando Lopez and Felipe Ortiz actively engaged in buying steel cables and sold them to various agents from Manila who came to this town;

That I also know that Fernando Lopez and Felipe Ortiz with their respective men frequently went to the mountains to gather steel cables and haul these cables from the mountains to San Nicolas for the purpose of selling same to buyers;

That I also know personally that Fernando Lopez and Felipe Ortiz permitted those persons who were given the permission by either of them to gather steel cables from the mountains;

That these persons who were given a permit to gather steel cables from the mountains were to pay the army share which was a certain percentage from the total sales of the steel cables sold;

That this army share representing a certain percent of the total sales of the steel cables were collected by either Fernando Lopez or Felipe Ortiz with the allegations that same would go to the fund of the guerrillas;

That I know the foregoing facts by reason of my position as agent of the battalion S-2 of 2nd Battalion, 66th Infantry, from about the middle of 1942 until 14 April 1945 when I resigned;

Further affiant sayeth not.

(SGD) Tomas C. Soriano
/t/ TOMAS C. SORIANO

In the presence of:

(SGD) MAX R. MARTIN, JR.
(SGD) S. MA GONZALES

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July 1945 at San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. Velarde
/t/ H. M. VELARDE
1st Lt. Inf.
Investigating Officer

A F F I D A V I T

I, TEOFILO SORIANO, 41 years old, residing at sitio Calaocan, San Nicólas, Pangasinan, a teacher by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, without threats or promises having been made to me, and of my own free will and volition depose and say:

That I know personally Ponciano Duday Cruz, Fernando Lopez, Juan Payatos, Juan Jamandre, Nicolas Sali, Pacifico Ylarde, Arsenio Ledesma and Felipe Olavides;

That this officers named above engaged in the purchase of steel cables and sold the same to buyers in San Nicolas, or thru their agents;

That nobody among civilians could gather steel cables from the mountains unless he is given a permit by any of the above named guerrilla officers;

That these civilians licensed as such were required to pay to the officers issuing the permit a fee known as the army share which is computed at a certain percent of the sale of the steel cables;

That nobody could go to the mountains without such permit otherwise he would be sent back toget the necessary permit;

That the acts of these officers named above are known to me by reason of the fact that during that period, I was an intelligence agent of AC-1 LGF;

That I know Felipe Ortiz sometime in 1944 as having collected contributions of foodstuffs from people of the said barrio;

That I know also that Felipe Olavides sold muriatic acid in San Nicolas;

That it is of public knowledge that Saturnino Dumlao, thru his men, by use of force, threat, and intimidation collected foodstuffs and also commandered vehicles and animals from the people;

(SGD) Teofilo Soriano
/t/ TEOFILO SORIANO

In the presence of:

(SGD) Max R. Martin, Jr.
(SGD) S. Ma. Gonzales

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July 1945 at San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. Velarde
/t/ HOSPICIO M. VELARDE

A F F I D A V I T

I, LAUREANO SANCHEZ, age 34, residing at barrio Sta. Maria, San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a farmer by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, and without being coerced and of my own free will, voluntarily depose and say:

That in or about April 1943, I was given a permit in writing by Lt. Nicolas Sali to gather cables from the mountains of Marikit, Mountain Province for which I was to pay as permit therefor the sum of ₱2.00 for every meter of cable that I could gather;

That when I had the cable brought down to San Nicolas, Pangasinan, thru my brother in law, Mr. Francisco Sulio, I was required to give the corresponding fee of ₱2.00 permeter to Lt. Pedro Sajonia to whom I was instructed by Lt. Nicolas Sali to make the payment therefor;

That nobody could gather cable from the Mountain Province without the permit issued by either Lt. Pedro Sajonia or Lt. Nicolas Sali, otherwise he would be shot;

That I gave the sum of ₱200.00 the fee corresponding to 100 meters of cables which we sold to a Chinese agent whose name I do not remember;

That the fee of ₱200.00 I gave to my brother in law, Mr. Francisco Sulio who delivered the same to Lt. Pedro Sajonia for which the latter issued the corresponding receipt;

Further affiant sayeth not.

(SGD) Laureano Sanchez
/t/ LAUREANO SANCHEZ

In the presence of:

(SGD) FRANCISCO SULIO
(SGD) S. MA. GONZALES

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July 1945 in San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. Velarde
/t/ HOSPICIO M. VELARDE
1st Lt. Infantry
Investigating Officer

A F F I D A V I T

I, JOAQUIN PARAMIO, 36 years of age, a merchant by occupation, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, after having been duly sworn according to law, without any threats or promises made to me, and of my own free will and volition depose and say:

That I know personally Juan Mabunga, Saturnino Dumlao, Felipe Ortiz, Gregorio Montejo, Ponciano Dudan Cruz, Teofilo Allas, Cipriano Allas, Fernando Lopez, Juan Payatos, Juan Jamandre, Nicolas Sali, Cristobal Rodrigo, Pacifico Ylarde, Alejo Norberte, Arsenio Ledesma, Ignacio Lauder, Mariano Kagaoan, Dona o Ancheta, Constantino Guloy, and Felipe Olavides;

That these officers named above engaged themselves in the purchase and sale of steel cables during the period about the latter part of 1942 until about the middle of 1943 in San Nicolas, Pangasinan;

That these officers and their respective men used to go to the mountains around San Nicolas to gather steel cables for the purpose of selling the same to buyers coming from Manila who came to San Nicolas to purchase steel cables;

That civilian dealers of steel cables could engage in the business of buying and selling steel cables if they were issued license to do so by these guerrilla officers;

That these civilians engage in the cable business were required to pay what is known as the army share which represents a certain percent from the total sales of their respective steel cables;

That I know the foregoing facts because during such time, I had the opportunity of observing above named guerrilla officers in their transactions with regard to the purchase or sale of steel cables or in the collection of fees on steel cables, as I often go around the town (San Nicolas) driving my carretela;

That aside from the fact of being a carretela driver, I also owned a store where these guerrilla officers used to patronize during which I heard from them negotiations regarding the purchase and sales of steel cables;

That these guerrilla officers engaged openly in the purchase and sales of steel cables so that their acts have become of public knowledge;

That by the use of force, threat, and intimidation, these officers demanded from civilians of this town money, rice, and other foodstuffs;

Further affiant sayeth not.

(SGD) Joaquin Paramio
/t/ JOAQUIN PARAMIO

In the presence of:

(SGD) MAX. R. MARTIN, JR.
(SGD) S. MA. GONZALES

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July 1945 at San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. Velarde
/t/ H. M. VELARDE
1st Lieut. Infantry
Investigating Officer

A F F I D A V I T

I, FLORENTINO YLARDE, 54 years old, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a farmer by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, without threats or promises having been made to me and of my own free will and volition, depose and say:

That sometime in December 1944, between 1:00 to 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon a soldier of Felipe Ortiz came to my house and demanded that the answer of the letter which he gave the morning to my house be delivered at once to the place stated in the letter.

That I did not know about the presence of a letter in the house or its contents as I wasn't in, the whole morning and that I had just arrived from my work and have just been through eating;

That upon reading the letter, I found out that Felipe Ortiz was ordering me to secure a cart, to bring said cart to a place where he had a rice mill machinery, that said machinery be loaded in the cart and brought to barrio San Felipe, San Nicolas, where their camp was;

That I immediately went looking for a cart and found one which I brought to said place where another cart was being loaded too by the time we reached there;

That Felipe Ortiz appeared then and begun scolding me for not minding his orders;

That Felipe Ortiz took me then to a house and in addition to these scoldings, he further accused me of speaking against him, which he reasoned out that I've been speaking against him because of his previous misunderstading with my nephew, Atty. Enrique Gonzales and also my cousin, Aureo Illarde;

That during the scolding, his companion, Sgt. Paringit, threatened me and pointed time and again his revolver on me saying at the same time that I had no respect for his officer Felipe Ortiz because I had been speaking against him and added further by asking me whether I want to be shot;

That while Sgt. Parin it was threatening me with his revolver, Felipe Ortiz didn't mind at all nor did he endeavor to stop his sergeant;

That said rice mill which was owned by Felipe Ortiz himself was transferred to San Felipe immediately and that I heard that said machinery was commandered by him at Asingan, Pangasinan;

That the men of Ton Chengay imposed fines in the form of dogs, rice, chickens, and others to guard of neighborhood associations whom they claimed not to be doing their duty when in fact they really were doing their duties;

That the men of Ton Chengay further extorted weekly rations consisting of rice, vegetables, chickens, pigs, dogs, and other foodstuffs f from the civilians of this town and its surrounding barrios;

Further affiant sayeth not.

(SGD) Florentino Ylarde
/t/ FLORENTINO YLARDE

In the presence of:

(SGD) S. MA. GONZALES

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of July 1945 at San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. VELARDE

A F F I D A V I T

I, PONCIANO AYSON, 35 years of age, residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a farmer by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, without threats or promises having been made to me, and of my own free will and volition depose and say:

That prior to the outbreak of the war and during the Japanese occupation, I was a barrio lieutenant and that I'm holding the same position until to date;

That I know personally Juan Mabunga, Saturnino Dumlao, Gregorio Montejo, Ponciano Dudan Cruz, Feliciano Nobres, Fernando Lopez, Juan Payatos, Juan Jamandre, Nicolas Sali, Felipe Ortiz, Arsenio Ledesma, Donato Ancheta, Constantino Guloy, and Felipe Olavides;

That these officers of the Guerrilla Forces named above engaged themselves during the period from about the latter part of 1942 until about the middle of 1943 in the purchase and sale of steel cables;

That these officers named above frequently, with their respective men, go to the mountain around San Nicolas to gather steel cables and brought them down to San Nicolas which they sold to various buyers coming from Manila;

That it is of public knowledge that only the members of the guerrilla forces, its officers and men, could gather and sell steel cables to buyers awaiting them in San Nicolas;

That no civilians could gather steel cables from the mountains around San Nicolas unless these civilians are issued permits in writing by guerrilla officers to gather same;

That these civilian steel cable dealers were required by the guerrilla officers issuing the permits to pay the so called army shares which corresponds to a certain percent of the total sales of steel cables;

That any other persons going to the mountains to gather steel cables without any permit issued by the guerrilla officers would be shot and killed;

That I know the foregoing facts because these guerrilla officers and men engaged openly in the purchase and sale of steel cables and in the collection of fees corresponding to what is known as the army shares;

That I saw many times these guerrilla officers and men during the period from about the latter part of 1942 until about the middle of 1943 going to the mountains around San Nicolas to gather cables and sold them to buyers coming from Manila who were in San Nicolas;

That these officers and men by the use of force, threat, and intimidation, compelled the civilians of this town to give them (guerrilla officers and men) food, money, cigarettes, and other things that they wanted;

That on one occasion Saturnino Dumlao, a guerrilla leader, called my brother to go to his house, and because of slight delay on the part of my brother, said Saturnino Dumlao boxed my brother on the head and stomach;

That these guerrilla officers and men, by use of force, threat and intimidation, and mostly without permission from their owners, commandered horses, carretelar, or carts;

Further affiant sayeth not.

(SGD) Ponciano Ayson
/t/ PONCIANO AYSON

In the presence of:
(SGD) S. MA. GONZALEZ
(SGD) MAX. R. MARTIN, JR.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July 1945 at San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(SGD) H. M. Velarde
/t/ HOSPICIO M. VELARDE
1st Lieut. Infantry
Investigating Officer

A F F I D A V I T

(translation)

I, CIPRIANO CAMILOSA, 56 years of age residing at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, at present a municipal councilor in this town voluntarily say the following:

That beginning about March 1943 until June 1943, I personally know Juan Mabunga, Saturnino Dunlao, Gregorio Montejo, Ton Chengay, Cipriano Allas, Vivencio Malinit, Fernando Lopez, Vicente Rivera, Juan Payatos, Juan Jamandre, Felipe Guarin, Nicolas Sali, Felipe Ortiz, Arsenio Ledesma, Ignacio Lauder, Donato Ancheta, Constantino Guloy, Felipe Olavides, and Pedro Sajonia, that most of the people of this town of San Nicolas and also the people of the barrios under this town that the above named guerrilla officers went to gather cables and also sold these cables that they gathered;

That I have observed that the way of living of the above named guerrilla officers was becoming better as shown by their way of dressing and in the way they spent their money;

That beginning in April 1944 up to November 1944, the men of Ton Chengay collected rice, dogs, pigs, vegetables, chickens, and other, and because we forced to give such demands, we went around to secure them;

That in the month of March 1942, Gregorio Montejo and one of his soldier came to me and asked me one cow, and when I was not able to give him same as all our cows were not tied and wild, he forced me to give him instead money which I was forced to borrow as I had no money that time;

That in the month of December 1944, Lt. Carantes and his co-guerrillas ordered me in San Antonio, the barrio of San Nicolas I was then covering, that we give them two cavans of rice and fourty chickens which, because of fear, we were forced to look for these things they demanded and which we gave;

That I know personally Cipriano Allas and his men that they have been collecting what was called army share which was a share of the army from those who gather and sell steel cables;

That sometime in June 1943, Pedro Sajonia left me about more than one hundred and fourty meters of steel cables with instructions from him that I sell said cables for him which I did and when learned that I have sold already his cables he came to get the sales and left me two hundred pesos which he said I would pay to the men of Cipriano Allas to answer for the fee of the share for the army;

That Constantino Guloy, one of the collectors of Cipriano Allas called for me to their house and when I gave the two hundred pesos which Pedro Sajonia told me to give to the collectors of said Cipriano Allas, he (Constantino Guloy) instead told me to add four hundred pesos more, and because of my fear for them, I went around and borrowed said amount of four hundred which I gave them;

s/ CIPRIANO CAMILOSA
t/ CIPRIANO CAMILOSA

In the presence of:
s/ Maximiano R. Martin, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July 1945 at San Nicolas, Pangasinan.

(Translated from Ilocano of
original affidavit to English
by: Maximiano R. Martin, Jr.

s/ HOSPICO M. VELARDE
t/ HOSPICIO M. VELARDE
1st Lieut. Infantry
Investigating Officer

A F F I D A V I T

I, GREGORIO CANSINO, age 37, residing at barrio San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a ferner by profession, after having been duly sworn according to law, and without being coerced or promised of any reward or immunity, and of my own free will, voluntarily depose and say:

That I know personally Lts. Alejo Norberte, Felipe Ortiz, Juan Payatos, Juan Mabunga, Nicolas Sali, Saturnino Dumlao, Ignacio Lauder, Felipe Olavidez, Juan Jamandre, Arsenio Ledesma, and Pedro Sajonia;

That I frequently saw them with their respective men going to the mountains of Marikit, Mt. Province during the period beginning about January 1943 to July 1943 to gather steel cables;

That I frequently saw them coming from the mountains with their cargo of steel cables;

That I saw them sell the steel cable to buyers waiting for them at San Nicolas, Pangasinan;

That Most of these buyers were strangers of this town who came here for the purpose of buying steel cables;

That I know these foregoing facts because, aside from being a farmer, I also own a caretela which the buyers of cables hired either for carrying the cables bought from San Nicolas to San Quintin, or for their use while making negotiations for the purchase of the same;

That I personally know and saw Lt. Ponciano Dudan Cruz buying cables from Mrs. Maria D. Aquino of San Nicolas, Pangasinan and brought this same cables out of this town of San Nicolas from Feb. 1943 to May 1943;

That I personally know and saw Lt. Pacifico Ylarde taking cables from San Nicolas for San Quintin, Pangasinan, many times from Feb. 1943 to May 1943;

That Lt. Ignacio Lauder redeemed the mortgage of Francisca Fragata, his mother-in-law, which was made in April 1938 in favor of Ramon Quintos and me on April 1943, Francisca Fraga mortgaged her land to said persons for five hundred (₱ 500.00) pesos, Philippine currency and Lt. Ignacio Lauder paid said Ramon Quintos and me five hundred (₱ 500.00) pesos in Japanese notes;

That I am sure Lt. Ignacio Lauder paid Ramon Quintos and me from the gain he had in his cable business from which he made much money as I know he did not have money after he came from Bataan in 1942;

That sometime in May 1943 at Calaocan, San Nicolas, Pang., I saw a pile of steel cables which was burned and cut into pieces;

And that these cables were cut to pieces and burned on ordered from Major Lapham;

Further affiant sayeth not.

In the presence of:

(SGD) S. MA. GONZALES
(SGD) MAX R. MARTIN, JR.

(SGD) Gregorio S. Cansino
/t/ GREGORIO CANSINO

A F F I D A V I T

I, ROMULO A. MANRIQUEZ, Major, Infantry, Philippine Army, Serial Number O-1474, 37 years old, married, am residing at No. 8 G.H. del Pilar, San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City, hereby depose and say the following:

During the period from September 29, 1942 to April 11, 1943, I was the Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry. During that same period, Lt. Col. Manuel P. Enriquez, was the Regimental Commander of the 14th Infantry vice Lt. Col. Guillermo Nakar, captured. Within that period, I can not recall exactly the date, I was appointed by Lt. Col. Enriquez as his executive Officer of the Regiment aside from my other duties.

In the second half of January, 1943, I was ordered by Col. Enriquez to go to eastern Pangasinan for inspection of the unit and other purposes. When I was there in Pangasinan during the last part of January, 1943, it came to my knowledge that the following USAFFE and guerrilla officers were engaged in the buy and sell of materials from the American mine in Itogon area, Benguet:

1. Capt. Rufino Baldwin, who was designated as CO of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry;

2. Lt. Pedro Sajonia, who was his Battalion Adjutant.

I believe some of the officers of Capt. Baldwin participated in the hauling down of steel cables and oil from the Itogon Mine. I also had an information that some officers under 1st Lt. Charles Cushing, I think of the LGAF (Luzon Guerrilla Armed Forces) participated in the buy and sell of these cables and oil. It was not my purpose to investigate these activities of these officers as they were not under our command, but from the knowledge and information I received, I made my corresponding report to Lt. Col. Manuel P. Enriquez.

I stayed in San Nicolas from the last week of January up to the first week of February. In my investigation of my men, I have not found any officers and men of the 14th Infantry engaged in the business.

After Col. Enriquez surrendered on April 12, 1943, I assumed command of the Regiment. Some time in June, 1943, I met Capt. Jagoe French who told me, if I remember correctly, that he was a Captain, U.S. Army Air Corps, together with 1st Lt. Langley (I do not know his first name) who was also introduced to me as 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army. At this meeting, Captain French relayed to me the information that the officers and men of the 14th Infantry stationed in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, were engaged in the buy and sell of war materials. Because of this information, I went down to Pangasinan during the second half of June 1943 to investigate the matter.

While in Pangasinan during the second half of June up to the first half of July, 1943, I found that the following officers and men of the 14th Infantry participated in the selling of steel cables that were taken from Itogon mine Benguet:

1. Capt. Saturnino Dumlao
2. 1st Lt. Juan Poyatos
3. Capt. Pedro Mabunga
4. I believe 1st Lt. Juan Jamandre
5. 1st Lt. Fernando Lopez
6. Capt. Gregorio Montejo

Before I went down to Pangasinan in June, 1943, I requested Capt. Felicisimo Nobres, an officer under Major Robert Lapham, to send his armed men to Itogon area to disarm the men of Lt. Fianza (I do not know the first name) who was reported to be in charge of the hauling down of the steel cables from the mine. I also sent a note to Capt. Saturnino Dumlao in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, to stop the hauling down and selling of these steel cables and to use his armed men to disarm other guerrilla units who participated in the hauling down of these steel cables. I was aware that I had only about 37 armed men in San Nicolas. I was informed that the unit under 1st Lt. Charles Cushing and the D-1 "Armed Flying Squadron," also a unit under Lt. Charles Cushing, under the personal command of ex-Fiscal Cipriano Allas (who was a 1st Lieutenant under Lt. Charles Cushing) were engaged in this buy and sell of war materials backed up by their armed men.

In my investigation of my officers and men of the 14th Infantry, what I can remember is that Capt. Dumlao engaged in the hauling down of these steel cables as early as May, 1943, and Capt. Dumlao showed to me his records of the transaction of these steel cables, the amount of money he received and the commodities he bought for his men. I found in his possession the sum of no less than ₱ 1,000 Japanese money but I think no more than ₱1,500. According to his record, the amount of money he received as share in the sale of steel cables were all spent in the purchase of medicine and some clothing for his men and other members of the 14th Infantry. I remember that Capt. Dumlao, before I went down to Pangasinan, had been sending me medicine but I did not know that the medicine was acquired by him through the steel cable business.

As to Capt. Mabunga and his officers and men, I think Capt. Mabunga did not show me any record, but he told me that the money was spent in the purchase of medicine and clothing for his men. I saw the men of Capt. Mabunga and his officers were really well-dressed up in Khaki uniform, fatigue suit and some few civilian clothing.

As to Capt. Montejo, he did not also keep a record but he told me that he was not personally handling the sale of these steel cables because he knew it was wrong. He said that he tolerated only his men who were mostly from San Nicolas, Pangasinan, in the participation of the sale of these steel cables. In my findings and opinion, I believe Capt. Montejo did not receive any money except the clothing and shoes that his men gave him. So also with 1st Lt. Fernando Lopez. I found that he did not make any personal participation in the sale of these steel cables but also allowed his men to participate in the hauling down of steel cables.

With regard to some officers of Lt. Cusing, whom I was able to convince to join the 14th Infantry, I did not have any personal knowledge except a rumor that some of them participated or received shares in the sales of the steel cables from their men. These officers whom I heard to have participated are the following:

1st Lt. Vicente Rivera
" Guloy (I do not know his first name)
Capt. Cipriano Allas (the same ex-Fiscal)
Mariano Kagaoan

These are the only officers that I heard having participated but when these officers, except Lt. Guloy, joined the 14th Infantry in July 1943, I am positive that they never engaged or participated in the sale of steel cables or other war materials. I will repeat that what I heard of their participation was just a rumor. Except ex-Capt. Cipriano Allas, who is now the present Congressman of the 5th District of Pangasinan, none of these people that I know of ever made any purchases of land or any real estate.

In my short stay in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, and in cooperation with Major Robert Lapham and Lt. Tomas Chengay, we were able to put a stop to the hauling down and sale of steel cables and war materials from the American mine in Itogon. The people of Caloocan, San Nicolas, Pangasinan, could still say that they have seen us destroying the cables that we confiscated from the civilians and soldiers in Caloocan, San Nicolas. Our officers and men and civilians in Caloocan, San Nicolas, were the ones who cut those cables, buried some of them and burned them in that place.

As I stated before, I had only around 37 armed men in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, and with the presence of 2 or 3 guerrilla organizations in that area, also armed, it could not be possible for me to disarm those men. I did not like also to precipitate any trouble with the other guerrilla organizations by resorting to shooting each other. So I used all diplomatic means I could avail of in stopping the hauling down of the steel cables and one of these, as I stated, was my invitation of the officers under Lt. Charles Cushing to join my outfit. At this period, Lt. Cushing was in the custody of the Japanese, and his men and officers were running loose, if I may be permitted to say so.

So far as Lt. Tom Chengay is concerned, I do not have any knowledge that he participated in the sale of steel cables. I know Lt. Tomas Chengay personally. I think he was first under Capt. French then later on transferred to Major Lapham. During my stay in Pangasinan, I have not seen Lt. Chengay participated in the sale of cables. After I left Pangasinan, I had been receiving many reports of the activities of Lt. Chengay concerning commandeering of food supplies, properties of the civilian, murder, and even rape. But to my personal knowledge, I have not seen or heard that Lt. Chengay was involved in the sale of steel cables.

The money that Capt. Dumlao and Capt. Mabunga had in July 1943 which they received as share of the sale of the steel cables were used in the purchase of medicine. I believe Capt. Saturnino Dumlao had with him the ₱1,000, and Capt. Mabunga (if I remember the amount correctly) had with him about that much in the purchase of medicine. In December, 1943, I came down to Manila for an important conference with Col. Enriquez. In Manila, I was able to buy medicine worth around ₱60,000 Japanese money. This amount I received from the following persons:

1. Mr. Gregorio Verzosa
   Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
2. Mr. Pablo Hernandez
   Solano, Nueva Vizcaya
3. Col. Emilio Borromeo
   Manila

If I remehber correctly, I had been receiving from Mr. Gregorio Verzosa the total amount of ₱92,000, and from Mr. Pablo Hernandez the total sum of about ₱80,000, Japanese money during the period from September 1942 to October 1944. These two persons are now having claims in the Claims Service, PHILCOM, but I think their claims have not been approved. I received from Col. Emilio Borromeo, who was the Signal Officer of the Fil-American Guerrilla Force under Col. Hugh Strand, the sum of ₱6,000. I do not know if Col. Borromeo, who was one of those executed by the Japanese in Fort Santiago, was able to file a claim for this amount. All the moneys that I received from the people were duly receipted.

I would like toadd something of the difficulties I had in stopping the sale of these steel cables. I believe Major Lapham, who was away from Pangasinan when I arrived in San Nicolas, was receiving reports that because of my presence in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, and as the CO of the 14th Infantry I was in direct charge of the sale of the steel cables. I had that impression because when he came down to San Nicolas, in Barrio Caloocan, he had all my officers and men disarmed. After I explained to him the situation I was having that it was not practical for me to stop the sale of cables by force of arm in view of my inferiority of numbers, he apologized to me of his act in disarming my officers. I would admit that, because I was not able to stop immediately this sale of cables, I would be culpable of neglect in not immediately stopping my men. I would only like to say that under those circumstances in where my officers and men and myself were considered an intruder in that territory or area by the other guerrilla units, any false move that I would make that will be prejudicial to the activities and interests of those other guerrilla units would result in a very unpleasant consequences. Again, I would admit that I could be culpable for the activities of my officers and men in the participation of the sale of steel cables during the period I was in Pangasinan, from the second half of June 1943 to the first half of July 1943.

The result, however, that I obtained out of the diplomacy I made was, I consider, wholesome because I got the cooperation of the people of Pangasinan, the members of the other guerrilla forces, and that my officers and men were allowed to stay in that area in Pangasinan which had been contested by them since the start of the war. After Major Lapham and my men stopped this sale of steel cables in July 1943, I am positive, according to the reports of my officers in Pangasinan later, that the hauling down of steel cables and other war supplies from the American mine in Itogon was definitely stopped. It had never been revived up to the liberation.

I stated before that Capt. Baldwin and his officers could have participated in the hauling down of steel cables from the mine but I have no definite proof that they were so engaged. The following were the officers of Capt. Baldwin so far as I know:

1. Lt. Nicolas O. Sali
2. " Fianza (I do not know the first name)
3. " Carantes (I do not know the first name)

I will also add that Lt. Feliciano Nebres, to my personal knowledge, did not participate in the sale of steel cables or other war materials. He was the very officer whom I requested to go to Itogon and disarm the civilians hauling down the steel cables and it could not be possible that he had any connection with these people.

In the latter part of 1943, I received also a report from my officers that the ex-Fiscal, Cipriano Allas, continued to engage in the buy and sell of war materials, but not of steel cables. One report stated that he was able to sell a tractor and machinery belonging to Judge Imperial. This is the only information I had in regard to the activity of civilians in the buy and sell of war supplies after July, 1943.

I would like to say a statement of the circumstances and condition why the officers and men of the 14th Infantry were forced to participate in the sale of steel cables. As I stated, my men and officers in Pangasinan were considered an intruder in that area and as such they had not been receiving so much support from the people in the way of supplies, clothing and medicine which we were badly in need of. Officers like Capt. Mabunga, Lt. Poyatos, Lt. Fernando Lopez, who had their families nearby, could have possibly given some of their share to their families as living condition during those times was pretty difficult; but the way I saw the men and officers dress and taken care of by their officers I could see that most of the money that they possibly received from the shares of the sale of cables were spent mostly on medicine and clothing. To my knowledge the officers and men of the 14th Infantry I already mentioned could have participated in the sale of these cables for not more than two (2) months because when I left Pangasinan the first time in February 1943, none of my officers and men joined the men and officers of Capt. Baldwin who already had the start of this business.

Of the list of officers and men submitted to me for identification, whether I have knowledge or not of their participation in the sale of war materials, I have already duly marked each officer indicating whether I

have so such knowledge. The names of these officers may be included in my statement with the indication whether I have knowledge or not of their participation.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of September, 1948

(SGD) Romulo A. Manriquez
t/ ROMULO A. MANRIQUEZ
Major, Infantry, PA
ASN O-1474
Deponent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of September, 1948, in the City of Manila, Philippines: and I certify that the foregoing was read by the affiant before signing.

s/ John K. Winn
t/ JOHN K. WINN
Field Examiner
Authority VA Form 5-4505-b

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the affidavit dated September 27, 1948, executed by Major Romulo A. Manriquez, consisting of six (6) pages.

JOHN K. WINN
Field Examiner
Authority: VA Form 5-4505-b

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
ARMY HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF S, G-2
APO 501

30 July 1945

MEMORANDUM -
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1. Complaint dated 6 March 1945 was initiated by Rufino F. Mejia, 2nd Lieut., 66th Inf., USAFIP, NL, addressed to His Excellency, The President of the Philippines and indorsed to this Office for investigation.

2. That following officers engaged themselves in the purchase and sale of steel cables sometime about the later part of 1942 until about the middle of 1943: Captains Ponciano Dudan Cruz, Gregorio Montejo, Saturnino Dumlao, Isidro Perez, Tom Chengay, Cipriano Allas, and Lieuts. Vivencio Malinit, Fernando Lopez, Vicente Rivera, Juan Poyatos, Juan Jamandre, Felipe Ortiz, Arsenio Ledesma, Ignacio Lauder, Mariano Kagaoan, Felipe Guarin, Nicolas Sali, Cristobal Rodrigo, Pacifico Ylarde, Alejo Norberte, Mauro Bravo, Donato Ancheta, Constantino Guloy, Felipe Olavidez Victor Rodriguez, Juan Mabunga, and Pedro Sajonia. The acts of these officers mentioned above were personally known to: Messrs. Felix Zamora, Protacio Soriano, Leoncio Garcia, Joaquin Paramio, Cipriano Camilosa, Ponciano Ayson, Pedro C. Ramos, Gregorio Cansino, Pedro Mejia, Tomas C. Soriano, Camilo Gonzales, Carlos N. Ramos, Teofilo Soriano, Bertoldo Suyat, Francisco Sulio, Laureano Sanchez, and Mariano Abad, whose affidavits are respectively marked Appendix "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I", "J", "K", "L", "M", "N", "O", "P", and "Q".

3. The following officers with their respective men went to the mountains around San Nicolas, Pangasinan for the purpose of gathering or buying steel cables from the natives of the place and ultimately selling them when they were brought to the lowland in San Nicolas, Pangasinan during the period about the middle of 1942, until the middle of 1943: Captains Saturnino Dumlao, Gregorio Montejo, Tom Chengay, and Lieuts. Vivencio Malinit, Juan Poyatos, Felipe Guarin, Arsenio Ledesma, Mariano Kagaoan, Feliciano Nebres, Nicolas Sali, Constantino Guloy, Cristobal Rodrigo, Alejo Norberte, Felipe Olavidez, Ignacio Lauder, Donato Ancheta, Felipe Ortiz and Francisco Paraguas. The acts of the officers named above are personally known to Protacio Soriano, Joaquin Paramio, Ponciano Ayson, Pedro C. Ramos, Gregorio Cansino, and Tomas Soriano, whose affidavits are respectively marked Appendix "B", "D", "F", "G", "H", and "J".

4. Aside from the acts of buying and selling steel cables the following named officers indulged in the racket of collecting dues or fees which they called "Army Share" from the dealers of steel cables and other war materials. The usual practice of these officers was to collect 10 per centum (10%) of the total sale of steel cables or to levy a flat rate of two pesos (₱2.00) per meter of steel cable sold. These officers are Capts. Saturnino Dumlao, Cipriano Allas, and Lts. Constantino Guloy, Pedro Sajonia, Mariano Kagaoan, Felipe Olavides, Nicolas Sali, Juan Poyatos, Fernando Lopez, Felipe Ortiz and Ignacio Lauder. Their acts of collecting dues or fees known as the "Army Share" are personally known

to Protacio Soriano, who paid ₱ 1,900 to Felipe Olavides; Cipriano Camilosa who paid ₱600 to Constantino Guloy; Pedro Mejia, Thomas C. Soriano, Camilo Gonzales, Bertoldo Siyat, Francisco Sulio, and Laureano Sanchez, whose affidavits are respectively marked Appendix "B", "E", "I", "J", "K", "N", "O", and "P".

5. Another form of unjust taxation which was also termed "Army Share" and imposed on the civilians by Lieuts. Juan Poyatos, Juan Mabunga, Juan Jamandre, and Alejo Norberte, was the collection of money from the civilian as their contributions to the Army and in lieu thereof, to compel them to work without pay in the gathering of steel cables in the mountains. These particular acts of the above-named officers are personally known to Pedro Mejia, whose affidavit marked Appendix "I" IS hereto attached. This Army Share is supposed to be used for the maintenance of the Army to which the above-named officers belonged, but the fact is that the proceeds from this "Army Share" are spent by Lt. Juan Poyatos and his partners for their personal use. (Par. 6, Affidavit of Pedro Mejia, Appendix "I"). These Guerrilla officers had the full control of the sources of the steel cables which were in the mountains as no civilians could gather same without obtaining a permit from and paying the corresponding taxes to the guerrilla officers. (Affidavits marked Appendix "B", "D", "F", "J", "L", "M", "O", and "P").

6. In his affidavit marked Appendix "R", Edilberto Tamondong stated that he frequently saw during the years 1942, 1943, and 1944, coming to town the following officers: Capts. Saturnino Dumlao, Gregorio Montejo, Ponciano Dudan Cruz, Tom Chengay, Cipriano Allas, and Lieuts. Juan Mabunga, Feliciano Nobres, Vivencio Malinit, Fernando Lopez, Juan Poyatos, Juan Jamandre, Nicolas Sali, Cristobal Rodrigo, Felipe Ortiz, Arsenio Ledesma, Ignacio Lauder, Mariano Kagaoan, Felipe Guarin, Pacifico Ylarde, Alejo Norberte, Mauro Bravo, Donato Ancheta, Constantino Guloy, and Felipe Olavides, and observed them very much better dressed than the average civilians of the town and that some of them frequently spent their money freely and lavishly, especially on drinks.

7. The officers engaged in the purchase and sale of steel cables acquired real property. The particular case of real property acquired by a guerrilla officer is that of Pedro Sajonia who made a fortune in the purchase and sale of steel cables. On 22 June 1943, Pedro Sajonia bought a parcel of land from the sisters Catalina and Marcela Camilosa. About March 1944, Pedro Sajonia disappeared and was not heard from till to date. In her affidavit, marked Appendix "S", Balbina Rola, the wife of Pedro Sajonia stated that one Lt. Antano Carantes came to her house sometimes in July 1944 and told her that the land purchased by her husband from the Camilosa sisters be transferred to the Army and that Juan Calpito was to hold the land for the Army. It appears that the reason for the transfer of said land to the Army is that the same was acquired with money obtained by taxation known as the "Army Share", one of the collectors of which was Pedro Sajonia. In this affidavit marked Appendix "T", Juan Calpito, an illiterate, declared that the land bought by Pedro Sajonia was transferred to the Army; that he was made to understand as the tenant of Antono Carantes; and that the sum of five hundred (₱500.00) Jap money, which he gave to Balbina Rola (Mrs. Sajonia) should be paid back. The deed of sale of the land in question, marked Appendix "T-1", states that said land was sold absolutely to Juan Calpito.

8. It is apparent that Antono Carantes deceived Balbina Rola (Mrs. Sajonia) by making it appear that the land bought by her husband with the proceeds of the Army Share collection was to be transferred to the Army. In reality the land in question is actually transferred to Antono Carantes whose tenant is Juan Calpito, the "dummy" owner thereof. (See Affidavit of Juan Calpito marked Appendix "T").

9. About the middle of 1943 when the business of war materials declined, Gregorio Montejo, Juan Mabunga and Juan Poyatos and their men engaged into another form of racket by posting themselves at the strategic Inogan Pass and collecting from passers-by rice and other commodities which they latter sold to some other people. (See Affidavits of Cornelio Macairan and Tomas Soriano respectively marked Appendix "3" and "4").

10. The presence of several factions of guerrilla units in the regions around San Nicolas, Pangasinan gave rise to rivalries for power over the civilians, which is shown by the statements of Protacio Soriano and Rodolfo O. Rico, whose affidavits are respectively marked Appendix "B" and "U". As a consequence to these rivalries several crimes in connection with fees known as "Army Shares" were committed as shown by the statements of Pedro C. Ramos (Pars. 6 & 7), Ricarda Rodolfa, and Feliciano Sermonia whose affidavits are respectively marked Appendix "G", "V", and "W". The information obtained by the undersigned is that in the towns of San Manuel, San Nicolas, Tayug, Natividad, Sta. Maria, and San Quintin, Pangasinan, existed in 1943-1944, rival guerrilla factions, which were (a) 11th Inf., now 66th Inf. under the USAFIP, NL; (b) Squadron 163 under Capt. Tom Chengay; (c) Squadron 122 under Capt. Ray C. Hunt Jr; (d) Squadron 109 under Capt. Cachila; (e) 14th Inf. under Major Enrique Manriquez; and (f) Intelligence Section, LGF, under Capt. Cipriano Allas, which was later dissolved and reorganized and named "Maharlika Guerrilla". They competed with each other for power and supremacy over the above-mentioned municipalities, and that as a result of these rivalries, numerous abuses and murders were committed.

11. A case of murder is the killing of one ALDEA, a Visayan bodyguard of Capt. Gregorio Montejo, 14th Inf., who had a quarrel with one of the men of Captain Cipriano Allas, Intelligence Section of LGF, sometime in 1943. Aldea who was then drunk inflicted bodily harm on the person of Felix Zamora at about 4:00 o'clock p.m. A big crowd was attracted including the leaders of each faction, Capt. Montejo in the one side and Capt. Allas with Mariano Kagaoan on the other. Both factions through the leaders intervened for the purpose of settling the matter amicably. Aldea was taken by Mariano Kagaoan with the assurance that he would be taken to another place under safe custody. (Affidavits of Pedro C. Ramos, Feliciano Sermonia and Enrique Gonzales respectively marked Appendix "G", "W" and "X"). About 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock in the evening of the same day, reports of gun shot were heard and the following day the people of the town know that Aldea was killed.

12. An eye witness of the killing of Aldea is Roman Vitente of San Nicolas, Pangasinan, who refused to sign any statement or totestify before any court. When interviewed, he stated that at about 9:00 clock in the evening of the same day when Aldea had a quarrel with Mr. Zamora,

he saw two men pursuing and shooting Aldea who was also running towards the direction of his house (Vitente's), and near his house, Aldea fell and died as a result of gun shot he received. He knew the two men who pursued him as members of the guerrilla forces under the command of Capt. Cipriano Allas with Mariano Kagaoan the second in command. One of those who pursued and shot Aldea was one Corpuz, who is now deceased, and the other person, he did not know personally. Both These assailants on reaching the dead body of Aldea on the street carried the corpse and placed it under his stairs (Vitente) and covered the same with a piece of sack. About two hours latter, Montejo and Kagaoan accompanied by Corpuz and two others, arrived at the place where the body of Aldea was found and conversed about the incident. The body was removed by Montejo and buried in the Municipal Cemetery of San Nicolas, Pangasinan and caused to be placed on the grave thereof a marble plate. (See Affidavits marked Appendices "G", "W", and "X").

13. The most gruesome of the crimes committed by guerrillas was the mass murders committed by Capt. Gregorio Montejo and his men. In his affidavit marked Appendix "Y", Father Jose N. Valdes, Parish Priest of San Nicolas, Pangasinan, stated that sometime in May 1942, a group of six men were brought in front of the Municipal Building of San Nicolas, Pangasinan, by the soldiers of Lt. Gregorio Montejo. Hands tied, these men were subjected to bodily harm by hitting with gun butts and physically tortured until their faces were badly swollen. At about 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock that morning, Lt. Montejo came to his convent and told him to go to the Municipal Building to hear the confessions of the six men who were to be executed; that after hearing the confession he accompanied the men to the Municipal Cemetery with the soldiers of Lt. Montejo; that upon reaching the cemetery the men were told to line up before a firing squad of six (6) soldiers who were at a distance of fifteen yards (15) away; after the command of fire was given the six men fell and to some who were still alive were again fired at until all of them were killed; that after they were declared dead, he administered on the six (6) dead the Last Blessing and then he left the cemetery; that he heard also the confessions of some other men who were to be executed a few days after the incident mentioned above. The above statements of the Parish Priest are corroborated by the statement of Policeman Leoncio Gardia and Atty. Enrique Gonzales who were eye-witnesses of the crime and whose Affidavits are hereto attached and respectively marked Appendices "C" and "X".

14. Another activity practiced by different guerrilla units is the kidnapping of men from whom they wanted to obtain information, to punish them for their acts which they think are against their guerrilla unit or each individual members, and to extort money, food and other commodities, (See Affidavits of Pedro C. Ramos, Rodolfo O. Rico, Ricardo Rodulfa and Sebastian S. Lambino, respectively marked Appendices "G", "U", "V", and "I"). A sample of a released paper issued by a guerrilla unit in favor of a kidnapped civilian is herewith marked Appendix "5".

15. The civilians of San Nicolas, Pangasinan, lived in constant fear from two forces: one from the Japs, and on the other, from the guerrillas. By the use of force, threats and intimidation, Juan Mabunga, Gregorio Montejo, Tom Chengay, Feliciano Nobres, Juan Poyatos, Felipe Ortiz, Arsenio Ledesma, Antonio Carantes and their respective followers, extorted of the people clothing, money, foodstuff, such as: dogs, pigs, chickens, rice, etc., commandering horses, carretelas, carts and rice mills, according to the statements of Felix Zamora, Leoncio Garcia, Cipriano Camilosa, Ponciano Ayson, Pedro C. Tamondong, Rodolfo O. Rico, Feliciano Sermonia, Enrique Gonzales and Florentino Ylarde, whose affidavits are respectively marked Appendices "A", "C", "E", "F", "G", "I", "L", "M", "R", "U", "W", "X", and "Z".

16. The following subjects have separated from their respective guerrilla units:

Capt. Cipriano Allas, Ass't Fiscal, Pangasinan
Lieut. Mariano Kagaoan, Tayug, Pangasinan
" Victor Rodriguez, " "
" Francisco Paraguas, " "

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