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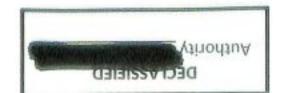
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC, APO 500 3 December 1945.

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Western Facific, APO 707. (Attention: Recovered Personnel Branch.)

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC, APO 500, 14 November 1945.

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO 707. (ATTENTION: Claims Service)

For necessary action.

By command of General MacARTHUR:

BILLY B. GOLDBERG

Capt., A. G. D.

Asst. A. G.

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1. Cy ltr Liaison Comm Jap Army and Navy, 6 Oct 1945

2. Cy 1tr Capt D. C. Gregg to POW Bureau, 29 Aug 1945

Affidavit (signed cy)Capt D. C. Gregg
 22 Oct 1945

4. Cy ltr Lt B. Baardson to POW Bureau, 29 Aug 1945

5. Affidavit (signed cy)Lt B. Baardson 22 Oct 1945

6. Cy ltr Cmdr W. H. Harrington to POW Bureau, 29 Aug 1945

7. Cy 1tr Lt (JG) P. M. Cotton to POW Bureau, 29 Aug 1945

8. Cy ltr GHQ AFPAC to TAG, 25 Oct 1945, Subj: Cl of Amer POWs

COC 2nd W/Ind. DOE/jrf HEADQUARTERS, CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC, APO 707, 29 November 1945.

TO: Commending General, GHQ, AFPAC, APO 500.

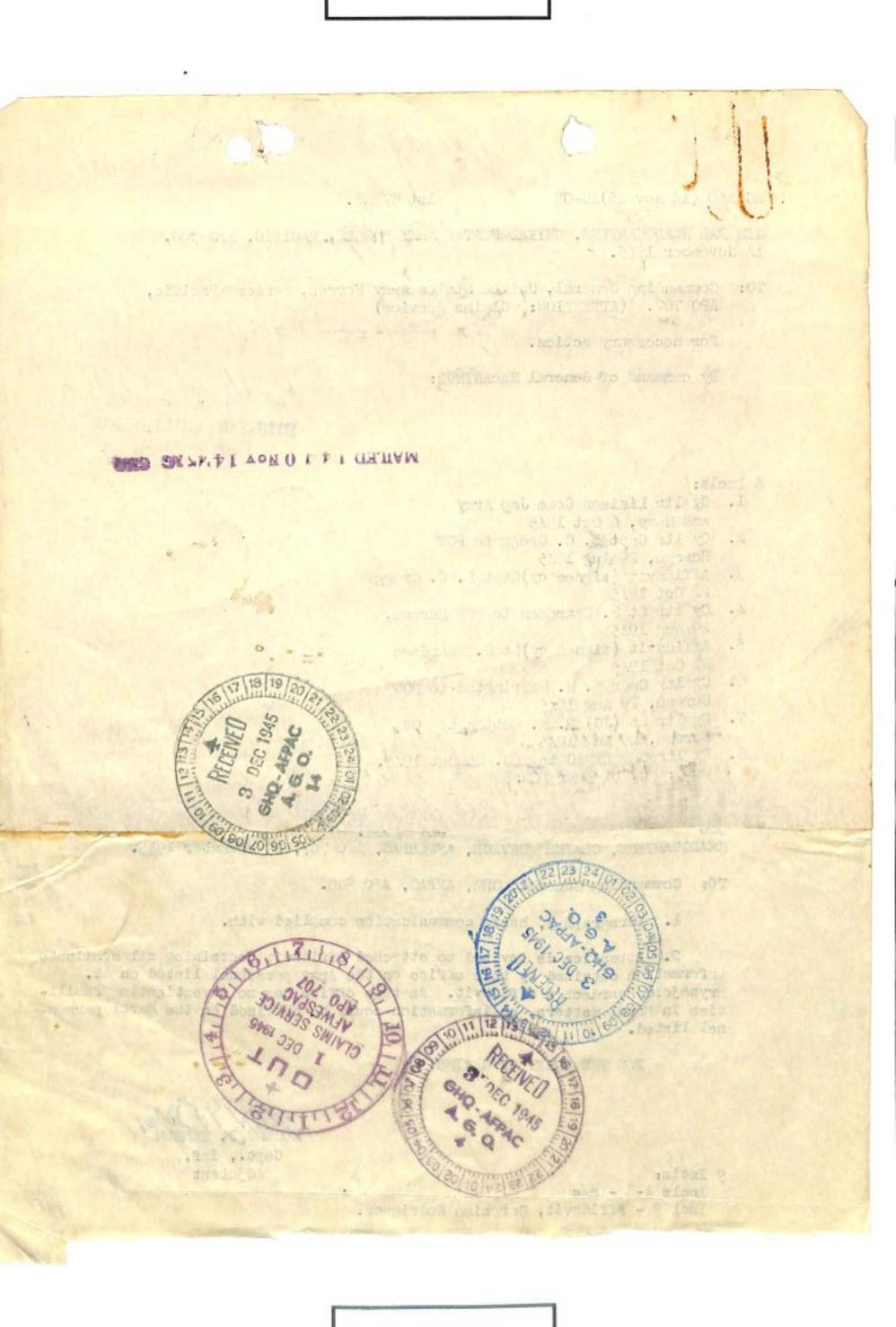
- 1. Paragraph 3, basic communication complied with.
- 2. Attention is invited to attached affidevit containing all available information obtained by this office on the Army personnel listed on Lt. Brynojold Baardson's affidevit. As this office has no investigating facilities in Naval matters, no information could be obtained on the Naval personnel listed.

FOR THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS:

Capt., Inf.,

9 Incls; Incls 1-8 - n/c Incl 9 - Affidavit, Geronimo Rodriguez.





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Liaison Committee (Tokyo)
for the
Imperial Japanese Army and Navy

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6 October, 1945.

To : The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

Subject : Compensation of personal money for the American prisoners of war in Cebu Island.

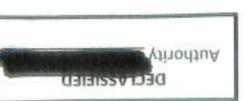
- 1. In May, 1942, a certain amount of money in possession of American soldiers, surrendering to the Japanese Force at Cebu Island, were confiscated by the Japanese troops concerned, and they now requested us to return their confiscated money, as the attached documents indicate.
- 2. The unit, stationing at the said island at that time, was transferred to Guadalcanar Island thereafter, where most of the members were killed in the battle. For the above reason, we regret not to have any method available to inquire into its real condition. Therefore, we ask you a favour to give us more concrete data for it, if possible.
- 3. We wish to inform you that we are ready to compensate the damage on the basis of more accurate concrete data for it.

S. Arisue, Lt. General, I.J.A., Chairman.

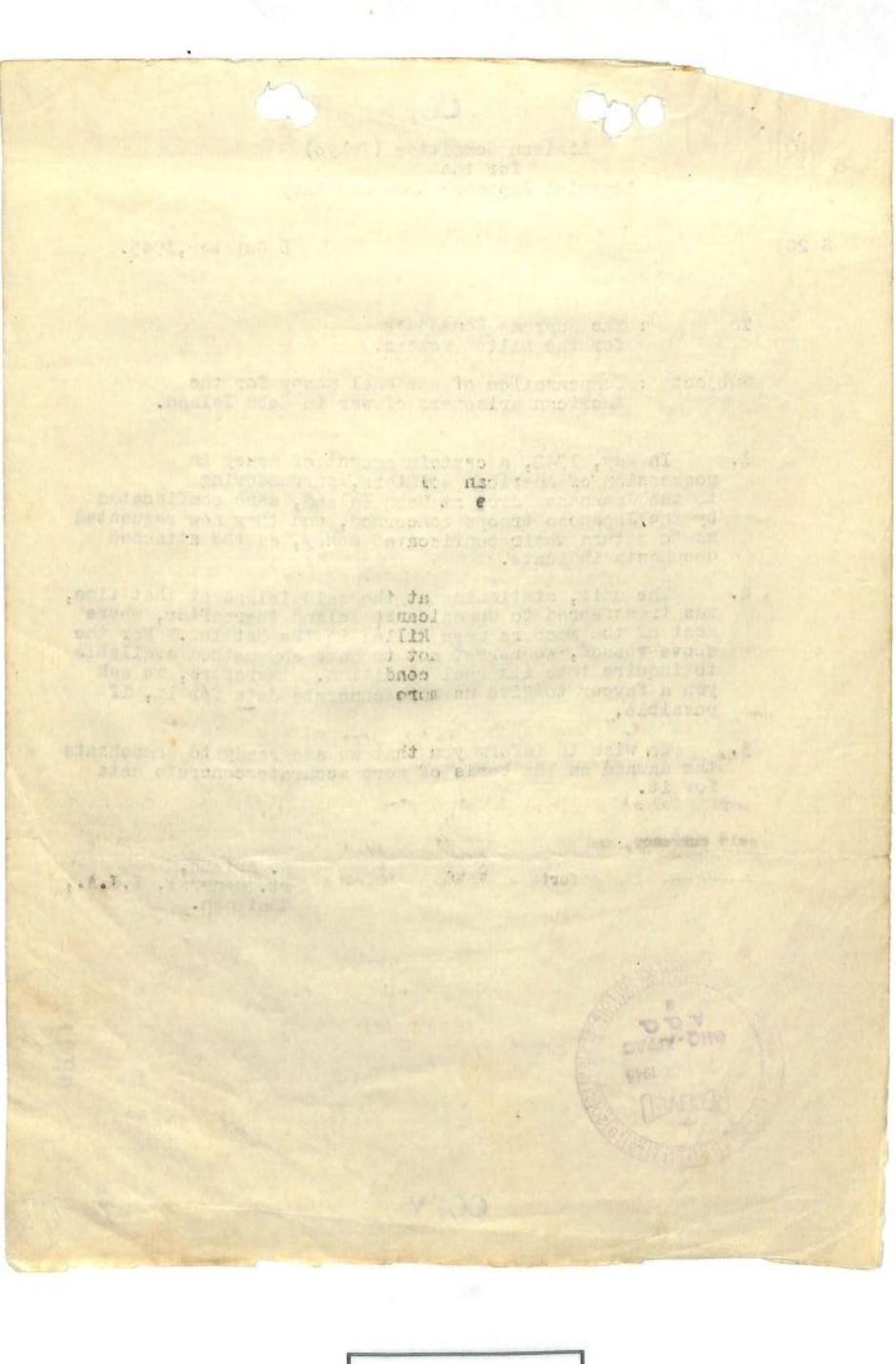
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Rokuroshi Sub-Camp Osaka P.O.W. August 29th, 1945

FROM: - Donald C. GREGG Captain, United States Army

TO:- Prisoner of War Bureau

VIA:- Camp Commander

SUBJECT: - Currency, personal property, RETURN OF

- 1. On May 19th, 1942, at Cebu, Cebu, P.I., I surrendered to the Imperial Japanese Army carrying out orders received from my senior officer, Brig. Gen. B. G. Chynoweth.
- 2. At the time of my surrender personal money amounting to Seven hundred and fifty Pesos (P750.00) was confiscated by the Japanese Armed forces in Gebu with the statement that such funds would be held in safe keeping for me and later on returned intact. A receipt was made out for said currency, and over my protest was retained by the Japanese officer in charge. All efforts to collect this currency have been unavailing.
- 3. I request the immediate return of the currency mentioned in paragraph 2.
  - 4. My permanent address is c/o Mrs. James Goree

333 Vine St.

Denver, Colo. U.S.A.

Donald C. Gregg

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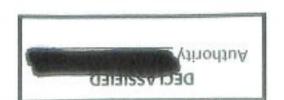
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#### AFFIDAVIT OF CAPT DONALD C. GREGG

22 October 1945

- 1. I was with the Military Police Regiment of the Visayan Forces, USAFFE, (formerly Cebu Brigade) commanded by Brig. Gen. B. G. Chynoweth, which surrendered to the Japanese military forces commanded by Lt. Col. Kewakami at Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines Islands on 17 May 1942.
- 2. After the surrender approximately 48 Americans, principally Army Officers and some Navy Officers, who had commanded P.T. and supply boats in the area, were taken to the Cebu Provincial Jail and confined there.
- 3. Shortly after our arrival at the Jail, a lieutenant of the Japanese Military Police set up two tables with three Japanese interpreters in the yard just outside the cell block. He told us "This is orders from higher up" or words to that effect. Each of us was then required to line up and file by the tables. We were required to surrender to the Lieutenant all money, papers, cigarettes, and other property on our person. At the time I had on my person Seven Hundred and Fifty Pesos(\$750.00)(\$375.00), which be longed to me personally. When I turned over this money, the Japanese Lieutenant wrote out and signed a receipt, which he kept himself stating he was doing so for "safekeeping". Neither the money nor the receipt was ever returned to us.
- 4. I do not know the name of the Japanese M.P. Officer, above mentioned. He was either a second or first Lieutenant, of stocky build, probably 35 to 40 years of age, with a "Kaiser Wilhelm" mustache. He was nicknamed by the prisoners "Dr Fu Manchu". It is my understanding that he was probably implicated with Lt. Col. Kawakami in the subsequent slaying of Fresident Osmena's Son. I saw him again about two month's later, when he came to the jail to interrogate some Filipino Officers. I remember one of the interpreters, above mentioned, as a Japanese civilian, who prior to the war had operated a small store or bazaar on Magellanes street in Cebu City.
- 5. We were kep in the Jail at Cebu City until 7 October 1942, when we were transferred to Bilibad Prison, Manila. Commander Wilson H. Harrington, U.S. Navy, who was confined with us made numerous requests to the Japanese Authorities for the return of our money but nothing was ever done.
- 6. I have examined the Affidavit of Lt. Brynojold Baardson, dated 22 October 1945, and saw that Lt. Baardson and the officers listed in Par. 6 and 7, thereof, surrender money and property to the Japanese as therein described.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CAPTAIN DONALD C. GREGG CONT'D.

7. My home is care of Mrs. James Goree, 333 Vine St., Denver, Colorado.

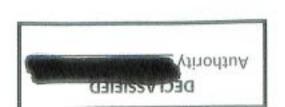
/s/ Donald C. Gregg
DONALD C. GREGG
Capt AUS

Sworn and subscribed to before me 22 October 1945.

/s/ Rudolph Bumgardner Jr
RUDOLPH BUMGARDNER JR
Lt.Col. JAGD
Legal Officer Rec. Pers. Division
GHQ- AFPAC

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1st Lt., United States Army

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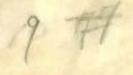
Prisoner of War Bureau

VIA:-

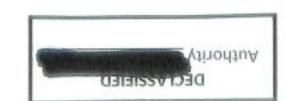
Currency, personal property RETURN OF

- 1. On May 17th, 1942, I surrendered to the Imperial Japanese Forces at Cebu Island, P.I. by order of Brig. Gen. B. G. Chynoweth.
- 2. At that time my personal money amounting to seven hundred and fifty pesos (P750.00) was confiscated by the Japanese Forces. I was promised the safe return of the above sum, however, I received no receipt. I was told it would be kept in safe keeping by the Japanese. Upon leaving Cebu for Manila I made efforts to have the money returned but I was unsuccessful.
  - 3. I request the immediate return of the amount mentioned.
  - 4. My home address is 531 College Ave. Staten Island Number 2 New York, N.Y., USA.

B. Baardson



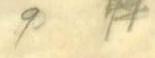


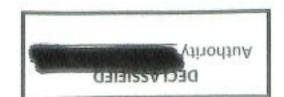


#### AFFIDAVIT OF LT BRYNOJOLD BAARDSON

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- 2. After the surrender approximately 48 Americans, principally Army Officers and some Navy Officers, who had commanded P.T. and supply boats in the area, were taken to the Cebu Provincial Jail and confined there.
- 3. Shortly after our arrival at the Jail, a lieutenant of the Japanese Military Police set up two tables with three Japanese interpreters in the yard just outside the cell block. He told us "This is orders from higher up" or words to that effect. Each of us was then required to line up and file by the tables. We were required to surrender to the Lieutenant all money, papers, cigarettes, and other property on our person. At the time I had on my person Seven Hundred and fifty Pesos (1750.00)(\$375.00), which belonged to me personally. When I turned over this money, the Japanese Lieutenant wrote out and signed a receipt, which he kept himself stating he was doing so for "safekeeping." Neither the money nor the receipt was ever returned to us.
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- 5. We were kept in the Jail at Cebu City until 7 October 1942, when we were transferred to Bilibad Frison, Manila. Commander Wilson H. Harrington, US Navy, who was confined with us made numerous requests to the Japanese Authorities for the return of our money but nothing was ever done.
- 6. I personally witnessed the actual surrender of money and other property from their person by the following officers, whose names I regall at this time. (There are a few others whose names I cannot recall at this time.)

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### AFFIDAVIT OF LT BRYNCLOLD BAARDSON CONT'D.

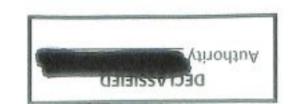
a. Commander Wilson H. Harrigton, US Navy, (Recoveree evacuated to U.S.)
h.* Cmdr. O'Brien. H. S. Navy
b.* Cmdr. O'Brien, U. S. Navy c.*Cmdr. Spriggs, U. S. Navy
d. Lt. (JG) Percy Cotton, U. S. Navy. (Recoveree
evacuated to U.S.)
e. W.O. Wilson, U. S. Navy f.*W.O. Carmichael, U. S. Navy
g.*Lt. Comdr. A. Grove, U. S. Navy
h.*Gunners Mate 2c(?) Baldwin Boone, U. S. Navy
i. Col. John D. Cook, QMC, 0-6160(Recoveree evacuated
to U.S.)
J.*Lt Col Marcus B. Bouleware, Inf.,0-10170.
k.*Lt Col Arthur B. Carlton, QMC, 0-115829.
1.*Lt ColRogers (a Reserve Officer)
m.*Major Lyle G. Hardin, Inf., 0-331245
n. Capt. Leon Howell, QMC. (Recoveree evacuated to U.S.
Oct 1945 - Home address, Elks Club, Long Beach, Cal.)
(Formerly a civilian of Cebu given field commission)
o. Capt. Donald C. Gregg@Presently at 29th Rep Dep,
APO 238 awaiting evacuation to theU.S.)
p. *Gapt. William F. O'Connor, Inf. 0-229034.
g. *Gapt. Edward L. Short 0-890050.
r. Capt. William D. Miner 0-343468, (Recoveree evacuated
to U.S.)
g * Capt. Russel H. Cracroft, Inf. 0-313330
t.* Capt. Brown, Inf., (Cebu Civilian given a field commission - probably died at Lingayen Gulf P.J.
field commission - probably died at Lingayen Gulf P.J.
in Jap stockade in late 1944 or early 1945)
u. Lt. Jens Jenson (Cebu civilian given field commission -
recoveree evacuated to U.S., Oct 1945)
v.* Lt. Curtis L. Sizimore (formerly Cpl. 31st Inf, 6388315)
w.* LtSmith, Inf)former Sgt. 31st Inf from
Columbus, Ohio)
x.* Lt Edward Pieczonka, Inf. (formerly Sgt Inf, 646525)
y.* 2nd Lt.William T. Noble, 0-953162
z.* 1st Lt Lee W. Johnson, FA, 0322416.
aa* LtTallmadge, Inf., (Cebu civilian given field
. commission.

(\* - Believed dead)

7. I do not know the exact amounts surrendered by each of the above named individuals. From our conversations together while in confinement we estimated that approximately \$25,000 to \$35,000 was taken from the group. All of this money is believed to have belonged to the individuals personally.

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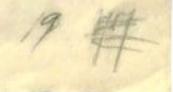
8. My home address is care Mr. T. Uldal, 331 College Ave., Staten Island, New York 2, New York.

/s/ Brynjolv Baardson BRYNJOLV BAARDSON 1st Lt. AUS

Sworn and subscribed to before me 22 October 1945.

/s/ Rudolph Bumgardner Jr /t/ BUDGIPH BUMGARDNER JR Lt Col JAGD LEGAL Officer - Rec Pers Division GHQ - AFPAC

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Bokuroshi Sup-Camp Osaka P. O. W. August 29, 1945

FROM: Wilson Hempfield Harrington, Commander, United States Naval

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Reserve, Serial Number 14537.

TO: Prisoner of War Bureau, Tokyo, Japan.

via; Camp Commander.

SUBJECT: Currency, personal property, RETURN OF.

- 1. On May 15, 1942 at Cebu, Cebu, P.I. I negotiated terms for my surrender in writing with a Lieutenant Colonel Koyakami, Japanese Imperial Army, one condition of which was his assurance in writing that my personal property, food and money would be unmolested.
- 2. I surrendered to him personally on May 16, 1942 and all terms were punctiliously observed until the following day, May 17, 1942, when I was turned over to the Military Police who confiscated the letter covering the terms of my surrender, certain of my personal property, all my food and all my money totaling P2,079.00( Two thousand and seventy nine pesos) Philippine bills of various denominations. A receipt was made out for the money, and I was told by the Japanese Lieutenant in charge that they were just holding the money in safe keeping for me and that it would be returned intact. He would not, however permit me to retain a copy of the receipt. My protests were unavailing.
- 3. I waive any claim for the food and the few personal effects confiscated.
- 4. I request the immediate return of the currency mentioned in paragraph 2.
- 5. My permanent address is: 9716 127 Street, Richmond Hill, New York, New York U.S.A.

W. H. HARRINGTON

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Rokuroshi Sub-Camp Osaka P.O.W. August 29, 1945

From:

Percy Macdonald COTTON

Lt. (JG) (SC) United States Naval Reserve

Serial Number 79465

To:

Prisoner of War Bureau

Via:

Camp Commander

Subject:

Currency, personal property, return of

1. On May 19, 1942, at Cebu, Cebu, P.I. I surrendered to the Imperial Japanese Army carrying out orders received from my senior officer, Brig. General B. G. Chynoweth.

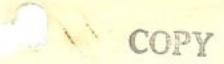
- 2. At time of surrender personal money amounting to Eighty
  Pesos (P80.00) and Four hundred and forty dollars (\$440.00) was
  confiscated by the Japanese armed forces in Cebu with the statement
  that such funds would be held in safe keeping for me and later on
  returned intact. A receipt was made out for said currency and, over
  my protests, was retained by the Japanese officer in charge.

  Efforts on my part to obtain this currency on departure from Cebu for
  Manila were unavailing.
- 3. I request the immediate return of the currency mentioned in paragraph.
  - 4. My permanent address is 634 15th Avenue
    San Francisco, California

U.S.A.

P. M. COTTON





GENERAL HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

RB/mg

AD 150 (26 Oct 45) AG-KE

APO 500 26 October 1945

SUBJECT: Claim of American Prisoners of War for Money Confiscated by Japanese Forces, Cebu, P. I., May, 1942.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.

- 1. Attached are copies of letters of certain American Army and Navy personnel, while prisoners of war, to the Japanese Prisoner of War Bureau relative to the restitution of personal funds confiscated at the time of their capture at Cobu, P. I., May, 1942, and letter of the Liaison Committee (Tokyo) for the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy to the Supreme Commander, 6 October 1945, requesting more comercte information on which to base compensation therefore.
- 2. Affidavite have been procured from Captain Bonald C. Gregg and Lieutenant Brynjolo Baardson (Incls. 3 and 5). This head marters is informed that Commander Wilson H. Harrington and Lieutenant (JG) Percy M. Cotton, U.S.H.R. who have filed claims, (Incl. 6 ami 7), have been returned to the United States. Attention is invited to personnel listed in paragraph 6, Affidavit of Lt. Baardson (Incl. 5), who may be able to furnish information and who may have claims based on this incident.
- 3. It is requested that available evidence in support of the claims be obtained and forwarded to this headquarters for presentation to the above mentioned Japanese Liaison Committee.

For the Commander-in-Chief:

H. S. KESSLEN 14 Col, AGD Ass\*t Adj Gon

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Incl.1- Ltr (Orig.) Liaison Com., Jap. Army and Harge 6 Oct 45.

Incl. 2- ltr (Copy) Caph D. C. Gragg to FON Bur. 29 Aug 45.

Incl.3- Affidavit (Orig.) Capt D. C. Grage, 22 Oct 45.

Incl.4- Ltr (Copy) 16. B. Beardson to FOW Bur. 29 Aug 45.

Incl.5- Affidavit (Orig) It. B. Beardson, 22 Oct 45.

Incl. 6- Ltr (Copy) Ordr W. H. Harrington to POW Bur. 29 Aug 45.

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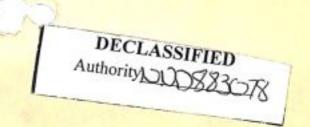
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#### AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES )
: S. S.
City of Manila)



I, Geronimo Rodriguez, a Legal Assistant, Claims Service, AF-WESPAC, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That I have carefully examined the records of the Recovered personnel Branch, USAFFAC, and found in the 201 the following information pertaining to:

- 1. Gregg, Donald C. Capt. CE (served on supply and outpost work in the mountains in Cebu) Recovered. Address: c/o Robert Gast, 1810 Greenwood, pueblo, Colorado. No record of having received his back pay.
- 2. O'Connor, William F., Capt, Inf Res, 0-229034 Tokyo reported pow missing when transport ship sunk 4 sept. 1944. Home address: Unknown. No record or payment of back salary.
- 3. Miner, William D, Capt, Inf. 343468 (Hq. Visayan Force)
  Recovered Mukden, 17 Aug. 1945. Address: c/o Mrs. A. B.
  Miner, Table Grove, Ill. Received \$300.00 chargeable to
  arrears in pay, pending final settlement of such arrears.
- 4. Cracraft, Russel H. Capt, Inf, 0-313330, KIA, while POW was being transported aboard a jap vessel sunk 7 gept. 1944 Address; Mrs. W. A. Cracraft (mother) 9 Linden Ave. Wheeling, west virginia. No record of having received his back pay.
- 5. Browne, V. R., Capt, Inf., ASN-UNK, DOD, Osaka (not confirmed) Address; unknown. No record of having received back pay.
- 6. Jensen, Jens, lst Lt. QMC. 0-2031867 (Apptd. 17 April 1942)
  prior to appointment Lt. Jensen was a civilian. (Former
  Organization, QMC. Cebu, P.II.) No address in U.S.A. He has
  been evacuated to U.S.A. for reassignment. No record of having
  received back pay.
- 7. Short, Edward L. Capt. QMC. 890050, KIA, while POW was being transported aboard a jap vessel sunk 15 Dec. 1944.

  Address: Mrs. Esther A. Short 616 West 103rd Street, Los Angeles, (44) California. No record of having received back pay.
- 8. Howell, Leon, Capt. 0-2031868 QMC, Recovered from Sakata,
  13 Sept. 1945. Address, c/o Mrs. vera Long, 4481 Lemon street,
  Riverside California.
  Claimed to have been appointed Capt. by Gen. Chynosveth on
  22 April 1942 at Cebu. No record of having received back pay.
- 9. Rogers, Rufus H. Lt. col. Inf. 0-231742, KIA, while pow was being transported aboard a jap vessel sunk 7 sept. 1944. Address: Mrs. Grace L. Rogers (wife) 806 park Drive, Hillsboro, Texas, No record of having received his back pay.
- 10. Hardin, Iyles G. Major Inf. 0-331245, KIA. while pow was being transported aboard a Jap vessel, sunk 7 sept. 1944.

  Address: Mrs. Kate G. Hardin (mother) winthrop college, Rock Hill. S. C. No record or having received his back pay.
- 11. pieczonka, Edward, F. 2nd Lt, Inf. 0-890416, KIA. While POW

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was being transported aboard a jap vessel sunk 24 oct. 1944. Address: Mrs. Bertha Wagner, 9 Don Street, New Haven, Connecticutt. No record of having received back pay.

- 12. Noble, William F. 2nd Lt. AUS 0-953162, KIA, while being transported aboard a jap vessel sunk 15 Dec. 1944. Address: Mrs. Suzanne M. Noble 3748 West 9th Street, Los Angeles, California. No record of having received back pay.
- 13. johnson, Lee w, his 201 is missing and could not be found.
- 14. Cook, John D. Col., QMC, ASN-6160 formerly C. O. Cebu Depot and port cebu, p. I. was recovered from Mukden, 16 Aug. 1945. Address: Mona L. Cook, 236 Long Beach, Calif. Received \$600.00 chargeable to arrears in pay, pending final settlement of such arrears.
- 15. Boulware, Marcus B. It col., Inf., 0-10170 pied or acute colities while being transported by ship to Japan, 23 Jan. 1945. Address. Mrs. virginia W. Boulware, 747 Myrtle Drive, Rock Hill, gouth Carolina. No record of having received back pay.
- 16. carlton, Arthur Bertram, Lt col. ASN-115820, POW, Formosa, 20 gept. 1942. Died of acute colities, during transport by ship to japan, 10 jan. 1945. No record of having received back pay.

And that the wwar Department Alphabetical Casualty Listing of officers and Enlisted personnel of the U.S. Army in p. I. Area as of 7 pecember 1941 gives the following additional data:

- 1. Name, Johnson, Lee W; Casualty status, POW; Grade, 1st Lt; Arm or service, FA; sub unit, E 10; organization, 0088 06; gerial No. 322416.
- 2. Name, Carlton, Arthur B; Casualty status, PCW; Grade, Capt; Arm or service, QMC; gub unit, 00-; organization 7260 59; gerial No. 115820.

That I have also carefully examined the following records of the Recovered personnel Branch, USAFPAC: a. Index, b. Machine Locator cards, c. 201 File. d. pay youchers, e. wo list of pers. in PTA, 7 Dec. 1941, and also the "Index" and the "201" records or the Hq., Phil. army and found no information of any kind whatsoever partaining to:

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what the 201 of this officer is missing from the file and could not be located.

However, Brig. Gen. Chynosweth in his letter to the A. G. O

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22 oct. 1945, recalls among other things, "Henry Talmadge appointed 2nd Lt.-employed as engineer on water supply-outpost work-- no military qualifications."

Further affiant sayeth not.

GERONIMO RODRIGUEZ

gubscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Notember

1945, Manila, Philippines.

PAUL W. BECKER

Major,

Claims Investigating Officer

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