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*Here are some papers on fraud. You might file them with my retained papers in the safe. (Committee). I will clean that up some day.*

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# U.S.V.A. Has Uncovered New Racket In Guerrilla Back Pay, Lovett Reports

What was apparently another racket in connection with back pay for guerrillas had just been uncovered by investigators of the U.S. veterans administration, it was announced by Gen. Ralph B. Lovett, U.S.V.A. regional manager.

Members of the 103rd Infantry regiment, L.G.A.F., supposedly under the command of a "Col." Victoriano Luluquisin, appeared to be the intended victims.

Letters, bearing the alleged signature of "Col." Luluquisin, have been circulated amongst the battalion and company commanders of the 103rd Infantry regiment requesting them to submit 20 centavos to "Col." Luluquisin's headquarters for each man in their respective units to cover the cost of preparation of vouchers claiming back pay.

These letters stated that the vouchers were to be submitted to the U.S.V.A., which would authorize payments of back pay, in compliance with a memorandum purporting to come from a "J. T. Johnston, Chief, Treasury Dept., U.S.V.A."

Gen. Lovett, in exposing this obvious attempt to defraud a large number of ex-guerrillas, stated that the U.S.V.A. had never employed any person named J. T. Johnston and that there was no such title in his organization as "Chief, Treasury Dept." The memorandum, allegedly from the U.S.V.A. referred to in "Col." Luluquisin's letter is not authentic and should not be accepted as such by any person.

Lovett also stated that the U.S.V.A. had absolutely no control over and did not in any way administer matters pertaining to arrears in pay, quarters allowance, or guerrilla recognition. U.S. army authorities have jurisdiction over such matters and all inquiries in connection with these matters are referred to the U.S. army.

Photostat copies of the correspondence and additional evidence obtained by the office of the chief attorney of the veterans administration have been forwarded to the national bureau of investigation and the Philippine constabulary.

# U.S. SYMPATHETIC TO PACIFIC BODY

WASHINGTON, July 31 (UP) —Secretary of State Dean Acheson said at a press conference Wednesday that the United States was sympathetic to the idea of a Pacific Council for all free nations of the Pacific, but that he could not foresee at present how it would develop.

Acheson said he believed, however, that the foreign ministers of Australia, New Zealand and the United States would meet once a year and perhaps more often in the council to be set up in Honolulu next month.

Asked if he thought a wider council, including other free nations of the Pacific, might evolve from the Anzus council (Australia, New Zealand and the United States), Acheson pointed out that congress and the United States and Far Eastern governments had put forward the Pacific Council idea.

He cited the specific suggestion of Philippine President

Quirino for such a council. This has proved impossible so far, he said.

The United States, he added, always has been sympathetic to the idea; but said that he did not know how such an organization would come about.

He cited the problems of differing security interests, different points of view and the great differences involved as major impediments to a Pacific Council.

At the Honolulu meeting opening August 4, Acheson said the three governments hope to reach an agreement on the organization of the council and its functions. The foreign ministers will take up various political and military matters affecting their relations in the Pacific, he said.

He expressed hope that the organization to be set up will provide more effective government-to-government relations between Australia and New Zealand.

He said there would be observers from other countries to attend the meeting.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION  
APO 707

15 March 1948

SUBJECT: Claims Racketeers

TO : The Director, RPD

Approximately a month ago, Major Mendoza, the officer in charge of Philippine Army personnel on duty with this Division, informed me that he had received information that the claimant in the case of Jose Lapus had been contacted by individuals on duty with this Division who informed her that for the sum of ₱2,000.00 they could arrange to expedite her claim. Major Mendoza had conferred with her and an agreement was reached, that when her case was adjudicated and forwarded to Finance Service, she would reveal to him the names of the individuals in the Deceased Claims Section, who were allegedly involved. In view of this fact, the case was handled as a special one and was adjudicated, reviewed, and forwarded to Finance Service without going through the normal procedures. Only four individuals in this section know of this action.

Approximately two weeks after the case had been forwarded to Camp Murphy, the claimant contacted the Judge Advocate General's Office, whose responsibility it is to determine heirs, and they informed her that although she had been living with the deceased for some time, and was finally married to him two hours before his death, she would not be entitled to any arrears in pay. All such funds would go to relatives of the deceased with whom she is not on friendly terms. Because of this fact, she refused to reveal the names of the individuals guilty of the attempted bribery. As a result, her case was more or less suspended in the hope that she would change her mind.

This morning, Major Mendoza contacted me stating that he had more information in connection with this case. According to him, yesterday morning, 14 March, he talked with an individual who claimed to be an agent in a ring presently engaged in defrauding claimants. The informant stated that he had been double-crossed by members of the group inasmuch as his cut for work done in connection with claims was a matter of ₱30.00 to ₱40.00, whereas other members received several hundreds. According to the informant, the leader of the ring was Placido Briones who was formerly a 2nd Lt in the General Service Troops, ECLGA. The informant stated that he lived at the corner of Zurbaran and Felix Huertas St. However records on file in this Division give his address as

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1053-A Pedro Guevarra St., Manila. He is assisted by Paulino Briones, Jr., also a member of this guerrilla unit. It was stated that this group had agents presently assigned in RFD, as well as in Finance Service, Armed Forces of the Philippines. Two officers on duty in the Deceased Claims Section were supposedly involved, one of whom is Lt Dominador Gaerlan, whose wife is a relative of Jose Lapuz. The name of the other was not known, but he was described as a Captain in Section "B", which must have referred to Section "A-C", rather large and who wore a square ring set with diamonds. While this description is very general, it most closely fits Captain Beate Relato who has been working in Section "A-C". Captain Relato is rather tall and well built. He wears a ring with a set of four stones on a rectangle of gold. In connection with Captain Relato, it should be stated that he was with the Field Processing Team in Mindanao during the time that a complaint was made by individuals from that province, that the team was requiring the payment of a specified amount before they would process them. It is understood that investigation of this matter failed to reveal any positive proof. It is possible that such fact is purely circumstantial evidence, however, it is felt that such information should be made known.

Major Mendoza stated that he intended to present the facts stated above, to Col Gabriel, G-2, Armed Forces of the Philippines, for investigation. He hoped that it would be possible to set a trap which would result in the apprehension of the individuals involved, and that conclusive evidence sufficient to obtain a conviction might be obtained.

While the information as stated above does not indicate conclusively that the members of this group are accepting bribes for crimes committed against the U.S. Government, it is believed that records probably have been changed, and papers falsified in connection with their activities. It is believed advisable to allow individuals suspected, to continue their employment for the present, so that an investigation may be conducted.

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RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION  
APO 707

18 February 1948

SUBJECT: Investigation of Alfredo Dagohey

TO: The Director, RPD

The following is a summary of the facts as obtained from an investigation concerning the alleged acceptance of money by PHILRYCOM civilian employee, Alfredo Dagohey, on or about the 20th of January 1948.

According to the statement of the claimant, (a copy of which is attached), she came to this section on 12 January 1948 to inquire as to the status of her claim. She was informed by Mr. Dagohey that the claim was in the Control section and he intimated that it would be there for a considerable period of time, but with help it could be expedited. He then made arrangements to meet her in a Restaurant across the street from this Division, where he told her that for the sum of ₱1000.00, he could alter the case to entitle the veteran to an additional year of pay, as well as expedite it. It was there upon agreed that the claimant would attempt to obtain the money and meet him in the Restaurant, at a later date.

On 20 January 1948, the time of the next meeting, they went to a Restaurant down town where he finally agreed to settle for ₱600.00. Records indicate that he ask for and was granted a pass for one-half day on this date. Upon receipt of ₱600.00, he gave the claimant a copy of a standard form used by this section to inform claimants as to the date their cases were sent to Finance Service, HNDF, for computation. The form stated that the case had been sent to Finance Service on the 8th of January 1948. The claimant there upon checked with the Finance and Judge Advocate General's Offices at Camp Murphy, where she found that she would be entitled to approximately ₱1,600.00 and that no change had been made in the case entitling her to arrears in pay corresponding to an additional year of service.

She returned to RPD on 13 Feb 48, with the intent of trying to recover the ₱600.00 from Mr. Dagohey. As Mr. Dagohey was absent, such fact was discovered and an immediate investigation started. He returned the following morning and was immediately placed under arrest and turned over to an agent of CID to be held pending further investigation. At the time that the individual was placed under arrest, he admitted to one of the officers in this section, that he received the sum of ₱600.00 for the promise to expedite the case and alter the file.

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That afternoon, CID agent, Azcueta, returned and informed me that in his opinion, the Army did not have a case against the subject individual in view of the fact that apparently no falsification of records was made and that no crime had been committed against the US Government. Mr. Azcueta, reported that while the individual would talk, he refused to make any written statement. Mr. Dagohoy had stated that he had given the money to an individual down town who was known to him only as "Morris", and that he had not received any of the P600.00 for his share. "Morris" was supposedly the head of a group of individuals employed by this Division whose intent it was to obtain money from individuals who had claims on file.

At that time I called the PHILRYCOM, Judge Advocate General's Office, and spoke to Major Brown, relating the whole story. He stated that we would be unable to prefer court martial charges against the individual as apparently no crime had been committed against the US Government. His advice was to discharge the individual with prejudice and forget the matter.

I then contacted the Director by telephone advising him of such fact and it was agreed to turn the individual over to Major Mendoza, Chief, AG-AFFRP Branch, who it was hoped might be able to persuade the individual to return the P600.00 as well as to see if the case could be presented to civilian authorities for prosecution under Republic Act 136.

The personnel officer was requested to have the subject employee discharged with prejudice.

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Statement of J. Lacbo

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Statement of JUANA LACBO taken 1520 hours, 12 Feb 48 at the Office of the Chief, AG-AFPRP Br., Mandaluyong, Rizal.

STATEMENT

I, JUANA LACBO, Filipino, 60 years of age and residing at 318, Int 7 San Andres, Malate, Manila, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law depose and say the following in answer to the respective questions:

1. Q: What did you come to this office for?

A: In order to complain about the case of my son, the late PONCIANO JAMORAO.

2. Q: Please tell us about the case of your son.

A: Last year, I filed a claim for the arrears in pay which may be due my son, PONCIANO JAMORAO, a deceased USAFFE. On or about 1500 hours in the afternoon of 12 Jan 48, we came to the RPD Building A-C to inquire about the status of my said claim.

3. Q: With whom did you talk to that afternoon?

A: I talked to one who identified himself as Mr. DAGOHY.

4. Q: Will you remember him if you see him again?

A: I cannot remember him anymore myself as my eyesights are poor but my niece, Mrs. CARMEN BALAGTAS who was my companion that time may be able to recognize him.

5. Q: What did Mr. DAGOHY tell you about your claim?

A: He told me that my claim was in the Control Section.

6. Q: What else did he tell you?

A: When I ask him how long will it take for my claim to be finished in the Control Section, he answered that it will take six months. But if somebody will help me, it will be expedited. Then he told me to return the following Monday afternoon.

7. Q: Did you return that following Monday?

A: Yes, Sir, we returned, and we talked with him again.

8. Q: What did he tell you? ~~To wait for him in the Restaurant.~~

A: He told us to wait for him in the Restaurant in front of RPD after office hours.

9. Q: Did you wait for him in that restaurant?

A: Yes.

10. Q: What transpired between you and Mr. DAGOHY?

A: After office hours, he came to us and told us that he had made arrangement with a certain lieutenant in the Control Section and that if I gave him ₱1,000.00 the case will be expedited. We also ask him that if we give the money, when we shall get the advise slip which will be forwarded to Murphy. And he answered that he will get it immediately.

11. Q: What else did he tell you?

A: He told us that the ₱1,000.00 will come from part of the back-pay which will be increased by the equivalent of one year's salary which he would be able to add in the adjudication of our case amounting to an additional

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Carmen Balagtas*

*Juana Lacbo*

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sum of ₱2,000.00. He told us also to wait for him the following day, January 20, 1948 in the same restaurant in front of RPD area. We agreed to meet in the same restaurant the following day in the afternoon.

12. Q: Did you agree to give the money?  
A: We promised to return the following day with the money.
13. Q: Did you give him the money?  
A: Yes, in the amount of ₱600.00.
14. Q: Did he have any companion that afternoon?  
A: He was alone.
15. Q: You said he was demanding ₱1,000.00, how come that you gave him ₱600.00 only?  
A: When we returned the following day, we found him waiting for us at the same restaurant where we talked the day previous and from there we proceeded to Quiapo and went to a certain restaurant in Calle Raon, the second corner after the corner of Evangelista and Raon. While on the restaurant, we told him that we have only ₱500.00 but he said that was not enough. Finally, I told him that I had only that much. He said that he had the verification slip with him and that the ₱500.00 will all go to the lieutenant and he will have no share in it. So I asked if ₱600.00 would be acceptable to him and he agreed to the ₱600.00. I handed him the ₱600.00 and he gave me the verification slip.
16. Q: Do you have the verification slip with you?  
A: It is at home.
17. Q: Who were present when you gave the money to Mr. DAGOHY?  
A: My son, ISAIAS JAMORAO and my niece CARMEN BALAGTAS and ARCADIA RAYA.
18. Q: At what time did you give him the money?  
A: About 1630 hours.
19. Q: He left the RPD area during office hours at 1500 hours, did he not tell you why he was able to leave?  
A: He told us that he was on pass.
20. Q: What did you do with the verification slip that he gave you?  
A: We went to Camp Murphy and inquired at the Finance Service about my claim and we found out that my claim was sent to Camp Murphy on 8 Jan 48 and later we were informed at the Judge Advocate General Service that the total amount due was ₱1,675.00 only.
21. Q: After that day when you delivered the ₱600.00 to Mr. DAGOHY, did you meet him again?  
A: No, sir.

*Aracelia Raya  
Carmen Balagtas*

*Isaia Jamora*

Statement of JUANA LACBO (Continued)


22. Q: Have you anything further to say?  
A: None, sir.

The above statement were translated to the affiant in Tagalog and she stated that it is true and correct to the best of her knowledge.


Signed in the Presence of:

Acacio Raya

Carmen Balagtas

*Juana Lacbo*  
  
JUANA LACBO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 13th day of February 1948  
at Mandaluyong, Rizal.

  
PEDRO R. MANAGO  
1st Lt, Inf, O-46177, AFP  
Asst Legal Officer, Inv. Sec, AFPRP Br

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RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION  
APO 707

8 March 1948

SUBJECT: Alleged Bribery

TO: The Director, RPD

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On Friday, 20 Feb 48, there came to my office an individual who identified herself as Miss R. V. Garcia and inquired as to the status of the case of her sister, Mrs. Victoria V. Buenaventura. I personally checked the claim and found that it had previously been sent to Finance Service, HNDP, on 30 Jan 48. Upon receiving such information, she informed me that an individual by the name of Dominador Avila had informed her sister that it had not been forwarded and that for a certain consideration he could expedite the case. An immediate investigation was started. Capt Fajardo was called and he agreed to call on the claimant that night and obtain from her a statement in connection with the facts and circumstances surrounding the case. He contacted the claimant and obtained a statement, a copy of which is attached. The following morning, it was determined that there was insufficient evidence to establish more than an intent to obtain funds, and in view of the fact that the claimant was afraid to file charges against such employee, the only solution was to discharge the employee with prejudice, and notify the Department of Justice, Republic of the Philippines with the request that they take such action as they deemed necessary. On the 24th of Feb 48, Avila, a PHILRYCOM employee was asked to report to the Civilian Personnel Officer for discharge with prejudice. He attempted to plead his case but was informed that such action was final. On the 25th of Feb 48, a note was received from Miss Garcia to the effect that Avila had come to their house the previous night to try and get them to intercede with this office in his behalf, a copy of her note is attached.

In view of her fear that her family should be harmed, a request was made to the Department of Justice, Republic of the Philippines, to furnish protection to such an extent as was possible.

Such employee was discharged with prejudice, and no further developments have occurred since that date.

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1. Ltr fr R. V. Garcia
2. Statement of V.V.B.
3. Affidavit of J.V.G.

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25 Feb 48

Lt D R Essam  
RFD

Sir:

Last night at about 5:00 p.m. Dominador Avila called at my place. He was looking for my sister. I had to deny her. I was the one who confronted him and thanks the Lord he does not have a faint recollection of how my sister look like. Now it is me who is in the frontline. I will hide my sister as long as I can - even to the end. If she will know this she might die - she has a chronic heart disease. Now sir, we talked for about an hour. He admitted to me the truth and laid before me the facts that prompted him to do those things. It seems that it was not only my sister who had been offered that 'proposition'. He was pleading for mercy not for him but for his family. He has a wife and two kids. In fact, according to him, the day when he 'proposed' to my sister, the day before that his wife gave birth to their second child and he was dead broke. He needed money very badly. At first, I admit, I was indignant. I was moved by his pleadings and his admittance of his guilt. He said he will be laid off. But if my sister will come to the rescue it might help. I told him my sister is in the province and there is no means of communicating with her except next Saturday. Sir, I am informing you of this incident so that you may be able to help me in case this thing grew worse. I intend to drop there but I have not time as my boss is not in the office will not be in today.

Thanks,

/s/ R. V. Garcia

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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Ex O for DCA, PA Br. RFD

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION  
ROUTING SLIP

7 Jun 1948

FROM: Chief, PA Br

TO :

DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHILIPPINE ARMY BRANCH \_\_\_\_\_

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PA Operation Sec \_\_\_\_\_  
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FILE NO:

SUBJECT: Anomalies Committed by RPD Officer, Cont'd. DATE: 28 May 48

FROM: OIC, Inv Sec, AG-A<sup>F</sup>PRP Br TO: Chief, PA Br

16. Recommend that this case be closed.

  
M. S. F.

Incls:

Exhs. 1-8

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(2) FROM: Ch, PA Br

TO: Ex O, Deceased Claims Aff 7 Jun 48

For necessary action.



Incls: n/c

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D. R. E.

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9. Likewise, Mrs. Felisa Ocampo, widow of the late Dr. Artemin Eustaquio, testified that she knows Lt. Lucio Silvestre (Ans. 14, Exh. "6"), but he did not advise her to file a claim (Ans. 13, Exh. "6"). Gonzalo Magsalin prepared her claim (Ans. 9, Exh. "6") and he was the one who told her to file one (Ans. 10, Exh. "6") which she filed directly with the RPD (Ans. 11, Exh. "6"). Her claim, however, cannot be located in the DCS, RPD.

10. Claimant Toribia Benito, widow of the late Alejandro Magbalana, testified that she does not know Lt Lucio Silvestre (Ans. 14, Exh. "7"), and she does not know of anybody working in the RPD (Ans. 13, Exh. "7"). She filed her claim with the RPD, because she was advised by the CO of her late husband in the Guerrilla, Lt Col Pedro Cruz, who prepared her claim which she filed directly with the RPD (Ans. 11, Exh. "7").

11. It has been alleged that Lt Lucio Silvestre prepared false Affidavits signed by real members of the USAFFE, to support the USAFFE status of Mauro Labao and Proceso Ordonez, but it has been found that there is no record of any claim for the estate of Mauro Labao in the DCS, RPD. While it is true that there exists a claim for the estate of Proceso Ordonez, filed by his Widow, yet there is not a single Affidavit of this nature attached to the claim referred to above. Claimant, however, testified that she knows that the deceased, having been a student in Far Eastern University (Ans. 7, Exh. "5"), had undergone Military Training in Camp Murphy for two months, in 1941 (Ans. 25-28, Exh. "5"); was called to Active Duty in the Philippine Army in the early part of December, 1941 (Ans. 9, Exh. "5"); was sent to Mauban, Tayabas (Ans. 7, Exh. "5"); and returned home in January, 1942 (Ans. 9, Exh. "5").

12. From the copy of the Roster submitted for Recognition, which was produced by Lt Col Pedro Cruz, the following data have been copied:

PROCESO ORDONEZ, 2"Lt,	Captured & Killed by Japs,	1Dec'44,	Taguig, Rizal.
MARTIN CRUZ,	" " " " " "	" " " "	" " " "
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13. Among the claims which could be located and charged out to this Office, only the deceased Martin Cruz used alias name, such as, "Leonardo Cruz" or "Leonard ZURC" which has been certified to by Lt Col Pedro Cruz and Capt Amado B Santos of the unit to which the deceased veteran belonged.

14. Lt. Lucio Silvestre testified that he does not know the deceased persons mentioned in Par 12 hereof, except Proceso Ordonez (Ans. 31, Exh. "8"); but he does know the widow of same (Ans. 32, Exh. "8"), and he did not help her prepare her claim (Ans. 34, Exh. "8"). He stated that he does not know if the late Proceso Ordonez was a member of the USAFFE (Ans. 33, Exh. "8"). In fact, he did not help anybody from Tipas, Taguig, Rizal, in the preparation of their claims (Ans. 35, Exh. "8").

15. In view of the foregoing considerations, it follows that there is no evidence to support any cause of action against 2nd Lt Lucio Silvestre.

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FILE NO:

SUBJECT: Anomalies committed by RPD Officer

DATE: 28 May 48

FROM: OIC, Inv Sec, AG-AFPRP Br TO: Chief, PA Br

1. This report is submitted pursuant to a copy of an anonymous letter dtd 16 April 48, addressed to the Hq, PHILRYCOM, APO 707, which was indorsed to this Office for investigation of an alleged anomaly committed by 2nd Lt Lucio Silvestre of the DCS, RPD, Mandaluyong, Rizal, and other matters contained therein.
2. In the investigation of this case, all claimants mentioned in said letter were called to testify, including the CO, Lt Col Pedro Cruz, of the ROTC Guerrillas, who was requested to produce copies of yearly Roster and the Roster submitted for recognition.
3. Likewise, the claims supposed to have been filed by the widows with the RPD were requested to be charged out to this Office, but unfortunately only two claims, that of Maria Cruz for the estate of Martin Cruz, and that of Maria Capistrano for the estate of her deceased husband Proceso Ordonez, were found. The supposed claims for the estates of Mauro Labao, Alejandro Magabalana and Marciano Magsalin do not have any record in the RPD and those for the estates of Francisco Santa Ana and Artemio Eustaquio could not be located in the corresponding sub-sections of the DCS, RPD.
4. Claimant Maria Dionisio, widow of the late Martin Cruz, testified that she knows 2nd Lt Lucio Silvestre (Ans. 10, Exh. "1"), but she does not know of anybody having been advised by Lt Silvestre to file a claim with the RPD (Ans. 11, Exh. "1"); neither did she ask information from said 2nd Lt Silvestre (Ans. 12, Exh. "1"). Lt Col Pedro Cruz, CO of her deceased husband, was the one who prepared her claim (Ans. 2, Exh. "1").
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6. Mrs. Belen Capistrano, widow of the late Mauro Labao, declared that she knows Lt Silvestre (Ans. 14, Exh. "3"), but she never talked to him about the filing of her claim (Ans. 15, Exh. "3"); neither did Lt Silvestre tell her to file a claim (Ans. 17, Exh. "3") although she filed one with the RPD (Ans. 20, Exh. "3"). It has been found, however, that the DCS, RPD, has no record of said claim.
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Tipas, Taguig, Rizal  
April 16, 1948

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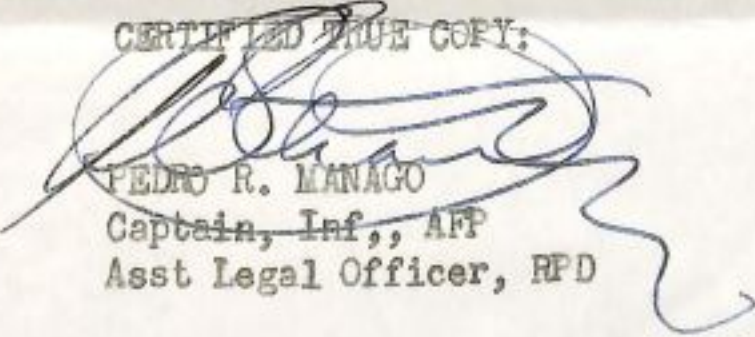
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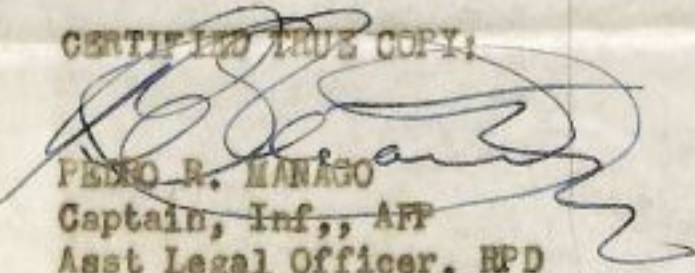
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A.- Yes, Sir.
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15. Q.- Don't you know of any other deceased person by the name of Leonardo Cruz?

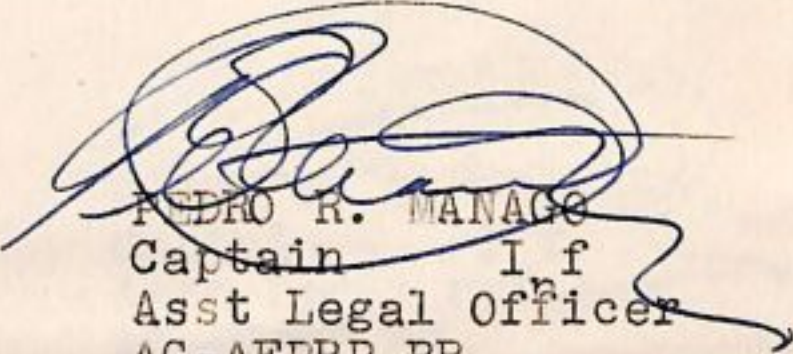
A.- None, Sir.

16. Q.- Do you have some more to say about this investigation?

± A.- None, Sir.

*Maria Dionisio*  
MARIA DIONISIO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5th day of April 1948 at RPD, Mandaluyong, Rizal.

  
PEDRO R. MANAGO  
Captain I f  
Asst Legal Officer  
AG-AFPRP BR.

Exh. '1'

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. EDUARDA ELIAS

1. Q.- State your name, age, and other personal circumstances?  
A.- Eduarda Elias, 38 years of age, and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- Are you the widow of the late Dr. Francisco Sta. Ana of Taguig, Rizal?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
3. Q.- When did Dr. Sta Ana die?  
A.- He died on 4 April 1945.
4. Q.- Where did he die?  
A.- He died in Muntinglupa, Rizal.
5. Q.- Did he die in the Bilibid Prison?  
A.- I do not know, Sir, I was told only by Pedro Cruz that he died there.
6. Q.- Why was he in Muntinglupa?  
A.- I do not know, Sir.
7. Q.- Of what did he die?  
A.- I do not know the cause of his death, Sir.
8. Q.- Do you know of any officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in the RPD?  
A.- I know of some but I do not know their names, except one Lucio.
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A.- Yes, Sir. ~~know his surname, Sir.~~
10. Q.- Did you have any conversation with Lt Lucio Silvestre about the death of your husband?  
A.- No, Sir.
11. Q.- Did you file any claim with the RPD due to the death of your husband?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
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A.- Long time already, Sir, I do not remember the date now.
13. Q.- Why did you file a claim?  
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A.- Because he was a Pvt in the ROTC, according to Pedro Cruz, his Officer.

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(Testimony of Mrs E Elias, Cont'd)

16. Q.- Have you received already any back pay for your deceased husband?  
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21. Q.- Was Pedro Cruz the Municipal Mayor of Taguig, Rizal, during the Japanese occupation in the Philippines?  
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29. Q.- What is the rank of Pedro Cruz?

A.- I do not know, Sir, but he was the Officer of my late husband.

30. Q.- Did your deceased husband have any other name?

A.- Yes, Sir. He used Rufino Ocuno, according to his CO.

31. Q.- Why did he use the alias name Rufino Ocuno?

A.- I do not know, Sir.

32. Q.<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Do you know of his alias name during his lifetime?

A.- No, Sir.

33. Q.- Don't you know of any other deceased person by the name of Rufino Ocuno?

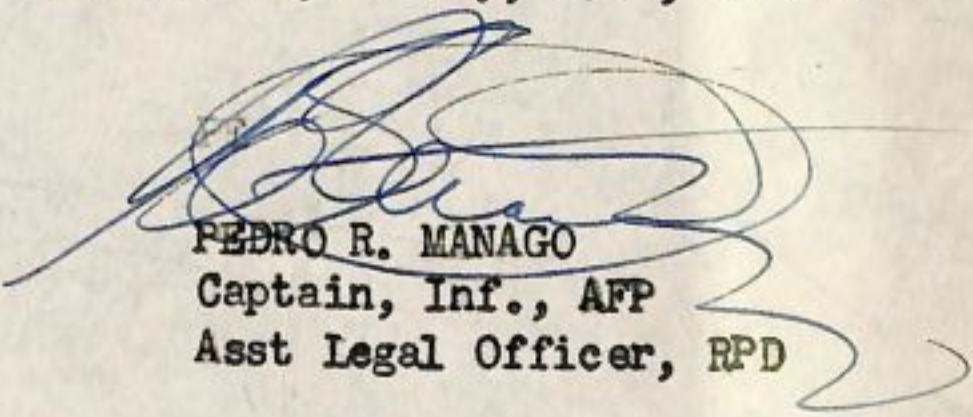
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*Eduarda E. Sta. Ana*  
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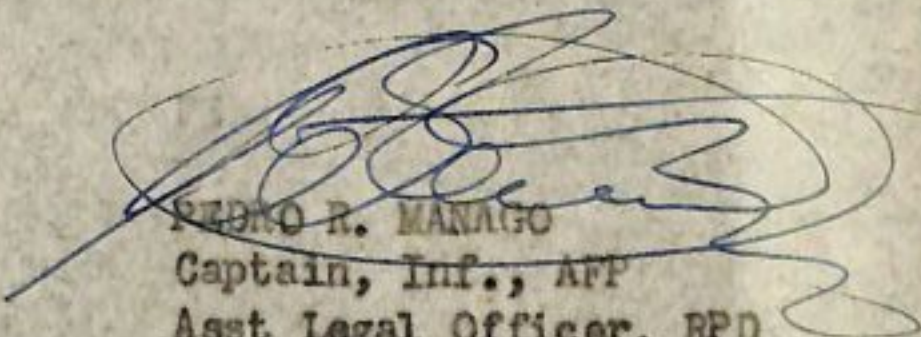
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1. Q.- State your name age and other personal circumstances?  
A.- Belen Capistrano, 27 years of age, widow and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- Who was your deceased husband?  
A.- Mauro Labao.
3. Q.- When and where did he die?  
A.- He died on Sept 10, 1943, he was taken from house by Japs and he did not return home anymore, neither was he been thereafter.
4. Q.- Why was he taken by the Japs?  
A.- I do not know, but the Japs just came and got him.
5. Q.- Do you have any child with him?  
A.- Yes, we have one child, a boy of five years old.
6. Q.- When did you marry?  
A.- On June 7, 1942.
7. Q.- Did you file any claim with the RFD?  
A.- Yes, Sir, in 1946.
8. Q.- Why did you file a claim?  
A.- I was told by my mother-in-law to file a claim, because my deceased husband was a soldier who fought in Bataan during the World War II.
9. Q.- Do you know when your husband arrived home from Bataan?  
A.- Yes, Sir, he arrived in May, 1942.
10. Q.- Who can testify that your husband fought in Bataan in 1942?  
A.- Delfin Cruz and Felipe Bernabe both also fought in Bataan.
11. Q.- Did they execute an affidavit about the USAFFE activities of your husband?  
A.- Yes, Sir, and their affidavits have been attached to my claim.
12. Q.- Did your deceased husband participate in the Resistance Movement?  
A.- Yes, according to his Officer, Pedro Cruz.
13. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz execute also an affidavit about the Guerrilla activities of your husband?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
14. Q.- Do you know Lt Lucio Silvestre?  
A.- Yes, Sir, I know him.

*Belen Capistrano*  
Exh. "3"

TESTIMONY OF MRS. BELEN CAPISTRANO

(Testimony of Mrs. Belen Capistrano, Court 4)

1. Q.- State your name age and other personal circumstances?  
A.- Belen Capistrano, 27 years of age, widow and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
16. Q.- Why did you not ask him since he is your townmate?  
A.- No, Sir, because I do not use to ask information.
2. Q.- Who was your deceased husband?  
A.- Mauro Isbao.
17. Q.- Is it not true that Lt Lucio Silvestre told you to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir, I have not talked to him yet.
3. Q.- When and where did he die?  
A.- He died on Sept 10, 1943, he was taken from house by Japs and he did not return home anymore, neither was he seen thereafter.
18. Q.- Who prepared your claim?  
A.- Pedro Cruz, Sir.
4. Q.- Why was he taken by the Japs?  
A.- I do not know, but the Japs just came and got him.
5. Q.- Do you have any child with him?  
A.- Yes, we have one child, a boy of five years old.
6. Q.- When did you marry?  
A.- On June 7, 1942.
7. Q.- Did you file any claim with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir, in 1946.
8. Q.- Why did you file a claim?  
A.- I was told by my mother-in-law to file a claim, because my deceased husband was a soldier who fought in Bataan during the World War II.
9. Q.- Do you know when your husband arrived home from Bataan?  
A.- Yes, Sir, he arrived in May, 1942.
10. Q.- Who can testify that your husband fought in Bataan in 1942?  
A.- Delfin Cruz and Felipe Bernabe both also fought in Bataan.
11. Q.- Did they execute an affidavit about the USAFFE activities of your husband?  
A.- Yes, Sir, and their affidavits have been attached to my claim.
12. Q.- Did your deceased husband participate in the Resistance Movement?  
A.- Yes, according to his Officer, Pedro Cruz.
13. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz execute also an affidavit about the Guerrilla activities of your husband?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
14. Q.- Do you know Lt Lucio Silvestre?  
A.- Yes, Sir, I know him.

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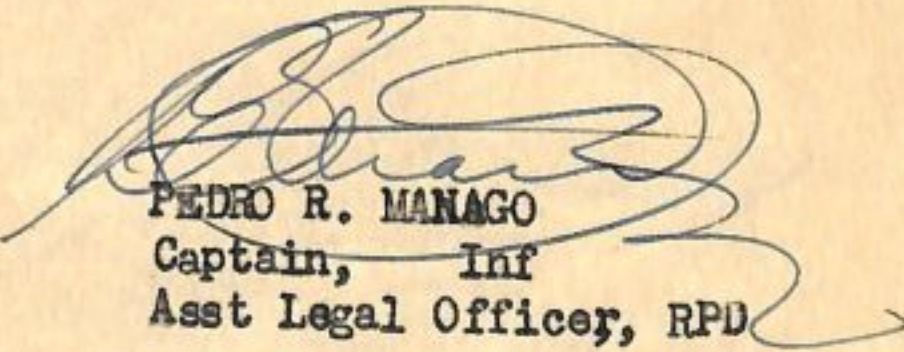


(Testimony of Mrs. B Capistrano, Cont'd)

15. Q.- Did you talk to him about the filing of your claim?  
A.- No, Sir.
16. Q.- Why did you not ask him since he is your townmate?  
A.- No, Sir, because I do not use to ask information.
17. Q.- Is it not true that Lt Lucio Silvestre told you to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir, I have not talked to him yet.
18. Q.- Who prepared your claim?  
A.- Pedro Cruz, Sir.
19. Q.- Where did he prepare it?  
A.- I do not know, Sir.
20. Q.- Who filed your claim?  
A.- I filed it with the RPD, Sir.
21. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation?  
A.- No more, Sir.

*Belen Capistrano*  
BELEN CAPISTRANO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 7th day of May, 1948, at  
Mandaluyong, Rizal.

  
PEDRO R. MANAGO  
Captain, Inf  
Asst Legal Officer, RPD

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. CEFERINA DIONISIA

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(Testimony of Mrs. B. Capistrano, Cont'd)

- other personal circumstances.
15. Q.- Did you talk to him about the filing of your claim?  
A.- No, Sir.
16. Q.- Why did you not ask him since he is your townmate?  
A.- No, Sir, because I do not use to ask information.
17. Q.- Is it not true that Lt. Lucio Silvestre told you to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir, I have not talked to him yet.
18. Q.- Who prepared your claim?  
A.- Pedro Cruz, Sir.
19. Q.- How did you happen to know that he died there?  
A.- I do not know, Sir.
20. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz tell you why your husband died?  
A.- I filed it with the RPD, Sir.
21. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation?  
A.- No more, Sir.
8. Q.- When did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- I do not remember the date now.
9. Q.- Why did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Because my deceased husband was a soldier in the ROTC.
- SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 7th day of May, 1948, at Mandaluyong, Rizal, you that your husband was a soldier in the ROTC?  
A.- Mr. Pedro Cruz of Taguig, Rizal.
11. Q.- Who told you to file a claim in the RPD?  
A.- Pedro Cruz, Sir. He was the CO of my husband in the ROTC Guerrillas.
12. Q.- Do you know Lt. Lucio Silvestre?  
A.- I know him, Sir, but I do not know his rank.
13. Q.- Did Lt. Lucio Silvestre talk to you about filing of claims with the RPD?  
A.- No, Sir.
14. Q.- Do you know of some people who was advised by him to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir.
15. Q.- What was the occupation of your husband during the Japs occupation in the Philippines?  
A.- None, Sir, but he was always out from home.

*Belen Capistrano*  
BELEN CAPISTRANO

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PEDRO R. MANAGO  
Captain, Inf  
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*Ceferina Dionisia*

TESTIMONY OF MRS. CEFERINA DIONISIO

1. Q.- State your name, age and other personal circumstances.  
A.- Ceferina Dionisio, 37 years of age, widow, and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- What relationship did you have with the late Marciano Magsalin?  
A.- He was my husband, Sir.
3. Q.- When did he die and what did he die of?  
A.- He died on Jan 16, 1945, I do not know the cause of his death.
4. Q.- Where did he die?  
A.- In Mabankal, Morong, Rizal.
5. Q.- How did you happen to know that he died there?  
A.- I was informed by Mr. Pedro Cruz.
6. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz tell you why your husband died?  
A.- No, Sir.
7. Q.- Did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
8. Q.- When did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- I do not remember the date now, Sir.
9. Q.- Why did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Because my deceased husband was a soldier in the ROTC.
10. Q.- Who told you that your husband was a soldier in the ROTC?  
A.- Mr. Pedro Cruz of Taguig, Rizal.
11. Q.- Who told you to file a claim in the RPD?  
A.- Pedro Cruz, Sir. He was the CO of my deceased husband in the ROTC Guerrillas.
12. Q.- Do you know Lt Lucio Silvestre?  
A.- I know him, Sir, but I do not know that he is an officer.
13. Q.- Did Lt Lucio Silvestre talk to you about filing of claims with the RPD?  
A.- No, Sir.
14. Q.- Do you know of some people who was advised by him to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir.
15. Q.- What was the occupation of your husband during the Japs occupation in the Philippines?  
A.- None, Sir, but he was always out from home.

*Ceferina Dionisio*

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. CEFERINA DIONISIO

(Testimony of Mrs. C Dionisia, Cont'd)

1. Q.- State your name, age and other personal circumstances.  
A.- Ceferina Dionisio, 37 years of age, widow, and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal. I have four children, the oldest being 12 years old now.
2. Q.- What relationship did you have with the late Marciano Magsalin?  
A.- He was my husband, Sir.
3. Q.- When did he die and what did he die of?  
A.- He died on Jan 16, 1945, I do not know the cause of his death.
4. Q.- Where did he die?  
A.- In Mabankal, Morong, Rizal. My husband was a member of the ROTC Guerrillas.
5. Q.- How did you happen to know that he died there?  
A.- I was informed by Mr. Pedro Cruz.  
Q.- Yes, Sir, and he told me not to mind his going out.
6. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz tell you why your husband died?  
A.- No, Sir. I did not know that he was a guerrilla while he was still alive?  
A.- No, Sir.
7. Q.- Did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir. Do you desire to state in this investigation?  
A.- No more, Sir.
8. Q.- When did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- I do not remember the date now, Sir.
9. Q.- Why did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Because my deceased husband was a soldier in the ROTC.
10. Q.- Who told you that your husband was a soldier in the ROTC?  
A.- Mr. Pedro Cruz of Taguig, Rizal.
11. Q.- Who told you to file a claim in the RPD?  
A.- Pedro Cruz, Sir. He was the CO of my deceased husband in the ROTC Guerrillas.
12. Q.- Do you know Lt Lucio Silvestre?  
A.- I know him, Sir, but I do not know that he is an officer.
13. Q.- Did Lt Lucio Silvestre talk to you about filing of claims with the RPD?  
A.- No, Sir.
14. Q.- Do you know of some people who was advised by him to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir.
15. Q.- What was the occupation of your husband during the Japs occupation in the Philippines?  
A.- None, Sir, but he was always out from home.

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*PEDRO R. MANAGO*

*Captain, 1st Lt*

*DR*

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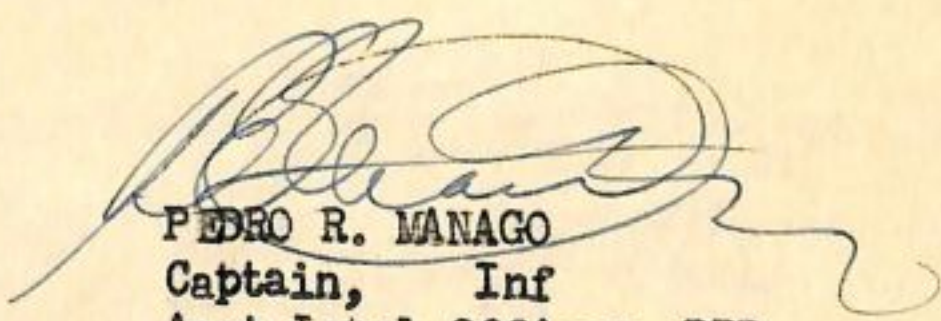
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(Testimony of Mrs. C Dionisia, Cont'd)

16. Q.- Do you have a child with your deceased husband?  
A.- Yes, Sir, we have four children, the eldest being 12 years old now.
17. Q.- Did you consult anybody how claims are filed?  
A.- Yes, Sir, I asked information from Mr. Pedro Cruz.
18. Q.- Was there any other person who advised you about the filing of claim?  
A.- None, Sir, only Pedro Cruz advised me to file a claim.
19. Q.- To what Unit did your husband belong?  
A.- According to Pedro Cruz my husband was a member of the ROTC Guerrillas.
20. Q.- Did you ever ask your husband during his lifetime why he was always going out of your house?  
A.- Yes, Sir, and he told me not to mind his going out.
21. Q.- So you did not know that he was a guerrilla while he was still alive?  
A.- No, Sir.
22. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation?  
A.- No more, Sir.

*Ceferina Dionisia*  
MRS. CEFERINA DIONISIA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 7th day of May, 1948,  
at Mandaluyong, Rizal.

  
PEDRO R. MANAGO  
Captain, Inf  
Asst Legal Officer, RPD

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TESTIMONY OF Mrs. MARIA CAPISTRANO

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1. Q.- State your name, age and other personal circumstances?  
A.- MARIA CAPISTRANO, 30 years of age, widow and residing at  
(Testimony of Mrs. C. Dionisia, Cont'd)

16. Q.- Do you have a child with your deceased husband?  
A.- Yes, Sir, we have four children, the eldest being 12 years old now.

17. Q.- Did you consult anybody how claims are filed?  
A.- Yes, Sir, I asked information from Mr. Pedro Cruz.

18. Q.- Was there any other person who advised you about the filing of claim?  
A.- None, Sir, only Pedro Cruz advised me to file a claim.

19. Q.- To what Unit did your husband belong?  
A.- According to Pedro Cruz my husband was a member of the ROTC Guerrillas.

20. Q.- Did you ever ask your husband during his lifetime why he was al-  
ways going out of your house?  
A.- Yes, Sir, and he told me not to mind his going out.

21. Q.- So you did not know that he was a guerrilla while he was still alive?  
A.- No, Sir.

22. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation?  
A.- No more, Sir.

8. Q.- When was he called to active duty?  
A.- In the early part of December.

9. Q.- When did he return home?  
A.- Around the month of January, 1948.

*Ceferina Dionisia*  
MRS. CEFERINA DIONISIO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 7th day of May, 1948,  
at Mandaluyong, Rizal.

*[Signature]*  
PEDRO R. MANAGO  
Captain, Inf  
Asst. Legal Officer, RPD

11. Q.- Do you know who among your town were called at the  
same time with him?  
A.- I know several of them but whether  
they were called together at  
Felipe Bernabe and Delfin Cruz, Asst. Legal Officer, RPD

12. Q.- Do you know Gerardo Manalo and Nicolas Mendiola?  
A.- Yes, Sir.

13. Q.- Are they from Tipas?  
A.- They are living in Taguig, but, for a long time now, Ni-  
colas Mendiola is working in Pampanga.

14. Q.- Did these two people become soldiers?  
A.- I don't know, Sir.

15. Q.- At the break of the war in the Philippines, what  
did the Government do these two

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TESTIMONY OF Mrs. MARIA CAPISTRANO

1. Q.- State your name, age and other personal circumstances?  
A.- MARIA CAPISTRANO, 30 years of age, widow and residing at Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- Do you know the deceased Proceso Ordonez?  
A.- Yes, Sir, he was my husband.
3. Q.- Of what did he die and where did he die?  
A.- He was killed by the Japs in Taguig, Rizal.
4. Q.- When was he killed by the Japs?  
A.- Last December 1, 1944.
5. Q.- Why was he killed by the Japs?  
A.- Because he was a soldier of the USAFFE who was called to report to Camp Murphy, then sent to Mauban, Tayabas, and was able to come home.
6. Q.- When were you married?  
A.- Last February 8, 1944.
7. Q.- How did you know that he was called to active duty and sent to Mauban, Tayabas, now Quezon?  
A.- Because he was a native of our place.
8. Q.- When was he called to active duty?  
A.- In the early part of December.
9. Q.- When did he return home?  
A.- Around the month of January, 1942.
10. Q.- Do you know his rank in the USAFFE?  
A.- No, Sir.
11. Q.- Do you know who among your townmates were called at the same time with him?  
A.- I know several of them but I could not guarantee whether they were called together at the same time. They are Felipe Bernabe and Delfin Cruz, also of Tipas.
12. Q.- Do you know Gerardo Manalo and Nicolas Mendiola?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
13. Q.- Are they from Tipas?  
A.- They are living in Taguig, but, for a long time now, Nicolas Mendiola is working in Pampanga.
14. Q.- Did these two people became soldiers?  
A.- I don't know, Sir.
15. Q.- At the out break of the war in the Philippines, what position in the Government did these two people occupy?

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TESTIMONY OF Mrs. MARIA CAPISTRANO

- A. - One was Sergeant of the Police in Taguig and the other
1. Q. - State your name, age and other personal circumstances?  
A. - MARIA CAPISTRANO, 30 years of age, widow and residing at Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
  2. Q. - Do you know the deceased Proceso Ordonez?  
A. - Yes, Sir, he was my husband.
  3. Q. - Of what did he die and where did he die?  
A. - He was killed by the Japs in Taguig, Rizal.
  4. Q. - When was he killed by the Japs?  
A. - Last December 1, 1942.
  5. Q. - Why was he killed by the Japs?  
A. - Because he was a soldier of the USAFFE who was called to report to Camp Murphy, then sent to Mauban, Tayabas, and was able to come home. his arrival at home he had a gunshot wound on his right thigh.
  6. Q. - When were you married?  
A. - Last February 8, 1944.
  7. Q. - How did you know that he was called to active duty and sent to Mauban, Tayabas, how Quezon?  
A. - Because he was a native of our place.
  8. Q. - When was he called to active duty?  
A. - In the early part of December.
  9. Q. - When did he return home?  
A. - Around the month of January, 1942.
  10. Q. - Do you know his rank in the USAFFE?  
A. - No, Sir.
  11. Q. - Do you know who among your townmates were called at the same time with him?  
A. - I know several of them but I could not guarantee whether they were called together at the same time. They are Felipe Bernabe and Delfin Cruz, also of Tipas.
  12. Q. - Do you know Gerardo Manalo and Nicolas Mendiola?  
A. - Yes, Sir.
  13. Q. - Are they from Tipas?  
A. - They are living in Taguig, but, for a long time now, Nicolas Mendiola is working in Pampanga.
  14. Q. - Did these two people became soldiers?  
A. - I don't know, Sir.
  15. Q. - At the out break of the war in the Philippines, what position in the Government did these two people occupy?

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. MARIA CAPISTRANO, CONT'D.

A.- One was Sergeant of the Police in Taguig and the other was the Municipal Secretary, also of Taguig.

16. Q.- Who was the Chief of Police in December 1941 in Taguig?  
A.- I do not know, Sir.

17. Q.- Who was the Municipal Mayor of Taguig in December 1941?  
A.- Dr. Artemio Natividad, Sir, but he was also killed by the Japs.

18. Q.- Do you know of other people who could certify that your husband was called to active duty at the outbreak of the war in the Philippines?  
A.- I donot know, Sir.

19. Q.- Did you know if your husband was **sick** upon arriving home in 1942?  
A.- When I saw him upon his arrival at home he had a gunshot wound on his right thigh.

20. Q.- Did you know if he submitted for medical treatment upon arriving home in January, 1942?  
A.- During that time, we were not yet married then.

21. Q.- Do you have a child?  
A.- Yes, Sir.

22. Q.- How many?  
A.- One, Sir.

23. Q.- When was he born?  
A.- In December, 1944.

24. Q.- What was his work after your marriage?  
A.- I do not know, Sir, because he always wnet out of home, so that **He** could hardly earn our livelihood.

25. Q.- Do you know if your deceased husband had been a trainee in any of the camps before the war?  
A.- Yes, Sir.

26. Q.- Where?  
A.- In Camp Murphy, Sir.

27. Q.- What year?  
A.- 1941, Sir.

28. Q.- What month?  
A.- I do not know, Sir. All I know is that he underwent two months training.

29. Q.- Was he a student, then?

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. MARIA CAPISTRANO, CONT'D.

A.- Yes, Sir, he was a student in the FEU and he finished

A.- One was Sergeant of the Police in Taguig and the other was the Municipal Secretary, also of Taguig/

16. Q.- Who was the Chief of Police in December 1941 in Taguig?

A.- I do not know, Sir. Only devote his time to earning your livelihood. Did you ask him why he used to go

17. Q.- Who was the Municipal Mayor of Taguig in December 1941?

A.- Dr. Artemio Natividad, Sir, but he was also killed by the Japs.

31. Q.- Why did you file a claim with the RFD?

18. Q.- Do you know of other people who could certify that your husband was called to active duty at the outbreak of the war in the Philippines?

32. A.- I do not know, Sir. Was he became a Guerrilla under the Hunter's ROTC, who told you that he became a Guerrilla?

19. Q.- Did you know if your husband was sick upon arriving home in 1942?

33. A.- When I saw him upon his arrival at home he had a gunshot wound on his right thigh.

20. Q.- Did you know if he submitted for medical treatment upon arriving home in January, 1942?

34. A.- During that time, we were not yet married then. Was your husband in the ROTC Hunter's?

22. Q.- Do you have a child?

A.- Yes, Sir.

22. Q.- How many?

A.- One, Sir.

23. Q.- When was he born?

A.- In December, 1944.

24. Q.- What was his work after your marriage?

A.- I do not know, Sir, because he always went out of home, so that he could hardly earn our livelihood.

25. Q.- Do you know if your deceased husband had been a trainee in any of the camps before the war?

A.- Yes, Sir. Did you talk with him before you filed your claim?

26. Q.- Where?

A.- In Camp Murphy, Sir. Is he still living?

27. Q.- What year?

A.- 1941, Sir. Did you ever see records of your husband before the

28. Q.- What month?

A.- I do not know, Sir. All I know is that he underwent two months training.

29. Q.- Was he a student, then?

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. MARIA CAPISTRANO, CONT'D.

A.- Yes, Sir, he was a student in the FEU and he finished two years ROTC training and was called to Camp Murphy to train for two months.

30. Q.- After your marriage you stated that he used to go out and that he could hardly devote his time to earning your livelihood. Did you ask him why he used to go out?

A.- Yes, Sir, but he did not reveal to me anything.

31. Q.- Why did you file a claim with the RPD?

A.- Because I know that he was called to active duty, being a soldier of the USAFFE.

32. Q.- According to your claim he became a Guerrilla under the Hunter's ROTC, who told you that he became a Guerrilla?

A.- His CO, Mr. Pedro Cruz.

33. Q.- When did Pedro Cruz tell you that your husband was a member of the Guerrilla?

A.- I could no longer remember, Sir.

34. Q.- Was it before you filed your claim or after you have filed your claim that he told you the membership of your husband in the ROTC Hunter's?

A.- I could not remember it anymore, Sir.

35. Q.- Who prepared your claim?

A.- Gonzalo Magsalin, Sir.

36. Q.- Where did he prepare it?

A.- In the headquarters of the ROTC in our town.

37. Q.- Do you know of any officer in the RPD who is from Taguig?

A.- I know several of them, Sir, but I don't know whether they are officers or not.

38. Q.- Do you know Lt. Lucio Silvestre?

A.- Yes, Sir.

39. Q.- Did you talk with him before you filed your claim?

A.- No, Sir.

40. Q.- Are your parents in law still living?

A.- Only my mother-in-law, Sir.

41. Q.- Have you ever seen records of your husband before the war?

A.- Yes, Sir, my mother-in-law showed me the order of call for active duty of my husband but it was burned in December, 1944.

~~42. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz become a Mayor in Taguig?~~

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*Maria Capistrano*

TESTIMONY OF MRS. MARIA CAPISTRANO, CONT'D.

42. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz become a Mayor during the Japanese Occu-  
A.- Yes, Sir, he was a student in the FEU and he finished  
two years ROTC training and was called to Camp Murphy  
to train for two months.  
A.- The Mayor during that time was Leocadio de  
Leon.

30. Q.- After your marriage you stated that he used to go out  
and that he could hardly devote his time to earning  
your livelihood. Did you ask him why he used to go  
out?  
A.- Yes, Sir, but he did not reveal to me anything.

44. Q.- Have you received a pension already?  
A.- Yes, Sir.

31. Q.- Why did you file a claim with the RPD?

45. Q.- How about the Back now?  
A.- Because I know that he was called to active duty, being  
a soldier of the USAFFE.  
A.- Not yet, Sir.

32. Q.- According to your claim he became a Guerrilla under the  
Hunter's ROTC, who told you that he became a Guerrilla?

A.- His CO, Mr. Pedro Cruz.  
A.- The CO told me so, Sir.

33. Q.- When did Pedro Cruz tell you that your husband was a mem-  
ber of the Guerrilla?

A.- I could no longer remember, Sir.

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A.- I could not remember it anymore, Sir.

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A.- Yes, Sir.

39. Q.- Did you talk with him before you filed your claim?  
A.- No, Sir.

40. Q.- Are your parents in law still living?  
A.- Only my mother-in-law, Sir.

41. Q.- Have you ever seen records of your husband before the  
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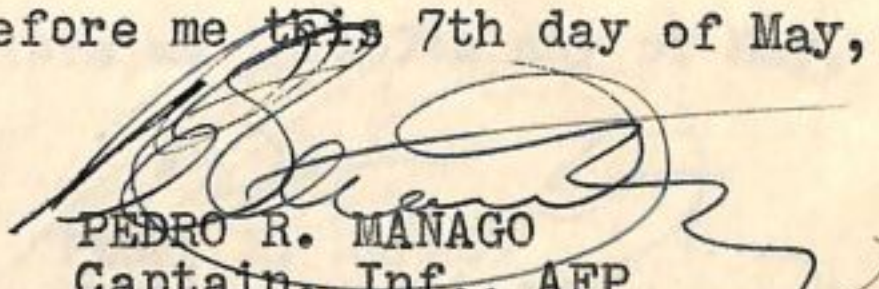
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TESTIMONY OF MRS. MARIA CAPISTRANO, CONT'D.

42. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz become a Mayor during the Japanese Occupation?  
A.- No, Sir. The Mayor during that time was Leocadio de Leon.
43. Q.- When did Pedro Cruz became Mayor in Taguig?  
A.- After the arrival of the Americans in the Philippines in 1945.
44. Q.- Have you received a pension already?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
45. Q.- How about the Back Pay?  
A.- Not yet, Sir.
46. Q.- How did you know that your husband was killed by the Japanese?  
A.- The CO told me so, Sir.
47. Q.- When?  
A.- I do not know, Sir. I can no longer remember it, Sir.

*Maria Capistrano*  
MARIA CAPISTRANO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of May, 1948  
at Mandaluyong, Rizal.

  
PEDRO R. MANAGO  
Captain, Inf., AFP  
Asstt Legal Officer, RPD

*Exh. "5"*

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. MARIA CAPISTRANO, CONT'D.

42. Q.- Did Pedro Cruz become a Mayor during the Japanese Occupation?

A.- No, Sir. The Mayor during that time was Leocadio de Leon.

43. Q.- When did Pedro Cruz become Mayor in Taguig?

A.- After the arrival of the Americans in the Philippines in 1945.

44. Q.- Have you received a pension already?

A.- Yes, Sir.

45. Q.- How about the Back Pay?

A.- Not yet, Sir.

46. Q.- How did you know that your husband was killed by the Japanese?

A.- The CO told me so, Sir.

47. Q.- When?

A.- I do not know, Sir. I can no longer remember it, Sir.

*Maria Capistrano*  
MARIA CAPISTRANO

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PEDRO R. MANAGO  
Captain, Inf., AFP  
Ass't Legal Officer, RPD

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. FELIZA OCAMPO

1. Q.- State your name, age, and other personal circumstances.  
A.- FELIZA OCAMPO, 35 years of age, widow of Artemio Eustaquio, and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- Did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
3. Q.- Why did you file a claim?  
A.- **Because** my husband died in line of duty in the guerrilla.
4. Q.- What was his Unit?  
A.- ROTC
5. Q.- Where did he die?  
A.- He died in Muntingbupa, Rizal, because of malaria and a gunshot on the thigh.
6. Q.- Did you see him when he died?  
A.- Yes, Sir, because I was called as he could no longer able to come home.
7. Q.- Who was his CO?  
A.- Pedro Cruz of Taguig, Rizal, Sir.
8. Q.- Since when did he join the guerrilla?  
A.- Since the arrival of the Japs.
9. Q.- Who prepared your claim?  
A.- Gonzalo Magsalin, Sir.
10. Q.- Who told you to file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Gonzalo Magsalin, Sir.
11. Q.- Did you file your claim directly with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
12. Q.- Was there any other person who told you to file a claim?  
A.- None, Sir.
13. Q.- Is it not true that Lt Lucio Silvestre told you to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir.
14. Q.-, Do you know him?  
A.- Yes, Sir.

*Feliza Ocampo*  
EXH. 6<sup>4</sup>

TESTIMONY OF MRS. FELIZA OCAMPO CAMPO CONT'D

1. Q.- State your name, age, and other personal circumstances.  
A.- FELIZA OCAMPO, 35 years of age, widow of Artemio Eustaquio, and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
3. Q.- Did you file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
4. Q.- Why did you file a claim?  
A.- Because my husband died in line of duty in the guerrilla.
5. Q.- What was his Unit?  
A.- ROTC
6. Q.- Where did he die?  
A.- He died in Muntingbupa, Rizal, because of malaria and 1948 at a gunshot on the thigh.
7. Q.- Did you see him when he died?  
A.- Yes, Sir, because I was called as he could no longer able to come home.
8. Q.- Who was his CO?  
A.- Pedro Cruz of Taguig, Rizal, Sir.
9. Q.- Since when did he join the guerrilla?  
A.- Since the arrival of the Japs.
10. Q.- Who prepared your claim?  
A.- Gonzalo Magsalin, Sir.
11. Q.- Who told you to file a claim with the RPD?  
A.- Gonzalo Magsalin, Sir.
12. Q.- Did you file your claim directly with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
13. Q.- Was there any other person who told you to file a claim?  
A.- None, Sir.
14. Q.- Is it not true that Lt Lucio Silvestre told you to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir.
15. Q.- Do you know him?  
A.- Yes, Sir.

FELIZA OCAMPO

EDUARDO R. MARIANO  
Captain Inf AFP  
Asst Legal Officer, RPD

*Feliza Ocampo*

*Exh. 6*

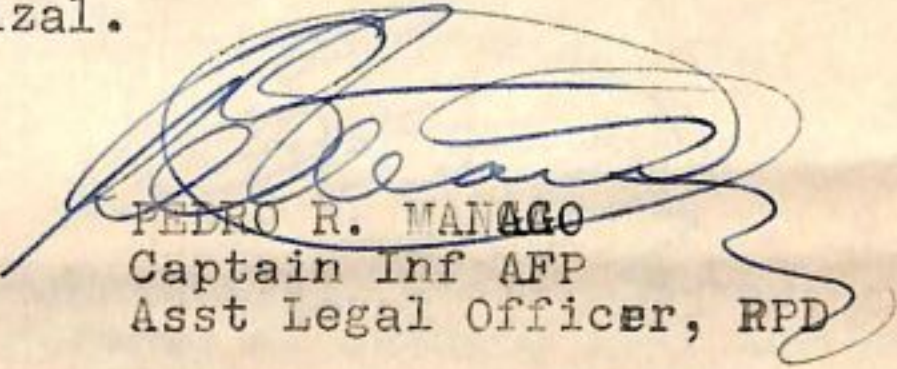


TESTIMONY OF MRS. FELIZA OCAMPO CONT'D

15. Q.- Did you inquire already what happened to your claim?  
A.- Not yet, Sir.
16. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation?  
A.- No more, Sir.

*Feliza Ocampo*  
FELIZA OCAMPO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of May  
1948 at RPD, Mandaluyong, Rizal.

  
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Captain Inf AFP  
Asst Legal Officer, RPD

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. FELIZA OCAMPO CONT'D

15. Q.- Did you inquire already what happened to your claim?  
A.- Not yet, Sir.
16. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation?  
A.- No more, Sir.
3. Q.- When did you file a claim?  
A.- I do not remember the date; it is long time already.
4. Q.- Why did you file a claim for the RPD?  
A.- Because according to information a deceased member SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of May 1948 at RPD, Mandaluyong, Rizal.  
A.- The Commanding Officer of my deceased husband.
6. Q.- Was your late husband a member of the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
7. Q.- Where did he become a guest?  
A.- I do not know, Sir, because my husband left his house and return home very seldom.
8. Q.- Did you ask him where he used to go?  
A.- Yes, Sir, and he told me that he was going somewhere only.
9. Q.- When did your husband die?  
A.- On 10 Dec 44, I do not know where he died and the cause of his death.
10. Q.- Who prepared your claim?  
A.- Mr Pedro Cruz, the CO of my late husband.
11. Q.- Was the claim filed by you directly with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
12. Q.- Who were the other persons, if any, from whom you inquired about the filing of claims?  
A.- No more, Sir.
13. Q.- Don't you know anyone of your relatives who have been working in the RPD?  
A.- None, Sir.
14. Q.- Don't you know Lt Lucio Silvestre?  
A.- I know him, Sir.

*Feliza Ocampo*  
FELIZA OCAMPO

*Pedro R. Manggo*  
PEDRO R. MANGGO  
Captain Inf AFP  
Asst Legal Officer, RPD

*Joribia Benito*

*Exh. 6<sup>u</sup>*

*Exh. 7<sup>u</sup>*

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. TORIBIA BENITO

1. Q.- State your name, age and other personal circumstances.  
A.- TORIBIA BENITO, 37 years of age, widow of Alejandro Magbalana, and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- Did you file any claim with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
3. Q.- When did you file a claim?  
A.- I do not remember the date now, for it is long time already.
4. Q.- Why did you file a claim for the RPD?  
A.- Because according to information a deceased member of a guerrilla Unit would be given back pay.
5. Q.- Who gave you this information?  
A.- The Commanding Officer of my deceased husband.
6. Q.- Was your late husband a member of the guerrilla?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
7. Q.- Where did he become a guerrilla?  
A.- I do not know, Sir, because my husband left our house and return home very seldom.
8. Q.- Did you ask him where he used to go?  
A.- Yes, Sir, and he told me that he was going somewhere only.
9. Q.- When did your husband die?  
A.- On 10 Dec 44, I do not know where he died and the cause of his death.
10. Q.- Who prepared your claim?  
A.- Mr Pedro Cruz, the CO of my late husband.
11. Q.- Was the claim filed by you directly with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
12. Q.- Who were the other persons, if any, from whom you inquired about the filing of claims?  
A.- No more, Sir.
13. Q.- Don't you know anyone of your townmates who have been working in the RPD?  
A.- None, Sir.
14. Q.- Don't you know Lt Lucio Silvestre?  
A.- I do not know him, Sir.

*Toribia Benito*

*Exp. 47*

TESTIMONY OF MRS. TORIBIA BENITO

1. Q.- State your name, age and other personal circumstances.  
A.- TORIBIA BENITO, 37 years of age, widow of Alejandro Magbalana, and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- Did you file any claim with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
3. Q.- When did you file a claim?  
A.- I do not remember the date now, for it is long time already.
18. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation.  
A.- No more, Sir.
4. Q.- Why did you file a claim for the RPD?  
A.- Because according to information a deceased member of a guerrilla Unit would be given back pay.
5. Q.- Who gave you this information?  
A.- The Commanding Officer of my deceased husband.
6. Q.- Was your late husband a member of the guerrilla?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
7. Q.- Where did he become a guerrilla?  
A.- I do not know, Sir, because my husband left our house and return home very seldom.
8. Q.- Did you ask him where he used to go?  
A.- Yes, Sir, and he told me that he was going somewhere only.
9. Q.- When did your husband die?  
A.- On 10 Dec 44, I do not know where he died and the cause of his death.
10. Q.- Who prepared your claim?  
A.- Mr Pedro Cruz, the CO of my late husband.
11. Q.- Was the claim filed by you directly with the RPD?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
12. Q.- Who were the other persons, if any, from whom you inquired about the filing of claims?  
A.- No more, Sir.
13. Q.- Don't you know anyone of your townmates who have been working in the RPD?  
A.- None, Sir.
14. Q.- Don't you know Lt Lucio Silvestre?  
A.- I do not know him, Sir.

*Toribia Benito*

*PR*

*Exh. 71*

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. TORIBIA BENITO CONT'D

15. Q.- What happened with your claim?

A.- I do not know, Sir.

16. Q.- Have you inquired about it already?

A.- I have not inquired about it yet, Sir, because I am sick.

17. Q.- What sickness do you have?

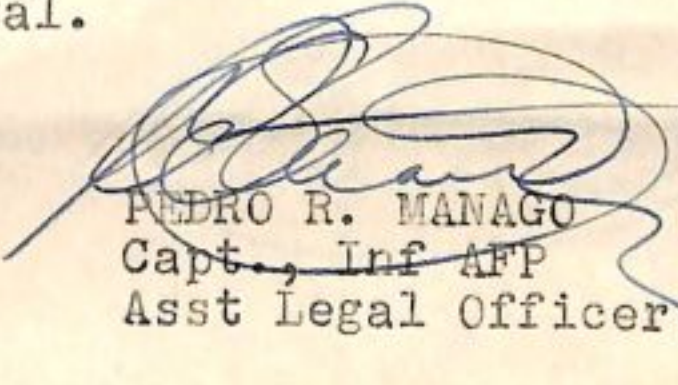
A.- According to a Doctor, I have a defect in the lungs.

18. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation.

A.- No more, Sir.

*Toribia Benito*  
TORIBIA BENITO

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1948 at RPD, Mandaluyong, Rizal.

  
PEDRO R. MANAGO  
Capt., Inf AFP  
Asst Legal Officer, RPD.

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. TORIBIA BENITO CONT'D

15. Q.- What happened with your claim?  
 A.- I do not know, Sir.
16. Q.- Have you inquired about it already?  
 A.- I have not inquired about it yet, Sir, because I am sick.
17. Q.- What sickness do you have?  
 A.- According to a Doctor, I have a defect in the lungs.
18. Q.- Anything more you desire to state in this investigation.  
 A.- No more, Sir.

*Toribia Benito*  
 TORIBIA BENITO

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*[Signature]*  
 PEDRO R. MANAGO  
 Capt., Inf AFP  
 Asst Legal Officer, RPD.

A.- Yes, Sir.

3. Q.- Since when have you been working in the RPD?  
 A.- Since 10 Jan 46, Sir.
4. Q.- Do you use to return to Tipas, Taguig, Rizal?  
 A.- I stayed in our place from 1 Jan 47 until this day.
5. Q.- Where did you stay previously?  
 A.- At Norzagaray, Bulacan.
6. Q.- Why were you in Norzagaray, Bulacan?  
 A.- That is the hometown of my wife and at the same time that was my former Army station.
7. Q.- During your stay in Tipas, Taguig, Rizal, have you ever been interviewed by widows of deceased veterans or persons killed by the Japs?  
 A.- There were some claimants who asked me for some information. The fact that some of these claimants are ignorant about the matter, it is just my duty to tell them the place to file their claims.
8. Q.- *Exh. '7'* Remember the names of those claimants who asked you some information?  
 A.- Yes, Sir, I remember one by the name of Argenio Dinegalla and another Aurea Yumping.

*Exh. '8'*

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TESTIMONY OF 2<sup>d</sup> Lt LUCIO SILVESTRE

1. Q.- Will you state your name, age, civil status and other personal circumstances?  
A.- LUCIO SILVESTRE, 25 years of age, married, 2<sup>d</sup> Lt, Inf, AFP, assigned in the Deceased Claims Section, RPD at Mandaluyong, Rizal, and resident of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.
2. Q.- You are informed that you have been called to explain your side on a report that you have been urging some widow residents of Tipas, Taguig, Rizal, to file their respective claims with the Recovered Personnel Division for the estate of their respective deceased husband, although you knew that their respective husband were not members of the Guerrilla Forces. In this investigation you are entitled to avail yourself of your Constitutional rights; such as, to remain silent to have witnesses in your favor called to testify, to be informed of the charge against you, and others. If you choose to testify in your favor, you should tell the truth and nothing but the truth. Now, are you going to declare and explain your side?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
3. Q.- Since when have you been working in the RPD?  
A.- Since 10 Jan 46, Sir.
4. Q.- Do you use to return to Tipas, Taguig, Rizal?  
A.- I stayed in our place from 1 Jan 47 until this day.
5. Q.- Where did you stay previously?  
A.- At Norzagaray, Bulacan.
6. Q.- Why were you in Norzagaray, Bulacan?  
A.- That is the hometown of my wife and at the same time that was my former Army station.
7. Q.- During your stay in Tipas, Taguig, Rizal, have you ever been interviewed by widows of deceased veterans or persons killed by the Japs?  
A.- There were some claimants who asked me for some information. The fact that some of these claimants are ignorant about the matter, it is just my duty to tell them the place to file their claims.
8. Q.- Do you remember the names of those claimants who asked you some information?  
A.- Yes, Sir, I remember one by the name of Arsenio Dimaguila and another Aurea Yumping.

Exh. "8"

TESTIMONY OF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt LUCIO SILVESTRE

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A.- Yes, Sir.
3. Q.- Since when have you been working in the RPD?  
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4. Q.- Do you use to return to Tipas, Taguig, Rizal?  
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A.- There were some claimants who asked me for some information. The fact that some of these claimants are ignorant about the matter, it is just my duty to tell them the place to file their claims.
8. Q.- Do you remember the names of those claimants who asked you some information?  
A.- Yes, Sir, I remember one by the name of Arsenio Dimaguila and another Aurea Yumping.

Exh. 8



TESTIMONY OF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt LUCIO SILVESTRE CONT(D

9. Q.- What did they ask you?  
A.- They asked me of the place where to file their claims.
10. Q.- Did you ever urge anybody to file a claim?  
A.- No, Sir.
11. Q.- Do you know some persons in your place who were killed by the Japs?  
A.- I can not mention any name due to the fact that I was not in Tipas, Taguig, Rizal, during the Japanese regime.
12. Q.- Where were you then?  
A.- I was in the operation of my mission in my Guerrilla Unit.
13. Q.- What was your Unit in the Guerrilla?  
A.- I was a member of the Hunters ROTC Guerrilla.
14. Q.- Who was your CO?  
A.- Col Terry Magtangol Adevoso.
15. Q.- Where was your Sector in the Guerrilla Forces?  
A.- I was in the 4th Military District covering the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and the City of Manila.
16. Q.- Did you have any connection with the members of the Guerrilla Forces in Taguig, Rizal?  
A.- The outfit in Taguig under Col Gayani was also a Hunters ROTC Guerrilla, but it was the 47<sup>th</sup> Div. while my Unit is the 44<sup>th</sup> Division.
17. Q.- Did you use to go to Tipas during your Guerrilla life?  
A.- Yes, Sir.
18. Q.- So you had known of persons killed by the Japs there, is that right?  
A.- No, Sir, I have not seen any.
19. Q.- Did you know Proceso Ordonez, Martin Cruz, Marciano Magsalin, Mauro Labao, Francisco Sta Ana, Artemio Eustaquio and Alejandro Magbalana?  
A.- I know Proceso Ordonez only.
20. Q.- Do you know how he died?  
A.- I do not know, Sir.

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TESTIMONY OF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt LUCIO SILVESTRE CONT'D

(Testimony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt L. Silvestre, et al.)

21. Q.- Do you know about his widow?

9. Q.- What did they ask you?

A.- They asked me of the place where to file their claims.

22. Q.- Did you ask you some information about filing claims?

10. Q.- Did you ever urge anybody to file a claim?

A.- No, Sir.

23. Q.- Do you know who among the people in Tipas now filed

11. Q.- Do you know some persons in your place who were killed by the Japs? who filed deceased claims,

A.- I can not mention any name due to the fact that I was not in Tipas, Taguig, Rizal, during the Japanese regime.

24. Q.- Do you know whether or not those who asked informed-

12. Q.- Where were you then?

A.- I was in the operation of my mission in my Guerrilla Unit.

25. Q.- What was your Unit in the Guerrilla? who have ill-

13. Q.- What was your Unit in the Guerrilla?

A.- I was a member of the Hunters ROTC Guerrilla.

26. Q.- Who was your CO? know them.

14. Q.- Who was your CO?

A.- Col Terry Magtangol Adevosso.

27. Q.- Where was your Sector in the Guerrilla Forces?

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A.- I was in the 4th Military District covering the Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and the City of Manila.

28. Q.- On 8 Feb 42 with the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt and subsequently

16. Q.- Did you have any connection with the members of the Guerrilla Forces in Taguig, Rizal?

A.- The outfit in Taguig under Col Gayani was also a Hunters ROTC Guerrilla, but it was the 47<sup>th</sup> Div. while my Unit is the 44<sup>th</sup> Division.

29. Q.- Did you use to go to Tipas during your Guerrilla life?

17. Q.- Did you use to go to Tipas during your Guerrilla life?

A.- Yes, Sir.

30. Q.- So you had known of persons killed by the Japs there, is that right?

18. Q.- So you had known of persons killed by the Japs there, is that right?

A.- No, Sir, I have not seen any.

31. Q.- Did you know Proceso Ordonez, Martin Cruz, Marciano Magsalin, Mauro Labao, Francisco Sta Ana, Artemio Eustaquio and Alejandro Magbalana?

19. Q.- Did you know Proceso Ordonez, Martin Cruz, Marciano Magsalin, Mauro Labao, Francisco Sta Ana, Artemio Eustaquio and Alejandro Magbalana?

A.- I know Proceso Ordonez only.

32. Q.- Do you know how he died?

20. Q.- Do you know how he died?

A.- I do not know, Sir.

*Lucio Silvestre*

*DR*

Exh. "8"

(Testimony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt L Silvestre, Cont'd)

21. Q.- Do you know also his widow?  
A.- Yes, Sir.

22. Q.- Did she ever ask you some information about filing claim?  
A.- No, Sir.

23. Q.- Do you know who among the people in Tipas now filed claims with RPD?  
A.- I do not remember those who filed deceased claims, but I know almost all of those who filed living claims as recognized guerrillas.

24. Q.- Do you know whether or not those who asked information from you filed claims with RPD?  
A.- I can not tell exactly because I have not seen them personally.

25. Q.- Do you know of some people in your place who have ill-feeling towards you?  
A.- I have heard that some people are envious about my back pay but I do not know them.

26. Q.- Were you a member of the USAFFE?  
A.- No, Sir, I was a civilian-guerrilla.

27. Q.- When were you inducted?  
A.- On 8 Feb 42 with the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt and subsequently promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt on 1 Jan 43.

28. Q.- You said that you knew the late Proceso Ordonez, do you know whether he was a member of the USAFFE?  
A.- I do not know whether he was a member of the USAFFE or not.

29. Q.- Do you know whether he joined the Guerrilla Forces? If so, what was his Unit?  
A.- I do not know, Sir.

30. Q.- Do you know if the widow of the late Proceso Ordonez filed a claim with the RPD?  
A.- I do not know, Sir.

31. Q.- Did you have any intervention in the preparation of the claim and supporting papers? for the estate of the late Proceso Ordonez?  
A.- No, Sir.

Exh. "8"

(Testimony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt L Silvestre, Cont'd)

21. Q.- Do you know also his widow?

A.- Yes, Sir.

22. Q.- Did she ever ask you some information about filing claim?

A.- No, Sir.

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A.- I have heard that some people are envious about my back pay but I do not know them.

26. Q.- Were you a member of the USAFFE?

A.- No, Sir, I was a civilian-guerrilla.

27. Q.- When were you inducted?

A.- On 8 Feb 42 with the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt and subsequently promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt on 1 Jan 43.

28. Q.- You said that you knew the late Proceso Ordóñez, do you know whether he was a member of the USAFFE?

A.- I do not know whether he was a member of the USAFFE or not.

29. Q.- Do you know whether he joined the Guerrilla Forces? If so, what was his Unit?

A.- I do not know, Sir.

30. Q.- Do you know if the widow of the late Proceso Ordóñez filed a claim with the RPD?

A.- I do not know, Sir.

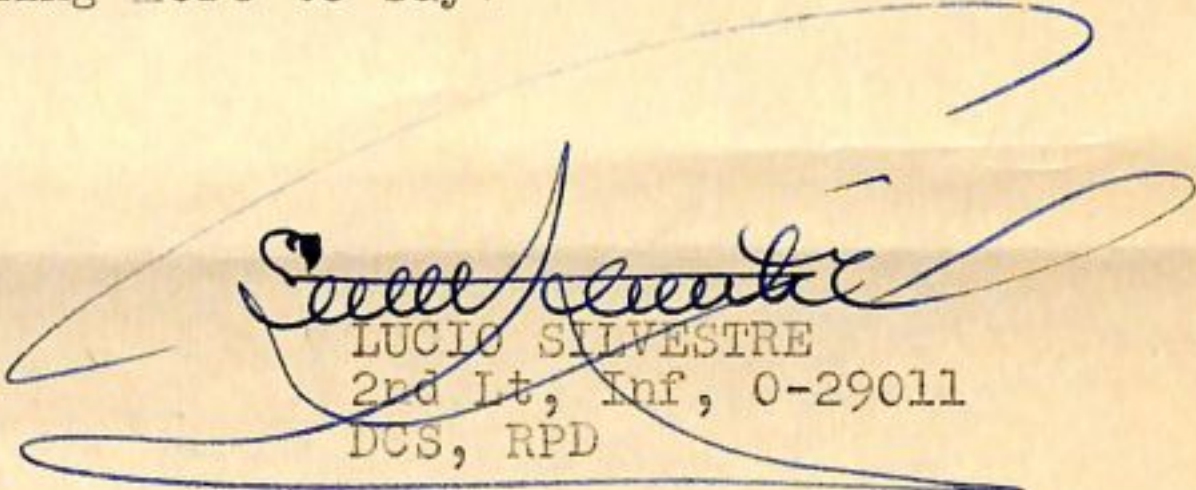
31. Q.- Did you have any intervention in the preparation of the claim and supporting papers for the estate of the late Proceso Ordóñez?

A.- No, Sir.

Exh. 8


(Testimony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt L Silvestre, Cont'd)

32. Q.- Were you acquainted with the late Mauro Labao?  
A.- No, Sir.
33. Q.- Was he a member of the USAFFE?  
A.- I do not know him, Sir.
34. Q.- Did you have any intervention in the preparation of the claim for his estate?  
A.- Not at all, Sir.
35. Q.- Did you help anybody from Tipas, Taguig, Rizal, in the preparation of claim or claims for the RPD?  
A.- No, Sir.
36. Q.- Do you have anything more to say?  
A.- No more, Sir.



LUCIO SILVESTRE  
2nd Lt, Inf, 0-29011  
DCS, RPD

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25th day of May, 1948 at Mandaluyong, Rizal.



PEDRO R MANAGO  
Capt, Inf AFP  
Asst Legal Officer, RPD


Exh. "8"

(Testimony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt L. Silvestre. Cont'd)

32. Q.- Were you acquainted with the late Mauro Labao?  
A.- No, Sir.
33. Q.- Was he a member of the USAFFE?  
A.- I do not know him, Sir.
34. Q.- Did you have any intervention in the preparation of the claim for his estate?  
A.- Not at all, Sir.
35. Q.- Did you help anybody from Tinias, Taguig, Rizal, in the preparation of claim or claims for the RPD?  
A.- No, Sir.
36. Q.- Do you have anything more to say?  
A.- No more, Sir.

  
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