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Affidavit by Col. C. Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

1. From February, 1945 to April, 1945 I, Wilbur F. Littlefield, was a first lieutenant in the armed forces of the United States on Special Duty with Hq. 6th Army, Alamo Scouts Training Center, A.P.O. 442.

2. During this time I was on a mission behind the Japanese lines with 1st Lt. Tom Rounsaville, O-32659, under orders from Hq. 6th Army, with headquarters of our mission in the town of PILA, LAGUNA.

3. During our stay in PILA, Mr. Tranquilino CALO, Sr., The acting mayor, was ordered to requisition supplies from the townspeople of PILA and the surrounding area to feed the American scouts and the more than one thousand guerrillas under our command.

4. The mayor, Mr. Tranquilino Calo, Sr., and the townspeople cooperated to the fullest extent in furnishing these supplies which were vitally necessary for the success of our operations in that area.

5. These supplies were requisitioned and consumed by the U.S. and guemilla troops.

6. The CALAUAN, LAGUNA-PILA, LAGUNA bridge and the PILA, LAGUNA-SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA bridge were reconstructed by the townspeople, and this work, which was done at our request prior to the arrival of the 1st Cavalry Division in that area, greatly aided that organization in the movement of troops and supplies when it entered that area.

7. I certify that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of February 1947
W. F. Littlefield

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1st Lt., Inf. Res.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, CHARLES M. SMITH, Lieutenant Colonel, OE, hereby certify that in November 1943 I left Brisbane, Australia with eleven men under orders from the Philippine Regional Section of the Allied Intelligence Bureau which was operating under G-2, GHQ, SWPA. My orders were to establish a net control radio station on Samar; to establish intelligence stations on the island of Luzon; to make contact with and supply as many unsurrendered American officers on Luzon as could be found; and to organize loyal Filipinos as intelligence agents. Brigadier General Courtney Whitney, then Colonel, was in charge of the Philippine Regional Section and I was directed by him to take any measures I might find necessary after my arrival in the Philippines to accomplish our objective.

In accomplishing my mission, I found it necessary to employ loyal Filipinos as radio operators, technicians, etc for the operation of the net control station in Samar, as all of the other men who accompanied me from Australia were sent on to Luzon to establish other sub nets. In the spring of 1944, when supplies failed to arrive as scheduled, it was necessary to buy Diesel generator units which could operate on coconut oil as fuel. A number of these were secured and installed in picked locations in the mountains as stand by sites for the net control station. Some of the units secured for this purpose were paid for but others were not paid for as the persons who sold them preferred receipts. Money at this time was of little value to the Filipinos. Most of the men employed also preferred to have receipts rather than money for indicated services rendered. I have planned to pay these up with confidential funds from G-2 but when the tin came, I did not have the money. The incoming submarine

which was due at my location early in October 1944 with the funds on board was lost enroute. This made it impossible to make settlement with those to whom money was due. G-3, GHQ, SWPA, took command of this work in June 1944.

At the time GHQ took over, there were a number of outstanding accounts of the nature referred to above. On two occasions, the rapid approach of Japanese compelled us to destroy all of our records and there are no records remaining which will aid in determining the amounts due. However, from my personal notes and my memory I submit the following amounts as due the persons indicated:

James McGuire and Co.	(For equipment)	₱9846.00
Mrs. Flora de la Cruz	(For equipment)	400.00
Alfredo de la Cruz	(For equipment)	1326.00
	Sub Total	₱11572.00

For unpaid salaries of civilian employees of Radio Station MACA:

Date Em- ployment (1944)	Name	Duty	Rate by Month	Total Due to 1 Jan 45	Advances 1944	Amount Due
1 Feb	Felix Moya	Radio Opr Weath Obs	₱190.	₱2090.	₱450.00	₱1640.00
1 Feb	Epifanio Ibay	Radio Tech	140.	1540.	360.00	1180.00
1 Mar	Amado Mira	Radio Opr	120.	1200.	212.40	987.60
1 Mar	Vicente Barba	Radio Opr	95.	950.	178.50	771.50
1 Apr	Ely Enriquez	Navigator	150.	1350.	-----	1350.00
1 Apr	Mateo Perez	Tech	100.	900.	120.00	780.00
1 Apr	Amado Manook	Radio Opr	90.00	810.	105.00	705.00
1 Apr	Ben J. Hill	Crypt Clk	150.	1350.	500.00	850.00
1 Apr	William Tijones	Mech	30.	270.	20.00	250.00
1 Apr	Lewis Tijones	Mech	30.	270.	20.00	250.00
1 Apr	Hugo Tijones	Mech	30.	270.	20.00	250.00
1 May	Placer Hipe	Mech	100.	300.	150.00	150.00
1 May	Oscar Halaguena	Navigator	150.	1350.	150.00	1200.00
1 May	Alfonso Panopio	Navigator	150.	450.	-----	450.00
1 Jul	Bette Tijones	Mech	30.	(3 mo only) 180.	10.00	170.00
	Sub Total			₱13280.00	₱2295.90	₱ 10984. 10
	Grand Total			-----	-----	₱ 22556.10

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
(SGD) Shurl Rosmarin
SHURL ROSMARIN
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s/ Charles M. Smith
t/ CHARLES M. SMITH
Lt. Col., CE.

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BIVOUAC EQUIPMENT POOL
FORT McCLELLAN ALABAMA

20 June 1946

Headquarters Claims Service AFWS PAC Office of the Chief of Claims.

Dear Sir:

Your correspondence of 25 January 1946. in regards to the Claims of Juan T. Jesus of Santa Maria Bulacan. for the payment of Bamboo. I will not and do not recommend payment of this claim. At the time I was Civil Affairs Officer for the 169th Inf. was buying Bamboo to issue hand receipts so that all claims could be paid by me. All hand receipts had to be countersigned by myself or S/Sgt John O. Young. No receipt or statement of a Filipino forman alone is a valid claim for payment.

Henry W. Griffin

HENRY W. GRIFFIN

1st. Lt., Inf.

Bivouac Equipment Pool Officer.
IRTC. Fort McClellan Alabama.

*For Bamboo cut on property
of claimants by 169th Inf. subsequent
to reoccupation by American Forces.
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Moya, Felix 1 MAYO CIV - 3 PA Recs

Mira, Amado neg CIV 1 PA Rec

Tijones, William neg CIV neg PA

Tijones, Lewis neg CIV 1 PA - TEJUNES, LUIS

Tijones; Hugo neg CIV - neg PA

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~~GRIFFIN, HENRY 1st LT AUS~~
~~169th INFANTRY, US ARMY~~