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The boat, "MISS RALAWAAN", was equipped with heavy duty Deutz Diesel 50 horse power engine. It is my belief that in December 1941 it was worth practically \$5,700.00.

(SGD) Vicento/de la Cruz VICENTE/DE LA CRUZ M. Deponent

ber 1945 in the city of Manila, Philippines.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

(SGD) Andrew H. Cox (T) ANDREW H. COX lat Lt., FA. Investigating Officer.

BENJAMIN J. PULLEY Captain, - INF. Investigating Officer.

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SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 10th day of December 1945 in the city of Manila, Philippines.

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I, VICENTE M. DE LA CRUZ, Filipino, of legal age, and residing at Lopez Jaena St., Pasig, Rizal, after having been duly sworn, depose and say:

Prior to the outbreak of war on 8 December 1941, I was a Quartermaster in launch "Miss Kalawaan" belonging to Mateo Espana Crus earning /100.00 per month. On 23 December 1941 when war broke out the launch on which I was a Quartermaster or wheelsman was commandeered by the U.S. Army along with the crew thereof. Under the Army our duty was towing scows from Sta. Mesa Findlay Lumber to Cahcabin, Bataan, loaded with lumber, gasoline, mails and various Army supplies. After 2 or 3 drips to Cabcabin we were ordered to remain at Cabcabin, Bataan. On Bataan we made several trips to Corregidor to get some supplies. I remained in this job until January 17 1942 at which time we were disbanded due to the confusion caused by constant enemy bombing.

I recall that one Capt. Rice was in charge of the towing of lighters loaded with supplies. Severino Noriega and Marcelino Falcon were two among the crew of launch "Miss Kalumaan" who worked with me.

I was not paid for services rendered covering the period from 23 December 1941 to 17 January 1942 inclusive. I worked for a total of 26 days. I recall Capt. Rice told us at the time when we were taken by the Army that we would be paid the same salary we were receiving under Mr. Angel Bulan, the contractor under whom launch "Miss Kalawaan" was leased. My salary then was \$\mathbb{P}\$100.00 per month. I am claimang for any amount that I am entitled to for services rendered.

I swear that all the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

VICENTE M. DE LA CRUZ

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24th day of June 1946, at Manila, Philippines.

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I, SEVERINO MORIEGA, of legal age, married, and a resident of 137 Marrila Rodrigues Arias, San Miguel, being first duly sworn, depose and says

In December 1941, I was employed as patron of motor launch, "Miss Kalawaan" by Mr. Angel Bulan, with a salary of \$90.00 per month. The "Miss Kalawaan" is a motor launch owned by Mr. Mateo Grus, but hired by Mr. Bulan in the towing of lighters loaded with lumber from ships in Manila Harbor to lumber yard on the shore. On or about 25 December 1941, while said motor laumsh, "Miss Kalawaan" was tied up at Muelle de la Industria on the Pasig River, an American Officer whose name I did not know at that time, told me that the said launch, "Miss Kalawaan" was being commandeer. ed by the U. S. Army together with all the members of the crew. I learned later that the officer was Captain Evans. I had a verbal agreement with Capt. Evans that the members of the crew will receive the following:

> Severino Noriega, Patron ----- P150.00 Amado Masigla, Engineer ---- 150.00 Vicente de la Grus, Wheelman --- 100.00 Felicito Gadon, Asst. Engineer- 100.00 Marcelino Falcon, Sailer ---- 90.00 Constantine Paderes, Cook----- 90.00

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I swear that all the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April 1946, at Manila, Philippines.

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Officer for the commandeering of the launch, "Miss Kalawaan".

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I, FRANCISCO B. LEGASPI, Filipino, of legal age, married, residing at Pasig, Rizal, after having been duly sworn to according to law, hereby depose and say:

During the later part of December 1941 I was employed as chief clerk and assistant to Mr. Frank E. Wilson, an American citizen, Quartermaster Constructing Service, US Army, at Santa Mesa, Manila (formerly Findlay Millar Lumber Yard).

I have absolute knowledge that one Captain Melvin W. Evans, CE, was assigned to the aforesaid organization and as such he was charged with the following duties: He constructed truck bodies, he supervised shipment of lumber from the Yard for export. I am also aware of the fact that Captain Evans, during the emergency following the outbreak of the war, had commandeered vehicles and vessels for purposes of performing his job as enumerated above.

I was personally acquainted with another American civilian, named Montgomery W. Rice, who was also employed
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with one Angel Bulan whom I know to be a contractor and
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Regarding the claim initiated by Mateo Cruz for the loss of his Motorboat "MISS KALAWAAN", I recall having heard the name of such a boat, and believe that because of the large number of vessels commandeered, it may be possible altho without certainty that "Miss Kalawaan" was included therein. Further deponent sayeth not.

> (Sgd) Francisco B. Legaspi (T) FRANCISCO B. LEGASPI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April 1946 at Pasig, Rizal, Philippines.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

BENJAMIN J. PULLEY Captain, Inf. Investigating Officer (Sgd) Vincent T. Racevuto (T) VINCENT T. RICEVUTO 2nd Lt. TC. Investigating Officer Commonwealth of the Philippines)
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Evans, CE, was assigned to the aforesaid organization and as such he was charged with the following duties: He constructed truck bodies, he supervised shipment of lumber from the Yard for export. I am also aware of the fact that Captain Evans, during the emergency following the outbreak of the war, had commandeered vehicles and vessels for purposes of performing his job as enumerated above.

I was personally acquainted with another American civilian, named Montgomery W. Rice, who was also employed with the same organization and whose duties entailed requisitioning and commandeering of various means of transportation as were needed by the US Army. I was also acquainted with one Angel Bulan whom I know to be a contractor and stevedor during the same time with offices at Muelle de la Industria, Manila.

Regarding the claim initiated by Mateo Crus for the loss of his Motorboat "MISS KALAWAAN", I recall having heard the name of such a boat, and believe that because of the large number of vessels command-

deered, it may be possible altho without certainty that "Miss Kalawaan" was included therein.

Further deponent sayeth not.

PRANCISCO B. LEGASPI

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On 23 December 1941 when I arrived in my uncle's office, a Us Army officer and an American civilian were talking with Angel Bulan. The civilian's name was Rice, but I do not know who the officer was. Mr. Rice told me that the US Army needed all the lighters, bancas, and launches it could get. I told Mr. Rice that some of our bancas were at that time at the Findlay Miller Lumber Yard, loaded with lumber for the Army. I told Mr. Rice further that we could not deliver any bancas that day but that as soon as some of our loaded bancas could be unloaded, we would turn them over to the Army. Mr. Rice told me to take the empty bancas and the motor lauch, "MISS KALAWAAN", to the Muelle del Banco Macional.

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I do not know what happened to the motor launch, "MISS KA-LAWAAN", after that time.

> (SGD) Juan Bulan JUAN BULAN Deponent

SUBSCRIBED AND sworn to before me this 19th day of December 1945 in the City of Manila, Philippines.

GERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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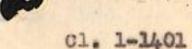
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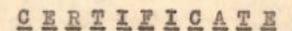
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This is to certify that I, the undersigned officer have investigated the claim of Marcelino T. Falcon and have found the following:

- l. That no payroll data is available either in the office of Recovered Personnel, AFWESPAC, or Claims Service, AFWESPAC, showing the services of claimant.
- 2. That in the absence of the payroll data, claimant executed an affidavit and presented affidavits of the patron of the "MISS KALAWAAN" and also an affidavit of Felicito M. Gadon who have full knowledge of his employment by the U. S. Army and non-payment thereof.
- 3. That an examination of the 201 File of claimant procured from the office of Recovered Personnel, AFWESPAC, shows that a negative determination was rendered to his claim for benefits arising under the Missing Persons Act, and was notified by letter of said determination and was referred to Claims Service, AFWESPAC, by the Recovered Personnel Division.
- 4. That no statement is available from Capt. Melvin W. Evans who commandeered the boat, "MISS KALAWAAN" and the services of claimant, as he is reported missing in action. (See Affidavit of Geronimo Rodriguez, Exhibit "G").
- 5. That for and in consideration of the facts presented by the aforementioned agridavits, the undersigned officer believes that this a just and valid claim and that same be allowed payment in the sum of \$72.00

BENJAMIN J. PULLEY Captain, - INF. Investigating Officer.

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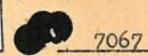
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Forwarded to Commission No.	Date 3 September 1946
Claimant VICENTE M. DE LA CRUZ Address Lopez Jaena, Sumilang.	Type Wage Claim Amt. claimed P79.92
Pasig, Rizal.	Date filed 17 June 1946
Date and Place of Incident 25 December 1941 on "Miss Kalawaan" U.S.	
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STATEMENT OF FACTS: A claim has been filed by Vicente M. dela Cruz for unpaid wages for his services rendered to the U.S. Army, QMC, as a Wheelman on the tugboat "Miss Kalawaan", which was commandeered	
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Recommendation: I recommend that claimant be paid the sum of P79.92 in full settlement of this claim.	
I (do) (not) concur.	
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