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A F F I D A V I T

I, VICENTE M. DE LA CRUZ, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

I am of legal age, a native born citizen of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, and now reside at Paete, Laguna. I have a temporary address at Lopez Jaena, Sumilang, Pasig, Rizal.

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The boat, "MISS KALAWAAN", 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.

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(SGD) Vicente/de la Cruz
(T) VICENTE/DE LA CRUZ

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Deponent

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

(SGD) Andrew H. Cox
(T) ANDREW H. COX
1st Lt., FA,
Investigating Officer.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

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Lopez I, VICENTE M. DE LA CRUZ, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

Prior to the outbreak of war on 8 December 1941, I was a Quartermaster I am of legal age, a native born citizen of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, and now reside at Baete, Laguna. I have a temporary address at Lopez Jaena, Sumilang, Pasig, Rizal. On 25 December 1941 when war broke out the launch on which I was

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we would be paid the same salary we were receiving under the contract under when launch "Miss Kalawaan" was used by the Army that then was P100.00 per month. I am claiming for the same amount that I am entitled to.

(SGD) VICENTE/de la Cruz
(T) VICENTE/DE LA CRUZ
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Deponent

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

I swear that all the foregoing statements are true and correct

to the best of my knowledge and belief.
(SGD) Andrew H. Cox
(T) ANDREW H. COX
1st Lt., FA,
Investigating Officer.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

VICENTE M. DE LA CRUZ

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Investigating Officer.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
City of Manila)

A F F I D A V I T

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 Cruz 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 Cabcabin, 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 Kalawaan" 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 ₱100.00 per month. I am claiming 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
VICENTE M. DE LA CRUZ

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

Benjamin J. Pulley
BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain, INF
Investigating Officer

Commonwealth of the Philippines)
City of Manila)

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A P P I D A V I T

I, SEVERINO NORIEGA, of legal age, married, and a resident of 137
Rodriguez Arias, San Miguel, ^{Manila} being first duly sworn, depose and say:

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 Cruz, 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 launch, "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 commandeered 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 -----	₱150.00
Amado Masigla, Engineer -----	150.00
Vicente de la Cruz, Wheelman----	100.00
Felicito Gadon, Asst. Engineer--	100.00
Marcelino Falcon, Sailor-----	90.00
Constantino Paderes, Cook-----	90.00

Capt. Evans also instructed me to take the launch and said empty lighter to the Sta. Mesa Slipway. After Capt. Evans left, I informed the crew about the commandeering of the launch and of our services. I also informed them about the salary they were to receive monthly. After this we followed the instructions of Capt. Evans and brought the lumbers to Sta. Mesa Slip-way and loaded the lighters with tractors and other army supplies. Two or three days later, we took the lighters to Cababin, Bataan, anchored them there and returned to Manila for more lighters. In all we made two or three trips between Manila and Cababin and also stopped at Corregidor several times for fuel. Our last trip to Cababin was about the first of January 1942 and we stayed in certain place until about 13 January 1942. On this date Capt. Evans told us to leave the motor launch, "Miss Kalawaan" at Cababin, so that we could go home if we could managed to do it. We took a sail boat from

Cabcabin and managed our way home to Malabon, Rizal. Since there were so many passengers in the sail boat, Mr. Marcelino Falcon and Vicente de la Cruz were left in Cabcabin, where they worked until about 17 January 1942. On this date, they managed to take a boat to Malabon, Rizal. We were never paid for our services rendered to the U. S. Army from 25 December 1941 to 13 January 1942, in our case, nor did Messrs Marcelino Falcon and Vicente de la Cruz, received any pay for their services from 25 December 1941 to 17 January 1942. A list of the crew was given to Capt. Evans by me, but I do not know what action was taken by Capt. Evans regarding our pay and the commandeering of the launch by the U. S. Army. No receipt was issued to me by Capt. Evans, or any Army Officer for the commandeering of the launch, "Miss Kalawaan".

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

Severino Moriana
SEVERINO MORIANA

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

Severino Moriana, Skipper
Rafael Sosa, Engineer
Vicente de la Cruz, Washerman
Marcelino Falcon, Sailor
Constantino Paredes, Jr.

Benjamin J. Pulley
BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain, Inf.
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Severino Negrissa
SEVERINO NEGRISSA

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

Severino Negrissa, Patron - 100.00
Vicente de la Cruz, Blacksmith - 100.00
Marcelino Falcon, Blacksmith - 100.00
Santiago Solorzano, Blacksmith - 100.00

Benjamin J. Fuller
BENJAMIN J. FULLER
Captain, Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Severino Noriega, Barrow 700.00 - PRO-4412
Vicente de la Cruz, Malabon 100.00 - PRO-7067
Marcelino Falcon, Malabon 100.00 - 2575
Cabcabin 100.00 - 2575

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Anado Masigla, Engineer -----	150.00	PRO-7067
Vicente de la Cruz, Wheelman---	100.00	PRO-2375
Felicito Gadon, Asst. Engineer-	100.00	PRO-2373
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Investigating Officer

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Investigating Officer

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A F F I D A V I T

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 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 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:

(Sgd) Vincent T. Ricevuto
(T) VINCENT T. RICEVUTO
2nd Lt. TC.
Investigating Officer

BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain, Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Francis Salazar was A F F I D A V I T

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).

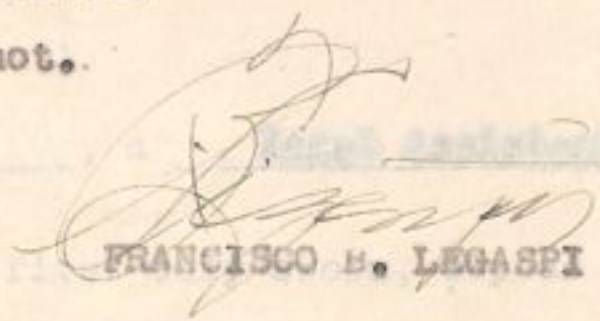
I have absolute knowledge that one Captain Melvin W. Evans, CE, was assigned to the aforesaid organization and as such he was charged with the following duties: He constructed truck bodies, he supervised shipment of lumber from the Yard for export. I am also aware of the fact that Captain Evans, during 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 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 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 command-

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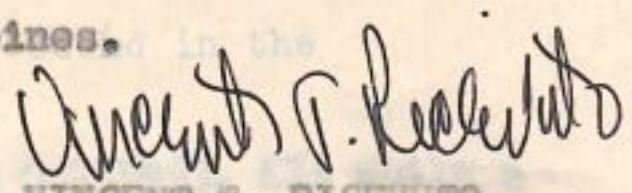
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FRANCISCO B. LEGASPI

Claim Service, AFAPAC, being

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



VINCENT T. RICEVUTO
2nd Lt. TC,
Investigating Officer

By: *[Faint signature]*, Captain

PH was being investigated

by Bureau 1942

Address of Witness: *[Faint address text]*

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

1. 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 affidavits, 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.

PRO-2373

Cl. 1-1401

Claimant VICTOR M. DE LA CRUZ
Address Lopez Jaena, Subilang,
Isidig, Binal.

Date of Claim 12-25-41
Rate of Claim P79.92
Date Paid 17 June 1946

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9. Certificate of Captain B. J. Pulley

PROOF OF FORWARDING OF THE BOAT AND OF THE CREW:

- (1) Affidavit of Juan Bulan, Exhibit C.
- (2) Affidavit of Francisco Legaspi, Exhibit D.

PROOF OF VALUE:

Exhibits A and B.

OPINION: It is the opinion of the undersigned investigating officer that this is a meritorious claim and same be allowed payment.

I recommend that claimant be paid the sum of P79.92 in full settlement of this claim.

BENJAMIN J. PULLEY, CAPT., INF.

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REPORT OF CLAIMS OFFICER, CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC, APO 707

Forwarded to Commission No.	Date	<u>3 September 1946</u>
Claimant <u>VICENTE M. DE LA CRUZ</u>	Type	<u>Wage Claim</u>
Address <u>Lopez Jaena, Sumilang.</u>	Amt. claimed	<u>₱79.92</u>
<u>Pasig, Rizal.</u>	Date filed	<u>17 June 1946</u>

Date and Place of Incident 25 December 1941 on "Miss Kalawaan" U.S. Army, QMC, between Manila and Bataan.
 Nature of Damage Wage Claim.

Statement of facts and opinion (attach additional sheets if necessary):
 (LIST OF EXHIBITS ON SEPARATE SHEETS)

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 by the Army. Said tugboat was being rented by Angel Bulan from the owner, Mateo Cruz. The U.S. Army commandeered the services of said boat, on 25 December 1941, in the towing of lighters from Manila to Cabcabin, Bataan. Claimant worked in this capacity with this organization at the rate of ₱100.00 per month from 25 December 1941 to 17 January 1942, inclusive, or a total of 24 days, which if computed at the rate of ₱100.00 per month or ₱3.33 per day will amount to ₱79.92.

PROOF OF SERVICES RENDERED:

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I (do) (not) concur.

BENJAMIN J. PULLEY, CAPT., INF.
Asst Director, Team No. 123

BENJAMIN J. PULLEY, CAPT., INF.
Investigating Officer

Action of Commission: APPROVED DISAPPROVED
Amount Date

Date _____ Commission No. _____

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