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M/V "MAMBUKAL"

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The De La Rama Steamship Co., Inc.

HEAD OFFICE
MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
Chaco Building

MANILA May 21, 1946
P. O. Box No. _____

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, Vice-President & General Manager of the The De la Rama Steamship Co., Inc., a Corporation duly organized under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, hereby certify:

1. That the M/V "MAMBUKAL" which was owned by the Company, was chartered by the United States Armed Forces of the Far East prior to the outbreak of the war in 1941;
2. That Captain Felix A. Golez was the Master of the herein mentioned vessel from the time the Charter Party was entered into by and between the United States Armed Forces in the Far East and this Company up to the occupation of the City of Manila; and
3. That his salary as Master of the M/V "MAMBUKAL", and for that matter all members of the crew and officers thereof, were not paid by this Company but by the United States Army.

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Michael Garrett
MICHAEL GARRETT

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THE UNITED STATES STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Office Building

May 31, 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, Vice-President & General Manager of the United States Steamship Co., Inc., a Corporation duly organized under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, hereby certifies:

1. That the M/V "MANTUAN" which was owned by the Company, was chartered by the United States Armed Forces of the Far East prior to the outbreak of the war in 1941;
2. That Captain Felix A. Goler was the Master of the herein mentioned vessel from the time the Charter Party was entered into by and between the United States Armed Forces in the Far East and this Company up to the occupation of the City of Manila; and
3. That his salary as Master of the M/V "MANTUAN", and for that matter all members of the crew and officers thereof, were not paid by this Company but by the United States Army.

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20 December 1945

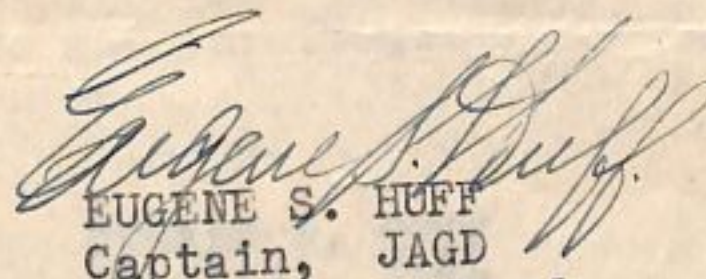
Mr. Felix A. Golez
Molo, Iloilo City

Dear Mr. Golez:

This Office has investigated your claim for back wages for services performed during the month of December 1941, and found that you are not classified as a War Department employee and, as such, are not entitled to any back wage due you.

The M/S "Mambukal" was chartered by the U. S. Army, but was not commandeered, so you worked for the owner of the M/S "Mambukal" and not for the U. S. Army. For this reason, you have no claim against the U. S. Government.

Sincerely yours,



EUGENE S. HUFF
Captain, JAGD
Director, Team No. 1
Claims Investigating Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

20 December 1947

Mr. Felix A. Golez
Waco, Texas City

Dear Mr. Golez:

This office has investigated your claim for back wages for active service during the period of December 1941 and found that you are not classified as a war department employee and, as such, are not entitled to any back wage due you.

The M's "Mansukh" was operated by the U. S. Army, but was not considered, so you worked for the owner of the M's "Mansukh" and not for the U. S. Army. For this reason, you have no claim against the U. S. Government.

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Molo, Iloilo City
Dec. 18, 1945

HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

Major Paul W. Becker
Chief of Claims
AFWESPAC
APO 707

20 December 1945

Mr. Felix A. Golez
Molo, Iloilo City

Replying to your letter of Nov. 30, 1945, I have the honor
Dear Mr. Golez:

This Office has investigated your claim for back wages for services performed during the month of December 1941, and found that you are not classified as a War Department employee and, as such, are not entitled to any back wage due you.

The M/S "Mambukal" was chartered by the U. S. Army, but was not commandeered, so you worked for the owner of the M/S "Mambukal" and not for the U. S. Army. For this reason, you have no claim against the U. S. Government.

Sincerely yours,

(4) Lt. Norton of Corregidor who was the officer in charge of our ship, Mr. Nelson who was our Inspector of Hulls in Manila; and if it is necessary, please refer to the De Rama Steamship CO., the office is in Manila.

(5) You can also find my report found in Corregidor or in Manila Quarter.

EUGENE S. HUFF
Captain, JAGD

Director, Team No. 1
Claims Investigating Service

Hoping that the above information will be helpful to you for your earliest convenience, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

PREPARED BY:

UWV
LT. MARSHALL V. WALKER/tbl

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Molo, Iloilo City
Dec. 12, 1945

Major Paul W. Becker
Chief of Claims
AFWESPAC
APO 707

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of Nov. 30, 1945, I have the honor to state the following:

- (1) The owner of the M/S "MAMBUKAL" is the De la Rama Steamship CO.
- (2) The M/S "MAMBUKAL" was chartered by the U.S. Army, Corregidor Island Unit plying Manila, Corregidor and Olongapo before World War II, carrying troops and supplies.
- (3) I stopped working for the U.S. Govt. on Jan. 1, 1942 a day before the Japs entered Manila, and the day we all were told to disperse.
- (4) Lt. Norton of Corregidor who was the Officer in charge of our ship, Mr. Nelson who was our Inspector of Hulls in Manila; and if it is necessary, please refer to the De la Rama Steamship CO., the office is in Manila.
- (5) You can also find my record in the record found in Corregidor or in Manila Quartermaster of 1941.

Hoping that the above mentioned are satisfactory . Waiting for your earliest convenience, I am.

Yours very respectfully,

F. A. Golez

Felix A. Golez

Master, M/S Mambukal

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HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

30 Nov. 1945

Felix A. Golez
Iloilo City, Iloilo

Dear Mr. Golez,

Before we can determine whether the United States Government owes you money, we must have the following information:

- (1) The owner of the Boat M.S. MAMBULAK.
- (2) If the ship was owned by the U. S. Govt.
- (3) When you stopped working for the U.S.Govt.
- (4) Names of men who would know the circumstances of your employment.
- (5) Please state the name of the office referred to in your letter of August 16 1945.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL W. BECKER
Major, F. A.
Claims Investigating Service

PREPARED BY: *m v n*

LT. MARSHALL V. WALKER...ela

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Molo Iloilo City, P. I.

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FROM: CQM

To: War Claims Commission

Date: 29 Nov 1945

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Letter from Captain F. A. Goles, 61 San Pedro St.,
Molo Iloilo City, P. I.

CQM

War Claims

29 Nov 1945

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1 Incl: Ltr fr Capt. F. A. Goles

W. F. C.



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[Signature]
Capt. F. A. Goles

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Letter from Captain W. A. Gales, El San Pedro St.,
Hole Halls City, P. I.

29 Nov 1945

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Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

----- I Incl: Ltr fr Capt. W. A. Gales W. P. O. -----

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Handwritten notes:
Hansen
Subject [unclear]

61 San Pedro St
Molo, Iloilo City
August 16, 1945

Quartermaster, U.S. Army
Corrigidor Island

Sir:

This is to report to you that I was a Master of the M/S MAMBUKAL on the service plying between Manila, Corrigidor and Cebu.

That on December 24th my ship was sunk off Pasa Beach in Manila Bay. After the sinking I was assigned to the office of the Quartermaster at Manila. On December 31st, 1944, I was assigned to the office of the Quartermaster at Manila. On January 1st, 1942 they burned our office at Pier No. 1, Manila. We have to disperse and on January 2nd the Japs entered Manila and we had to escape to the interior provinces of Luzon. Later on I took the chance to go back to my province, Iloilo, before the landing of the Japs in that place. It was then the month of April. My intention however, was to report to the Quartermaster of Iloilo but I was told to report to Cebu instead, so I waited for the transportation to go there but on April 10 the Japs landed here. I have no other alternative but to hide in the mountains. After three months of hiding I learned that the Japs were looking for me because not only that I was an employee of the U.S. Army but my son too was a Major of the Guerrilla Force of Pansay. So I moved to the island of Negros and later to the small island forming a part of Guimaras Island until the landing of the American Forces of Liberation on March 18, 1945.

In as much as the loyalty of the Filipinos to the American government has caused the latter to give now back pays to those who have served during this war, I believe I am entitled to such privilege. So please contact me at my present address: 61 San Pedro St., Molo, Iloilo City, Province of Iloilo.

It is my sincere thanks to the American people that they have saved us and that I am still alive; also my son who fought and killed so many Japs and still is safe.

Respectfully yours,

Felix A. Golez

FELIX A. GOLEZ

Ex Capt M/S Mambukal

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

APC707
19 October 1946

GSXRP 201 - GOLEZ, FELIX A.

SUBJECT: Report of War Department Civilian Employee.

TO : The Adjutant General (Casualty Branch), Washington 25, D.C.

1. It has been determined for the purposes of the Missing Persons Act:

a. That Felix A. Golez was employed by Quartermaster Corps, Fort Mills, Corrigider, Philippine Islands and meets the requirements of Public Law 490, as amended.

b. That employment status at beginning of absence was Master, ungraded, \$2580 per annum, \$180 per annum quarter allowance, \$240 per annum subsistence allowance and is entitled to the benefits of the act for the period beginning 16 December 1941 and continuing to 1 January 1942. Subject is considered to have resumed a reasonably normal existence with no serious deprivation occasioned by his former official status on 2 January 1942. (Under the provisions of Section IV, par 1 (e) WD for Casualty Administration upon reoccupation of the Philippines, dated 7 November 1944)

c. That the normal tour of duty was 48 hours per week. Subject is not entitled to overtime and differential pay.

d. The employee entered on duty status on 28 October 1941 and was last paid in full to include 15 December 1941 and did not receive a subsequent partial payment.

2. Payment in full for arrears in pay will be made by this headquarters, copies of payrolls and computation being forwarded to Commanding Officer, Office Dependency Benefits, Office Chief of Finance as payrolls are complete.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

D. M. LYNCH
Major Inf.

Acct. Asst. Adj. Gen.
Assistant Director

1 Incl. - Aff (Orig.)

Recovered Personnel Division

INFO COPY TO: Commanding Officer, Office of Dependency Benefits,
Office of Chief of Finance, 213 Washington Street,
Newark 2, New Jersey.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

A. Mercado

Iloilo City, Oct. 11, 1946.

HEADQUARTERS

Capt. George F. CLAIMS SERVICE, APWESPAC
Claims Service OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS
APO 707, Manila.

TBL/si

APO 707
29 October 1946

Dear sir:

Mr. Felix A. Golez
Guanco St., Iloilo City your letter of June 12, 1946,

Dear Mr. Golez: that although I was a U.S. War De-

partment We are in receipt of your letter of 11 October 1946,
reiterating your request for reconsideration on your claim
and for benefits under the Missing Persons Act, as amended,
during the Japanese occupation.

In this connection, we wish to reiterate our determi-
nation on your claim that you are not entitled for benefits
under the Missing Persons Act, as amended, due to the fact
that you were not made a prisoner of war by the Japanese
as a result of your employment by the U.S. Army nor did
you suffer any disability because of enemy action during
your employment.

Sincerely yours,

If the above information is true please allow
me to reiterate my request for BENJAMIN J. PULLEY, the
Capt., Inf.
Chief Office Claims Investigating Service

Waiting for your reply, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Prepared by:

[Signature]
I. B. LAUS
Civ. Investigator
Guanco St., Iloilo City.



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11011 City, 11, 1946.

HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS
APO 707, Manila

29 October 1946

Mr. Felix A. Coffey
Quincy St., Manila City

Dear Mr. Coffey:

We are in receipt of your letter of 11 October 1946
requesting your request for reconsideration on your claim
for benefits under the Missing Persons Act, as amended,
during the Japanese occupation.

In this connection, we wish to reiterate our determination
on your claim that you are not entitled for benefits
under the Missing Persons Act, as amended, due to the fact
that you were not made a prisoner of war by the Japanese
as a result of your employment by the U.S. Army nor did
you suffer any disability because of enemy action during
your employment.

Yours sincerely,
Chief of Claims

If the above information is true please advise

the given notwithstanding of transfer or otherwise

WILLIAM J. PHILLY
Capt., USA
Chief Investigating Service

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Prepared by:

W. J. PHILLY
Chief Investigating Service

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Iloilo City, Oct. 11, 1946.

Capt. George F. Smith
Claims Service AFWESPAC
Apo 707, Manila.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 12, 1946, with the information that although I was a U.S. War Department employee before and after the declaration of War American & Japanese, I am not entitled for benefits during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, under the Missing Persons Act as amended.

I would like to inform however, that Mr. Jacinto P. Buendia Dart St. No. 1038 Paco, Manila, my Chief Officer on board the M/S "Mambucal" where I was the Captain had already been paid his claim according to him.

If the above information is true please allow me to reiterate my request for reconsideration having the same right as my Chief Officer.

Awaiting for your reply, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Felix A. Golez

Felix A. Golez
Guanco St., Iloilo City.

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CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

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AFPO 707
12 June 1946

Mr. Felix A. Golez
61 San Pedro St.,
Molo, Iloilo City

Dear Mr. Golez:

This office is in receipt of your letter of June 3, 1946, with the therein attached certificate of Mr. Michael Garrett stating that for your employment as Master of the M/V "Mambukal", you were being paid by the U.S. Army.

Please be informed that the nature of your employment does not qualify you for benefits under the Missing Persons Act, as amended, and therefore you are not entitled for pay during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines.

If you were not paid any part of your salary for the period you were actually employed, please accomplish the attached three (3) copies of Claims Service Form No. 619. In this form, please give us a brief history of your employment, rate of pay and period for which you were not paid.

Also, inclosed are three (3) copies of Claims Service Form No. 603, to be filled up by three of the members of the crew who worked under you. After the completion of all the aforementioned forms, please return them to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,



GEORGE F. SMITH
Captain - CAC

Claims Investigating Service



Incls:

- Claims Service Form No. 619 (3 copies)
- Claims Service Form No. 603 (3 copies)

PREPARED BY:



I.B. LAUS/si
Civ. Investigator

File: In Claim

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CHIEF OF BUREAU OF CLAIMS
CLAIMS SERVICE, WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

12 June 1948
AIO 707

Mr. Felix A. Golan
61 San Pedro St.,
Holt, Idaho City

Mr. Felix A. Golan
61 San Pedro St.,
Holt, Idaho City

Dear Mr. Golan:

Dear Mr. Golan:

This office is in receipt of your letter of June 3, 1948, with the various attached certificates of the Bureau relating to your employment as a member of the "Wounded" and your claim for the U.S. Army.

It is noted that the nature of your employment does not qualify you for benefits under the War Relievement Act, as amended, and therefore you are not entitled to any benefits under the provisions of the Act.

If you were not paid any part of your salary for the period you were actually employed, please enclose the attached three (3) copies of Claim Service Form No. 10, in this form, please give as a brief history of your employment, date of pay and period for which you were not paid.

Also, three (3) copies of Claim Service Form No. 10, to be filled up in three of the numbers of the form and worked under you. After the completion of all the aforementioned forms, please return them to us at your earliest convenience.

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GEORGE F. SMITH
Captain - CAC
Claims Investigating Service



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Iloilo June 5, 1946 APO 707
12 June 1946

Mr. Felix A. Golez
61 San Pedro St.,
Molo, Iloilo City

Dear Mr. Golez:

This office is in receipt of your letter of June 3, 1946, with the therein attached certificate of Mr. Michael Garrett stating that for your employment as Master of the M/V "Mambukal", you were being paid by the U.S. Army.

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GEORGE F. SMITH
Captain - CAC
Claims Investigating Service

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Iloilo June 3, 1946

The Director, Team No. I
Claims Investigating Service
AEWESPAC
Manila

My dear sir:-

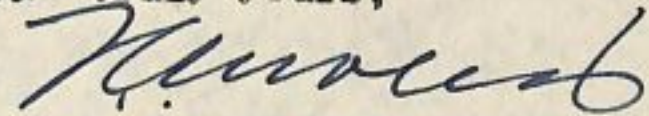
I am enclosing herewith the certificate of the Dela Rama Steamship Co. Inc. Manila, certifying me that I have been withdrawing my pay from the U.S. Army, before and during the landing of the Japs in Manila.

In view of this evidence I pray you to reconsider my claim for my Back Pay.

I went to Manila to look for my American Officers in Corregidor Islands during the American-Japs war, to get more evidence and to satisfy you that I am really a War Department employee, but in vain, they might have gone for I could not get any information as to their whereabouts.

Your kind attention to my claim will be looked upon as a great favor.

Very truly yours,



FELIX A. GOLTZ

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