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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES )
CITY OF MANILA

By this instrument of declaration, be it know and made manifest unto all to whom these presents may come or may concern, that I, JOSE M. DE AMUSATEGUI, Filipino citizen, of age, and resident of the City of Manila, Philippines, do voluntarily and solemnly declare as follows:

SS.

That I am manager of the Manila Steamship Co. Inc., for a number of years prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War on December 8, 1941, up to the present;

That the SS "MAYON", before and at the outbreak of the Pacific War, was managed by the Manila Steamship Co. Inc.;

That on or before December 24, 1941, the SS "MAYON" was commandeered by the USAFFE (United States Army Forces in the Far East) and that on said date, the late Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon and other high government officials including the High Commissioner, boarded subject ship bound for Corregidor;

That from Corregidor, under Army orders, the SS "MAYON" proceeded to Mariveles, thence to Cebu loaded with USAFFE troops and American aviators;

That upon arrival at Cebu, an agreement was signed with the United States Army to the effect that the SS "MAYON" will serve as a U. S. Army Transport, whereupon subject ship left for Misamis, in Mindanao, and thereafter from Misamis to Cebu, loaded with troops with Capt. Albert Kitchen, as commanding officer of the American troops on boards

That from Cebu, the SS "MAYON" proceeded to Nasipit, Butuan, in Mindanao, and that while at Nasipit on stand-by orders, subject ship was bombed by enemy planes, resulting in the virtual loss of said vessel and some casualties on board including Capt. Albert Kitchen, commanding officer of the American troops on board and the master of the ship, Martin Aguirre;

That the complement of the crew both on deck and in the engine of the SS "MAYON" at the time it was commandeered by the USAFFE up to its loss, were all virtually Filipinos and that the master of subject vessel was Martin Aguirre, an American citizen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I sign this declaration in the City of Manila, on this 16th day of October, 1945.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF

/s/ J. M. de Amusategui /t/ JOSE M. DE AMUSATEGUI

/s/ P. M. Esperidion

/s/ L. de Jesus

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/s/ L. de Jesus

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me, at the City of Manila, Philippines, on this 16th day of October, 1945; affiant exhibiting to me his Residence Certificate No.A-3192422, issued at Manila, on March 27, 1945.

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/s/ Pacifico de Ocampo
/t/ PACIFICO DE OCAMPO
Notary Public
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )
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J. M. AMUSATEGUI, after being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

That he has been Manager of the Manila Steamship Co., for a number of years prior to the outbreak of the present war on December 8, 1941, up to the present;

That the SS "MAYON", at the outbreak of the war, was managed by the Manila Steamship Co.;

That he knows Francisco Conde to be a member of the engine crew of the SS "MAYON" as third engineer;

That to the best of his information, said Francisco

Conde remained a member of the engine crew of the SS "MAYON"

when it last sailed from Manila on orders from the Manila

Steamship Co., sometime last December, 1941, when command

of the vessel was taken over by the United States armed forces.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the City of Manila, on this 17th day of July, 1945.

/s/ J. M. de Amusategui /t/ J. M. DE AMUSATEGUI

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF: /s/ Luis J. Esteban

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MANILA STEAMSHIP CO., INC.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the former SS "Mayon" of this Company, was commandeered by the U. S. Army, as per copy of my declaration, executed on October 16, 1945, herewith attached.

This is also to certify that the late Rufino Mil was quartermaster of the SS"Mayon" when subject vessel was commandeered by the U. S. Army, and that his basic pay was P35.00 per month, which pay was double at the time the aforementioned vessel was placed under orders of the U. S. Army.

An instrument of declaration executed by Francisco Conde, second engineer of the SS "Mayon", giving an account of the sinking of said vessel by
enemy action and causing the death of Rufino Mil, aforesaid quartermaster, was made on July 18, 1945, copy of
which is herewith attached.

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## STATEMENT

1. Prior to the war and until about the middle of December it was my policy to have the owners of the vessels I commandeered for the Army pay their crews and furnish all the necessary supplies for the vessels. However this procedure was discontinued about the middle of December or particularly around the 24th of December when a number of vessels were commandeered for Army use. It became the responsibility of the Army to pay the crew members and furnish the necessary supplies for the vessels. In other words, I would consider that the members of the crews became civilian employees of the Army.

- 2. In general, when the U. S. Army agreed to pay the salaries of the crew, it was agreed that additional pay would be paid to the crew members for operating in dangerous waters. In some instances, the salary was doubled. In other instances, the salary was not increased, but a bonnus was to be paid. The amount of this bonus was not definitely established.
- 3. It was very difficult at that time to keep crews in the vessels due to the intense bombing attacks in the city. At times it was necessary to place armed guards on certain vessels to prevent the crews from deserting.

4. To my knowledge, I do not think any payrolls were kept. However, if a man's name did not appear on a payroll, that does not necessaryly mean that he was not employed by the Army.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Jedis G. Juncte PEDRO A. GINETE 1st Liout. FD Claims Service. PHILRYCOM APO 707 /s/ Richard G. Rogers /t/ RICHARD G. ROGERS Colonel, QMC

# DECLARATION"

By this instrument of declaration, be it known and made manipest unto all to whom these presents may come or may concern, that I, FRANCISCO CONDE, filipino citizen, of age, and resident of 35 G. Reyes, San Juan, do voluntarily and solemnly declare as follows:

That on 24 December, 1941, while awaiting orders from His Excellency, the late President of the Philippines, Manuel Quezon, Vice President Osmena, High Commissioner Sayre and family, and some of the high staff, several formation of Japanese bombers attacked the island in the morning we were back after we delivered the whole High Staff to Corregidor safely, altho fortunately we did not suffer any damage;

That on 27 December, 1941, we received orders to unload all baggages and personal effects of President Quezon; throughout the whole day we were subjected to enemy attacks from the air, and in the evening we received orders to sail for Mariveles where we arrived without incident whereupon we loaded troops and left immediately in the direction of Mindoro;

That at dawn of 28 December, 1941, we arrived at Mindoro and docked at a small nearby reef to hide the vessel from the view of enemy planes; that at about 1:30 in the afternoon we were spotted and attacked by two enemy bombers slightly suffering a diverging hit on the stern of the vessel, near hold #4; that as a result thereof there was panic among the crews and troops on board the vessel, some of them jumping overboard apparently with the instinct to escape; that at dusk we left for Negros with a crew almost depleted by one third of its original size;

That at dawn of 29 December, 1941, we arrived without much difficulty at a spot called "Campo Manes" where we picked up survivors of the ill-fated S.S. Panay, which was sunk the day previous on the same spot; that at dusk of the same day we left in the direction of Mindanao carrying with us a portion of the deck and engine crews of the S.S. Panay; and that we did not meet with any incident during the day, althouthere have been desertions among the crews;

That on 30 December, 1941, we arrived at Cebu where we loaded crude oil and water, and afterwards signed an agreement with the United States Army for us to serve as a U.S. Army Transports that upon signing the agreement we were given our salary; that at dusk of the same day we left for Misamis, Mindanao;

That on 1 January, 1942, we arrived at Misamis and docked in the middle of the bay awaiting orders with our boilers and main engines in full blast, ready to move at any moments' notice, and since then up to 10 January, 1942, we waited for orders with our boilers and engines ready;

That from 10 January to 20 February, 1942, in order to save fuel, we did not utilize the three boilers, altho we were always on the alert; that during said period we docked several times to fill in our water tanks for boiler consumption;

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Second Engineer Vicente Zaperain and his son Antonio Zaperain (Oiler) leaves the ship in Cebu;

Then General Headquarters appoints me as second engineer;

That on the 22nd day of February, 1942, at the evening, we sailed in the direction of Nasipit (Butuan, Mindanao);

That from the 23rd up to 27th of February 1942, we were standby awaiting for orders;

That on 28 February, 1942, at about 5:00 P.M. two enemy sea born planes hovered over us dropping four bombs two of which hit the vessel, the first on the bridge and the second on the center at the place near Life Boat #3 resulting in a fire which spread out beyond our control, damaging the tubings for the fire line; that the planes flying at low altitude, machinegunned the crews while the entire vessel was enveloped in fire and smoke;

That this disaster resulted in the death of the following:

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Rufino Mil

1 Army Sergeant 4 " Soldiers

1 Galley Boy 1 Pantry Boy Captain of the Vessel Captain of the U.S. Army on

board the vessel

Chief Steward (Unknown)

(Unknown) (Unknown)

(Quartermaster)

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(Unknown) Last name - Mr. Baisa

aside from other casualties, on board the vessel, that as soon as we observed that we were free from enemy attack we worked to save the vessel but found it impossible to do so, thereupon we picked up the wounded and transferred them to the life boats and other bancas who came to our rescue.

That for three days, March 1, 2, and 3 the vessel had been continously burning;

That we were finally sent to Cebu, to the Headquarters of the United States Army where we were paid our salary for the month of February and some thing on account for the month of March; that some of the wounded members of the crew decided to stay in Butuan Hospital.

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U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT MAYON SURVIVING OFFICERS

ALEJANDRO PASTOR Chief Mate(Killed in Fort Santiago)

Mr. LEANO (First name unknown) Second Mate Mr. YAP (First name unknown) Third Mate

ENGINEERS

Jose Puya
Chief Engineer (Unknown)
Francisco Conde
Second Engineer (Present)
Third Engineer (Merchant Marine)
Mr. Jimenez
Fourth Engineer (Unknown)

OILERS

Salvador de la Rosa

Gilberto Roldan

Jose Duque

Totoy Magtulis

Mr. Jose

Mr. Jose
Mr. Juan
Fireman (Unknown)
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 18th day of July, 1945, at G. H. Q. AFPAC APO 500.

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/s/ W. H. Livingston /t/ W. H. LIVINGSTON 1ST LT. AGD Summary Court G. H. Q. AFPAC APO 500.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )
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I, THOMAS W. JURIKA, American citizen, of age and residing at No. 1925 Roberts St., Passy, Rizal, Philippines, after being only sworm according to law, do Mereby depose and state:

That I was personally acquainted with Capt. Matin Aguirre who was the Master of the S/S Mayon, a vessel engaged in interisland service in the Philippines prior to the outbreak of the war in 1941:

That I have travelled on this vessel several times and occasionally have met and talked with Capt. Againre:

That the s/s Mayon was taken for use by the United States Amy after the outbreak of the war, and Capt. Aguirre remined as Master of the vessel;

That late in Bebruary 1942, i was assigned by the Army Transport Service in Cobu to proceed to Mindanao as Officer-in-charge of the movemut and operation of all vessels at that time under the jurisdiction of the Army... I arrived in Dugo shout February 22nd and made my headquarters there:

That on or about February 28, 1912, the S/S Mayon with Capt. Aguirre as master, Albert Kitchen as United States Army Quartermaster Agent, and a full crew, was enchared in Masinit Hargor, Agusan, Mindenso, under orders of the United States Army. At about six o'clock P. M. of that day I recoived a blegrammon Brinan with the information that the S/S Mayon had been attacked by Japanese planes we hours provious and that several bombs had hit the SAS Mayon. setting it office and cousing communities. Two Mays later I proceeded to Masipit where I made a personal inspection of the S/S Mayon which by that time had already stopped burn ng. In company with Capt. Makewen who was the Adjutant for Col. Chestaine, Commending officer of that sector. I boarded the vessel and located the bodies of 8 of the 10 russing persons who had been should when the vessel was attached. The other two bodies were found floating in a fish trap near the vessel and were identified as two of the armed guards placed on the vessel by army authorities. Among the bodies identified abound the yearel were those of Cart. Mertin Agains and Quartenmater Agent Eitchen. They were positively identified both by erew memors and myself;

That the bodies of all casualties were taken to the cemetery at Artuan and buried, and a full sport made to the Army suthorities. In company with the survivors who were not still hospitalized I then proceeded to John where I also made a sport to the United States Army Transport Service; and

That this statement is made for the purpose of establishing facts of my personal knowledge regarding the death and buriel of Capt. Martin Aguinra.

Manila, Movember 14, 1946.

/a/ Thomas W. Jurilon THOMAS W. JURICA

on this 14th day of Movember, 1946; affint exhibiting to me his Residence Cortificate No. -1773341 issued at Manilson September 5, 1946.

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Captain of the Vessel Captain of the US Army on board the vessel.

Chief Steward (Unknown) Quartermenter ) (Unknown) I Last name Mr. Baisa

aside from other casualties, on board the vessel, that as soon as were observed that we were free from energy attacks we worked to save the vessel but fount it impossible to do so, thereupon we picked up the wounded and transferred them to the life boats and other benese who came to our resoue;

That for three days, Murch 1:2: & 3, the vessel had been continously luznings

That we were finally sent to Cobe, to the Headquarters of the United States Army where we were paid our Salary for the month of February and something on account for the month of Merch; that some of the wounded members the arew decided to stay in Bran Hospital;

That on March 12th Chief Engineer Jose Rays was sent to Nasipit (Mindanao ) by Major Byrd. Commander of the US Army Forces in Cobe to see if the vessel was beyond repair. Finally, Military orders was to bleat the mip for g00 63

U. S. ARMY TRANSPORT "MAXON" SURVIVING OFFICERS

ALEJANDRO PASTOR lik konno Mr Kap Frencisco Conde Jose Gallego Mr. Tinunos

Chief Mate (Killed in Fort Santiago) Second Mate (First nome unknown) Third Mate (First name unknown) Ingineer) Second Engineer (Present) Third Engineer (Merchant Murine) Fourth Engineer (Unknown) OHLERS AND PROUDS - Chief Make

Sulvador do la Rosa Gilberto Rolden Jose Duque Totay Magazia Mr Jose Mr. Juan Victorine Plores

Otlor (Somewhere in Menila) Oller (Somewhere in Mendla) Oiler (Somowhere in Minila) Odler (unknown) Firemen (Unknown) Firemen (Unknown) Blestrician (Unknown)

this 18th day of July, 1945 at Golle Qo GURSCRIEED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME AFPAG APO 500.

(SGD) FRANCISCO CONDE A GERTLFIED THUE GOPY:

> PRINC A. GINETE Piret Lieutenant, Lafentay Administrative Officer Records and Fiscal Division

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GENERAL HEEDQUARTERS US ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC ) : SS APO 500, MANILA, P.I.

deposes and says:

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Before me, the undersigned, authorized tedminister oaths in cases of this character appeared the following: Policronic Leano, 2nd Officer, of 35 G. Reyes San Juan; Francisco Condo, 2nd Engineer, of 35 G. Reyes San Juan: Demetric Mava, Quartermaster,

That we were members of the crew of the "S.S.MKEON". And are executing this paper, with the names and wages of the members of the crew that we saw that were, killed in action, missing in action, and also those that are at present living, and where they are living. If we have seen any of them since the Americans have returned only.

of 412 Sevilla, San Nicelas; Gerardo Arimas, Carpenter, of 306

Clavel, San Nicolas; who having been duly sworn according to law

# CF/EW LIST OF THE USAT "S.S.MAYON"

STEWARD DEPT.

1. Florencie Darang g Chief Steward - Casualty

- In Tacloban now 2. Jose Israel - 2nd

- Died at Hospital 3. Ricardo Baisa - Pantry Man Butuan, burns The Same of the

- Captain's boy - Casualty 4./ Mateo

### SPECIAL DUTY

1. Capt. Albert Kitchen - Quartermaster agent - Casualty

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1. Chief Officer - M/S Surigao - Casualty

- Casualty 2. Second Engineer

### DECK DEPT.

1. Martin Aguire - Captain p casualty - \$550

2. Alejandro Pastor - Chief Mate - Wounded, later killed in Pt. Santiago \$275

S. Pelieronio Leano - Second Mate - Present - \$180

4. Jose Map - 3rd Mate - New in Tacloban \$165

## ENGINE DEPT.

1. Jose Paya - Chief Engineer - Missing member of crew

2. Vicente Zapirain - 2nd Engineer - Left ship 20 Feb. 1942 - 3275

3. Antonio Zapirain - Oiler - Member of crew until 20 Feb 1942.

4. Francisco Conde - 2nd Engineer - Living \$275

5. Jose Gallego - 3nd Engineer - Momber of crew until 20 Feb. 1942 \$180

6. Silverio Jimenez - 4th Engineer - Became 4th Engineer 2 20 Feb 1942, now in Mindanao - \$165



7. Gilberto Roldan - Oiler & In Manila - \$60

8. Salvador de la Rosa - Oiler - In Manila = \$60

9. Jose Duque - Oiler - In Manila - \$60

10. Numeriano Magtulis - Oiler - Missing - \$60

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# CREW LIST OF THE USAT "S.S.MAYON"

11. Victoriano Flores - Electrician - Missing

12. Marciso - Fireman - Missing \$50

- Refrigerating Engineer - Missing #35 13. Jose Moncado

### DEC DEPT.

1. Celestine Casidsid - Boatswain - In Ileilo New - \$60

2. Teodero Ascenci - Quartermaster - Antique, Panay - # \$35

5. Caster Osenu - Quartermaster - Antique, Panay \$35

4. Rufino Miel - Quartermaster - Did Hosp. Butuan, Burns \$35

5. Demetrio Nava - Quatermaster - In Manila \$35

6. Gerardo Grnios - Carpener - In Manila \$60

7. Juan Canalite - Sailer - Antique, Panay ## )\$50

8. Vicente Menaide -330 9. Bonifacio Sican \$30

\$30 10. Adriano Nava

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Unlenown 11. Santos

12. Tito \$30 \$30 13. Leonardo

Further depenents sayeth not:

Policemio Leano POLICRONIO LEANO 2nd Officer

/s/ Francisco Cende /#/FRANCISCO COMDE End Engineer

/s/ Demotrio Nava /t/ DEMETRIO NAVA **Vuartermaster** 

/s/ Gerardo Arimas AT/ GERARDO ARIMAS Carpenter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July 1945 at GHQ, AFPAC, APO 500.

> W. H. Livingston W. H. LIVINGSTON st Lt. AGD Summary Court

A TRUE CORY:

BDR/3/6/47.

S/S "MAYON"

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