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DECLARATION

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

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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:

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 board;

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/ P. M. Esperidion

/s/ L. de Jesus

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



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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

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

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 commanded by the USAFV (United States Army Forces in the Far East) and that on said date, the late Government official including the High Commissioner 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 USAFV 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 Ritchen, as commanding officer of the American troops on board;

That from Cebu, the SS "MAYON" proceeded to Masapit, Butuan, in Mindanao, and that while at Masapit 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 Ritchen, commanding officer of the American troops on board and the master of the ship, Martin Aquino;

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 USAFV up to its loss, were all virtually Filipinos and that the master of subject vessel was Martin Aquino, an American citizen.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I signed on this fourth day of October, 1941, in the City of Manila,

JOSE M. DE ANASTASIO
JOSE M. DE ANASTASIO

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

JOSE M. DE ANASTASIO
JOSE M. DE ANASTASIO



SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me, at the City of Manila, Philip-
pines, 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
My commission expires on Dec. 31, 1946.

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SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me, at the City of Manila, Philippines, on this 10th day of October, 1945; alliant exhibiting to me his Residence Certificate No. A-310222, issued at Manila, on March 27, 1945.

W/ Pacifico de Gampo
W/ PACIFICO DE GAMP
Notary Public

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My commission expires on Dec. 31, 1946.



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A F F I D A V I T

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES : SS.
CITY OF MANILA)

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

/s/ R. Yturralde

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CITY OF BOSTON

J. W. AMBROSE, also 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 Gordo to be a member of the
engine crew of the SS "MAYON" as third engineer;
That to the best of his information, said Francisco
Gordo 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 for-
ces.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at
the City of Manila,

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J. W. AMBROSE
J. W. AMBROSE



Subscribed and sworn to before me, at the City of Manila, Philippines, on this 17th day of July, 1945; affiant exhibiting to me his Residence Certificate No. A-3192422, issued at Manila, on March 27, 1945.

/s/ Pacifico de Ocampo
/t/ PACIFICO DE OCAMPO
Notary Public

My commission expires on Dec. 31, 1946

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Manila, on March 27, 1947.
ing to me his Residence Certificate No. A-319242, issued at
Philippines, on this 17th day of July, 1947; and that exist-
-ing to me to before me, at the City of Manila,
Subscribed and sworn to before me.

My commission expires on Dec. 31, 1946
Notary Public
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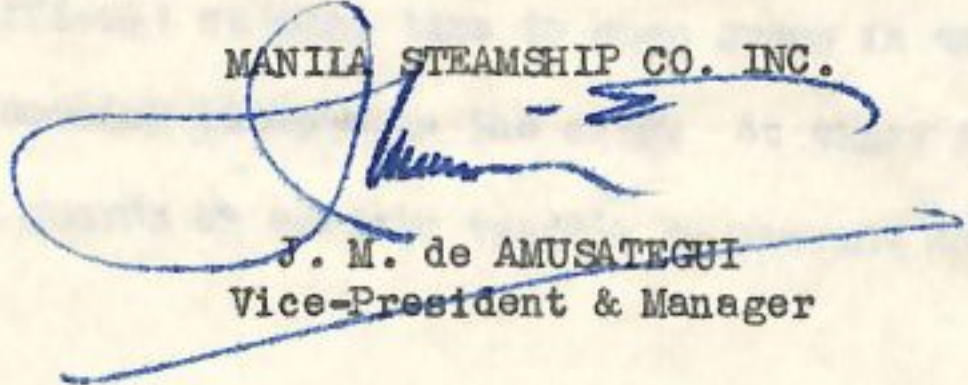
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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, afore-said quartermaster, was made on July 18, 1945, copy of which is herewith attached.

MANILA STEAMSHIP CO. INC.



J. M. de AMUSATEGUI
Vice-President & Manager

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MANILA, September 16, 1947.

MANILA STEAMSHIP CO., INC.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the former SS "Mayon" of this Company, was commanded 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 the subject vessel was commanded by the U. S. Army, and that his basic pay was \$35.00 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, quartermaster, was made on July 18, 1945, copy of which is herewith attached.

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S T A T E M E N T

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 bonus 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 necessarily mean that he was not employed by the Army.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Pedro A. Ginate
PEDRO A. GINETE
1st Lieut. FD
Claims Service, PHILRYCOM
APO 707

/s/ Richard G. Rogers
/t/ RICHARD G. ROGERS
Colonel, QMC

" D E C L A R A T I O N "

By this instrument of declaration, be it known and made manifest 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, altho there 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 Transport; 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;

That on the 20th of February 1942, at dusk we sailed for Cebu arriving there the next day without any incident; that we thereupon loaded fuel, water and made the necessary purchases; that we were then paid our salary for January;

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 stand-by 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:

Martin Aguirre
 Mr. Kitchen

Captain of the vessel
 Captain of the U.S. Army on board the vessel

Florencio Darang

Chief Steward

1 Bar Boy

(Unknown)

1 Captain Boy

(Unknown)

1 Pilot of M.S. Surigao

(Unknown)

Second Engineer of M.S. Surigao

(Unknown)

Rufino Mil

(Quartermaster)

1 Army Sergeant

(Unknown)

4 " Soldiers

(Unknown)

1 Galley Boy

(Unknown)

1 Pantry Boy

(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 continuously 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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That on March 12th Chief Engineer Jose Puya was sent to Nasipit (Mindanao) by Major Byrd Commander of U.S. Army forces in Cebu to see if the vessel was beyond repair. Finally, Military orders was to blast the ship for good;

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)
Jose Gallego	Third Engineer (Merchant Marine)
Mr. Jimenez	Fourth Engineer (Unknown)

OILERS

Salvador de la Rosa	Oiler (Somewhere in Manila)
Gilberto Roldan	Oiler (Somewhere in Manila)
Jose Duque	Oiler (Somewhere in Manila)
Totoy Magtulis	Oiler (Unknown)
Mr. Jose	Fireman (Unknown)
Mr. Juan	Fireman (Unknown)
Victorino Flores	Electrician (Unknown)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 18th day of July, 1945,
at G. H. Q. AFPAC APO 500.

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



... that on 13th July 1945 the vessel was beyond repair. Finally, military orders were to blast the ship for good.

U.S. ARMY ENGINEERS SURVIVING OFFICERS
Chief Engineer (Unknown)
Second Engineer (Present)
Third Engineer (Merchant Marine)
Fourth Engineer (Unknown)
Chief Officer (Unknown)
Second Officer (Somewhere in Manila)
Third Officer (Somewhere in Manila)
Fourth Officer (Unknown)
Fifth Officer (Unknown)
Sixth Officer (Unknown)
Seaman (Unknown)
Hospital (Unknown)

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U.S. ARMY ENGINEERS SURVIVING OFFICERS



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AFFIDAVIT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
 CITY OF MANILA) SS.

I, THOMAS W. JURIKA, American citizen, of age and residing at No. 1925 Roberts St., Pasay, Rizal, Philippines, after being duly sworn according to law, do hereby depose and state:

That I was personally acquainted with Capt. Martin Aguirre who was the Master of the S/S Myon, 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. Aguirre;

That the S/S Myon was taken for use by the United States Army after the outbreak of the war, and Capt. Aguirre remained as Master of the vessel;

That late in February 1942, I was assigned by the Army Transport Service in Cebu to proceed to Mindanao as Officer-in-charge of the movement and operation of all vessels at that time under the jurisdiction of the Army. I arrived in Davao about February 22nd and made my headquarters there;

That on or about February 28, 1942, the S/S Myon with Capt. Aguirre as master, Albert Kitchen as United States Army Quartermaster Agent, and a full crew, was anchored in Nasipit Harbor, Agusan, Mindanao, under orders of the United States Army. At about six o'clock P. M. of that day I received a telegram from Butuan with the information that the S/S Myon had been attacked by Japanese planes two hours previous and that several bombs had hit the S/S Myon, setting it afire and causing casualties. Two days later I proceeded to Nasipit where I made a personal inspection of the S/S Myon which by that time had already stopped burning. In company with Capt. McKown who was the Adjutant for Col. Chestaine, Commanding Officer of that sector, I boarded the vessel and located the bodies of 8 of the 10 missing persons who had been aboard when the vessel was attacked. 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 aboard the vessel were those of Capt. Martin Aguirre and Quartermaster Agent Kitchen. They were positively identified both by crew members and myself;

That the bodies of all casualties were taken to the cemetery at Butuan and buried, and a full report made to the Army authorities. In company with the survivors who were not still hospitalized I then proceeded to Cebu where I also made a report 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 burial of Capt. Martin Aguirre.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.
 Manila, November 14, 1946.

/s/ Thomas W. Jurika
 THOMAS W. JURIKA

Subscribed and sworn to before me at the City of Manila, Philippines, on this 14th day of November, 1946; affiant exhibiting to me his Residence Certificate No. 2-1773341 issued at Manila on September 5, 1946.

REAL AFFIXED

/s/ PACIFICCO (not legible)
 NOTARY PUBLIC

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My commission expires December 31, 1946

DECLARATION

By this instrument of declaration, be it known and made manifest 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 Queson, Vice President Osmena, High Commissioner Syre and Family, and some 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, although fortunately we did not suffer any damage:

That on 27 December 1941, we received orders to unload all baggages and personal effects of President Queson; throughout the whole day we were subjected to enemy attacks from the air and in the evening we received orders to sail to 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 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 28, 1941, we arrived without much difficulty at a spot called "Campo Menes" 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 SS Panay; and that we did not meet with any incident during the day, although there have been desertions among 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 Transport; that upon signing the agreement we were given our salary; that at dusk of the same day, we left for Misamis, Mindoro;

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 moment (a 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, although we were always on the alert; that during said period we docked several times to fill in our water tanks for boiler consumption;

That on the 20th of February 1942, at dusk we sailed for Cebu arriving there next day without any incident; that we thereupon loaded fuel; water and made the necessary purchases; that we were then paid our salary for January;

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 23rd up to the 27th of February, 1942, we were stand-by awaiting for orders;

That on 28th 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 control, damaging the tubings for the fire line; that the planes flying at low altitudes, machine gunned the crews while entire vessel was enveloped in fire and smoke;

That this disaster resulted in the death of the following:

Martin Aguirre	Captain of the Vessel
Mr. Kitchen	Captain of the US Army on board the vessel
Florencio Darang	Chief Steward
1 Bar Boy	(Unknown)
1 Captain Boy	(")
2 Pilot of M/S Surigao	(")
2nd Engr.	(")
Rufini Mill	(Quartermaster)
1 Army Sergeant	(Unknown)
4 Army soldiers	(")
1 Galley Boy	(")
1 Pantry Boy	(") Last name Mr. Baisa

aside from other casualties, on board the vessel, that as soon as were observed that we were free from enemy attacks 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 means who came to our rescue;

That for three days, March 1, 2, & 3, the vessel had been continuously 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 something on account for the month of March; that some of the wounded members the crew decided to stay in Batuan Hospital;

That on March 12th Chief Engineer Jose Raya was sent to Nasipit (Mindanao) by Major Byrd, Commander of the US Army Forces in Cebu to see if the vessel was beyond repair. Finally, Military orders was to blast the ship for good;

U. S. ARMY TRANSPORT "MAYCN" SURVIVING OFFICERS

ALEJANDRO PASTOR	Chief Mate (Killed in Fort Santiago)
Mr. Leano	Second Mate (First name unknown)
Mr. Yap	Third Mate (First name unknown) Engineer)
Francisco Conde	Second Engineer (Present)
Jose Gallego	Third Engineer (Merchant Marine)
Mr. Jimenez	Fourth Engineer (Unknown)

OILERS

Salvador de la Rosa	Oiler (Somewhere in Manila)
Gilberto Roldan	Oiler (Somewhere in Manila)
Jose Dague	Oiler (Somewhere in Manila)
Totoy Magtulis	Oiler (unknown)
Mr. Jose	Fireman (Unknown)
Mr. Juan	Fireman (Unknown)
Victorino Flores	Electrician (Unknown)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 18th day of July, 1945 at G.H.Q. AFPAG APO 500.

(SGD) FRANCISCO CONDE
 A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

SGD W. H. LIVINGSTON
 1st Lieut. AGO,
 Summary Court
 G.H.Q. AFPAG, APO 500

FRIRO A. GINETE
 First Lieutenant, Infantry
 Administrative Officer
 Records and Fiscal Division

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

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Before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character appeared the following: Polieronio Leano, 2nd Officer, of 35 G. Reyes San Juan; Francisco Conde, 2nd Engineer, of 35 G. Reyes San Juan; Demetrio Nava, Quartermaster, of 412 Sevilla, San Nicolas; Gerardo Arimas, Carpenter, of 306 Clavel, San Nicolas; who having been duly sworn according to law deposes and says:

That we were members of the crew of the "S.S. MAYON". 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.

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

STEWARD DEPT.

1. Florencio Darang - Chief Steward - Casualty
2. Jose Israel - 2nd " - In Tacloban now
3. Ricardo Baisa - Pantry Man - Died at Hospital Butuan, burns
4. Mateo - Captain's boy - Casualty

SPECIAL DUTY

1. Capt. Albert Kitchen - Quartermaster agent - Casualty

NONMEMBERS

1. Chief Officer - M/S Surigao - Casualty
2. Second Engineer " - Casualty

DECK DEPT.

1. Martin Aguire - Captain's casualty - \$550
2. Alejandro Pastor - Chief Mate - Wounded, later killed in Ft. Santiago \$275
3. Polieronio Leano - Second Mate - Present - \$180
4. Jose Yap - 3rd Mate - Now in Tacloban \$165

ENGINE DEPT.

1. Jose Puya - Chief Engineer - Missing member of crew
2. Vicente Zapirain - 2nd Engineer - Left ship 20 Feb. 1942 - \$275
3. Antonio Zapirain - Oiler - Member of crew until 20 Feb 1942.
4. Francisco Conde - 2nd Engineer - Living \$275
5. Jose Gallego - 3rd Engineer - Member of crew until 20 Feb. 1942 \$180
6. Silverio Jimenez - 4th Engineer - Became 4th Engineer 20 Feb 1942, now in Mindanao - \$165

ENGINE DEPT. (Continued)

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. Narciso - Fireman - Missing \$50
13. Jose Moncado - Refrigerating Engineer - Missing \$35

DEC DEPT.

1. Celestino Casidsid - Boatswain - In Iloilo Now - \$60
2. Teodoro Ascenci - Quartermaster - Antique, Panay - \$35
3. Gaster Osonu - Quartermaster - Antique, Panay \$35
4. Rufino Miel - Quartermaster - Did Hosp. Butuan, Burns \$35
5. Demetrio Nava - Quartermaster - In Manila \$35
6. Gerardo Grnios - Carpenter - In Manila \$60
7. Juan Canalite - Sailor - Antique, Panay \$30
8. Vicente Menaide - " " " \$30
9. Bonifacio Sican - " " " \$30
10. Adriano Nava - " " " \$30
11. Santos - Unknown \$30
12. Tito - " \$30
13. Leonardo - " \$30

Further deponents sayeth not:

/s/ Policenio Leano
 /t/ POLICRONIO LEANO
 2nd Officer

/s/ Francisco Conde
 /t/ FRANCISCO CONDE
 3rd Engineer

/s/ Demetrio Nava
 /t/ DEMETRIO NAVA
 Quartermaster

/s/ Gerardo Arimas
 /t/ GERARDO ARIMAS
 Carpenter

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

/s/ W. H. Livingston
 /t/ W. H. LIVINGSTON
 Lt. AGD
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