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Proposed Policy.

(2) FROM: Civilian Section

TO: Director, RPD DATE: 1 Feb 46  
THRU: Chief, Adj Branch  
(PS-AUS-CIV)

Request approval of attached policy

R. E. P.

(5) -----  
FROM: Director, Rec Pers Div TO: Civilian Section DATE: 6 Feb 46

Approved.

M. H. M.

(3) -----  
FROM: Civilian Section TO: Director, RPD DATE: 16 Nov 45

Problem: Determination of civilian employees on Panay, P.I.,  
under Missing Persons Act.

Discussion: The following contentment construction on Panay,  
were started about 5 September 1941 and work  
was suspended approximately 15 December 1941  
by order of the C.G.,  
61st Div P.A.  
Anilao  
Dingle  
Pototan

Construction of Landing Fields on Panay began in January  
were located in the following provinces:

In Iloilo province:

Mandurriao  
Santa Barbara  
Sara

In Capiz province:

Dumarao  
Pilar

In Antique province:

San Jose

Work started on above fields in January 1942.  
Construction of these fields were never completed.  
Civilian employees were not working at all fields at time  
of Japanese invasion.

American Civilian Mining Engineers were construction  
engineers.

All technical work in the field was under the supervision  
of American civilians.

American civilians only were on per annum or monthly basis  
and were paid thru the Finance officers of the 61st Division,

All laborers were casually hired on a daily basis.

Payments to civilian employees (less American Civilians supervisors paid by 61st Division Finance Officer) were paid by Provincial or City Treasurers with monies furnished by USAFFE disbursing officers.

Employees were hired and fired on the basis of existing requirements for laborers.

Employees may have worked on more than one field.

BASIC: C/S fm Civ Sect. to Dir. Rec Pers Div.  
dtd 16 Nov 45, subject: "Policy".

No determination can be made as to the number of times an individual employee may be hired and released from employment. For example: One day 5,000 workers would be needed, the next day 3,000 required. All surplus workers would be discharged. However, the following week it is possible the discharged workers would be hired.

Estimated 30,000 employees in Panay are involved by this policy.

**Recommendation:**

1. That all contonement construction employees at Anilao, Dingle and Pototan be determined negative, casually employed or intermittant work suspended.

2. That employees of all Landing Strips on Panay be determined negative - casual employment.

Except: Where sufficient evidence is furnished to prove claimant is a permanent War Department employee on a per annum basis.

3. That any Landing Strip on Panay inadvertently omitted in basic communication may be adjudicated under this policy.

**Conclusion:**

It is believed employees on Panay may come under Negative P. A. employees. However, due to the questionable decision and legal aspects involved in this determination, it is believed that a blanket decision of casual employment would suffice to eliminate these claims.

J. T. K.

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SANTO TOMAS INTERNMENT CAMP  
MANILA, P. I.

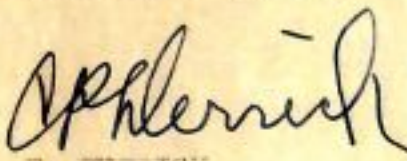
28 March 1945

MEMORANDUM: To Whom It May Concern.

1. All civilians employed by the Visayan-Mindanao Forces during the period of the defense of the Philippine Islands (8 December 1941 to date of surrender) were temporary employees engaged on a month to month basis and were not per annum employees as USAFFE Headquarters did not authorize permanent employment nor employment beyond the immediate work to be accomplished, nor the allocation of funds for any extended period.

/s/ Paul S. Beard  
PAUL S. BEARD  
Colonel, F.D.  
Finance Officer  
Visayan-Mindanao Forces

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF CARBON COPY:

  
C. P. DERRICK  
Major, Infantry  
Assistant Director  
Investigation Division

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GENERAL STAFF

A.P.O. 500  
26 Nov. 45

C E R T I F I C A T E - - -

I, Charles M. Smith, hereby certify to the following facts which are known to me personally:

1. At the outbreak of the war, I was a Mining Engineer in the employ of the Masbate Construction Mining Co. on the Island of Masbate. On 9 Jan 1942, after the first enemy landing on Masbate, I went to Panay and reported to Brig. General Chenoweth, CG. 61st Division (PA). He informed me he needed engineers to build airfields on Panay and dynamite. I made four trips back to Masbate hauling dynamite and getting engineers. These engineers were employed by Major Thomas Powell as supervisors on the airfield construction at a rate of either P400.00 or P500.00 per month. The following is a list of the personnel from Masbate who went to work for the Army in Panay:

USAR: H. D. Weidman, commissioned U.S. Army  
USAR: Claude E. Fertig, commissioned U.S. Army

A. Y. Smith - Charge small factories  
Henry Schuring - " " "  
Lester Mason - Motor Pool  
? Say - " "  
Jack Treat - Airfields (Killed)  
John Volodkin - "  
? Lasher - (Later Commissioned)  
Charles M. Smith - Airfields  
Homer Mann - "  
? Spencer - "  
Ben Zimmerman - "  
Graham Nelson - " (Later transferred to Cebu by Powell)  
Jordan A. Hamner - "  
Kenneth Hanson - "  
? Borey - "  
Mark Clardy - " (Killed)  
Jose Herman - " (Killed)  
Fred Frederick - "  
Reginald Verney - Enemy Property Custodian  
Philip Montfort - Quarry for airfields (P200.00)  
Edward Sawyer - Quartermaster, Iloilo

Charles Dakins - Making sea mines  
Charles Moat - Quartermaster (Prevet commission)

Other civilians who were employed by the Army on a monthly basis are:

? Ming - Quartermaster (Port) (Killed)  
H. Meider - Airfield (Plane Maintenance)  
Monte Wayne - Quartermaster  
Walter Saul - "  
? Davis - Manufacturing war goods.  
? Gimperley - Quartermaster  
Waynard C. Hawley - "  
? Grump - Airfields (Plane Maintenance)

The above lists are far from being complete but represent those whom I can recall from memory.

2. On 8 Feb 1942, the enemy occupied Masbate in force. On 14 Feb 1942, I went to work for the U. S. Army in Panay as Engineer in charge of Underground Personnel Shelters and Magazines on all fields. Major Thomas Powell who was in charge of the construction gave me a copy of the orders which placed my salary at \$250.00 per month and assigned me to the Engineers under command of Major Powell. So far as I know, all monthly employees of the Army received like orders. My copy was lost later in Mindanao when the enemy bombed and set fire to our quarters while I was assigned to the 73rd Infantry Regt (PA) under Colonel Vesey. A. Y. Smith who later accompanied me to Australia still had a copy of his orders on our arrival there.

3. Regulations covering employment with the U.S. Army were: The employee furnished his own quarters and food unless he was assigned to troops doing the work in which case he was quartered with, and ate with the officers in command of the troops. Employees would be entitled to rights as civil service employees when proper communications had been established with the authorities. The foregoing statement was made to me by Major Thomas Powell in February 1942.

4. The following airfields were under construction on Panay on 14 Feb 1942:

Pilar - near Pilar Sugar Central - Capiz Province.  
Sara - near Sara, Iloilo  
Dumarao - Dumarao, Capiz  
Santa Barbara - Cabautuan, Iloilo  
Mandurriao - Jaro, Iloilo  
San Jose @ near San Jose, Antique  
Dingle - near Potolan, Iloilo

On each of these airfields there were approximately 3,000 laborers working daily with the exception of the Dingle field which was a dummy field and only a few gangs were employed. This labor was supplied by the Bureau of Public

Works, through its district engineers. According to Major Powell the Bureau of Public Works agreed to supply all laborers needed and to take care of all administrative work. The Bureau submitted payrolls which had to be approved by the Army before payment could be made. Labor was paid ₱1.00 per day in accordance with Army Regulations. This caused considerable trouble at first in getting sufficient men as the local population were mostly farm hands who had been accustomed to living on ₱.30 to ₱.50 a day. The result was, a man worked only two or three days a week. In all work with which I was connected the Cabo system was used, i.e., the Cabo or gang foreman took the responsibility of having his gang up to full strength daily. The Engineer in charge never knew who the men were and never cared as long as he had sufficient men. All labor was hired as casual daily labor and were paid either weekly or semi-monthly. Major Claude E. Fertig relieved Major Powell in March 1942, and can testify as to when the men were last paid. These laborers were paid by the Bureau of Public Works while all civilians hired on a monthly basis were paid by the Finance Officer in the Office of Major Powell by check drawn on the Philippine National Bank in Iloilo City. Any laborer on the Airfields could be dismissed immediately by the Supervisor of the field by telling the Bureau of Public Works representative on the field to discharge him.


5. I am certain that it was not the intention of the command that these daily laborers should be considered as employees of the government for an indefinite period. They were hired as casual daily laborers only. It is no doubt true that many of them did not receive pay for the last period of work.

6. After the fall of Cebu I asked Major Fertig what we should do on the invasion of Panay. He said the General (Christie) had told him for all American employees to either get out to Mindanao which would probably hold out or to report to his Headquarters which was being established in the mountains. Most of the Americans listed previously took one or the other of the alternatives and the majority of them did not surrender at all to the enemy.

7. Army personnel still living who were in charge of the airfield and other work on Panay are:

Brig. Gen. Chenoweth  
Brig. Gen. Christie  
Col. McClellan, Cav., was QM in charge of Port.  
Lt Col. Claude E. Fertig, - - - in charge of airfields  
at the time of invasion.

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C. P. DERRICK  
Major, Infantry  
Assistant Director  
Investigation Division

/s/ Charles M. Smith  
/t/ CHARLES M. SMITH  
Lt Col. CE  
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A F F I D A V I T

I, Lt. Col. Silvino Z Macaranas, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

I was Construction Engineer in charge of all cantonment construction in Panay located at Anilao, Dingle and Pototan. The construction on these camps started on or about 5 Sept 41. When war was declared work went on but later on was ordered suspended by Commanding General 61st Div. about middle of Dec 1941. I was then attached to the 61st Engineers, later on taken by Lt. Powell Jr to be his assistant in charge of the construction of air fields in Panay. We decided on the locations of the air fields on the latter part of December situated on Mandurriao, Santa Barbara, Dingle, and Sara in the province of Iloilo. The Dingle air field was a dummy field. Dumarao and Pilar in the province of Capiz and the field at San Jose in the province of Antique. Work started on these air fields in the early part of January. Air fields at Santa Barbara at Mandurriao and San Jose were being used. Work on none of the fields was completed. We had an aggregate of 30,000 people on these air fields 24 hours a day (8 hours shifts). American Civilian Mining Engineers were construction supervisors. Laborers hired thru Bureau of Public Works and District Eng. supervised the personnel. All technical work in the field under the supervision of American civilians. All laborers hired on daily basis. The District Engineers and other civilians who were Civil Service employees of the Commonwealth were retained under the same ratings held on appointment. The pay of the laborers was handled thru municipal and provincial pay masters. Release of funds for payrolls of these airports had to be approved by the Commanding General, 61st Div. B. General Christie and once approved payment effected thru the Finance Officer of the Division. All Filipinos paid by provincial and municipal paymasters. Up to March 31 all payrolls were completed. Work abandoned on air fields due to invasion, 16 Apr 42. At several airports personnel were still working on day of invasion. All underground work in Panay air fields, was under supervision of Lt. Col. Chas. H. Smith who is at present on duty in office of Chief Engineer, GHO. Information regarding drivers and other civilians inducted into the Phil Army may be obtained from Lt. Col Lope Quial now Asst. Adj. Gen, Hq. Phil Army. Work on Dimalag Hospital under supervision of Capt. Zosa, was started latter part of Feb. or early March abandoned due to invasion.

To the best of my knowledge the only air fields strafed were those at San Jose and Dumarao. There was no bombing.

/s/ S. Z. Macaranas  
Lt Col CE (PA)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Nov. 1945 at Hq, AFWESPAC, Rec. Pers. Div., T & C. Bldg.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*C. P. Derick*

/s/ W. F. (Illegible)  
1st Lt, AGD

C. P. DERICK  
Major, Infantry  
Assistant Director  
Investigation Division



Headquarter Recovered Personnel Division  
Investigating Section, Civilians  
City of Iloilo

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES ) SS  
CITY OF ILOILO )  
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AFFIDAVIT

I, Gil R. Mallare, married, of legal age, Filipino and a resident of the City of Iloilo, Philippines, after being duly sworn in accordance with law, depose and say:

That on 19 December 1941, Lt. Tom Powell, Jr. (Later became Major Tom Powell, Jr.) accompanied by Lt. Macaranas (Later made Captain, and served as Powell's Executive Officer) came to my office and we talked of locating and constructing several landing fields pursuant to instructions from higher headquarters which had been received on the night of 18 December 1941. While still in my office we decided to visit the present site of Mandurriao Airfield after studying and looking over maps of the Iloilo Province. Proceeding directly to Mandurriao, we decided to begin construction of one field there immediately.

Lt. Powell informed me that I would be in charge of construction and supervision of the projects.

That same day we visited the site of the Military barracks at Miagao since I had previously levelled the ground at that location. After looking over the ground we decided that the ground offered insufficient length for a landing field. We parted agreeing to meet at 2:00 P.M. that same afternoon at Dingle. There we met as scheduled; however nothing was decided as to the Dingle Field as yet. From there we went to Lambunao where there was an emergency landing field that I had built in the past. There no decision was made, so we returned to Iloilo City.

In the meantime I had directed Francisco Fabros, Civil Engineer, to get technical assistants from our office and locate necessary personnel to start work on Mandurriao Airfield. I instructed him that he would supervise that project with work continuing day and night. Subsequently, on 16 January 1942 Fabros' work was supplemented by that of Martin Jalandoni, Civil Engineer, because of the illness of the former.

In a day or so we went out again to locate landing field sites, and decided to construct another field at Tiring. Florentino Pontiveros, also Civil Engineer employed in my office went to Tiring with us. He was instructed to be in charge of construction of the field at Tiring, and likewise to secure necessary personnel. We went to work on Tiring on 22 December 1941.

About 10 December 1941, order came from the Director of Public Works discontinued most Public Works Projects with the exception of those roads and bridges essential to the functioning of USAFFE projects. This made more technical assistants available for use in construction of Air-fields.

Later Lt. Powell returned to my office with a plan for the construction of a field between Sara and Ajuy. So I sent Gregorio Mercado, of long experience as a surveyor and construction engineer, with Lt. Powell. Work was started at Sara - Ajuy under direct supervision of Lt. Powell who was assisted by Frank Jison, C. E. and manager of sugar central. I personally helped in making surveys, preparing plans, and staking roads.

Afterward it was decided to construct another air landing field and the site selected was the Dingle Cadre Reservation and Felicisno Ople, Civil Engineer, was assigned to supervise the work on the construction of same.

Pacifico G. Ongkingco, Assistant Civil Engineer, was assigned to supervise the construction of the water supply system at Anilao for the USAFFE.

Antonio Felizmena, Foreman, was assigned to take charge and supervise the construction of hangars, quarters, ammunition dumps, garages, barracks and hospitals at Tering and Mandurriao Air landing fields and the construction of barracks at Badiang, Anilao and the nipa buildings at Dingle.

Francisco Serrantes, chief mechanic was given a vehicle at my instance that had been commandeered by USAFFE, and he was assigned to check on all mechanical equipment belonging to Iloilo Province that were being used in the Province of Iloilo and Capiz.

Not only the above mentioned employees of the office of the District Engineer had worked on the construction of different landing fields and barracks, but since the order of the Director of Public Works, was received to discontinue public works activities, almost the entire office force of the District Engineer, from the Chief Clerk to the messenger were also working day and night for the USAFFE, such as preparing plans for landing fields hangars, officers' quarters, garages, ammunition dumps, barracks, and hospitals, making military maps and blue printing same, preparing estimates, requisitions for materials, payrolls, vouchers and keeping accounts of same for payment. And since then we kept our office open for twenty-four (24) hours service a day for the USAFFE because then USAFFE officers were coming to the office any time of the day and night for informations, maps, or plans.

Prior to their use in the construction of the USAFFE landing fields, the personnel from the District Engineer's Office were paid in the following manner:

1. Regular Assistant Engineers, Foreman and Office force - clerks, draftsman, etc. paid from B-7 Engineering Fund, of the Province obtained

from surcharge projects.

2. Technical assistants (such as instrument men, chainmen, etc.) - paid from funds appropriated to the projects on which they were employed. If they were use on 3 or more projects simultaneously, they drew pay from B-7 Engineering fund.

After these technical assistants were assigned to landing field projects their salaries were paid entirely from USAFFE funds appropriated for the project even though as far I as know no one was formally inducted into the USAFFE. Work on their respective projects consumed all of the time of these former employees of the Office of the District Engineer, and most of the time of the District Engineer, for he was in the landing fields construction even at midnight.

Instructions regarding air field construction operations came directly from Lt. Powell, U. S. Army

We were so pressed for workers that any man who could bring nineteen (19) workers would be employed as a Cabo. However, even some employed as Capataz (incharge of several Cabos) were hired and discharged simply on the basis of existing requirements for laborers. Some of thos employe as Capatazes were considered as more or less regular workers due to the work they had done on previous projects of the Office of the District Engineer.

All those workers above the grade of Capataz were technical employees from my office whose services had been requested by Lt. Powell.

Some few of the capataces and common laborers were also more or less permanent employees due to the fact that they had proved themselves particularly adopt at certain specialized tasks (such as handling men which require experience, driving a road roller) performed on earlier projects. However, the average common laborer was hired purely on a casual basis. Perhaps one day five thousand (5,000) workers would be needed; whereas the next day far less than this number would be required, and the surplus workers would be discharged.

2nd Lt. Sergio Jamila, F.S. P.A., drew money for payment of wages of air field employees from USAFFE funds through the Iloilo Branch of the Philippine National Bank, and distributed said funds to both Municipal and Provincial Treasurers, and their respective assistants for payment to said air field workers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand in the City of Iloilo, Philippines, this 12th day of November, 1945.

1/11 CARLOS C. MALLARI  
1/11 CARLOS C. MALLARI JR.  
/s/ G. R. MALLARI  
/t/ GIL R. MALLARI  
Actg District Engineer  
Offices in Iloilo City

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines, affiant with Res. Cert. No. A-11475543, is-

(SEE BACK)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES ) S.S.  
CITY OF ILOILO, ILOILO )

A F F I D A V I T

I, SERGIO N. JAMILA O-27612, single of age, Filipino, after being duly sworn in accordance with the law, depose and say:

1. That I am a commissioned Officer of the PA since 17 Sept. 1941 and was called to active duty 13 Oct. 1941, inducted into USAFFE 21 Dec. 1941. That I serve in Bataan and on 22 Feb. 1942. I left Bataan for Panay and arrived 24 Feb. 1942 in Capiz, Capiz. On March 1, 1942 I reported for duty to HQ 61st Div. and was assigned on duty with the Div. FO, Maj G. Francisco;

2. That on 5 Mar 42, Maj. Francisco verbally detailed me FO, airfield unit 61st Div. under Maj. Thomas Powell and his Asst. Capt. Macaranas who has already started payment of labor and materials to the seven Landing Field of Panay. When I reported, he told me to continue the system of giving the money to each paymaster of the seven Landing Field;

3. That I got authority to draw money from the CO, 61st Div. Brig-Gen. Cheynoweth then relieved by Brig-Gen. Christie, and I present the authority to Maj. Francisco and he in turn issues me a check to cover up payment of labor and materials. I draw the check in the PNB, Iloilo Branch all in Iloilo PNB emergency notes.

4. That with the money I deliver the cash by General Voucher duly signed by the Provincial Treasurer and Maj. Powell to the already designated paymasters of each Landing Field, so I don't know the contract entered into between the paymaster and the USAFFE thru Capt Macaranas;

5. That the following paymasters designated by Capt Macaranas were as follows:

Mandarriao Landing Field -----	City Treasurer of Iloilo
Tiring Landing Field -----	Mr. Agustin Divinagracia Municipal Treasurer of Cabatuan
Dingle Landing Field -----	Municipal Treasurer of Dingle 1942
Sara-Ajuy Landing Field -----	Municipal Treasurer Ajuy, 1942 Mr. Evidente, Mun. Treas. of Ajuy, 1942
Buenavista Landing Field -----	Mr. Panaguiton, Asst. Prov. Treas. of Antique, 1942
Pilar Landing Field -----	Mr. Jose Claveja, C/o Auditor's Office, 1942 Capiz, Capiz
Durarao Landing Field -----	-do-

Per instruction of Capt. Macaranas, each paymaster were made to employ all the treasurers' office force to be his sub-paymasters and several supervising teachers and teachers. I don't know their appointment as I was just ordered to continue the system previously installed;

6. That the different sub-paymasters be required to liquidate their advances with the paymasters, and in turn the paymasters will liquidate them to the Prov. Treas. or any designated FO of the US Army.

7. That my rough estimate of status of the Landing Field regarding unpaid payroll were as follows:

Mandurriao Landing Field - Payroll from Jan. to 31 Mar. 1942 were about completely paid. That the payroll were already signed by each respective foreman, time keeper incharge of Landing Field constructions and other officers of the civil government I can't remember. The payroll are duly audited by the already installed auditing forces of Landing Field. Their books will show all account. Partial liquidations were made. Tiring Landing Field- payment of the men were up to date except insignificant number. I remember to have delivered on or about the 2nd week of April 1942 to Mr. Divinagracia, Mun. Treas. of Cabatuan Iloilo not more than Ninety Thousand Pesos, partial liquidation made.

Dingle Landing Field- The amount involved for payment of the laborers were not so big. Wages were paid except from 1-15 April 1942. I do not remember the amount delivered to the Treasurer to cover payment for 1-15 April 1942 payroll. Partial liquidation only.

Sara-Ajuy Landing Field- Sara Municipal Treasurer, of 1942. I cannot remember the amount I delivered but I believed Mr. Evidente has not fully paid the amount. His books will show, no liquidation made. Sara-Ajuy Landing Field-Ajuy Municipal Treas. of 1942. He has little amount unliquidated.

Buenavista Landing Field- Mr. Panaquiton, Asst. Prov. Treas. of Antique receives big amount but I cannot remember how much. Payment of Landing Field men not behind but he has not made any liquidation. His books will show. Dist. Engineer, Maslog supervising engineer knows the status. I haven't supervise payment nor visited this Landing Field due to lack of time, no transportation and due to pressure of business.

Pilar and Dumarao Landing Fields - Paymaster of two Landing Fields, Mr. Jose Olaveja. I haven't visited this Landing Fields nor have supervised payment due to lack of time, transportation and pressure of office works. These two landing fields were very behind in payment. Dumarao Landing Field amount to almost onehundred fifty thousand pesos every 15 days I delivered big amount about March, 1942 but none for 1-16 April. I believed the big amount were not paid yet as payment were behind. He made no liquidation.

8. That I received verbal order from Maj. E. Fertig who succeeded Maj. Powell as CO, air field unit, that in case of invasion Gen. Christie desires to let me deliver all cash items to Col. Rafael Garcia, CO, Base QM 61st Div. on the morning of 16 April 42. I brought the one hundred

fiftyfifty pesos - PNB, Iloilo emergency notes and I was escorted by Maj. E. Fertig to Passi, Iloilo, for delivery to Col. Garcia. Thru the order of Lt. Cbl. Jose Olivares EXoff - Base QM I delivered the one hundred fifty thousand to 1st Lt. Victor Alfonso Jr. FO, BQM. My books were duly audited by Army auditor Lt. Sison and certified by Lt. Col. Olivares as found to be correct.

9. That on or about the middle of May 1942 the BQM were reorganized into Iloilo and Capiz Sectors. Lt. Col. J. Olivares as CO of Iloilo Sector and Col. Garcia for Capiz Sector. I was designated DO for Iloilo and was given little advances and at the time of disbandment I was duly audited by Lt. Sison and certified correct by Lt. Col. Olivares. Advances not more than two grand were given to procurement officers of Iloilo Sector. Lt. Col. Olivares.knows his men.

10. That on or about 1st week of June 1942 Col. Garcia disbanded BQM personnel and each officers receives three grands emergency notes for our expenses while in hiding and another officer gave me his P2,634.50 amount making a total of P5,634.50. This amount were duly returned to the Guerilla FO thru verbal order of Lt. Col. Relunia, Co 61st Guerilla Division on 1 Sept. 1942 and a receipt issued and signed by Lt. Vicente Zaldariaga now on duty with 21FDS, PA, APO 715 for P4,500.00. The balance of P1,134.50 was signed by Lt. Federico Maresco. All receipts were presented to 6th MD Guerilla FO and was officially exchange with receipt of Dist. FO Guerilla Maj. S. Mapa (attached true copy)

11. That the time of disbandment all of my cash books and paid vouchers were duly audited by Lt. Sison now in QM, HPA; and duly certified by Col. Olivares to have been correct and the papers were well kept-hidden in Abaca, Passi, together with the unpaid payroll of Dumarao and Pilar Landing Fields. On or about Sept. 1942, when after I had reported for duty to Lt. Col. Relunia I recovered all the papers and books intact in Abaca, Passi, Iloilo. I brought them to Sara at the HQ of the 61st Div. (Guerrilla)

12. That on or about 15 Oct. 1942 I was ordered by the Lt. Col. L. R. Relunia to go on mission to Bohol via Negros. I was ordered to deliver all cash books and paid vouchers and payrolls to Lt. Pendon on duty 61st Div. (guerilla). The books and paid vouchers were receipted. I have it in Manila and will be available anytime. Since then I lost control of the books and vouchers for I was in the 8th MD (Cebu-Bohol) till Jan. 4, 1945. Lt. Pendon cannot be contacted. Request he be required to deliver the said books.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand in the City of Iloilo, Philippines, this 9th day of November, 1945.

/s/ S. N. Jamila  
/t/ SERGIO N. JAMIA O-27614  
2nd Lt. FS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*[Signature]*  
C. P. DERLUCK  
Major, Inf.

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.  
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, JR.  
1st Lt., Inf.

June 5, 1942

To Whom it May Concern:

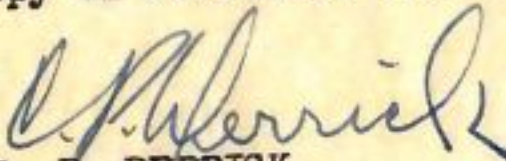
This is to certify that the books of Lt. Sergio Jamila have been examined and that he has no cash on hand except the authorized amount as advance for five thousand six hundred thirty four and 50/100 only.

/s/ Jose Olivares  
Lt. Col., CACA  
Sector OM, GO

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.  
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.  
1st Lt., Inf.

A certified true copy of certified true copy:

  
C. P. DERRICK  
MAJOR, INFANTRY  
ASST DIRECTOR  
INVESTIGATION DIVISION

SIXTH MILITARY DISTRICT  
HEADQUARTERS

1 March '45

MEMORANDUM RECEIPT

RECEIVED FROM CAPT. SERGIO JAMILA THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH  
'45 TWO (2) CASH RECEIPTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Cash receipt dated 17 October '42 covering transfer of fund in the amount of ₪4,500.00 from Lt. Sergio Jamila to Lt. Vicente Zaldarriaga.
2. Cash receipt dated 23 October '42 covering transfer of fund from Lt. Sergio Jamila to Lt. Federico Haresco in the amount of ₪1,134.50

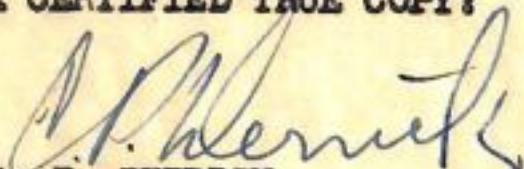
THIS RECEIPTS ARE SURRENDERED TO THIS OFFICE BY NOW CAPTAIN SERGIO JAMILA FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING HIS ACCOUNTABILITY TO LT. FEDERICO HARESCO AND LT. VICENTE ZALDARRIAGA IN THE BOOKS OF THE DISTRICT FO.

/s/ H. A. Hardiolin  
/t/ H. A. JARDIOLIN  
2nd Lieut., FS  
ASST. Accounting Officer, FS

▲ CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.  
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.  
1st Lt., Inf.

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C. P. DERRICK  
Major INF  
Assistant Director, Investigation  
Division



COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROVINCE OF ILOILO /eg  
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, SIXTO B. ORTIZ, of age, Provincial Treasurer of Iloilo, after being duly sworn according to law, do hereby depose and say:

1. That I was Provincial Treasurer of Iloilo from July 16, 1941 and was performing the duties of my office on April 16, 1942, when the invading Japanese forces occupied Iloilo Province;

2. That soon after the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1941, the USAFFE Forces stationed in Iloilo Province undertook the construction of landing fields in the "arrabal" of Mandurriao, Iloilo City; and in the Municipalities of Cabatuan, Sta. Barbara, and Gara, Province of Iloilo;

3. That at first the wages of laborers employed and the cost of materials furnished in the construction of these landing fields were paid by USAFFE disbursing officers;

4. That later, in pursuance of a verbal agreement entered into between the District Engineer of Iloilo Province, Mr. Gil Mallare, who was either supervising or assisting in the work in these landing fields and me, as Provincial Treasurer, the duty of paying laborers' wages and cost of materials was transferred from the USAFFE disbursing officers to the Provincial Treasurer and his deputies and employees;

5. That through his municipal treasurers at Cabatuan, Sta. Barbara and Gara and his traveling deputies in the central office, the Provincial Treasurer effected payments of practically all the expenses incurred in the construction of the above-named landing fields, except that of Mandurriao which was taken care of later by the City Treasurer, using for this purpose whatever fund the said Provincial Treasurer had in his possession and whatever amounts were occasionally advanced to him by the USAFFE disbursing officers;

6. That the amounts paid out by the Provincial Treasurer and not covered by advances from the USAFFE were periodically billed against the USAFFE finance officers;

7. That the Municipal Treasurers of Cabatuan, Sta. Barbara and Gara at the time were Messrs. Agustin Divinagracia, Lucio Rodillado (now in Pototan) and Salvador Evidente (now in the Provincial Treasurer's Office); respectively;

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8. That upon the invasion of Iloilo Province by the Japanese forces there were accounts involving big sums remaining unpaid by the USAFFE the amounts of which I do not now remember;

9. That due to the total destruction of the records of the Provincial Treasurer and those of the Municipal Treasurers of Cabatuan, Sta. Barbara and Sara, it is now impossible to reconstruct the accounts and determine therefrom the exact sums disbursed by the Provincial Treasurer and his deputies and remaining unpaid by the USAFFE forces;

10. That during the months of March and April, 1942, and in pursuance of orders received from both the USAFFE High Command, represented by General Juan Quimbo, and the Commonwealth officials concerned, the Provincial Treasurer of Iloilo had disbursed big amounts in the payment of portions of the salaries of Philippine officers and enlisted men, members of the USAFFE forces throughout the Philippines, which portions were allotted to their respective wives, parents and descendants residing in Iloilo Province according as to whether those officers and enlisted men were married, single or widowers with dependents;

11. That all the funds disbursed for the latter purpose must have amounted to approximately P200,00.00 no part of which was ever reimbursed by the USAFFE; and

12. That all the vouchers, and papers supporting them, under which these payments were made have been totally destroyed and, therefore, cannot now be produced.

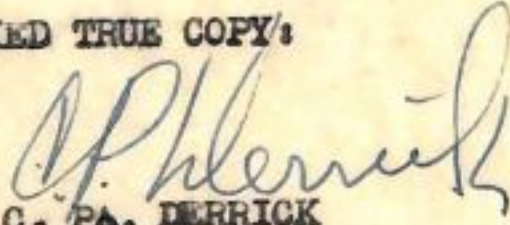
In witness hereof, I sign this affidavit in the City of Iloilo this 9th day of November, 1945.

/s/ Sixto B. Ortiz  
/t/ SIXTO B. ORTIZ  
Provincial Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of November, 1945. Affiant exhibited his Residence Certificate No. A-264608 issued at Tabaco, Albay on April 27, 1945.

/s/ Sofronio Flores  
/t/ SOFRONIO FLORES  
Register of Deeds  
Iloilo

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
C. P. DERRICK  
Major INF  
Asst. Director, Investigation  
Division

18 July 1945

MEMORANDUM

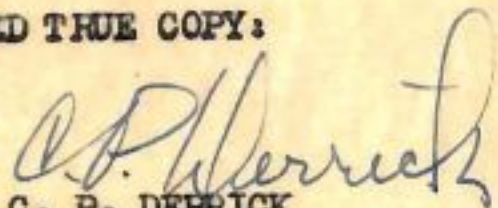
TO : Recovered Personnel Division

1. Prior to the outbreak of the war there were approximately fifteen (15) regular employees of the U.S. Engineer Department working on airfield projects in Mindanao. These men were covered by regular civil service ratings. It is impossible to give the exact number from memory, but Major erca, Finance Officer, 10th Military District, APO 159, can furnish a list of employees on duty at the Zamboanga airfield projects. The other employees were hired locally for temporary work.

2. Subsequent to the declaration of war I was told that 200 pesos monthly was the maximum salary offered to civilian employees. At least ten (10) American mining engineers and possibly fifty (50) capable Filipino men were hired, but I have no knowledge as to the assignment or civil service ratings or the conditions under which they were hired.

/s/ Wendell W. Fertig  
/t/ WENDELL W. FERTIG  
Colonel C. E.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
C. P. DERRICK  
Major INF  
Asst. Director, Investigation  
Division

MEMO

TO : Lt. Thacker


Colonel Fertig left word that any information you desire concerning civilian employees during the war you should contact;

Colonel C. W. Hedges, Inf.  
C. Co., 10th M.D.  
APO 159

Also stated that Col. Hedges would probably have more information on this subject than he.

/s/ AVF

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
C. P. DERRICK  
Major INF  
Asst. Director, Investigation  
Division

AP0 500.  
14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Military History, C. E. Fertig, Major, CE, O-266889.

TO : Commanding Officer, Recovered persons Bureau, USAFFE, APO 501.

1. Pre war status. Informed in March 1941 by Major Withers, Ex O, Dept. Engineer, Philippine Dept, that I would be called to active duty. Requested and received deferment until completion of correspondence work for promotion to 1st Lieut. In July 41, upon arrival on vacation in Manila, was ordered examined for active duty. Physical examination not passed because of a lung spot, informed of this in late Oct. 1941. Correspondence work was completed but promotion not yet received. Informed at this time that I would be advanced in grade and placed on the inactive list. Examined by competent civilian doctors (Dr. Visaya-Rio Guinobatan - Masbate, Dr. Reyes-Xray Specialist - Manila, Dr. Fletcher - Manila) all of whom declared me physically fit. Requested reexamination at Sternberg General Hospital, but outbreak of war prevented this. Subsequent examinations at Iloilo, Panay (20 Feb 42 and, 42nd General Hospital, APO 923 - 4 April 44 and Army Air Base, Fairfield, Calif, 15 March 45, found no ailments.

2. Masbate. At the outbreak of war was serving as Asst. General Supt. of Capsay Mining Co, Rio Guinobatan, Masbate. Ordered to active duty as Actg. Major by Brig. Gen. Chynoweth, Par 3, S.O. 16 - 20 Jan 42, Hq. 61st Division USAFFE. Duties consisted of shipping supplies to (explosives, tractors, fuel oil, etc.) and establishing communications between Masbate and Panay. Supplies on this island consisted of bull-dozers, Tourn-a-pulls; carryalls, 23,000 cases dynamite, 12,000 tons of fuel oil, approximately 50 3 to 10 tons trucks, over P2,000,000 in bodega stocks of mine and mill supplies. All but one small mine was looted by Filipinos on 2 Jan 42, upon receipt of telegrams reporting landings. These reports were false. Work continued gathering and rehabilitating materials and equipment necessary to the Army. Interrupted by a commando landing 6 Jan 42. Work resumed on 8 Jan 42 after withdrawal of enemy. Supplies shipped to Panay consisted of dynamite, caps, blasting machines, 50 cal. machine guns, ammunition (salvaged from a crashed B 17). Enemy occupation troops landed 3 Feb 45 at which time, mine and mill equipment, tractors, 12 tons of truck spare parts, 200 rifles and 50 drums of aviation gasoline were destroyed. Communications to Panay failed and evacuation to Panay was made by sail-boat on the night of 4 Feb 42. The only armed forces on Masbate consisted of about 40 constabulary troops and 150 trainees, the constabulary deserted the night of 2 Jan 42 and the cadre disbanded by Governor Pecson. These troops had not been inducted into the USAFFE.

3. 61st Division- Panay. Reported to CG, 61st Division USAFFE on 6 Feb 45. Requested troops for an attack on Masbate to hold the island until fuel oil and dynamite could be transferred to where they were urgently needed.

All plans abandoned on 15 February because of lack of transportation.

Assigned to the office of Major Tom Powell Jr., 14th Engr, Airfield Officer, 61st Div. Construction of fields then under personnel of Bureau Public Works; progress extremely slow. Suggested the hiring of American mining engineers that had evacuated from Masbate as Field Supervisors. Suggestion followed and the following Americans were hired.

1.	Joseph Herman - Sara Airfield	\$200.00	Monthly
2.	Cyril Spencer - Pilar Airfield	\$200.00	"
3.	Charles Smith - Underground Construction	\$250.00	"
4.	Kenneth Hansen - Santa Barbara Field	\$200.00	"
5.	Ben Zimmerman - San Jose Antique Field	\$200.00	"
6.	Homer Mann - Dumarrao Airfield	\$200.00	"
7.	Jack Treat - Pilar Airfield	\$200.00	"
8.	Nick Belenkoff - Dumarrao Airfield	\$150.00	"
9.	? Leshner - Dumarrao Airfield	\$200.00	"
10.	? Hamner - Santa Barbara Airfield	\$200.00	"
11.	? Armstrong - San Jose Airfield	\$200.00	"
12.	? Fredericks - Transport Supervisor	\$200.00	(?) "
13.	Henry Weider - Civilian Pilot	\$200.00	"
14.	Edward Grunt - Aircraft Maintenance	\$200.00	"

Phil-American

Bill Haight - Sara Airfield \$200.00 "

Spanish

A. Truellench - Sara Airfield \$150.00 "

Russian

? Bory - Mandurriao Airfield \$200.00 "

John Volokin - Asst Equipment Foreman \$100.00 "

Assumed full duties of airfield officer in late February upon transfer of Major Powell. Confirmation of rank of Major requested and recommended in early March 42 by General Wynoweth, Commanding General, Visayan Forces-Headquarters, Cebu. No action taken by USAFFE; possibly because of tense situation at this time.

Duties of airfield officer consisted of planning; specifications, supply from local sources; construction of seven airfields; maintenance of 4 pre-war fields and command of civilian service personnel maintaining supply planes operating to Bataan. 5 fighter fields and 1 bomber field (8000 feet) operational prior to 1 April 42. (3 lighted for night use).

Personnel

1 Major, CE - Airfield Officer  
 1 Capt, CE (PA) Supply Officer  
 1 Lieut, Fin. (PA) Finance Officer  
 2 Lieuts, QM (PA) Transport Officer  
 40 Enlisted Personnel (PA) Auditors, paymasters, mechanics  
 18 American and European Engineers  
 17,000 (Approx) Filipino engineers, skilled and unskilled labor.

1 April 42 - ordered to command and train troops for a commando raid on Masbate 13 April 42. Raid did not materialize as the P.T. boats were lost in Cebu 10<sup>th</sup> Apr 42.

Panay invaded 16 Apr 42. All supplies, equipment, and installations destroyed according to plan. American civilian engineers executed the plan and then served as demolition experts with Filipino Army engineer units. No airfield equipment fell into enemy hands. Finance Officer left behind lines to pay the civilian personnel payrolls in order to maintain friendliness of unpaid laborers. Withdrew and joined division staff at forward mountain command post. Detailed by General Christie as personal guide and to construct three secure headquarters areas and scatter food supplies among the native mountain tribes. Panay officially surrendered on 30 May 42.

23 May 42 - detailed by verbal order to establish a camp for approx. 60 U.S. Army Air Corps personnel en route from Mindoro and who were not included in the surrender order.

23 May 42 - 1 June 42 - Transferred 300 cargo loads of food to mountain hideouts, transferred radio station to northern C.P. and attempted personal contact with the air corps men. Failed as men had proceeded to Cuyo Island. Contacted my wife and returned to northern C.P. 30 May 42 to find radio destroyed and finance officer missing. Enemy penetrated area on 1 June 42 and 10 July 42 resulting in looting of most of the food stocks.

4. Panay Guerrillas. 1 June 42 - 30 Oct 42. Remained at northern C. P. contacted Col Peralta, Lt. Col Relunia and Lt Col Chavez. Collected rifles in this area, distributed remaining 6,000 sacks of palay, and sent to lowlands 130 rounds of 2.95 in. ammo and 100 cases dynamite. Established law and order and protected the non-Christian tribes from the looting bandit gangs posing as guerrillas.

30 Oct 42 to 7 Nov 42 - en route to headquarters of new 4th Corp Area.

7 Nov 42 - assigned as Corps Engineer, IV Corp Area (late 6th M.D.).

7 Nov 42 to 16 Dec 42 - organized engineers and made complete reconnaissance of all airfields.

16 Dec 42 - to 20 June 43 - special mission to establish rendezvous area for submarines and set up coast watching and radio stations.

20 June 43 - rejoined district engineer headquarters and assumed command of air base squadron.

20 June 42 - 20 March 44. Established air base squadron to operate machine shop for repair of radios, construct stills for fuel alcohol, construct water wheels and repair generating equipment.

Established engineer officer school for division engineer officers. Graduated one class in demolition, one in bridge construction and one in mapping and sketching.

Established four machine shops for repair of mechanical equipment used by radio stations, salvage of car engines, railroad equipment, manufacture of nails, bridge spikes, bolts, trench shovels and hammers.

Originated a timber survey to establish supply of bridge and tie timbers.

Established units to maintain drainage and camouflage on guerrilla airfields.

Established air-watching stations with air-base squadron personnel and U.S. Army airforce personnel.

Established map section to prepare 1:50,000 map of Panay. 13 sheets completed but destroyed by enemy action.

Personal contact with all division engineer units to instruct in construction of road blocks, bridge demolition, roads interdiction, and decommissioning railways, and construction of road mines.

Direct Accomplishments - (In Part)

Denied enemy use of thorough roads. Road used by enemy about 10%

Denied enemy use of railroad. Enemy operated about 20% of road.

Removed machine shops from sugar mills and converted them for use in manufacture of grenades, rifle ammo and mortar shells.

Secured 6,000 sacks of sugar for use of guerrilla troops.

Secured 40,000 liters of 70 proof rum for conversion into grain alcohol.

Blasted 47 truck loads of enemy troops, with estimated 1,000 enemy casualties.

Australia

Arrived Brisbane 2 April 44.

Patent 42nd General Hospital to 3 June 44.

Assigned Allied Geographic Section, 3 June 44.

So much of order S.O. 16, 20 Jan 42 - 1 q 61st Div, USAFEC concerning active duty confirmed 3 June 44.

Temp Promotion to Maj. CE, AUS, 3 June 44.



5. It is herewith certified that the above information is true and correct to the best of my ability. Some of the dates may be a few days in error as complete records of events are not available.

/s/ Claude E. Fertig  
/t/ CLAUDE E. FERTIG,  
Major, CE,  
O-266889.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:



C. P. DERRICK

Major INF

Asst. Director, Investigation Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA            |  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES |            ss.  
CITY AND PROVINCE OF ILOILO        |  
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A F F I D A V I T

I, **CENON S. CERVANTES**, of legal age, married, Filipino and residing at Iloilo City, Philippines, after being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. That I am the Manager of the Philippine National Bank Branch at Iloilo City since I arrived at this City in May, 1939 up to this time;

2. That in January, 1942, after the fall of Manila, a credit in current account, otherwise known as Overdraft Account, was established for the USAFFE (61st Division) of Panay. This was made necessary as the USAFFE found it impossible to transfer funds from Manila to Iloilo as communication had been cut off;

3. That up to April 15, 1942, the total amount withdrawn by the USAFFE against said Overdraft line with the Philippine National Bank, Iloilo Branch, amounted to P6,737,294.62;

4. That corresponding claim has already been filed with the proper authorities seeking reimbursement of the amount advanced by this Bank. Pertinent papers appurtenant thereto have been furnished the said authorities, certified copies of which are hereto attached and made an integral part hereof;

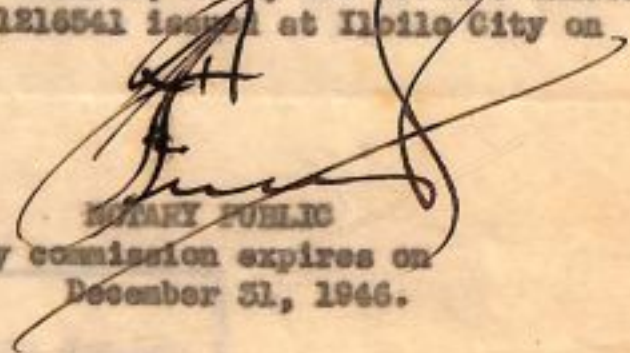
5. That before the Japanese invasion of Panay on April 16, 1942, it was customary for General Bradford G. Chynoweth, Commanding General, 61st Division, USAFFE, Panay, to call upon the undersigned for advice in money matters, especially the financing of the Army, and in such interviews, said General made known the fact to the undersigned that portion of the money obtained from the Bank was being used for the construction of airfields and for the payment of laborers' wages working on said airfields; and

6. That the same information contained in the preceding paragraph had been given also by Finance Officers of the USAFFE to the undersigned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these presents at Iloilo City, Philippines, on this 13th day of November, 1945.

  
CENON S. CERVANTES

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the City of Iloilo, Philippines, on the 13th day of November, 1945, the affiant exhibiting his Residence Certificate No. A-1216541 issued at Iloilo City on April 30, 1945.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My commission expires on  
December 31, 1946.

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK  
OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Mr. D. Pekson, Executive Vice-President,  
Manila

September 17, 1945

FROM Mr. Cervantes, Iloilo

SUBJECT - UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN THE FAR EAST- 61ST DIVISION

This has reference to your letter of August 17, 1945 concerning the overdraft incurred by the USAFFE amounting to ₱6,737,294.62. Attached please find copy of the letter dated August 8, 1945 received from the Claims Service, also referring to the matter.

We wish to state briefly the facts which led to the overdraft. On January 2, 1942 Manila fell into the hands of the Japanese. Consequently, the Army did not have any source from which to get funds. General Bradford Chynoweth, commanding the 61st Division in Panay, called upon the undersigned asking for assistance. After a careful study the undersigned recommended the opening of an overdraft account. Shortly thereafter, or to be exact on February 14, 1942, the Commanding General received a telegram from President Quezon thru General MacArthur, copy of which is attached. Lt. Col. Thomas N. Powell, Liaison Officer, upon receipt of the copy of the telegram, immediately called upon the undersigned for consultation. The result was that a memorandum was prepared by Col. Powell in which he recommended the continuation of the overdraft for the Army. Carbon copy of his memorandum was furnished us, which we are also furnishing you copy herewith.

On February 22-23, 1942, President Quezon visited Iloilo on his way to the United States via Australia. At that time, of course, we did not know of his plans. Availing of his presence, General Chynoweth and the undersigned called the attention of the President to his telegram of February 14, 1942 explaining to him how cumbersome it was if we were to follow the instructions thereof. We told him what we had done and he was very much pleased about it and readily gave his approval to the change in procedure; i.e., the Army to deal directly with the Philippine National Bank, instead of thru the Provincial Treasurers. You will please note that the essence of the telegram is very clear - cash for the Army.

Certified copies of the orders of the Commanding General are attached. We will send the originals thereof very shortly thru a trusted person, as well as the checks supporting the withdrawals.

We wish also to emphasize the fact that ever since the overdraft was incurred no interest has been collected. We leave it to your discretion to make arrangements with U.S. Army authorities as to what rate should be charged.

(Sgd) CENON S. CERVANTES  
Manager

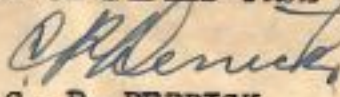
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CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC  
Branch Office S

APO 718  
8 August 1945

File No. 5 - 216

Philippine National Bank  
Iloilo Branch  
Iloilo, Iloilo, P. I.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the claim of the Iloilo Branch of the Philippine National Bank based on an overdraft of USAFFE GHQ Finance.

This claim should be presented directly to the Fiscal Director, General Headquarters, Army Forces in the Pacific, APO 500, Attention: Lieutenant Colonel E. A. Mc Mahon. A statement of facts and all supporting documentary evidence should be submitted to that office with the claim.

Claims Service will take no further action on this matter.

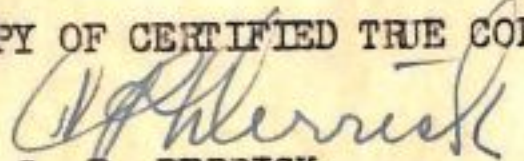
Yours truly,

(Sgd) EMMETT L. WHITSETT, JR.  
Captain, J A G D  
Officer-in-Charge

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Assistant Director  
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COMMENTS ON THE TELEGRAM SENT BY PRESIDENT QUEZON FOR TRANSMITTAL TO  
THE TREASURER OF EACH PROVINCE.

The instructions given in the telegram may be carried out but is considered not to be expeditious.

Under the arrangement as instructed, each Provincial Treasurer would have to draw on the Philippine National Bank the amount needed by the Finance Officers and the Treasurer in turn will have to get the cash from the said Philippine National Bank for delivery to the Finance Officers. The drawings to be thus made by the Treasurer could not be cleared by the Philippine National Bank as the latter could not get its reimbursement from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, until communications shall have been restored between Manila and Iloilo.

The Philippine National Bank, Iloilo Branch, thru its Manager, Mr. Cenon S. Cervantes, is prepared and, as a matter of fact, has already extended every available facility to the Army and present arrangements already made with said Bank have been found to be very satisfactory and advantageous.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Cervantes, the Army has opened an overdraft line with the Phil Nat. Bank and withdrawals thereunder are made by means of checks, duly signed by the Division Finance Officer and countersigned by the Division Auditor. The amount of cash needed by the Army to meet its payroll, etc., is embodied in the check and payments for bills made under the same procedure. It will be readily seen that in the majority of cases it would not be necessary to employ actual cash which is greatly lacking. As to the keeping of vouchers it would be well for the Army to keep them for the present, in view of present circumstances.

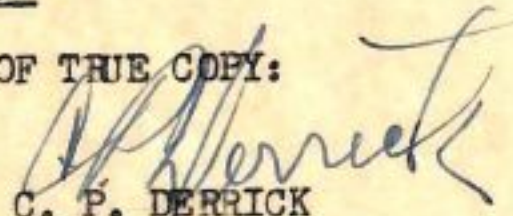
Therefore, it is recommended that the arrangement already made with the Philippine National Bank for an overdraft line in the amount to be determined by the Commanding General, be left as it is. At any rate, a careful analysis will reveal that it will be the Philippine National Bank that will advance the necessary funds and it would, therefore, be better to deal directly with the said Bank which would surely get its reimbursement when the proper time comes.

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Major, Infantry  
Assistant Director  
Investigation Division

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST  
HEADQUARTERS SIXTY FIRST DIVISION

February 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM -

Col. Thomas Powell

1. The following message is quoted for your comment and recommendation:

Quote - TO KZPX: DESIRED THAT YOU EFFECT DELIVERY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE TREASURER OF EACH PROVINCE AND PROVIDE A COPY THEREOF FOR EACH GOVERNOR QUOTE TO THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER PROVINCE OF DASH YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO ADVANCE CASH TO PHILIPPINE ARMY DISTRICT AND DIVISION FINANCE OFFICERS IN AMOUNTS TO PAID CASH VOUCHERS COVERING ARMY PAYROLLS CONSTRUCTION INDIVIDUAL PAY ACCOUNTS PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES OR OTHER EXPENDITURES X THE VOUCHERS TO REMAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER X CASH WILL ALSO BE ADVANCED TO OFFICERS OF THE FINANCE SERVICE WHERE NO CASH VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE ON SIGNED RECEIPTS SUPPORTED BY ORDERS OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, VISAYAN-MINDANAO FORCES X THE PROV TREAS IS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON THE PHIL NATIONAL BANK AGAINST THE TREAS OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE SIGNED QUEZON END SIGNED MACARTHUR, Unquote.

2. Expedite.

By command of Brigadier General CHYNOWETH:

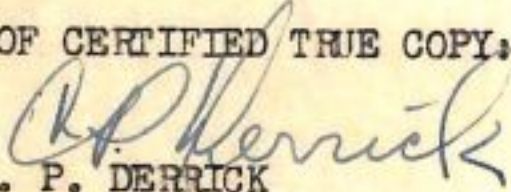
(SGD) LOPE QUIAL  
Lt.- Col., Inf.  
Adjutant General

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C. P. DERRICK  
Major, Infantry  
Assistant Director  
Investigation Division.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Luis Villamueva, do hereby certify that the following named men were employed by Mr. William Gemperle, Supt. of all USAFFE projects, to work through the office of G-4, 61st Div USAFFE then under command of Brigadier General Chynoweth who was later relieved by Brigadier General Christie. Also that the men held the position indicated and were paid at the wage shown:

NAME	POSITION	DAILY WAGE
* indicates men who started work on 18 Dec. 1941		
Luis Villamueva	Chief time keeper	P 2.50*
Wenceslao Muyaela	ass timekeeper	2.00*
Jose Betsuki	Payroll Clerk	2.00*
Luis Padilla	Foreman	2.00*
Luis Delicana	Tool kepper	1.50*
Santos Limpiado	Clerk	1.25*
Salvador Villamueva	Tool keeper	1.50*
Jose Esposo	Helper tool keeper	1.20*
Arsenio Jurilla	" "	1.25
Rufino Jurilla	" "	1.25
Cezar Jurilla	" "	1.00
Diosdado Jurilla	" "	1.00
Paulino Golac	" "	1.00
Julio Sason	Engineer	2.00
Ticar	Rice mill tender	1.20
Aurelio Abonador	Helper Rice Mill	1.20

There were approximately 800 laborers hauling supplies of G-4 61 Div, USAFFE, that I do not know the names of.


I further certify that these men were not all hired on the same date; however I do not recall the dates on which each man was hired. Also that I was chief timekeeper and foreman having approximately one thousand laborers under me. I further certify that my records on these laborers have been lost and that I do not know the whereabouts of said records.

/s/ Luis Villamueva  
/t/ LUIS VILLANUEVA  
Chief Time Keeper  
and Foreman  
G-4, 61st Div USAFFE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 5th day of November, 1945.

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.  
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH Jr.  
1st Lt. Inf

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
C. P. DERRICK  
Major, Infantry  
Assistant Director  
Investigation Division

CERTIFICATE

I, Luis P. Delicana, Chief Warehouse Keeper of the Division Headquarters 61st Division USAFFE at Mt. Baloy, Lambunao, Iloilo, do hereby certify that the following statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I had been employed by the Division Headquarters 61st Division USAFFE at Mt. Baloy, Lambunao, Iloilo, on 15th January, 1942 to 30th April 1942, by Lt. Col. Wm. F. Gemperle incharge of the hauling and storage of all army supplies and war equipments from Tampucan to Mt. Baloy, Lambunao, Iloilo;

That as Chief Warehouse Keeper, I received the salary of P1.50 per day including Sundays and holidays. That I had the following persons working under my supervision serving for salary in the indicated position:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
1. Ananias Seloria	Warehouse Checker	P1.00 per day
2. Jose Deocadiz	" "	P1.00 per day
3. Tranquilino Delicana	" "	P1.00 per day
4. Segundo Seloria	" "	P1.00 per day

That there were some more men working with me in the said Division Headquarters but that I cannot remember their names now nor I met since then. That the above named persons had worked in the Div. HQ on different dates, and that each one of them has received his pay up to the date they stop working, which I cannot remember..

From 1st May 1942 to 30th September 1942 have done nothing but evacuating from place to place.

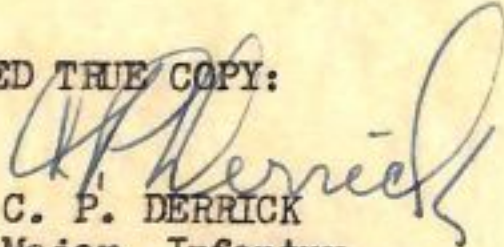
From 1st October 1942 to 15th June 1945 I was a regular member of the Guerilla Organization in various capacities and had received about P800.00 more or less as partial payment of my salary. From 16th June 1945 and until then I was on temporary relief from active duty as per my request for reversion is granted.

/s/ Luis P. Delicana  
/t/ LUIS P. DELICANA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

/s/ Lucien W. Rolland  
/t/ LUCIEN W. ROLLAND  
2nd Lt., Inf.

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