

VISAYAN ELECTRIC CO.

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Claims of Visayan Electric Co. Employees.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF MANILA

AFFIDAVIT

I, Joaquin L. Paris, of legal age, married, and a resident of the city of Manila, Philippines, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, declare:

1. That on and before the date of the Japanese invasion of Cebu (April 10, 1942), I was the District Engineer of Cebu Province and an officer in the USAFFE, with the rank of Major, C.E. with designation as Sector Engineer, Cebu Area;

2. That upon the outbreak of the war in the Pacific in December, 1941, I was present at the U.S. Army Headquarters at Fort San Pedro, Cebu city, when the management of the Visayan Electric Co., a public utility giving electric light and power service in the City and Province of Cebu, presented themselves to the U.S. Army Commandant and were thereupon placed under orders by the said Commandant;

3. That one of these orders was that the said Company was to furnish, to the best of their ability, continuous and uninterrupted service to the City and Province of Cebu, and more particularly and specially to the Army units stationed in the said City and Province;

4. That among the important Army units receiving said service were the following:

- a - Army Headquarters at Fort San Pedro
- b - Army GH Depot at the old P.C.C. Bldg. on the waterfront
- c - the Machine Shop near Pier No. 3, which was making hand grenades and doing repair work on an exclusive basis for the U.S. Army needs
- d - Army offices and depots scattered over the City
- e - Telephone and telegraph offices and systems

5. That on the date of the Japanese invasion of the City of Cebu, certain designated units of the USAFFE, including my unit, worked on the demolition of several buildings, installations, bridges, and roads in Cebu, proceeding in accordance with instructions to destroy all equipment, materials and installations which might be of military value to the enemy;

6. That one of the installations so demolished was the Power Plant of the Visayan Electric Company, located near Pasil beach;

7. That previous to the demolition, the Electric Plant had been giving continuous 24-hour service to the City and Province of Cebu, and especially to the various Army units stationed therein;

8. That I am making this Affidavit for the purpose of helping both the U.S. Army and the Visayan Electric Co. in the proper settlement of claims.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Affidavit this, the 19th day of February, 1946, in the City of Manila, Philippines.

WITNESSES:

Felix Agcaorh
Salma C. Agcaorh

Joaquin L. Paris

(Undersecretary, Department of Public Works and Communications)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, 1946, affiant exhibiting his pro. cert. No. A-564626, issued in Cebu on January 11, 1946.

Felix Aguilar
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF CEBU

A F F I D A V I T

I, Lieut. Col. James Cushing, of legal age, married, and a resident of the City of Cebu, Philippines, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, declare:

1. That on and before the date of the Japanese invasion of Cebu (April 10, 1942), I was an officer in the U. S. Army, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant;

2. That at that time I was in charge of the demolition unit of the U. S. Army, stationed in Cebu City, Philippines;

3. That upon the outbreak of the war in the Pacific in December, 1941, the Management of the Visayan Electric Co., a public utility, giving electric light and power service in the City and Province of Cebu, presented themselves to the U. S. Army Headquarters and were thereupon placed under orders by the U. S. Army Commandant;

4. That one of these orders was that the said Company was to furnish, to the best of their ability, continuous and uninterrupted service to the City and Province of Cebu, and more particularly and specially to the Army Units stationed in the said City and Province;

5. That among the important Army Units receiving said service were the following:

- a - Army Headquarters at Fort San Pedro
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- c - The Escaño Machine Shop near Pier No. 3, which was making hand-grenades and doing repair work on an exclusive basis for the U. S. Army needs
- d - Army offices and depots scattered over the city
- e - Telephone and telegraph offices and systems

6. That sometime between December 8, 1941 and April 10, 1942, on Army orders, the Visayan Electric Co. Power Plant personnel removed certain essential parts from THREE of their SIX generating units and handed them over to my demolition unit for the purpose of rendering the said engines useless in case the enemy should capture the City;

7. That the said essential parts were carefully stored by my men in the mountains, but in the course of frequent necessity for changing our abode during the three years of guerilla activity, the said parts have become rusty, incomplete and entirely useless;

8. That the plant continued to give 24-hour service until the moment of demolition;

9. That on the date of the Japanese invasion of Cebu City, I personally took charge of the demolition of all the SIX generating units located in the Visayan Electric Co. Power Plant;

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10. That the dynamite charges were so effective, that none of the SIX engines was ever able to run again;

11. That after the liberation of Cebu by the American forces in 1945, I visited the Visayan Electric Plant, and personally satisfied myself that only the remnants of ONE out of the original six engines is still within the premises of the plant;

12. That this said remaining part consists of the crankcase, cylinder blocks, cylinders, cylinder heads, pistons and parts of the engine (incomplete), together with the ROTOR of the generator and the complete assembly of EXCITER. From the manner in which the dynamite charge was placed and from its effect on the generator frame, it is my personal belief that the main shaft has been forced out of alignment. However, this is just an opinion which would have to be checked by careful measurements on the engine itself, once the necessary apparatus are available;

13. That I am making this AFFIDAVIT for the purpose of helping both the U. S. Army and the Visayan Electric Co., in the proper settlement of claims.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this affidavit this 16th day of February, 1946, in Cebu City.

James M. Cushing
JAMES CUSHING
Lt. Col., G. E. A. U.S.
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WITNESSES:

[Signature]
[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of February, 1946, affiant having exhibited no Residence Certificate, being a U. S. Army officer.

Felix Aguirre
NOTARY PUBLIC
Until December 31, 1946

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION
CEBU BRANCH

APO 718
21 February 1946

A F F I D A V I T

I, SALVADOR E. SALA, whose address is D. Jakosalem (Corner Mango Avenue), Cebu City, 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. That I was employed as Supervising Engineer for the Visayan Electric Company and I had approximately 200 men under my control. My immediate superior was Mr. Gil Garcia.

That the nature of the work performed by the Visayan Electric Company was to furnish electric light and power for Army installations and Cebu City and Province.

- II. That on the 8th of December, I was present at a meeting with US Army Officials, namely the then Commanding Officer in Cebu. Verbal orders were then given for us to furnish US Army installations with electric light and power. At no time was there any written or verbal commandeering orders presented. At this meeting there was no mention of wage scale or responsibility of US Army to assume the responsibility for paying wages of employees.

- III. That the Visayan Electric Company ceased operation on the morning of the 10th of April 1942 because it was demolished by the US Army to prevent its falling to the Japanese.

That the Visayan Electric Company had furnished light and power before the outbreak of war and after the outbreak of war until the 10th of April 1942.

Signed *Salvador E. Sala*
SALVADOR E. SALA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February 1946 at Cebu City, Philippines.

Robert G. Smith
ROBERT G. SMITH
1st Lt. Inf.
Rec. Pers. Det.
War Dept. Pay Claims

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF MANILA

AFFIDAVIT

I, Joaquin L. Panis, of legal age, married, and a resident of the City of Manila, Philippines, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law; declare;

1. That on and before the Japanese invasion of Cebu (April 10, 1942), I was the district Engineer of Cebu Province, and was an officer of the USAFFE, with the rank of Major, C.E. with designation as Sector Engineer, Cebu Area;

2. That the Visayan Electrical Supply Co., best known dealer of electrical supplies and equipment in the City of Cebu, was at that time and continued supplying to the U.S. Army, such essential materials as electric wires, communication wires, insulators, radio tubes and other spares;

3. That on the date of the Japanese invasion of the City of Cebu, certain designated units of the USAFFE, including my unit, worked on the demolition of several buildings, installations, bridges and roads, in Cebu, proceeding in accordance with instructions to destroy all equipment, materials and installations which might be of military value to the enemy;

4. That one of the buildings so demolished was that of the Visayan Electric Co. office located on D. Jakosalem street, housing also the store and warehouse of the Visayan Electrical Supply Co., this store and warehouse being completely destroyed;

5. That both the Visayan Electric Co. office and the Visayan Electrical Supply Co. store kept their doors open up to and until the date of Japanese invasion of Cebu City, thus rendering essential services to the U.S. Army stationed in Cebu City;

6. That I am making this Affidavit for the purpose of helping both the U.S. Army and the corresponding owners of the above-mentioned business in the proper settlement of claims.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Affidavit this, the 19th day of February, 1946, in the City of Manila, Philippines.

J. Panis
JOAQUIN L. PANIS
(Undersecretary, Department of Public Works and Communications)

WITNESSES:

[Signature]
Sabina C. Agcaoch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, 19 1946, affiant having exhibited his Residence Certificate No. A-0564626, issued in Cebu City on January 11, 1946.

[Signature]
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF MANILA

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Felix Aguirre
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(Undersecretary, Department of Public Works and Communications)

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Leopoldo Aguirre
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF CEBU

10. That the **AFFIDAVIT** is so effective, that
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CEBU BRANCH

APO 718
21 February 1946

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1st Lt. Inf.
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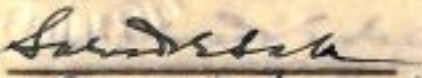
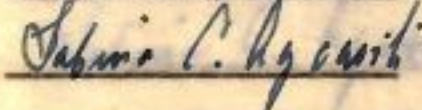
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JOAQUIN L. PARIS
(Undersecretary, Department of Public
Works and Communications)

WITNESSES:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF MANILA

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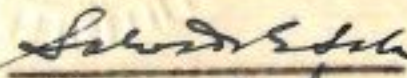
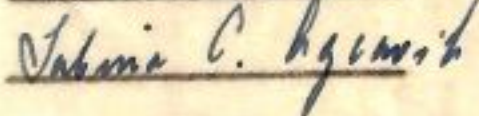
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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION
CEBU BRANCH

APC 718
8 March 1946

A F F I D A V I T

I, URBANO G. ORTIZA, whose address is Tinaan, Naga, Cebu, 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:

1. I was employed as Foreman for the Cebu Portland Cement Co. and I had approximately 20 men under my control. My immediate superior was Col. David. The nature of this work was to take charge of loading of cement from the factory to as per orders by the USAFFE. I did not hire my men under my control. I was employed as Foreman from 8 December 1941 to 31 January 1942.

See back

2. This installation was ~~intended, commandeered, contracted for~~ by USAFFE. See back

The facts concerning the commandeering or contract are _____

See back

3. I was employed as Foreman (Cebu Portland Cement Co.) before commencing work in the above mentioned capacity. I was employed in this capacity after applying to Col. David

4. This job ceased on Unknown because I left work without any order from my superiors due to few laborers working in the factory. Aside from that, we were four foremen working, or in charge of the shipping.

5. The officers responsible for paying the employees were Mr. Daniel Labitan

6. We were last paid in full on 5 February 1942 to include the 31 January 1942.

7. This installation ~~was~~ was not molested by the enemy during the period of my employment.

8. The names of USAFFE Officers connected with this project were Col. David (first name unknown)

Signed Urbano G. Ortiza

URBANO G. ORTIZA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of March 1946 at Cebu City, Philippines

Robert G. Smith
ROBERT G. SMITH
1st LT. INF.
REC. PERS. DET.
WAR DEPT. PAY CLAIMS

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1. List of men under my control:-

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Flacido Bayata ----- | Laborer |
| 2. Roque Abayata ----- | " |
| 3. Severino Bartido ----- | " |
| 4. Silvino Cantillas ----- | " |
| 5. Benigno Bogoma ----- | " |
| 6. Teodoro Bacus ----- | " |
| 7. Nicolas Librea ----- | " |
| 8. Ceferino Repelle ----- | " |
| 9. Lucas Tapao ----- | " |
| 10. Cesario Quidan ----- | " |
| 11. Leon Aranas ----- | " |
| 12. Francisco Paradela ----- | " |
| 13. Emiliano Genodiala ----- | " |
| 14. Demetrio Sabellano ----- | " |
| 15. Arcadio Regodon ----- | " |
| 16. Eulagio Villarta ----- | " |
| 17. Victoriano Unabia ----- | " |

The rest I can not remember

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2. I did not know of any agreement between the Owner and the Usaffe regarding the factory.

So far as I know the Factory is a Semi-Government. From 8 December 1941 we did not sell any cement to any particular person until I left work. We were shipping all cement to all orders only made by USAFFE.