

SARA - AJUJY AIRFIELD

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AFFIDAVIT

SARA LANDING FIELD

I, GREGORIO MERCADO, Surveyman of Bureau of Public Works, Province of Iloilo, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

My main duty at the outbreak of the hostilities was supervising road construction and sewage systems;

On or about 18 December 1941, Major Powell requested the service of a surveyor to prepare the plan for Dingle Airfield. Said plan was prepared, and construction was begun, but because the site was too small, construction ceased on 26 December 1941, and I was transferred to Sara-Ajuy to plan a landing field there. I surveyed the site, and on or about 29 December 1941, construction began on Sara Landing Field. After survey plan was completed, I submitted it to Major Powell for approval. Plan was approved and I was placed in charge of construction;

When construction began on said Airfield, Mr. Mallare, sent me two graduate Engineers as assistants. These being the only regular employees of Civil Engineers on the field at any time;

Through the assistance of the local Mayor I was able to secure the laborers who were placed under the supervision of a Cabo. The Cabo and his crew were assigned a job, and if finished before the day was over, they were still paid the fixed wage scale of P1.00 per day. This practice ceased after two months operation. The laborers in general were not steadily employed; they worked by the job. When a job was completed, he had to wait to be assigned to another task. For this waiting period he received no compensation;

I was instructed by Major Powell to commandeer any equipment and material I needed and charge same to U.S. Army;

The landing strip, one hangar and about nineteen personnel quarters, ammunition dumps, gasoline dumps and some ramps were completed about a month before the Japanese landing;

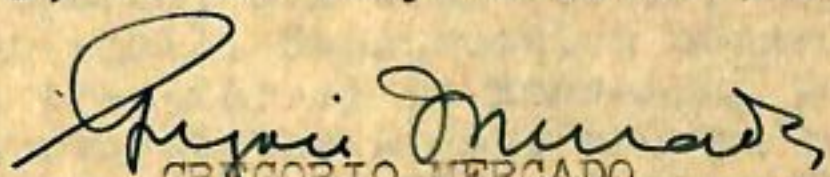
Fox holes were dug for the protection of workers during air raid, though we did not experience any;

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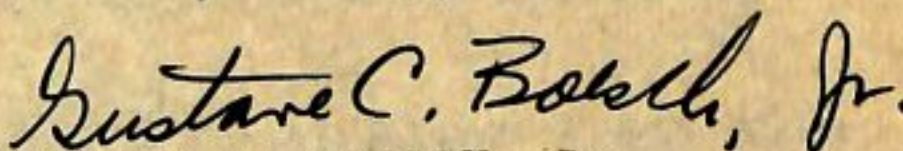
Construction on said Landing Field ceased on 16 April 1942, because the Japanese landed at Iloilo. On the morning of 16 April 1942, I came to work as usual. One of our Chauffeurs who was sent to Iloilo for material returned, telling us that the Japs had landed there. I then went out and dismissed all the workers, and went home to Santa Barbara.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby sign this document this 28th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines.



GRIGORIO MERCADO
Surveyman, Bureau of Public
Works.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines.



GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st Lt., Inf.

EXTRACT OF THE
 TIME BOOK AND PAY ROLL
 Sheet No. 2
 For labor on Construction of Sara-Ajuy Airport at Ajuy, Iloilo

Name	Occupation	Number of Days Worked	Rate per Day or $\frac{1}{100}$ on-h	Amount paid
1. Fidel Zarceno	Office - Payroll	15	₱2.00	₱30.00
2. Flordescencio Layaoen	Surveyor	14	3.00	42.00
3. Sergio Jalbuena	Foreman	15	3.00	45.00
4. Manuel Vosgayon	Foreman	15	3.00	45.00
5. Manuel Bacabac	Foreman	15	3.00	45.00
6. Pedro Alvarez	Foreman	15	3.00	45.00
7. Felipe Saleedo	Electrician	14	3.20	44.80
8. Simplicio Gomez	Asst. Shop Foreman	14	2.75	38.50
9. Feliciano Sayson	Mechanic	13	2.50	32.50
10. Jesus Dugayo	Lathe Man	14-1/2	2.50	36.25
11. Manuel Tomasa	Mechanic	15	2.00	30.00
12. Jose Samoon	Bodeguero	12	1.50	18.00
13. Federico Vasquez	Welder	9	2.00	18.00
14. Ramon Alerta	Electrician	15	2.00	30.00
15. Salvador Bayson	Asst. Mechanic	13	1.20	15.60
16. Marciano Pet	Helper	15	1.00	15.00
17. Jose Aposaga	Helper	9	1.00	9.00
18. Pablo Palacios	Mechanic	14 1/2	2.50	36.25
19. Mateo Tintina	Asst. Mechanic	15	1.20	18.00
20. Julio Cabato	Asst. Mechanic	15	1.50	22.50

Total ----- Six hundred sixteen and 40/100 ----- ₱ 616.40

Residence Certificate
 A-1438306 2/12/42 Ajuy

NAVARRO
 Foreman or Timekeeper

JOSE HELMAN
 Superintendent or Foreman
 in Charge

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

C. P. Derrick
 C. P. DERRICK
 Major INF
 Asst. Dir., Investigation Division

*Presented sheet from
 Time book & payroll
 described above
 C. P. Derrick
 Major INF*