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AIRSTRIP**

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TANAUAN AIRSTRIP

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CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
Branch Office, Base R

TEP/fas.

APC 73
6 October 1945

SUBJECT: Claims for Back Pay

TO : Director, Claims Investigating Service, Headquarters
Claims Service, AFWESPAC, APC 707

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2. Claimant again requests information from this office regarding these claims.

3. It is our understanding that all claims for back pay of civilian employees are being handled by Recovered Personnel. If this assumption is not correct, please advise us accordingly.

THOMAS E. PERRY
Captain JAGD
Officer-in-Charge

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1-Affidavit, Aurelio Mercado (Dup)

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COC 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS, CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS,
APO 707, 10 October 1945

TO: Capt Thomas E. Perry, Officer in-Charge, Branch Office, Claims
Service, AFWESPAC, Base R, APO 73.

Within matter appears to have been covered by your recent conference with Lieut. John F. O'Neil, of this office.

FOR THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS:

Robert B. Harbison
ROBERT B. HARBISON,
Major, J. A. G. D.,
Assistant Director,
Claims Investigating Service.

Incl: N/c

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A F F I D A V I T


Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, AURELIO MERCADO, citizen of the Philippines, married, 31 years of age, now residing at c/o Municipal Mayor, Santo Tomas, Batangas, who, upon being duly sworn, states on oath, as follows:

In December 1941, I was timekeeper for 1st Lt. John C. Haymer (organization unknown), an American officer who procured labor from the Mayor of Tanauan for construction of an air strip near Tanauan. Lt. Haymer's General Assistant was Daniel Guevara, also of Tanauan. The laborers were to be paid by the hour, at rates which were subsequently set by Lt. Haymer.

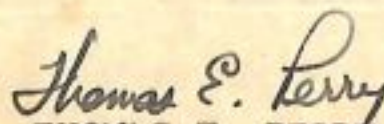
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Further deponent sayeth not.


AURELIO MERCADO
(Affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6th day of October, 1945.


THOMAS E. PERRY
Captain JAGD
Claims Investigating Officer

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HEADQUARTERS BASE R
 UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC

Branch Office, Claims Service, AFWESPAC,
 Sub-Base "X"

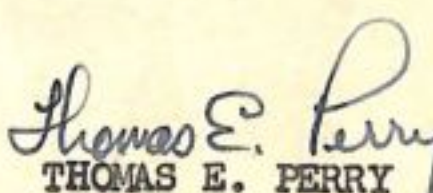
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Director, Claims Investigating Service, Hq. Claims Service, AFWESPAC, APO 707

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Comment	Prepare indorsement
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Information	Signature
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Necessary action	AG Records for file
Note and return	AG Records suspend to

RECORD ALL ACTION ON FILE COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE

From	To	Date	Remarks
B/O Sub-Base "X"	CIS	6 Nov 45	<p>With further reference to the 4000 "back pay" claims pending in Santo Tomas, Batangas, request clarification of following at the earliest practicable date:</p> <p>a. Will Finance Office accept signatures of claimants by indelible pencil and carbon copies? (This method was consistently used, with the approval of Finance, in the Tennessee Maneuver Area). If not, will signatures in <u>duplicate</u> only be sufficient?</p> <p>b. May "X" marks be used instead of thumb marks, where claimant is illiterate? If so, will it be necessary that <u>each</u> "X" mark be witnessed individually, or may <u>all</u> be witnessed at once by the witnessing officers at the end of the list of claimants?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  THOMAS E. PERRY Captain JAGD Officer-in-Charge </p>

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PROCUREMENT CLAIM

Report of Claim Officer and Action of Claims Commission

arded to CO No. _____ on 19 December 1945 :CL No. 6-516R(Pro) to 6-726R(Pro)
 ant: 211 Claimants :Type Contract
 ess: Tanauan and Santo Tomas, Batangas :Amt. Claimed P2,669.16
 :Date filed 18 Dec 45

and Place where obligation was incurred: December 1941, Santo Tomas and Tanauan, Batangas, in connection with the building of an air strip.

ment of facts (attach additional sheets if necessary):
 T EXHIBITS SEPARATE SHEET)

The evidence discloses that between the dates of 12 December 1941 and 24 December 1941, a United States Army Officer, 1st Lt. John C. Haymer, was engaged in constructing an air strip a place approximately five miles west of Tanauan, Batangas. In order to secure the services of laborers needed for the task he engaged the help of the Mayor of Santo Tomas, a town just north of Tanauan. Through men known to the Mayor, word concerning the contemplated air strip was spread in the nearby barrios. Approximately 4000 laborers were employed in the project.

The annexed Claim Forms are being sent in installments as completed, either by Aurelio Mercado who was the designated timekeeper for Lt. Haymer or by the foreman of each unit employed.

Attention is called to the fact that in some instances a man's name may appear on two different working units and schedule. In other words a man might have worked under one foreman on one day and under another foreman on some other day. Since physically it would be virtually impossible to present a precise accumulated total claim for each man, the claims are being presented as they appeared on the different worksheets.

The undersigned has viewed the clearing where the project was undertaken. After the evening of the 24th December 1941, USAFFE withdrew from that area and the strip never was completely finished.

The payroll was never met on account of the hurried withdrawal of USAFFE from the area.

ommendation: It is recommended that payment be made individually to claimants as they appear on the annexed claims and in the amounts set forth beside their respective names.

CONCUR:
William C Wells Jr
 WILLIAM C. WELLS, JR.
 Officer-in-Charge, Team No. 6
 Captain JAGD

Allen K. Bergman
 ALLEN K. BERGMAN
 Investigating Officer
 2nd Lt., OMP

ACTION BY CONTRACT CLAIMS COMMISSION

proved for payment in the amount of _____

 CC Proceeding No. _____

 CC No. _____

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A F F I D A V I T

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Further deponent sayeth not.

(Sgd.) Aurelio Mercado
AURELIO MERCADO
(Affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6th day of October, 1945.

(Sgd.) Thomas E. Perry
THOMAS E. PERRY
Captain JAGD
Claims Investigating Officer

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

William C. Wells
Capt 7a 50
ALLEN K. BERGMAN
2nd Lt., CMP
Claims Investigating Officer

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EX B

A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, AURELIO MERCADO, citizen of the Philippines, married (~~single~~), _____ years of age, now residing at Santo Tomas, Batangas, who, upon being duly sworn, states on oath as follows:

In December 1941 I was timekeeper for 1st Lt. John C. Haymer (organization unknown) an American Officer who procured labor from the Mayor of Tanauan for the construction of an air strip near Tanauan. The laborers were to be paid by the hour.

The annexed schedule of claims for back wages was a part of the work performed in the construction of the aforementioned air strip. They truly represent the number of hours worked by each man at the rate set by Lt. Haymer. The information contained therein with respect to hours and rate of pay was furnished either from time sheets kept by the foreman of each group of men or from time sheets kept by me or from my personal recollection and I certify that in each instance they represent the number of hours actually worked by each claimant, at the rate set by Lt. Haymer.

Aurelio Mercado
AURELIO MERCADO
(Affiant)

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 14th day of December,

EX - C

Allen K. Bergman
ALLEN K. BERGMAN
Claims Investigating Officer
2nd Lt., OMP

A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, MAXIMINO C. MALOLES citizen of the Philippines, married (~~singles~~), 38 years of age, now residing at Santo Tomas, Batangas, who, upon being duly sworn, states his oath as follows:

In December 1941 I held the position of Mayor of the town of Santo Tomas, Batangas. Sometime during the first two weeks of December 1941 a Lieutenant Haymer, an officer in the United States Army, approached me and told me that he was interested in building an air strip at a spot approximately five (5) miles from Tanauan, Batangas. He further asked my assistance to the extent that I would make a plea for laborers in barrios adjoining Santo Tomas and Tanauan. I agreed to help him in this regard and I sent out my helpers to spread a word in the barrios that laborers were needed by the United States Army and that they were to report to certain men who are known as "Capataz" in Tanauan. I remember the man who was in charged of the project whose name is Aurelio Mercado.

I know that the laborers worked for a couple of weeks in December and I believed that they worked until the close of the day on 24 December 1941. I do not know the exact number of laborers that worked in this project but believed they were about 4,000.

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Maximino C. Maloles

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 17th day of December,

Allen K. Bergman

ALLEN K. BERGMAN

Claims Investigating Officer
2nd Lt., CMP

~~EX-D~~

C E R T I F I C A T E


I hereby certify that on 15 December 1945, in the company of one Aurelio Mercado, I proceeded to a place approximately five (5) miles west of Tanauan, Batangas, in connection with the alleged construction of an air strip in December 1941. At this point I saw a strip of land approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile in length and between a quarter and one-half mile in width. It was a strip of land which could have been made adaptable for an air strip. Of course in the years intervening between 1941 and 1945 considerable vegetation has sprung up. At present the principal crops on this strip is corn. There are no trees on the strip itself but it is bounded on the north by coconut trees.

Just how many trees were destroyed in order to build the strip I do not know but I understand that the owner of the land itself will present a claim to our office sometime in the future setting forth the number of trees and also the number of huts that were removed in order to make clearance for the strip of land.

WITNESS my signature on this 18th day of December 1945.

(Sgd.) Allen K. Bergman
ALLEN K. BERGMAN
2nd Lt., CMP
Claims Investigating Officer

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


WILLIAM C. WELLS, JR.
Captain JAGD

EX "E"

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HEADQUARTERS AFWESPAC

CHECK SHEET

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Note No.1. File No6-726 Subject: 211 Claimants, Wage Claims No.1

FROM: Claims Service	TO: Officer-in-Charge	26 December 1945
AFWESPAC, APO 707	Branch Office	
	Claims Service, AFWESPAC	
	Hq Base R, APO 73	

The file in the above captioned case is returned, together with informal notation from the Commission, regarding additional data which they require. It is requested that desired information be supplied.

By Order of Colonel MYATT:

Harry L. Pepper
 HARRY L. PEPPER
 Major, JAGD

Incl: File. Asst. Director, Claims Investigating Service

FROM: Officer-in-Charge	TO: Claims Service	10 Jan 46
Branch Office, Claims Service	AFWESPAC, APO 707	
AFWESPAC, Sub-Base "R"		
A P O 73		

Complied with.

William C. Wells, Jr.
 WILLIAM C. WELLS, JR.
 Captain JAGD
 Officer-in-Charge

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HEADQUARTERS SUB-BASE "R"
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC

Branch Office, Claims Service, AFWESPAC,
Sub-Base "R"

Date 29 January 1946

CO _____	I & E _____	BSC _____
Opn O _____	I G _____	CWS _____
Ex O _____	BMC _____	ORD _____
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Director, Claims Investigating Service, Hq Claims Service, AFWESPAC, APO 707

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_____ Comment	_____ Prepare Indorsements
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_____ Information	_____ Signature
_____ Initials on file copy	_____ See Me
_____ Necessary Action	_____ A G Records for file
_____ Note and return	_____ A G Records suspend to

Subject: Tanauan Air Strip claim.

From	To	Date	REMARKS
B/O Cl Sv AFWESPAC Sub-Base "R"	Dir CIS	29 Jan 46	<p>1. Captioned claim was the subject of discussion between Lt. Myerberg of this office and Lt.Col. Wade on 28 January 1946.</p> <p>2. Claim is for wages allegedly due approximately 4,000 laborers who were employed for the construction of an air strip near Tanauan, Batangas on or about 12 December 1941. The work began on or about 12 December 1941 and was stopped because of combat conditions on 24 December 1941.</p> <p>3. Labor was obtained thru the Mayor of Santo Tomas who had the various Barrio lieutenants recruit the laborers needed. The men worked under various foreman who kept rather crude time sheets. These time sheets are available and are attached to the claim forms. It was contemplated that the time sheets would be turned in to one Aurelio Mercado who was the head timekeeper and that the payrolls would be made up from this record.</p> <p>4. Apparently no payment was ever made and the claims range from 30 hours of work to approximately 130 hours.</p>

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5. On account of the shortage in this office of personnel and clerical help, this office attempted to process these claims by delivering the forms to the head timekeeper who was in turn to have the various foremen fill in the names of the claimants from their time sheet records and have the claim forms signed by the proper claimants.

6. This procedure has proved unsatisfactory and inadequate for the following reasons: - (a) The number of hours on the claim forms as completed are not in accord with the time sheets and it is believed that the payroll record is being padded by considerable number of hours for each employee. In the aggregate the amount involved would run into thousands of pesos. (b) It is practically impossible to get the laborers to spell their names on claim forms in the same way that they are spelled on the payroll. This is due to the fact that phoenetic spelling is used and about a dozen letters are used interchangeably.

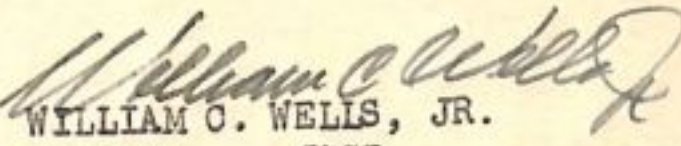
7. On the basis of our experience with approximately 300 claims already processed and forwarded to the Claims Commissions, it appears that a proper handling of this situation will require continuous and uninterrupted work by one officer for at least six (6) weeks time. It is believed that names from the time sheets should first be typed on the claim forms and then the Investigating Officer should watch the claimants actually sign the claim forms and see to it that they spell their names in the same manner as the spelling in the payrolls.

8. With the present staff of two officers and one civilian, it is impossible for this office to properly process this claim and at the same time handle new procurement claims and its backlog of pending procurement claims. It is the desire of this office to devote its effort to a substantial reduction of its backlog of important cases before its remaining officer personnel are eligible for return to the United States. This objective cannot be accomplished nor can this office keep abreast of its current work if one of the two officers on duty here is assigned exclusively to the processing of wage claims. The ineffectiveness of a piecemeal operation is demonstrated by the fact that these wage claims have been pending in this office unofficially for approximately three months and in spite our best efforts only about 300 have been processed and forwarded to appropriate Commissions.

9. It is our understanding that there is an officer in the Manila Office devoting his entire time to wage claims and it is believed that this situation could be better handled by him than by this office. Santo Tomas, Batangas, is about as close to Manila as it is to Batangas and therefore the geographical location

would impose no serious handicap on an officer handling the same out of the Manila Office.

10. It is requested that these claims be referred to an Investigating Officer in the Manila Office for processing.


WILLIAM C. WELLS, JR.
Captain JAGD
Officer-in-Charge

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CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC

INTER-OFFICE CHECK SHEET
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Subject: Tanauan Airstrip Claims PRO 6-1069R-PRO 6-1154R Incl
CC-11-x-2631-2715

FROM: CCC No. 11

TO: DIS

Date: 16 February 46

1. Attached are above designated claims returned for additional information as outlined in check sheet from this Commission dated 14 February 46, subject as above, Files CC-11-x-2181-2595.


R.H.O.

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No. 1 File No. 6-1069R Subject: Claims of TANAUAN AIRSTRIP
6-1154R

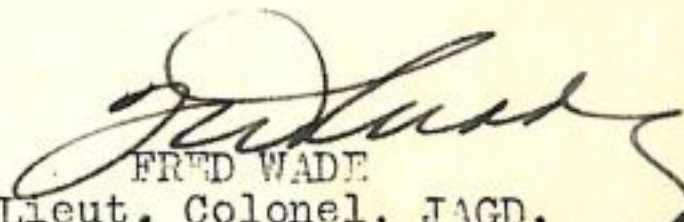
FROM: Claims Service
AFWESPAC, APO 707

TO: Director, Team No. 6
Branch Office
Hq Base R, APO 73

Date 18 Feb 46

There is enclosed, complete file on the above captioned case, which includes a Check Sheet from CCC No. 11 dated 16 February 1946. It is requested that Commission's Check Sheet be complied with and the file returned.

By Order of Colonel MYATT:


FRED WADE
Lieut. Colonel, JAGD,
Director, Claims Investigating Service

Incl: File


FROM: Director, Team No. 6
Branch Office, Claims Service
AFWESPAC, Sub-Base "R"
APO 73

TO: Claims Service
AFWESPAC, APO 707

19 Feb 46

1. Check Sheet dated 14 February 1946, Subject: Tanauan Airstrip claims, Files OC-11-X-2181-2595, referred to in Inter-Office Check Sheet attached to file never received at this office.

2. Processing of these claims has been transferred to the Manila Office and apparently this file should be referred to the Investigating Officer handling wage claims in the Manila Office.


WILLIAM C. WELLS, JR., Capt., JAGD
Director, Team No. 6

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PROCUREMENT CLAIM

Report of Claims Officer and Action of Claims Commission

Forwarded to CC No. _____ on December 1941 :CL No. 6-109R (Pro)
6-1154R (Pro)
 Claimant: 86 claimants :Type Contract
 Address: Vicinity of Tanauan and Santo Tomas, Batangas :Amt. Claimed P695.64
 :Date Filed 17 Jan 46
 Date and Place where obligation was incurred: December 1941, Tanauan and Santo Tomas, Batangas, in connection with the building of an airstrip.
 Statement of facts (attach additional sheets if necessary):
 LIST EXHIBITS SEPARATE SHEET)

Between 12 December 1941 and 24 December 1941 approximately four thousand Filipino laborers were employed by the United States Army for the construction of an air strip approximately five miles west of Tanauan, Batangas.

Labor was recruited from Tanauan, Santo Tomas and surrounding barrios. The air strip had to be abandoned on 24 December 1941 because of combat conditions and the last payroll was never met.

Claim is made by the laborers and is supported by the time sheets kept by the foremen and chief timekeeper. It is impossible at this time to verify the authenticity of the records or the number of hours worked but it is believed that they are substantially correct.

Claims are being processed piecemeal as it will be some weeks before the claims of all four thousand laborers can be prepared.

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Recommendation: It is recommended that payment be made individually to claimants as they appear on the annexed claims and in the amounts set forth beside their respective names.

CONCUR:

WILLIAM C. WELLS, JR.
 Captain JAGD
 Director, Team No. 6

William C Wells Jr
 WILLIAM C. WELLS, JR.
 Claims Investigating Officer
 Captain JAGD
 Director, Team No. 6

ACTION BY CONTRACT CLAIMS COMMISSION

Approved for payment in the amount of _____
 CC Proceeding No. _____
 Date 1946 CC No. _____

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
City of Manila) : S.S.

I, Geronimo Rodriguez, a Legal Assistant,
Claims Service, AFWESPAC, being first duly sworn, depose and
say:

That I have carefully examined the following records of
the Recovered Personnel Branch, USAFPAC: a. Index, b. Machine
Locator Cards, c. 201 File, d. Pay Vouchers, e. WD List of pers.
in PIA, 7 December 1941, and also the "Index" and the "201" re-
cords of the Hq., Philippine Army and found no information of
any kind whatsoever pertaining to

D. E. Loveland
Robert D. Rosendall.

And that I have also carefully examined the records of the Re-
covered Personnel Branch, AFWESPAC, and found in the 201 file the fol-
lowing information pertaining to:

Doran, John L. Sgt. AC 11020480 (24th Pr. Sqn)
Died at Lubao, Pampanga, 16 April 1942 of un -
known cause.

Further, affiant sayeth not.

Geronimo Rodriguez
GERONIMO RODRIGUEZ

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of
March, 1946, at Manila, Philippines.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

APO 707
8 March 1946

Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington D.C.

Attn: Historical Data Division

To whom it may concern:

We have on file in our office, a wage claim from the workers who, in December 1941, built an airstrip near Tanauan, Batangas, P.I.

We have been unable to determine the authority for that project but we have indication that it was constructed under the supervision of the 24th Fr. Sqn., believed to be the 24th Photo Recon Squadron. It would be helpful to us to know the name of the commanding officer of that organization at that time, or any other officer, still living, who might have knowledge of the project.

If the names of the above officers and their present mailing addresses, or any other facts concerning the project are available through your office, we would appreciate obtaining them at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. THOMAS
Capt., GAV
Claims Investigating Service

Prepared by:

RMH
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., INF
Investigating Officer

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A F F I D A V I T

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
City of Manila) : S.S.

I, Geronimo Rodriguez, a Legal Assistant,
Claims Service, AFWESPAC, being first duly sworn, depose and
say:

That I have carefully examined the following records of
the Recovered Personnel Branch, USAFPAC: a. Index, b. Machine
Locator Cards, c. 201 File, d. Pay Vouchers, e. WD List of Pers.
in PIA, 7 December 1941, and also the "Index" and the "201" re-
cords of the Hq., Philippine Army and found no information of
any kind whatsoever pertaining to

Sgt. E. Wooley

And that I have also carefully examined the records of the Re-
covered Personnel Branch, AFWESPAC, and found in the 201 file the following
information pertaining to:

1. Holland, Cecil F., S/Sgt. AC, 6562060, died of
dysentery at Camp O'Donnell, 13 June 1942.
2. Brantley, Henry E., S/Sgt. AC, 6290997, DOD,
dysentery, malaria, at Cabanatuan, 10 June 1942.

And that the "War Department Alphabetical Casualty Listing of
Officers and Enlisted Personnel as of 7 December 1941" gives the following
additional data pertaining to:

1. Name, Holland, Cecil F; Casualty status, DOD; Grade, S/Sgt;
Arm or service, AC; Sub unit, 03 08; Organization, 0024 06;
Serial No. 6562060.
2. Name, Brantley, Henry E; Casualty status, MIA; Grade, S/Sgt;
Arm or service, AC; Sub unit 03 08; Organization, 0024 06;
Serial No. 6290997.

Further, affiant sayeth not.


GERONIMO RODRIGUEZ

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of
March, 1946, at Manila, Philippines.

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ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
: S.S.
Tanauan, Batangas)

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A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared SIMEON ATIENZA, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Tinuric, Tanawan, Bat., who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I began working at the Tanawan Airstrip on 16 December 1941 as Timekeeper under Capataz Juan Garcia. From 16 December to 19 December 1941 I had under my charge around 60 men. From 20 to 24 December 1941, I had under my charge around 43 men. The 60 men above-mentioned are listed on Time Sheet signed by me at the top. This is known as Group 44. The 43 men are listed on the Time Sheet Group No. 50.

The entry on Time Sheet No. 50 was being made every day at the close of the work. The entry on the time sheet Group No. 44 was made from daily notes taken every day.

I remember that none of the men listed on the two sheets was paid. They worked 10 hours every day.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 9 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Simeon Atienza
SIMEON ATIENZA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Commonwealth of the Philippines)
Province of Batangas)
Municipality of Tanawan)

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A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, Filomeno Dipasupil, Filipino,
of legal age, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I was appointed special Chief of police on the Tanawan
strip on the 12 of December 1941. That the Chief occupation
of myself and the 151 men under me was to guard, the tools, gasoline
pumps and other equipment of the U. S. Army. That the total number
of hours indicated in the previously signed payroll is true and
correct and that the rates of pay on said payroll were agreed upon
by Lt. Haymer.

That myself and some of my men did not discontinue working
on the 24th of December but rather stayed to guard equipment that
the Army left, until the 28th of December 1941. That on the 28th
of December the approach of the Japanese compelled us to disband
and abandon our posts.

That because of the constant necessity of inspecting my guards,
I personally worked 15 hours a day making a total of 255 hours for
the 17 days employed on the project.

That neither myself nor any of my men whose names appear on
the above mentioned payroll have ever received any pay.

I swear that the above facts are true and correct.

Filomeno Dipasupil
FILOMENO DIPASUPIL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March,
1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Authority NNO 883078

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Tanauan, Batangas) : S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared ROMAN LANTING, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Santor, Tanauan, Batangas who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a capataz on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Pedro Panghuan and Hermenegildo Hernandez, according to the following facts:

I began working as a capatas on the Tanauan Airstrip on 12 December 1941 up to 24 December 1941, to receive a wage of P2.40 per day. I was not paid for the whole period mentioned above, or for a total of 13 working days, which if computed at P2.40 daily, ~~which~~ will amount to P31.20.

I had under my supervision around 70 men, and none of them had ever received their pay.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 13 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Roman Lanting
ROMAN LANTING

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Mar 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)

Tanauan, Batangas)

S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Adriano Manaig, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Bilog-bilog, Tanauan, Batangas who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Capataz on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Crispino Manaig, according to the following facts:

I was employed at the Talaga Airstrip, Tanauan, Batangas, last 1941, (the exact month unknown to me), as a Capataz. I could not remember also my daily wage I was receiving. I was incharge of about 30 men. The date when we stopped working was also unknown to me, and we were not paid, too, for the services rendered.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of ? days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Adriano Manaig

ADRIANO MANAIG

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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 Tanauan, Batangas)

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared ELIAS MANAIG, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Bilog-Bilog, Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Capataz on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Exequiel Curibio, according to the following facts:

I began working on the Tanauan Airstrip from 20 December 1941 as a capataz at the rate of ₱2.40 per day. I worked continuously up to and including 24 December 1941, or a total of 5 working days at the rate of ₱2.40 per day, which will amount ₱12.00.

I had under my supervision around 35 men and none of them had ever ~~been~~ receiving their wages.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 5 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elias Manaig

ELIAS MANAIG

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Mar 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
 ROBERT M. HEBERT
 2nd Lt., Inf.
 Investigating Officer

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Tanauan, Batangas)

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A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared JULIAN OFRIN, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Janopol, Tanawan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Capataz on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by my timekeeper, according to the following facts:

On 15 December 1941 I began working at the Tanawan Airstrip as Capataz. I had under my supervision 33 men working in the said Airstrip.

It was my procedure to take notes of the names of the laborers and the number of hours they worked every day. With respect to the Time Sheet I made, it was noted therein the names of the laborers and the number of hours they worked each day, and the time sheet known as Group No. 12 was made after 8 days, that was on the 22nd day of December 1941.

I recall that none of the men listed in said Time Sheet Group No. 12 was ever paid. They worked 8 and 10 hours each day.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 8 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Julian Ofirin
JULIAN OFRIN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Aurelio Pamplona, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Pob. Tanawan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I worked at the Tanawan Airstrip as a Timekeeper. I was in charge of 51 men, taking notes of the number of hours they worked every day. Every day I took note of the number of hours they worked and then made the entry in the time sheet as follows: Camp No. 11.

I recall that none of the men listed in the Time Sheet I made was paid for their services and they worked for 9 days, 10 hours each day.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 9 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Aurelio Pamplona
AURELIO PAMplona

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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Tanauan, Batangas)

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Rufo P. Panganiban, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Bilog-Bilog, Tanauan, Batangas who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Capataz on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Joaquin Mendoza, according to the following facts:

I started working on the Tanauan Airstrip on 12 December 1941 as a Capatas to receive a wage at the rate of ₱2.40 per day. I was last paid up to and including 14 December 1941, and was not paid for my services rendered from 15 December up to and including 17 December 1941, or a total 3 working days at the rate of ₱2.40 per day of a total of ₱7.20. I have had around 70 persons under me.

I do not ^{know} if my men have received their pay or not for I was transferred in the work under the supervision of Lt. Hamer. Every evening I usually inspected the records of the timekeeper to see if my laborers were given correct timing. My men worked regularly 8 hours a day, but there were instances that my laborers were told to work overtime.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 13 days. ~~and that with myself xxx~~
~~xxx for the services indicated on the~~
~~xxx~~

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Rufo P. Panganiban
RUFO P. PANGANIBAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Tanauan, Batangas) S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Peria, Gregorio, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Bilog-bilog, Tanawan, Bat, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Capataz on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by the Timekeeper, according to the following facts:

On 12 December 1941, I began working at the Tanawan Airstrip, Batangas as a Capataz. I had under my supervision around 56 men working in the said Airstrip. Mr. Lazaro Marudo who is listed on the top of the Time Sheet was my tool-keeper working also in the said Airstrip and he was earning ₱.20 per hour.

The number of hours of each of the laborers listed on the Time Sheet were being noted each day and its entry on the said Time Sheet was being made every day.

I recall that none of the men listed on said Time Sheet was ever paid for the services they rendered. They worked 7 days and 10 hours a day.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 7 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Gregorio Peria
GREGORIO PERIA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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 Tanauan, Batangas)

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Lorenzo Petrasanta, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Poblacion, Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I was a Timekeeper at the Talaga Airstrip, Tanauan, Batangas, on the month of December, 1941, earning a daily wage of P2.00. I could not determine the exact date of my employment at the Airstrip, and the only thing I remember at present was the date when we stopped working, which was on the 24 of December 1941.

I was preparing the time record of 26 men under Ciriacco Casco, the Capataz, everyday on an 8-hour basis, for six days a week work. We were unpaid up to including the 24 of December 1941.

Since I could not recollect the date when I started working at the Airstrip, the total number of days I had worked is unknown to me.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 1 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lorenzo Petrasanta
LORENZO PETRASANTA
 Timekeeper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
 ROBERT M. HEBERT
 2nd Lt., Inf.
 Investigating Officer

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Tanauan, Batangas)

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A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Ciriaco Roxas, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Janopol, Tanauan, Batangas who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a capatas on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Lucio Mendoza, according to the following facts:

I started working on the Tanauan Airstrip on 13 December 1941 up to 22 December 1941 inclusive as a capataas to receive a wage of ₱2.40 per day, or a total of 10 working days at the rate of ₱2.40 daily or ₱24.00. I was not paid for the period above mentioned.

I have 63 men under me and no one of them has ever been receiving their pay. Every day I inspected their work, and gave my report to the Timekeeper.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 13 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ciriaco Roxas

CIRIACO ROXAS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Mar 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
: S.S.
Tanauan, Batangas)

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared GUILLERMO AQUINO, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Pob. Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I worked at the Tanauan Airstrip, Batangas, from 19 to 22 December 1941 as Timekeeper. My Capataz was Mr. Federico Alcantara. I had under my charge 32 men including myself. Our services were terminated on the 22nd of December 1941. None of the men listed on the Time Sheet I prepared was ever paid for the period of 4 days.

In made the entry on this Time Sheet at the close of work on the 22nd December 1941 taken from the notes made by me every day on the field.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 4 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Guillermo Aquino
GUILLERMO AQUINO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Herbert
ROBERT M. HERBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Tanauan, Batangas)

S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Alfonzo Castillo, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Pob. Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

On 12 December 1941 to 24 December 1941, I worked at the Tanauan Airstrip, Batangas. My Capataz was Mr. Victorio Villa. I had under my charge men. Among the men appearing on the Time Sheet prepared by me some I know were paid and I can not state exactly if all the men were ever paid.

The procedure I followed in making this Time Sheet was to note in the said Time Sheet the marks "X" if the laborers were found to be present under the date they appear. This is the same Time Sheet made actually.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 6 days ~~and I can not state exactly who of the men were or not paid.~~ ~~and that neither myself nor any of my men received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet.~~

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Alfonzo Castillo
ALFONZO CASTILLO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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 : S.S.
Tanauan, Batangas)

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Benedicto Quimio, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Talaga, Tanawan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I worked at the Tanawan Airstrip, Batangas, on 14 December 1941 up to include 17 December 1941 at which ^{my} services and that of the men listed on the Time Sheet were terminated. I was a Timekeeper and had under my charge 61 men including myself.

The entry in this Time Sheet was made day by day and this is the same Time Sheet actually made by me on the field.

I recall that none of the men listed on the Time Sheet was ever paid for their services rendered. They worked for a total of 4 days.

Besides the 4 days the Capataz Mr. Severino Capule and I worked we still worked on the 16 of December 1941 5 hours. This can be noted at the top of the said Time Sheet.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 4 1/2 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Benedicto Quimio
BENEDICTO QUIMIO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Tanauan, Batangas)

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Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Primitivo Burgos, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Darasa, Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper ~~Capataz~~ on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

On 12 December 1941, I began working at the Tanauan Airstrip, Batangas, as Timekeeper. I had under my charge as Timekeeper around 66 men. I and all the men listed on the Time Sheet were paid from 12 December 1941 up to include 17 December 1941 or a total of 6 days.

There is another Time Sheet on which I appear as Capataz ^{under} having my supervision 30 men. All these men including myself were not paid for the period 20 December to 24 December 1941 inclusive or a total of 5 days.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 11 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet ~~of sheets~~ who worked from 20 to 24 December 1941.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Primitivo Burgos
PRIMITIVO BURGOS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883078

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared FILEMON MACAHIA, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Darasa, Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Capataz on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Francisco Gonzalez, according to the following facts:

I began working at the Tanauan Airstrip on 12 December 1941 as a capataz, and worked continuously up to 22 December 1941. I was last paid up to 18 December 1941, and was not paid for the period from 19 to 22 December 1941, or a total of 4 working days.

I had under my supervision about 65 men, and all of the men listed in the Time-Sheet prepared by the Timekeeper, Francisco Gonzalez, were paid up to 18 December 1941, and were not paid for the period from 19 to 22 December 1941 inclusive.

Everyday I made my field notes and before the closing of the work I submitted it to the timekeeper for his entry to his time sheet.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 11 days. ~~and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheets.~~

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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FILEMON MACAHIA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Mar., 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared FAUSTO MAGPANTAY, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Barrio Sambat, Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Foreman-Carpenter on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Ernesto Castillo, according to the following facts:

I began working for the Tanauan Airstrip on 17 December 1941 up to 23 December 1941 as a Foreman-Carpenter. I was never paid for my services rendered for the period above mentioned.

I further state that no one of those men who were under me was paid.

I had under my supervision about 8 men, and these/^{men} had the supervision of the different groups of carpenters. I also had knowledge that men under me and those men under the supervision of my capatazes were never paid.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 9 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fausto Magpantay
FAUSTO MAGPANTAY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th of March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Province of Batangas
Municipality of Tanawan

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, AURELIO MERCADO, Filipino, of legal age and residing at Tanawan, Batangas, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I present this affidavit as an explanation of the time-sheet on which appear Daniel Guevara, general assistant to Lt. Haymer and myself, the general timekeeper.

That the "X" marks beside Daniel Guevara's name represent 8 hours and the numbers above the mark represent overtime.

That I personally worked 16 hours a day, trying to keep a record of the 4,000 employees who were working in the project, checking the number of men of each group, etc.

That the "X" marks on all other names represent 10 hours per day. That the rates perhours, incentavos, appear beside each name and that these rates were agreed upon by Lt. Haymer.

That, as shown on the time sheet, myself and a few others worked until the 28th, the date when the approach of the Japanese compelled us to disband. The work we did from the 24th to the 28th consisted in checking the equipment left behind, assembling time sheet notes turned in by the various timekeeper et.

That 5 of the men on the time sheet were employed with 2 carabaos each and that the agreed rate for one man with his 2 carabaos was 50 centavos per hour.

I swear that the above facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

AURELIO MERCADO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19th day of March, 1946.

ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Authority NO 883078

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Tanauan, Batangas) : S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared HILARION OCAMPO, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Poblacion, Tanauan, Batangas who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Foreman on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Jose Malabanan, according to the following facts:

I began working for the Tanauan Airstrip on 12 December 1941, as a Foreman to receive a wage of ₱2.40 per day, working 10 hours a day. I worked continuously up to 17 December 1941. I received ₱15.00 for my services rendered.

I had knowledge that about 50% of the men listed in Time sheet for Group No. 14 were paid. I do not know of them received payment.

I had under my supervision about 63 men. I only supervised my men in the handling of their work.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 6 days. ~~xxxxxx neither used for xxx~~
~~any of xxx received for the services indicated on the~~
~~xxxxxx sheets.~~

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Hilarion Ocampo
HILARION OCAMPO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Mar 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Tanauan, Batangas)

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A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Pedro Panhulan, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Bongcalot, Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I worked at the Tanauan Airstrip, Batangas, as a Timekeeper. My supervisor was Mr. Calixto Teria. I had under my charge 32 men including myself. We worked from 19 December 1941 up to include 24 December 1941 at which time our services were terminated.

The entry in this Time Sheet was made day by day.

I recall that none of the men listed on the Time Sheet of Group No. 9 was ever paid for the period 19 December to 24 December 1941 or a total of 6 days.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 6 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Pedro Panhulan
PEDRO PANHULAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Authority NND 883078

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Tanauan, Batangas) S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Victoriano Piamonte, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I started to work at the Talaga Airstrip, Tanauan, Batangas, on 19 December 1941, as a Timekeeper, under Carlos Burgos, the Capataz. I prepared the Time Sheet, marked Group 27 and composed of 17 men, including myself and the Capataz, Carlos Burgos. We worked from 19 December 1941 to 24 December 1941, but, the date 23 and 24 December 1941, was not entered by me on the Time Sheet because I went away. I therefore told Carlos Burgos, the Capataz of Group No. 27, to enter said dates on my Time Sheet. On 19 December 1941, we worked 6 1/2 hours only, and from 20 to 24, December 1941, we worked 10 hours daily. We were not paid for our services, from 19 December 1941 to 24 December 1941, or a total of 6 days.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 6 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Victoriano Piamonte
VICTORIANO PIAMONTE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Tanauan, Batangas)

S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared TROADIO ROCAMORA, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Poblacion, Tanauan, Batangas who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Foreman on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Macario Panaflorido, according to the following facts:

I began working for the Tanauan Airstrip on 12 December 1941 as a foreman to receive a wage of ₱2.40 per day working 10 hours a day. I was fully paid for my services rendered up to 16 December 1941, and was not paid for, from 17 to 24 December 1941 inclusive.

I had under my supervision about 100 men, and all the men listed on Report of Group No. 31 were not ~~and~~ paid from 17 to 24 December 1941.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 13 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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TROADIO ROCAMORA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Mar, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
 Tanauan, Batangas) S.S.

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Macario Pedraja, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Baloc-baloc, Tanauan, Batangas who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I started to work at ~~the~~ Yelars Airstrip, Tanauan, Batangas, on 19 December 1941, as a Timekeeper. I prepared the Time Sheet of 28 men under Flaviano Tapia, the Capataz. We worked from 19 December 1941 to 22 December 1941, or a total of 4 days. On 19 December 1941, we worked 8 hours and from 20 to 22 December 1941, we worked 10 hours, or a total of 38 hours, inclusive. I was transferred from another outfit, under Lucio Trinidad, the Capataz, and incharge of 14 men. I made a separate Time Sheet on this outfit under Lucio Trinidad. I started to work with this outfit from 23 December 1941 up to 24 December 1941, or a total of 2 days. We worked on a 10-hour basis also and the Time Sheet was marked by a letter X only to correspond the date the men had worked. We were not paid for our services from 19 December 1941 to 22 December 1941, under Flaviano Tapia, and from the other outfit, under Lucio Trinidad, from 23 to 24 December 1941, etc.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 6 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Macario Pedraja
MACARIO PEDRAJA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
 ROBERT M. HEBERT
 2nd Lt., Inf.
 Investigating Officer

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)

Tanauan, Batangas)

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A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Simeon Suelto, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Santor, Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

I started to work at the Talaga Airstrip, Tanauan, Batangas, on 19 December 1941, as a Timekeeper, under Eugenio Tinorio, the Capataz; there were a total of 36 men in the outfit. I and the Capataz, Eugenio Tinorio, had worked from 19 December 1941 to 25 December 1941, or a total of 7 days. From 19 to 24 December, I and Eugenio Tinorio worked 16 hours, dally, but on the 25, we worked 5 hours only. Therefore, we had worked a total of 65 hours, from 19 to 25 December 1941,.

But, the 36 men worked from 19 December 1941 to 24 December 1941, a total of 6 days only and on a 10-hour basis. Therefore, the 36 men had worked a total of 60 hours only.

There were 38 men entered on the Time Sheet, marked Group No. 19, that is, including myself and the Capataz, Eugenio Tinorio.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 7 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Simeon Suelto
SIMEON SUELTO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared Porfirio O. Velasco, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Pob. Tanauan, Batangas, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Timekeeper on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by myself, according to the following facts:

On 17 December 1941, I began working at the Tanauan Airstrip, Batangas, as a Timekeeper. I had under my charge 53 men under the supervision of the Capataz, Mr. Eusebio Magnaye. All these men including myself worked from the 17th up to include 24 December 1941. Date 24 December 1941 is not included on the Time Sheet I prepared because of the confusion then existing due to the enemy bombing.

This time sheet was prepared by me day by day

I recall that none of the men listed on the Time Sheet known as Group No. 71 was ever paid for the period from 17 to 24 December 1941 or a total of 8 days.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 8 days and that neither myself nor any of my men ever received any pay for the services indicated on the time sheet or sheets.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Porfirio O. Velasco
PORFIRIO O. VELASCO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 March, 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, personally appeared MARIANO VILLA P., of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Poblacion, Tanauan, Batangas who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That, in the month of December, 1941, in accordance with the time sheets prepared at that time, I was employed as a Capataz on the U. S. Army Tanauan Airstrip Project.

That the time sheet or sheets on which my name appear were prepared by Candido Quimio, according to the following facts:

I began working on the Tanauan Airstrip on 12 December 1941 up to 24 December 1941 as a capataz to receive a wage at the rate of ₱2.40 per day. I was paid fully for 3 days from 12 December 1941 up to 14 December 1941, and was not paid for the period from 15 to 24 December 1941.

I had under my supervision about 72 men and they were all paid accordingly up to the 14th of December 1941, but were not all paid for their services rendered from 15 to 24 December 1941.

That I still have in my possession the original field notes where the timekeeper based his timesheet that was submitted to the Claims Service.

That to the best of my knowledge and recollection I personally worked on the project a total of 13 days ~~and that I was not paid for the services rendered in six days on the timesheet on sheets~~

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mariano Villa P.
MARIANO VILLA P.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Mar., 1946.

Robert M. Hebert
ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt. Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Authority NO 883078

HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

Mr. Daniel Guevarra
Co. "B" 1st Concor,
4th Battalion,
Bawan, Batangas

20 March 1946

Dear Mr. Guevarra:

We have on file with this office the claim from the workers of the Tanauan airstrip. We understand from affidavits of co-workers and from Aurelio Mercado that you were the General Assistant to Lt. John Haymer.

In order that we may be able to properly process the claim, we would appreciate if you would give us, in the form of an affidavit all the information that you know pertaining to the project. The affidavit may be notarized by the commanding officer or adjutant of your battalion. Here are some of the specific facts that we would like to get information on:

1. What Army Organization Lt. Haymer belonged to and who authorized the project?
2. Approximately how many men were paid by Lt. Haymer on 17 December 1941 and were any other payments made after that date?
3. For how many days were you personally paid and what was your agreed rate of pay per hour?
4. Until what date did you work on the project and approximately how many hours per day did you work?
5. Did Aurelio Mercado ever received any payment and to the best of your knowledge, how many hours per day did he worked and what was his rate of pay?
6. What happened to the money Lt. Haymer had with him for the payment of the employees?

We recommend that you show this letter to your commanding officer in order that he may help you with the said affidavit and in order that you may be able to mail it to us as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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Authority NNO 883078

HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC

INTER-OFFICE CHECK SHEET
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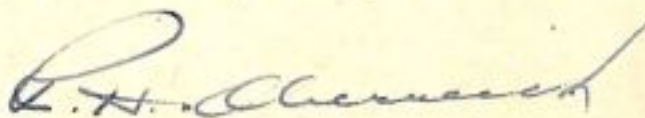
Date: 14 February 46

1. Attached are two files comprising claims of 415 individuals for services rendered in the construction of the Tanauan Airstrip, Batangas. With respect to these claims request is made for the following:

a. Affidavit from the timekeeper on each job to the effect that he kept the time records submitted for that job, identifying the record in our file as the one he kept, whether entries were made daily and, if not, whether made from notes kept during the job, to whom he delivered his time records, when they were delivered, and whether they have been altered.

b. Affidavit from Daniel Guevara, Lt. Haymer's assistant, setting forth all of the facts he knows concerning the construction of the airstrip.

c. Affidavit from Aurelio Mercado, chief timekeeper, stating when he received the time records from the timekeepers on the various jobs, whether they have remained exclusively in his possession since that date, whether there have been alterations, and, if so, by whom and for what reason.



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"B" Company
1st Port Battalion
CONCOR APO 73

26 March 1946

A F F I D A V I T

I, DANIEL GUEVARRA, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen, resident of Tanauan, Batangas, and presently employed with the 1st, Port Battalion, CONCOR, after being sworn in accordance with law despose and say that:

1. As far as I can remember Lt. Hymer was with the Engineer Corps, but I do not know the outfit to where he belonged. On the morning of December 12, 1941, Lt. Hymer with an American Major and a Captain went to Tanauan, Batangas and conferred with the town Mayor so that they could be helped in locating a site for an airstrip and also to recruit laborers to start the work immediately. If I remembered right, one of the officers with Lt. Hymer was Major Porter

2. Lt. Hymer paid more or less 400 men. Payments could not be made hurriedly due to the Japanese planes flying over the airstrip very often. We used to move from one place to another and dispersed the laborers. No other payment was made after the first payroll was made.

3. I was paid amount due six days work and the rate agreed upon was sixty centavos (₱ 0.60) per hour.

4. I worked until the 28th of December 1941 at the average of 17 hours per day. I worked days and nights supervising the men in the field and concealing the ammunitions and other equipments at night time.

5. I do not know if Aurelio Mercado received his payment or not. To the best of my knowledge he worked at the average of 14 hours daily. His rate of pay was fifty centavos (₱ 0.50) per hour.

6. I do not know what happened to the money Lt. Hymer had with him. The Headquarters of his outfit during that time was in Calubang, Laguna. After the payment in the evening, Lt. Hymer with the American soldiers guarding him rode on a jitney and carried the money with them.

7. Further affiant sayeth not:

Daniel Guevarra
DANIEL GUEVARRA

Subscribe and sworn to before me this 26th day of March, 1946. The affiant exhibited to me his Residence Certificate No. A 1530098 issued at Tanauan, Batangas on June 30, 1945.

Irineo A. Ames
IRINEO A AMES - 0888247
Capt CAC AUS
Commanding "B" Co.

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"B" Company
1st Port Battalion
CONCOR APO 73

26 March 1946

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IRINEO A AMES - 0888247
Capt CAC AUS
Commanding "B" Co.

MR DANIEL GUEVARA

Co. B. 1st Recon Port Bn.

Manan, Batangas.

T. JAVIER - In charge of the construction
of STO. Tomas Camp.

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Tanauan Air Strip

Dr. Tomas Mabilangan } Mayor
570. Tomas, Batangas }

Mr. Sisto Aquino } Chief of Police
Sto. Tomas, Bat. }

José M. Corona } Mayor
Tanauan, Batangas }

Was told by Batangas branch office that property destroyed while building the airstrip would be handled by us.

Commonwealth of the Philippines)
Province of Batangas :
Municipality of Tanawan)

RMH:azd

A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, AURELIO MERCADO, Filipino, of legal age and residing at Tanawan, Batangas, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I present this affidavit as an explanation of the time-sheet on which appear Daniel Guevara, general assistant to Lt. Haymer and myself, the general timekeeper.

That the "X" marks beside Daniel Guevara's name represent 8 hours and the numbers above the mark represent overtime.

That I personally worked 16 hours a day, trying to keep a record of the 4,000 employees who were working in the project, checking the number of men of each group, etc.

That the "X" marks on all other names represent 10 hours per day. That the rates perhours, incentavos, appear beside each name and that these rates were agreed upon by Lt. Haymer.

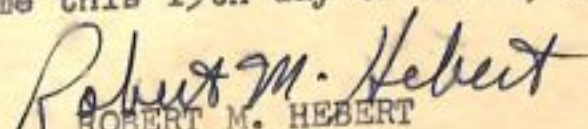
That, as shown on the time sheet, myself and a few others worked until the 28th, the date when the approach of the Japanese compelled us to disband. The work we did from the 24th to the 28th consisted in checking the equipment left behind, assembling time sheet notes turned in by the various timekeeper etc.

That 5 of the men on the time sheet were employed with 2 carabaos each and that the agreed rate for one man with his 2 carabaos was 50 centavos per hour.

I swear that the above facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


AURELIO MERCADO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19th day of March, 1946.


ROBERT M. HEBERT
2nd Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
 CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

16 April 1946

The Municipal Mayor
 Tanauan, Batangas

Dear Sir:

In the past you have been very kind in giving assistance to representatives from this office relative to the wage claims known as the Tanauan Airstrip. Since the last visit of Lt. Hebert of this office, work has been initiated to put this claim in readiness in order that it may be brought to a speedy close.

Capt. Benjamin J. Pulley of this office will be in Tanauan sometime during the day of 29 April 1946. With him he will bring the necessary assistants to complete the work that must be done in the field. It is requested that you contact Mr. Aurelio Mercado and Mr. Daniel Guevara who were the General Assistant and the General Timekeeper respectively on this project. It is estimated that this Team will be able to dispose approximately 300 men per day and with this number in mind, Messrs. Mercado and Guevara can make arrangements as far as having that number present each day. Due to the travel involved and the time necessary to set up an office, this Team will only function in the afternoon of the 29th day of April 1946, and it is requested that no more than fifty (50) men be present for the initial days' work.

Previously you have been very cooperative in affording us office space and if there is no objection we request that we be furnished office space in the Municipal Building. This will be greatly appreciated.


If there is any change to the present plan, you will be notified accordingly and similarly if this plan is not convenient for you on this date, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. SMITH
 CAPT., C.A.C.

Claims Investigating Service

PREPARED BY:



CAPT. B. J. PULLEY.....ela

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
) S.S.
Tanauan, Batangas)

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, Aurelio Mercado, Filipino, of legal age and residing at Sto. Tomas, Batangas, after having been duly sworn depose and say:

That I was the General Timekeeper at the Tanauan Airstrip for the period 12 to 24 Dec., 1941, and as such I was in charge of all the time sheets prepared by the timekeepers.

That figures "50" appearing on the right margin of time sheet No. 46 noted as group No. 71 represent the number of hours work performed by the persons in front of whom said figures "50" appears. This number of hours corresponds to the period they worked from 12 to 16 Dec., 1941 on the basis of 10 hours per day at the rate of 25 centavos (P0.25) for the carpenters and Fifty Centavos (P0.50) per hour for Eusebio Magnaye alone, whose position was Chief Carpenter of the Project.


That this fact is hereby explained in order to clarify the involuntary error in the typewritten time sheet prepared by the Claims Service.

That the additional 50 hours will give Mr. Eusebio Magnaye a total of 130 hours he worked from 12 to 24 Dec, 1941 inclusive or a total amount of P65.00.

I swear that all the statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


AURELIO MERCADO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th May, 1946


BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Capt., Inf.

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APO 707
25 June 1946

Mr. John A. Hamer
c/o Mr. A. T. Hamer
Box 103, R. F. D. #3
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hamer:

This office is processing group wage claims for services rendered in airstrip construction in the Philippines during December 1941. At present we are concerned with the Tanauan Airstrip, Tanauan, Batangas, and the Lipa Airstrip, Lipa, Batangas. The responsible parties have given your name as the Officer in charge of construction and, recently, recovered payrolls for the Lipa Airstrip have verified this to the extent that your name has appeared as the certifying officer on a payroll for the period 13 December to 18 December 1941.

This office would appreciate a resume' from you concerning your connection and activities with regard to such projects - this resume' to include briefly the fact that such projects were authorized, their locations, and names of those persons who assisted you in the capacity of general supervisors, foremen, timekeepers, etc.

Very truly yours,

/s/ BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain Inf.
Claims Investigating Service

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Headquarters
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 Office of the Chief of Claims
 A.P.O. 707
 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco

Capt. B. J. Pulley, Inf.:

In reply to a request from your office regarding my connection and activities in the airstrip construction in the Philippines during December 1941.

On or about December 12, 1941, Lt. Melvin Evans (deceased) and I were given verbal orders by Col. Stickney, Chief of Engineers (Manila) through Lt. Col. Fertig, to proceed to the Province of Batangas and construct four airstrips as soon as possible. Four sites were picked after quick reconnaissance, namely, Lipa, Tanauan, Cuenca and Canalubang, and construction began immediately with all labor, tools, equipment, etc., that could be obtained locally.

We employed approximately 5,000 persons on the Lipa and Tanauan strips, usually in groups of 25 with one captain, and appointed our own supervisors, foremen, timekeepers, etc., using discretion from the talent available. The key personnel on the Tanauan strip were some of the teachers from the Tanauan High School. The pay ranged from .15 centavos per hour for laborers to .45 centavos per hour for key men. Carabos were rented for 5 P per day. Some men worked night and day. Hours were unlimited, no holidays. Rollers, graders, etc., were furnished by the Highway Department of the Province of Batangas.

Air force ground crews under Lt. Thorne, with ammunition and gasoline occupied Tanauan strip for four or five days before they were ordered to withdraw on or about December 18, 1941, due to Japanese infiltration and the approach of enemy tanks.

Lt. Evans paid off workers on Lipa airstrip and I paid off workers on Tanauan strip. The task was about 80% completed; around 20% of personnel received no pay. The records were placed in Canalubang Sugar Estate safe and we proceeded to superior officer for further instructions due to breakdown of all communications to Manila and desertion of workers. Stores of ammunition and gasoline were destroyed. Lt. Wangler, Finance Dept., Manila, P.I., had records on finances.

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15 August 1946

I was given new verbal orders to proceed at once on demolitions work by Lt. Col. Fertig and had to abandon Batangas air strip construction.

No one worked more than eighteen days and I do not remember any names.

If I can help you in any other way, let me know.

Yours very truly,

John A. Hamer

JOHN A. HAMER
Capt. CE. O-390257

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AFPO 707
29 August 1946

Tanauan Airstrip


Capt. John A. Hamer
Sierra Ordnance Depot
Herlong, California

Dear Capt. Hamer:

Thank you every much for your letter of 15 August 1946 relative to requested information on the Tanauan Airstrip. On the basis of your letter, a discrepancy has arisen with regard to the affidavits executed by the General Foreman and General Timekeeper of the Tanauan Airstrip project. They have agreed that they worked continuously from 12 to 28 December 1941, and that for the period involved they received no pay for services rendered. You stated in your letter that, --"Lt. Evans paid off the workers on Lipa Airstrip, and I paid off the workers on Tanauan Airstrip. The task was about 80% completed; around 20% of the personnel received no pay.." This would indicate that approximately a thousand people were not paid for their services; whereas, this office has on file approximately, 2,500 claimants. It would appear that either the claimants concerned had a bad memory or were interested in being paid twice for their services with no concern to any possible fraud that might be enacted. Can you identify Aurelio Mercado as the General Timekeeper, the amount of work performed by him, and the rate of pay that was agreed upon for his services? Do you recall Marcelo Olfato, a Lawyer living in Tanauan, Batangas? These two people while they have been most cooperative in assisting investigating teams for the project have been interested in the overall claims to the point that it has become questionable as to just what ulterior motives they might have in the payment of these claims.

No payments have been made to date on any of these claims and none will be made pending a reply to this letter from you. There is no record of Lt. Wangler, and you are the only reliable source of information other than that afforded by the project personnel.

Very truly yours,


BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain - Inf.
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APC 707
29 August 1946

Tanauan Airstrip

Mr. Aurelio Mercado
Sto. Tomas, Batangas

Dear Mr. Mercado:

For the past two and one-half months, completed claims for services rendered to the U.S. Army on the Tanauan Airstrip had been forwarded to the Contract Claims Commission for a final adjudication. The processing of these claims when forwarded was based on payroll data, affidavits subscribed and sworn to by you and other responsible parties of the project, and a verification by an American Army officer that the Airstrip actually existed.

The undersigned officer wrote a letter to Lt. Hamer, requesting that he furnish this office with all possible information relative to the project. A reply has finally come from Lt. Hamer which brings to light a discrepancy in the claims and we urged that you call at this office as soon as possible after receipt of this letter in order that the facts of the case may be fully discussed and all differences erred out. For the time being, the submitting of claims to the Contract Claims Commission is being held out and no final adjudication is being made.

Very truly yours,


BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain - Inf.
Claims Investigating Service



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10-3444 : Request for Information

FROM: Claims Service,
AFWESPAC, APO 707

TO: AG, Recovered
Personnel Division,
AFWESPAC

9 Sept 46


1. Please furnish this office with the results of an investigation made by your office, if any, on the construction of the Tanauan Airstrip at Talaga, Tanauan, Batangas.

2. If any payrolls are available in your office, please let us know on what voucher numbers they are listed, so that we can refer on them in processing numerous claims from laborers alleged to have worked in the above-mentioned project.

FOR THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS:

BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain, INF
Claims Investigating Service

Prepared by:


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