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CONTROL OF US ARMY STOP IF YES PLEASE INFORM NUMBER OF LABORERS CMA PERIOD WORKED
CMA AND DAILY WAGE INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT STOP PLEASE EXPEDITE RADIO

CHIEF OF CLAIMS SERVICE

CLARK SANLIND
Captain, MC
Military Personnel Officer

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STATUS OF CLAIM

This is the status of the Davao Autobus Company Wage Claims to date. Eighty-nine (89) employes have actually filed claims although Nr. Enrique Ponce, the manager of the Davao Autobus Company, has informed that additional employes were rendering services and likely file claim for compensation.

The vehicles of the Davao Autobus Co, were commandeered on or about 10 December 1941.

It is not believed that there was an actual induction of any of the employes of the Davao Autobus Co, into the USAFFE as civilian employes, however, the fact remains that the majority if not all of the units of the Davao Autobus Co, were under army control, driven, ~~conducted~~, repaired and serviced *by DA.BOSCO employes*

The employes of the Davao Autobus Co, are paid by-weekly. On 15 December 1941 they were paid as usual by the Davao Autobus Co for the period 1 to 15 December, which included as well ^{to 15} the period 8 or 10/December 1941 when they were allegedly in the employ of the U. S. Army. It is believed that the Davao Autobus Co will file a claim *for reimbursement for* that period during which they were not working exclusively for ~~that~~ Dabusco.

Individual claims therefore should not be *allowed in the* ~~period~~ 15 December, ^{*but 15-20 Dec*} a matter of five days.

Evidence secured from the persons in Davao most likely to know the details surrounding this incident indicates only that these men were handling vehicles the control of which was in the hands of the U. S. Army. Each informs me that it is very unreasonable to believe that any formal or informal written or verbal agreement was entered into which would in any fashion establish the status of these employes. A cablegram has been sent to Col Hilsman regarding this claim. As well, it is suggested that Col Gregorio Ferreol at Headquarters Philippine Army, Camp Murphy, Manila, be interviewed for a comprehensive and amoscent statement; since he

has prepared favorable affidavits for claimants.

Supplemental forms are being filled out by the claimants whose claims are already been filed and the receipt of additional claim is anticipated.

GERARD HARRINGTON, JR.
Claims Investigator

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*Dear Aunties
Wage Claims*

MANILA 27 AUGUST

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COLONEL ROGER HILLSMAN

SIXTH ARMY

PRESIDIO . SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED CLAIMANTS HAVE FILED WAGE CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT OF WAGES PERFORMED FOR US ARMY AT DAVAO AUTOBUS COMPANY DURING PERIOD FACILITIES OF AUTOBUS COMPANY WERE TAKEN OVER BY US ARMY STOP CLAIMS SUSPENDED PENDING REPLY FOLLOWING QUESTIONS COLON WAS AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN US ARMY AND DAVAO AUTOBUS COMPANY FOR US ARMY TO PAY DAVAO AUTOBUS LABORERS WHILE FACILITIES WERE UNDER

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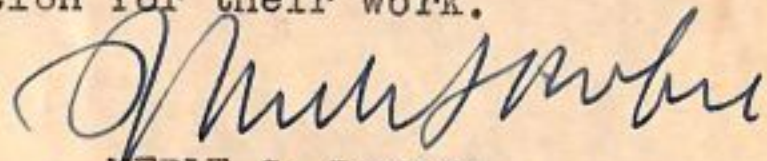
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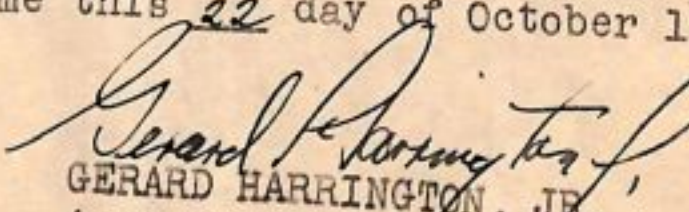
That in my capacity as Head of the Food Administration and Supply Procurement Committee, the following is to the best of my knowledge and belief what actually happened in so far as procurement of vehicles and services of the employees of the Davao Autobus Company is concerned:

Having been present at some interviews between Mr. Burchfield, Lt-Colonel Hilsman and officials of the Davao Autobus Co, and from personal observation, I know that the majority of the vehicles of the Davao Autobus Co were procured for the use of Colonel Hilsman's forces. I do not believe everyone of their units was taken, for even until the Japanese invasion of Davao, units were still rendering civilian transportation service in the city and around the area of Davao Province;

I know these vehicles which had been taken over by the Army from the Davao Autobus Co. during this 12 day period, were staffed by personnel of the Davao Autobus Co and, as well as, serviced and repaired by Davao Autobus Co personnel in their own motor pool. In all fairness, I must state that I do not know the details of any arrangement made by the Davao Autobus Co and Army officials or representative regarding turning over of their personnel and shop to the army; however, in view of the fact that the majority of the Davao Autobus Co units were used by the army and repaired in their own shop, I should say that the personnel of the company are entitled to some reasonable compensation for their work.


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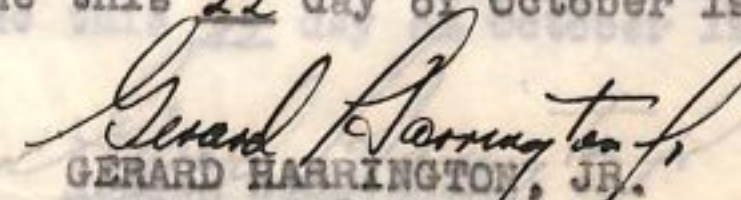
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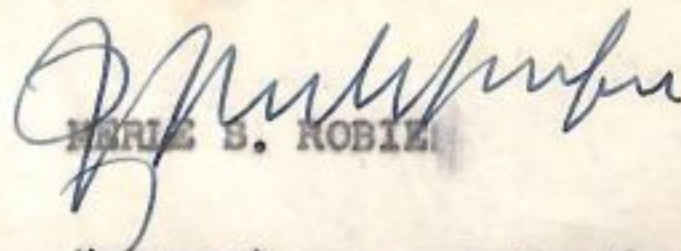
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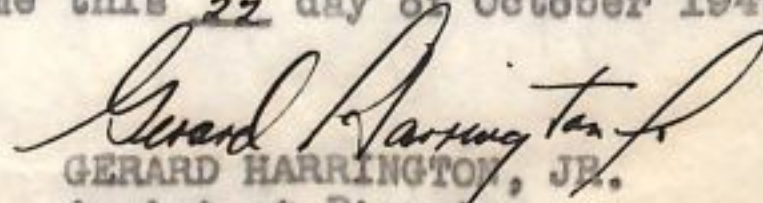
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AFFIDAVIT

I, GREGORIO F. FERREOL, of legal age, Lt. Colonel
G. H. C., Philippine Army, after being duly sworn according to law
depose and say:

That at the outbreak of the war, I was the
Provincial Inspector of the Philippine Constabulary
of the City and Province of Davao until December 9,
1941; thereafter I became the Executive Officer of the
Davao Constabulary under Colonel Roger Hillsman, U. S.
A., the Commander of the Davao Sector of the USAFFE;

That by the order of said Colonel Roger
Hillsman, the busses of the Davao Autobus Co., Inc.,
were commandeered by the USAFFE for Official uses;

That for lack of drivers and mechanics, all
the employees of the Davao Autobus Co., Inc., were
ordered to stand by for 24 hours and were subsequently
inducted by Capt. J. Richardson at Camp Bonifacio, and
after induction they were at once assigned at the Davao
Headquarter.

Further, I say not.

(Sgd.) GREGORIO F. FERREOL
(0-1116)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd. day
of July, 1946. Affiant is exempt from residence certificate for being a
member of the Armed forces.

(Sgd.) CIPRIANO DE LOS REYES
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires on Dec. 31, 1946

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Book XI,

Year 1946

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing affidavit is a true
and exact copy of the original which was shown to me by Mr.
Enrique Ponce, Manager of the Davao Autobus Company.

Davao City, Philippines, November 14, 1946.

Cervantes
TIBURCIO S. CERVANTES
Notary Public
Until Dec. 31, 1946

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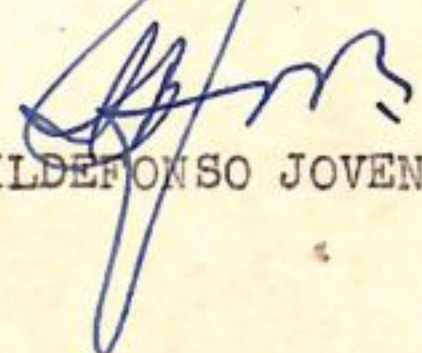
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That it is my belief that the buses of the Davao Auto-bus Company were commandeered by the Civilian Emergency Administration shortly after the outbreak of war in 19 December 1941.

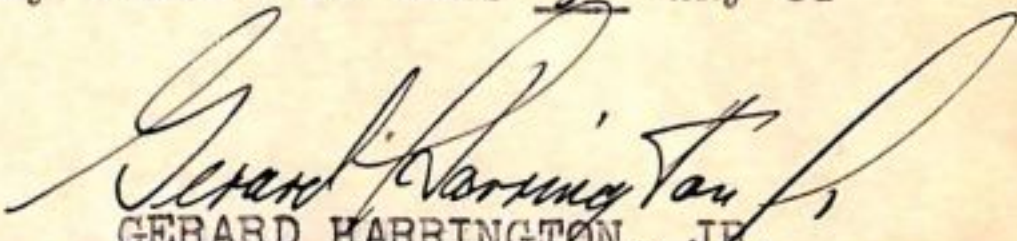
That, as well, services of the drivers and conductors of these buses were commandeered in order that the buses might be operated.

That after commandeering, servicing, upkeep and repair of the buses was continued by the personnel of the Davao Auto-bus Company at the Davao Autobus Company Motor Pool.

That I am not aware of whether or not the employees were officially inducted as civilian employees of the U.S. Army, or if there was any agreement, written, verbal or understood that they were to be civilian employees of the U.S. Army with compensation arising therefrom.


ILDEFONSO JOVEN

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party who signed same voluntarily before me this 5 day of October. 1947.


GERARD HARRINGTON, JR.
Claims Investigator

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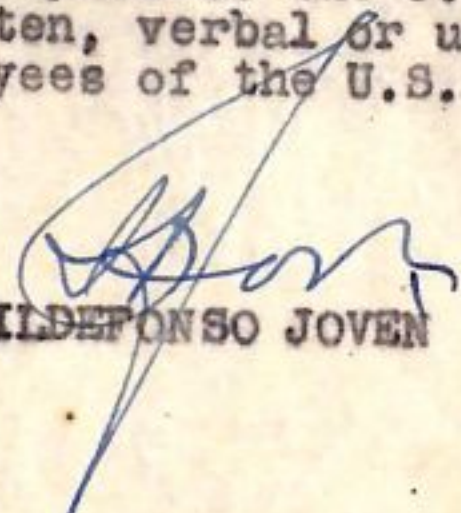
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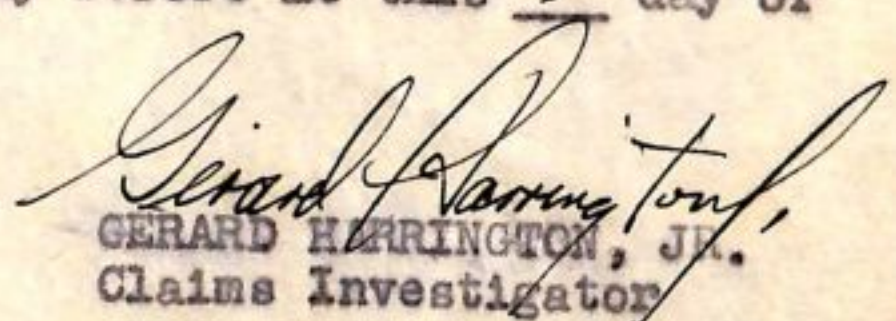
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I, PANTALEON A. PELAYO, of legal age, married and resident of Davao City, Davao, do depose and state:

That on or about September 1940, I was appointed the Mayor of Davao City, which post I held until December 20, 1941, the date of the surrender of Davao City;

That after the declaration of war in 8 December 1941, I was given emergency powers from my superiors in Manila to act according to the circumstances; I was ordered and authorized by Colonel Hilsman to head the Civilian Emergency Administration, an organization made up of the city officials and notables with duties of caring for the welfare of the people in Davao City; to appoint parachooters, members of the volunteer guards, and recruit laborers to build trenches as well as the endless duties which the city mayor would have under such circumstances;

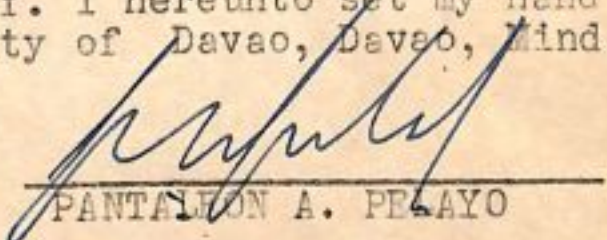
That because of my position, I am acquainted with the happenings during the USAFFE period in Davao City;

That I am aware that the facilities of the Davao Autobus Company were commandeered under orders of Lt-Colonel Roger Hilsman, including the personnel of the Davao Autobus Company who, as I understand, were verbally appointed as civilian employees of the army and promised compensation therefor;

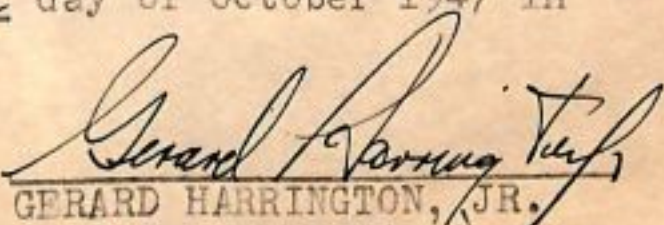
That in view of the fact that the Davao Autobus Company was the largest of its kind in the city and the greatest number of vehicles commandeered from it than any one other agency, it was necessary that the facilities of their motor pool, as well, be commandeered to service and keep running the buses formerly belonging to the Davao Autobus Company. I do not believe however, that army vehicles other than the former Davao Autobus Company buses were serviced there, for I recall that all other commandeered vehicles were serviced and repaired in the motor pool established by Mr. David Burchfield;

That because of the need for haste Colonel Hilsman never specified how these employees were to be paid, when they were to be paid, nor how much they were to be paid, but it is safe to assume that Col. Hilsman meant that the U. S. Army was to pay these individuals reasonable compensation for services rendered by them as soon as the Army was in a position to do so;

That the foregoing statement made by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereunto set my hand this 2 day of October 1947 in the City of Davao, Davao, Mind.


PANTALEON A. PELAYO

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A F F I D A V I T

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT)
OF THE PHILIPPINES,) S. S.
CITY OF DAVAO.)
-----)

That I, Cipriano Mercado, of legal age, married, Filipino and temporarily residing in the barrio of Talomo, Davao City, Philippines, after being duly sworn to, depose, state and declare:

1.- That prior to the outbreak of the war, I was TRAFFIC MANAGER of the Davao Autobus Co. with seventy (70) buses in good running conditions.

2.- That said seventy (70) buses were and are classified as follows:

Eleven (11) Jitney of 3/4 Ton.
Fifty-five buses of 1-1/2 Ton, and
Four (4) buses of 2-1/2 Ton.

3.- That shortly after the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1941, I received an order from the Headquarter of the USAFFE located at the former Constabulary barracks to send all buses to their office with necessary personnel, and with further instructions that all personnel of the Company from Manager to the last employee of the Company be detailed on duty - day night - and placed under the control of the TRANSPORTATION UNIT of the USAFFE.

4.- That the names of the Office personnel, Mechanics, in-charge of gasoline station, painters, drivers, inspectors, and conductors whom I can remember and recollect with the aid of some Inspectors, drivers and conductors, are as follows:

OFFICE PERSONNEL:

(1) - Enrique Ponce, Manager; (2). - Melecio Inigo, Book-keeper; (3). - Teodorico Ando; (4). - Estrella Sabio, Cashier; (5). - Dominga Oquias, Asst. Cashier; (6). - (7). - Manuel Illoros; Chief Clerk; (8). - Corazon Perez, Checker; (9). - Magdalena Payot, Checker; (10). - Vicente Roben, messenger, (11). - Benjamin Inigo, Clerk.

MECHANICS:

(1). - Agustin Javier; (2). - Casimiro Pintor; (3). - Bonifacio Macapayad; (4). - Lino Mosquera; (5). - Andres Cruz; (6). - Ramon Pascual; (7). - Exequiel Poloyapoy; (8). - Maximiano Abellar; (9). - Marvial Angeles; (10). - (11). - Alfonso de la Merced; (12). - Venancio Acuna; (13). - Melecio Pintor (Tireman); (14). - Hilario Canque; (15). - Ruperto Rangan; (16). - Conrado Inigo; (17). - Guillermo Pictoran, and (18). - Procopio Sordinia.

GASOLINE STATION.

(1). - Alfonso Emia; (2). - Aurelio Likit, and (3). - Acuna (Washer).

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PAINTERS:

(1). - Hermogenes Aquino; (2). - Jose Aquino; (3). - Maximino Pirales (Watchman).

CONDUCTORS:

(1). - Dionisio Amaga; (2). - Teodoro Seria; (3). - Alfredo Parsolis; (4). - Vevencio Olivo; (5). -Maximo Tagupa; (6). -Rufino Soyosa; (7). - Agaton Cracca; (8). - Conrado Mani; (9). - Florentino Amaga; (10). - Faustino Amaga; (11). - Erotido Embalzado; (12). - Esteban Reyes; (13). - Teofilo Liston; (14). - Elpidio Megallos; (15). - Marciano Sever; (16). - Abraham Bero; (17). - Rosendo Diamante; (18). - Maximiano Rias; (19). - Antonio Soyacan, and (20). - Perfecto Liston.

DRIVERS:

(1). - Antonio Baluyot; (2). - Carlos Soriano; (3). - Teodoro Paculba; (4). - Isidro Baluyot; (5). - Tomas Avancena; (6). - Matias Anislag; (7). - Norberto Baluyot; (8). - Leonor Joven; (9). - Federico Baluyot; (10). - Resitudo Lopez; (11). - Julio Tabotabo; (12). - Pedro Pulikit; (13). - Andres Bayo; (14). - Antonio Corcuera; (15). - Angel Lorenzo; (16). - Pedro Ando; (17). - Vicente Lardizabal; (18). - Federico Abique; (19). - Zacarias Meno; (20). - Antonio Soyacan; (21). - Custodio Lapaya; (22). - Maximo Vinluan; (23). - Jose Tabay; (24). - Baltazar Jeronilla; (25). - Juanito Pino; (26). - Alfonso Oxaes; (27). - Lauro Niete; (28). - Graciano Mendoza; (29). - Andres Pintor; (30). - Frisco Alci; (31). - Marcelino Atilano; (32). - Tomas Macorda; (33). - Fructuoso Bulias; (34). - Maximiano Ebro; (35). - Agustin Juan; (36). - Conrado Corana; (37). - Francisco Clara; (38). - Ramon Geralem; (39). - Buenaventura Clarete; (40). - Ingracio Ando; (41). - Fortunato Monta; (42). - Patricio Loro; (43). - Amado Tabudlong; (44). - Anastacio Ragana; (45). - Donato Agua; (46). - Regraciano Fusconcillo; (47). - Crispulo Espenosa; (48). - Dionisio Sebalda; (49). - Jose Coronel; (50). Juan Gano; (51). - Baldomero Bacus; (52). - Gonzalo de los Reyes; (53). - Simeon Basamente; (54). - Alfredo Valenzuna; (55). - Conrado Cabalit; (56). - Primitivo Mariscal; (57). - and Firso Mani.

INSPECTORS:

(1). - Bernardo Valleramos; (2). - Raymundo Plinos; (3). - Pedro Damayo; (4). - Alejandro Baluyot; (5). -Emilio Manguiat; (6). - Camilo Embalsado; (7). - Jesus Veloso; (8). - Temoteo Pasuelo; (9). - Cristito Magdelo; (10). - Paterno Posadas; (11). - Lorenzo Mapala; (12). - Galicano Bague; (13). - Anastacio Jumento; (14). - Pastor Redulla; (15). - Pacifico Fernandez; (16). - Domingo Gomez; and (17) - Banal.

5.- That said seventy (70) buses were distributed as follows:

Twenty-six (26) buses with drivers, inspectors and mechanics were assigned to DAVAO CADRE, where great forces of the USAFFE were stationed;

Fourteen (14) buses with drivers, inspectors and mechanics were assigned to Constabulary Barracks where the Headquarters of the USAFFE was located;

Twenty (20) buses with necessary personnel were assigned to Matina Cabaret;

Five (5) buses also with necessary personnel were assigned to PUNTA DUMALAG,

Five (5) with likewise necessary personnel assigned to Talomo.

5. - That there were many among the personnel of the Davao Autobus Co. were killed and wounded in action at the encounter between USAFFE and Japanese forces, but the ones whom I can remember also with the help of the personnel, were:

- (1). - Casimiro Pintor, mechanic, killed in action.
- (2). - Antonio Balyot, driver, wounded in action.
- (3). - Teodulo Paculba, " " "
- (4). - Vicente Lardizabal, " " "
- (5). - Marcelino Atilano, " " "
- (6). - Tomas Nacorda, " " "
- (7). - Agustin Juan, " " "
- (8). - Conrado Corena, " " "
- (9). - Buenaventura Clarete, driver, killed in action
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- (12). - Patricio Loro, " " " "
- (13). - Carlos Soriano, " wounded " "

6. - That when the Japanese Imperial Forces have landed and occupied Davao on December 20, 1941, the drivers, inspectors, conductors, mechanics and other employees who were on duty were scattered and escaped to the mountains those who were not killed in action, and when the American Forces recaptured Davao, many have returned to Davao where we meet each other. The buses which were not destroyed or burned were abandoned, and not even one bus was left of the seventy (70) buses, uncluding six (6) buses under construction and other equipments of the company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign this at Davao City, this 3rd day of December, 1945.

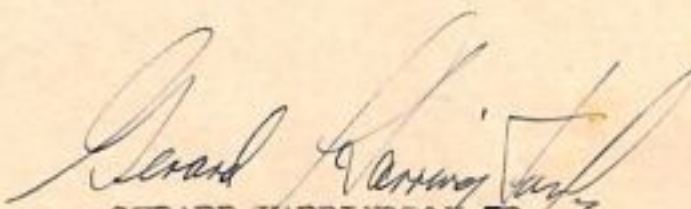
/s/ Cipriano Mercado
/t/ CIPRIANO MERCADO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of December, 1945. The affiant exhibited to me his residence certificate No. A-0081921, issued at Davao City, on 31st day of July, 1945.

/s/ Tiburcio S. Cervantes
/t/ TIBURCIO S. CERVANTES
Notary Public
Until Dec. 31, 1946.

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GERARD HARRINGTON, JR.
Assistant Director
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A F F I D A V I T

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT)
OF THE PHILIPPINES,) S. S.
CITY OF DAVAO.)
-----)

That I, ILDEFONSO B. JOVEN, of legal age, married, Filipino and resident of the City of Davao, Philippines, after being duly sworn to, depose and declare:

1.- That shortly after the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1941, Mr. David Burchfield was designated to take charge of the TRANSPORTATION UNIT of the USAFFE under Colonel Hilsman, to which I was then attached as his Assistant.

2.- That as such Assistant of Mr. David Burchfield in charge of the TRANSPORTATION UNIT of the USAFFE, I knew and I know that all BUSES of the Davao Autobus Co. were commandeered and placed under the control and disposition of the TRANSPORTATION UNIT of the USAFFE.

3.- That all personnel of said DAVAO AUTOBUS Co., from the Manager up to the last employee were advised and instructed to be on duty day and night and always ready upon call.

4.- That practically all transportation facilities in Davao, such as automobiles, trucks and gasolines were likewise commandeered and placed under the control and disposition of the TRANSPORTATION UNIT of the USAFFE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign this at Davao City, this 4th day of December, 1945.

/s/ Ildefonso B. Joven

/t/ ILDEFONSO B. JOVEN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December, 1945. The affiant exhibited to me his residence certificate No. A-1024414, issued at Davao City, on May 31st, 1945.

/s/ Jesus V. Occena

/t/ JESUS V. OCCENA

Notary Public

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24 July 1947

Gerard Harrington, Jr.
GERARD HARRINGTON, JR.

Assistant Director

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A F F I D A V I T

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT)
OF THE PHILIPPINES,) S. S.
CITY OF DAVAO.)
-----)

That I, CARLOS SORIANO, of legal age, married and resident of the City of Davao, Philippines, after being duly sworn to, hereby declare:

1.- That I was one of the drivers of the "DAVAO AUTOBUS CO.", with SEVENTY (70) buses in operation.

2.- That shortly after the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1945, all buses of the Davao Autobus Co. were commandeered and all personnel from Manager to conductors were instructed to be on duty.

3.- That I was assigned to drive the bus No. 10 with destination at Cadre , Davao City, for the Usaffe soldiers.

4.- That at the encounter between the Usaffe and Japanese soldiers on December 20, 1941, I was wounded on my left arm and two other drivers were killed named Mariano Atilano and Engracio Ando.

5.- That I know very well that all SEVENTY (70) buses were commandeered and placed under the control and disposition of the of the Transportation Unit of the Usaffe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign this at Davao City, Philippines, this 30th day of November, 1945.

s/ Carlos Soriano
t/ CARLOS SORIANO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1945. The affiant exhibited to me his residence certificate No. A-1877107, issued at Davao on July 10th, 1945.

s/ T. Cervantes
t/ T. CERVANTES
Notary Public
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT)
OF THE PHILIPPINES.) S.S.
CITY OF DAVAO.)
-----)

That I, EMILIO MANGUIAT, of legal age, married and resident of the City of Davao, Philippines, after being duly sworn to, depose and state:

1.- That I was one of the Inspectors of the "DAVAO AUTOBUS CO. with SEVENTY (70) buses in operation.

2.- That shortly after the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1941, all BUSES of the Company were commandeered and placed under the control and disposition of the TRANSPORTATION UNIT of the USAFFE with further advise and instruction that all personnel of the said Company from the Manager up to the last employee be detailed on duty day and night.

3.- That I have learned afterward that many drivers, Inspectors and conductors were killed or wounded in action, among those who were wounded were Antonio Baluyot and Teodulo Paculba, at the encounter between USAFFE and Japanese soldiers or forces on December 20, 1941.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign this at Davao City, Philippines, this 4th day of December, 1945.

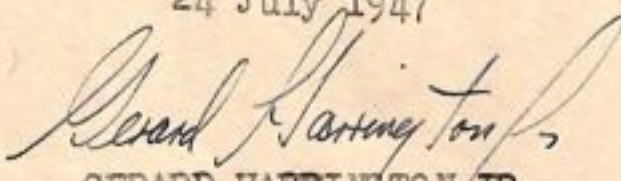
s/ Emilio Manguiat
t/ EMILIO MANGUIAT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December, 1945. The affiant exhibited to me his residence certificate No. A-1029928, issued at Davao City, on July 13th, 1945.

s/ Jesus V. Occena
t/ JESUS V. OCCENA
Notary Public
Until Dec. 31, 1946.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign this at Davao City, Philippines, this 4th day of December, 1945.

s/ Emilio Manguiat
t/ EMILIO MANGUIAT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December, 1945. The affiant exhibited to me his residence certificate No. A-1029328, issued at Davao City, on July 13th, 1945.

s/ Jesus V. Occena
t/ JESUS V. OCCENA
Notary Public
Until Dec. 31, 1946.

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Gerard Harrington, Jr.
GERARD HARRINGTON, JR.
Assistant Director
Team 12

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A F F I D A V I T

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.)
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT)
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CITY OF DAVAO,))
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That I, ANTONIO BALUYOT, of legal age, married and resident of the City of Davao, Philippines, after being duly sworn to, depose say and state:

1.- That I was one of the drivers of the "DAVAO AUTOBUS CO." with seventy (70) buses in operation.

2.- That shortly after the outbreak of the war on December 8, 1941, all Buses of the Company were commandeered with further instructions that all personnel of the AUTOBUS CO. from the Manager up to the last employee be detailed on duty and ready upon call.

3.- That an encounter between USAFFE and Japanese Forces at Matina while I was driving the BUS, I was wounded and injured.

4.- That many of our drivers have suffered casualties who were not able to escape.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign this at Davao City, this 4th day of December, 1945.

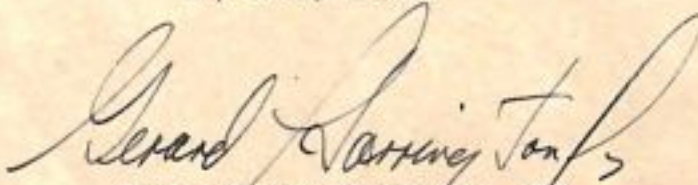
s/ Antonio Baluyot
t/ ANTONIO BALUYOT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December, 1945. The affiant exhibited to me his residence certificate No. A-1025093, issued at Davao on June 9th, 1945.

s/ Jesus V. Occena
t/ JESUS V. OCCENA
Notary Public
Until December 31, 1946.

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January 21st., 1947

Maj. RAMON BUHAY, Claim Investigator
THE WAR DEPARTMENT
Hq. Claims Service, PHILRYCOM
Team #4, Cagayan, Misamis Oriental, Mindanao

S. i r :

We appreciate to have received your letter of the 6th., instant, and we are too pleased to give you some possible information available that may greatly facilitate the processing of our claim that were filed by our employees.

Please be informed that we shipped to your good-office one (1) Package of Procurement Claims papers of the Davao Autobus Co., Inc. employees under the bill of Lading No. 30143 thru courtesy of the Philippine Air Lines, Inc. in Del Monte dated November 25th., 1946, and we trust that you have received it already.

With regards to the Procurement Claims Form No. 200 which were filed by our employees, under pars. 4, please note that at the time our employees were inducted for duty, we do not have any knowledge possibly until today the compensation per month in the Army for a subject of this nature we believe is absolutely under the hands and consideration of the Military authorities. If the amount of salary is lacking to process our claims, we are glad to refer this matter to Colonel Gregorio F. Ferreol or to any authority you may deem fit to advise us for proper reference with regards to salaries. However, if you know the compensation of this nature, we are obliged and thankful to you if you will note the amount accordingly so as to facilitate and make a prompt action. We give this matter to you under your consideration. With reference to pars. 9, all employees of the Company were inducted Dec. 11th., 1941, at Camp Bonifacio, Davao until to December 20th., 1941 when the Japanese forces invaded Davao except to those few who reported again in Malaybalay until to the surrender of the USAFFE without any compensation for the said service. Some of our men had died and disabled in the performance of their duties and any help you could afford in behalf of their wives and children is highly appreciated by us.

For your information and guidance herewith noted salaries of our employees before the war:

Office employees	- - - - -	₱75.00 to ₱150.00	a month.
Inspectors,	- - - - -	47.50	a month.
Drivers,	- - - - -	40.00	"
Conductors,	- - - - -	30.00	"
Mechanics,	- - - - -	65.00	"
Carpenters,	- - - - -	47.50	"

Hoping your full satisfaction on this matter, we remain

Faithfully yours,

DAVAO AUTOBUS CO., INC.

BY: *[Signature]*
MANAGER & TREASURER

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CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC

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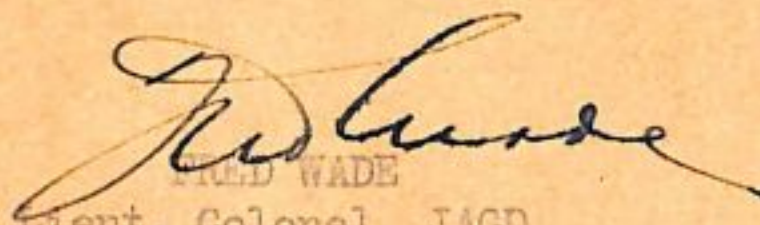
Subject: Claim of Employees of the DAVAO AUTOBUS Co., Represented by
TEODORICO ANDO

FROM: Claims Service

TO: Officer-in-Charge, Team No. 4 20 Sept. 46
Claims Service, AFWESPAC
Cagayan, Misamis Oriental
Mindanao

It is requested that above captioned claim be investigated by your office since the incident occurred in your territory. Subject letter from the claimant is attached herewith for your information.

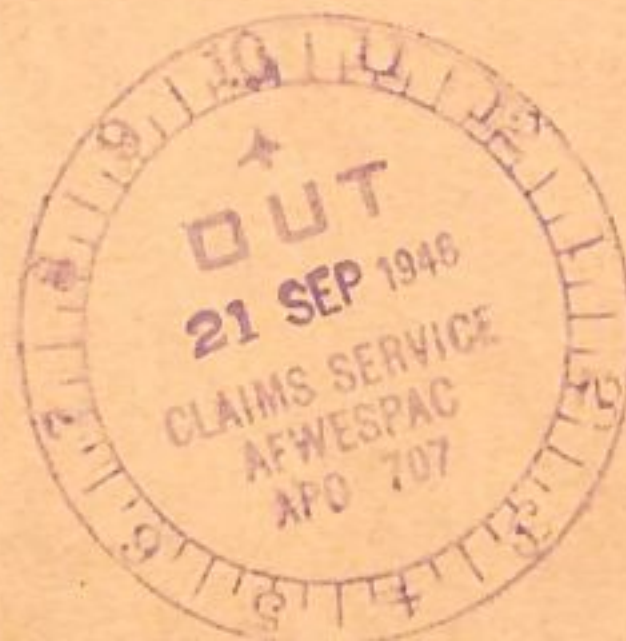
By order of Lieutenant Colonel WOOD:



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

Incl: Letter dtd 12 Sept. 46

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**Claim of Employees of the DAVAO AUTOBUS Co., Represented by
TEODORICO ANDO**

Claims Service

**TO: Officer-in-Charge, Team No. 4 20 Sept. 46
Claims Service, AFWESPAC
Cagayan, Misamis Oriental
Mindanao**

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By order of Lieutenant Colonel WOOD:

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

Incl: Letter dtd 12 Sept. 46



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By order of Lieutenant Colonel WOOD:

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

Incl: Letter dtd 12 Sept. 46



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Claims of Employees of the DAVIS AUTOMOBILE Co., represented by
THEODORE ANDO

Claims Service
TO: Officer-in-Charge, Team No. 4
Claims Service, AFWESPAC
Cagayan, Manila Oriental
Mindanao
20 Sept. 46

It is requested that above captioned claim be investigated by your
office since the incident occurred in your territory. Subject letter from
the claimant is attached herewith for your information.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel WOOD:

FRANK WARD
Lieut. Colonel, USAF
Director, Claims Investigating Service

Inc: Letter 44 12 Sept. 46



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Claims

City of Davao, Davao
September 12, 1946

The AFWESPAC HQ., Manila,
Philippines

Dear Sirs:

In the year Dec. 8th., 1941, the Autobuses of the Davao Autobus Co., Inc., were taken by the government (both Land, Water, and Air Transportation in the Philippines) for the disposal of the Army (USAFE). For that reason, all employees under Davao Autobus Co., Inc. were inducted to the Army under Lt. Col. Roger Hilsman commanding the whole Force of Davao.

For our services rendered many of us died, wounded, and totally disabled when the Japanese invaded Davao Dec. 20th. 1941. Hoping that the government will help us in return as we have families to be supported, we will be much obliged if you will send us any advice you may deem fit to give us thru your good office.

Very truly yours,
Teodorico Ando
Teodorico Ando

:Enclose self-stamp Address envelope for reply.



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City of Davao, Davao
September 15, 1948

The AFWESPAC HQ., Manila,
Philippines

Dear Sir:

In the year Dec. 8th, 1941, the Automobiles of the
Davao Automobile Co., Inc., were taken by the Japanese
Water, and air transportation in the Philippines for the disposal
of the Army (USA). For that reason, all automobiles were taken
Automobile Co., Inc. were handed to the Army Major Gen. Robert
Bilham commanding the whole force of Davao.

For our services, we are glad to hear that the
and finally finished with the Japanese in the Philippines.
hoping that the government will help us in return as we have helped
to be supported, we will be with you in the future as we
advise you may need it to give us through your office.

Enclosure self-stamp address envelope for reply



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Forward 29 Nov 46

City of Davao, Davao
November 25th., 1946

Mr. RAMON R. BUHAY
Claims Judicator
Team #4, AFWESPAC, Cagayan, Mis. Oriental

S i r :

Herewith enclose our bill of Lading No. A-30143 for one (1) Package of Procurement Claims Papers for the employees of the Davao Autobus Co., Inc. Our package may be found in the office of the Philippine Air Line,

We sincerely regret very much for the trouble we incur in your good office for our behalf, we remain

Very truly yours,

DAVAO AUTOBUS CO., INC.
BY: *Teodorico Ando*

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A N^o 30143

PHILIPPINE AIR LINES, INC.

Manila, P. I.

AIRWAY BILL

To be carried from Davao to Cagayan, Mis. Or.
 Shipper: Davao Auto bus Co. Inc. Address: Davao City
 Consigned to: Claims Service AFWESPAC Destination: Cagayan, Mis. Or.
Team #4

No. of Packages	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES SHIPPED & MARKING	Declared Valuation	Weight or Measurement
1	Pkg. Claim Papers	\$550.-	2Ks.

Charges		Collect
Prepaid		
P. 2.50	Weight or measurement charges	P.
2.50	Valuation charges (limited to.....)	
	Other Charges:	
P. 5.00	Total	P.
Advances		
Purpose	For Account of Shipper	For Account of Consignee
.....
Total	P.	P.

Above articles to be carried subject to the conditions specified at the back hereof and as shown in PAL freight tariff No. 1.

Shipper hereby certifies that the number of packages and description and valuation of the goods as above written are true and correct.

Signed at Davao City
 Date Nov. 23, 1946
 Shipper's signature:
Davao Auto bus Co. Inc.
 by [Signature]

Received by **PHILIPPINE AIR LINES, INC.**, at Davao City
 on Nov. 23, 1946, the packages above specified in apparent good order except as noted hereon.
[Signature]

Received from **PHILIPPINE AIR LINES, INC.**, the goods above specified in good order.

Note: Important addition to terms and conditions at the back hereof:
 The Company is not liable for natural deterioration of the freight of the shipper. Freight unclaimed within the period of 90 days from the date of bill of lading will be sold to the highest bidder and the proceed therefrom applied pay claims of the Company for freightage, storage and charges.

CONSIGNEE

1946.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The term "Carrier" as used on the face and back hereof shall mean the Philippine Air Lines, Inc., and shall include the agents, representatives, employees and servants of same.

2. The obligation of the Carrier is limited to transport of the Goods from point of receipt to point of destination under the conditions set forth hereinafter.

3. Without limitation on any provision hereof, if the carriage of the Goods through the regular route, will, in the opinion of the Carrier, subject the Goods to delay or will be impracticable, the Goods may be taken to destination by the Carrier through another route and if there is no other practicable route or agency, it may store the Goods in the manner and with the effect stated in paragraph 4 below.

4. If because of force majeure or any emergency state of facts, the Carrier considers it unsafe to proceed on its route, said Carrier may deposit the Goods in the nearest practicable place of storage or may re-route the Goods by other means of air, land or water transportation to the destination of the Goods and such deposit or re-routing when duly made to a depository or transfer agent shall constitute full compliance of the obligation of the Carrier hereunder without any further liability to the Carrier. The storage or re-routing of the Goods in cases hereinabove specified shall be at the risk and expense of the shipper and/or owner of the Goods.

5. The Carrier may, if necessary, hold the Goods awaiting delivery, and in such a case may store them, it being hereby authorized to deposit the Goods in a warehouse at the risk and expense of the shipper and/or owner of the Goods.

6. The Carrier does not obligate itself to carry the Goods by any specified aircraft or on a specified time. Said Carrier being hereby authorized to deviate from the route of the shipment without any liability therefor.

7. Only upon showing of actual negligence on the part of the Carrier, or of its representatives, agents, or employees or servants shall it be deemed liable for damage, deterioration, destruction, loss, theft, delay or misdelivery, or default, it being expressly understood that the Carrier shall not in any case be responsible for loss resulting from shrinkage, leakage or evaporation or from defect or inherent vice of the Goods shipped.

8. Should the Carrier, or its agents, representatives, employees or servants be found liable for actual negligence, the Carrier's liability shall be limited to an amount not exceeding the declared carriage value as appears on the face thereof.

9. The Carrier shall be entitled for full charges for carriage of the Goods stated herein, even if the Goods are lost or damaged when such loss or damage has been due to causes beyond the control of the Carrier or to the failure of the shipper to state the true nature of the Goods as provided in paragraph 17.

10. The Carrier may collect additional charges on any excess of weight, measurement, or quantity of the goods carried over that on which the original charges have been computed. If a package or shipment should contain several parcels addressed to two or more persons, the Carrier shall be entitled to charge each separate package or shipment as if it has been separately addressed to each person. The liability of the owner and/or shipper shall be joint and several.

11. The Carrier shall be under no obligation to arrange for insurance of the shipment and the shipper shall assume all risks except for loss or damage caused by the actual negligence of the Carrier. However upon request of the shipper expressly stated on the face hereof, the Carrier may act as agent for the shipper to arrange for insurance in the amount of shipper's valuation as appears hereon. All additional charges shall have to be paid by the shipper.

12. If at or before reaching the point of destination the Goods have to make customs entry, said Goods are to be deemed consigned to the Carrier unless the shipper has named another as customs consignee, it being expressly understood however that the Carrier shall not be held responsible for any act it may do in connection therewith.

13. The Carrier shall notify the consignee by the ordinary method of communications, of the arrival of the Goods, and failure of the consignee to receive such notice will not make the Carrier responsible. Unless otherwise provided the Carrier shall not deliver the Goods at the address of the Consignee and failure of the consignee to take delivery within 76 hours free time may, at the option of the Carrier, be removed to and stored in a public or licensed warehouse at the place of delivery or other available place, in which event all charges and expenses incurred, including a handling charge of One Peso (P1.00) per 50 kilos or fraction thereof, minimum charge (P1.00) per shipment, will be assessed, and the consignor and consignee will be jointly and severally liable therefor. When a shipment is so placed in a public warehouse, the Carrier's liability with respect to such shipment shall terminate.

14. Inflammable materials and or munitions, the nature of which may impair the safety of the Passengers, personnel, or plane should not be accepted and under no circumstances shall the shipper attempt to ship materials of this nature by maliciously disguising the true contents of the goods to be shipped; unless acceptance of same is approved by the Traffic Manager and previous issuance of special permit by local Government authority for transport of said materials.

15. All statements of contents, size, weight, quality, quantity, country of origin, condition, or value of the Goods are those made by the shipper except the numbers or marks appearing on the packages.

16. It is expressly represented by the shipper that the goods or packages do not contain mail or other articles of any kind which may be prohibited by law.

17. Unless the shipper fully discloses on the face of this ticket the special nature of the goods, it shall be liable for all loss, damage, injury or accident caused to or by the Goods, resulting from their being handled as other goods not of special nature.

18. The Goods while in the possession of the Carrier shall be subject to the instructions of the shipper provided they are not inconsistent with the laws and regulations or with the rights of the Carrier as stated herein.

19. The Carrier reserves the right at all times before accepting the shipment to open the packages and examine the goods for the purpose of ascertaining that no law or regulation is infringed in this shipment.

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Claim of Lavo Autores Company

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Claims Service, PHILLY
Davao City, Davao

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Claim of David Anderson Company

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TO: Director
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(Attn: Mr. E. Ponce, Mgr.)



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With regards to the compensation of each personnel, that depends upon the agreement that may have been made between the USAFFE and the DABUSCO. In all probability, the men were supposed to receive the same amount as they did with the company excepting those that were inducted and enlisted, if any, otherwise, the claimant is required to indicate in his forms the amount that he wants to claim for his services.

The main point to be considered before we can process the claims of the DABUSCO employees are as follows:

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RAMON R. BUHAY
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