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Mindoro

Lt. Comdr.

Rowe, George F.

Ansejo, Mauro R.

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A f f i d a v i t

Personally appeared before me the undersigned officer,
M/Sgt. Gerald G. Berg, 6741910, Regular Army, 21st Replace-
ment Depot, APO 320, who being first duly sworn deposes
and says:

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Commander George F. Rowe were doing intelligence work in
the island of Mindoro until February 1945. We worked with
the Philippine Subsection, G-3, SWPA. I worked with purely
intelligence work and we were aided and assisted by the
guerilla forces in Mindoro.

In the course of our operations, it was necessary to
borrow and use various sailboats. In the process of opera-
tions, five of these sailboats were lost. The "Aida" was
sunk by Japanese gunfire in the latter part of August 1944.
This vessel was owned by Felipe Abistade, a resident of Man-
burao, Mindoro. We borrowed the said boat two days before
it was sunk. The agreement was that if the vessel was lost
thru enemy action, the U. S. government would pay for it.

The sailboat "San Roque" owned by Ricardo Solita of
Abra de Ilog of Mindoro was sunk by gunfire from a U. S.
Army plane, type P-38, sometime during the month of Decem-
ber 1944 while off the coast of Mindoro near the barrier of
Balitagtog. The boat sunk within thirty minutes after gun-
ning. No members of the crew were killed but one was serious-

ly injured and hospitalized at the U. S. Army hospital in San Jose, Mindoro. This boat was not on the contract of the U. S. government but was in government use at the time of the sinking.

The sailboat "Cania" owned by the Rodrigues brothers of Abra de Ilog was beached and destroyed by storms while on intelligence mission off the coast of Mindoro near the barrier of Camarong. This boat was not on the contract with the U. S. government but was actually on official business.

The sailboat "Rosemar", owner unknown, was commandeered in order to transport a radio party from the island of Mindoro to the island of Marinduque. While in the vicinity between the towns of Calapan and Naujan, Mindoro, a storm arose and it was necessary for the boat to anchor off the coast. The violence of the storm was so great that it caused the sailboat to drag anchor and washed up on the beach where it was destroyed by the action of the sea.

The sailboat "Atica", owner unknown, residing in Puerto Galera, Mindoro, was used on numerous occasions to transport rice from Calapan, Mindoro to Abra de Ilog for the use of U. S. Army and guerilla personnel. However, at the time the boat was lost, it was on intelligence mission. This mission was the second in a series of attempts to get a boat thru the eastern end of the Verde Island Passage to establish urgently needed radio coverage in the Island of Marinduque. The storms prevalent in that area forced the boat on to the beach, somewhere between the town of San Teodoro and Calapan, Mindoro where it was des-

troyed by the action of the sea.

As far as I can recall and remember, only five boats were lost. If there was a sixth boat lost, I cannot recall it at this time. Mr. Vicente Salazar, now the Mayor of Lemery, Batangas, was at the time mentioned above acting as our liaison agent for our contacts between ourselves and the civilian population of the island. He aided and assisted us in the procurements of these boats, food, and all other supplies necessary for the maintenance of our intelligence section. Mr. Salazar has complete knowledge of all that took place at this time and upon our departure continued to represent us in our work. I further state that Mr. Salazar is a completely trustworthy man.

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

Further ~~statements~~ affiant sayeth not.

(Sgd.) Gerald G. Berg
GERALD G. BERG

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of
September, 1945.

(Sgd.) Paul W. Becker
PAUL W. BECKER
Major, F.A.
Claims Investigating Service

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Thomas E. Perry
THOMAS E. PERRY
Captain JAGD

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PWB/gef

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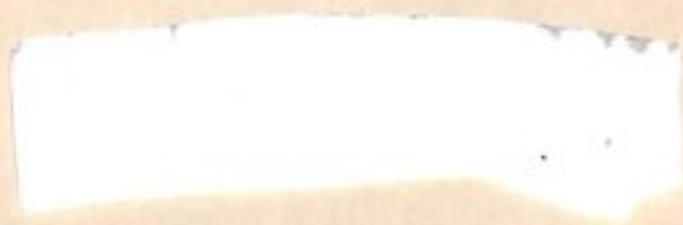
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*Sig. of Gerald G. Berg
cut out for Card File*



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day
of September, 1945.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul W. Becker".

PAUL W. BECKER,
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Claims Investigating Service.

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Lt. Comdr. Rowe, George F.

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