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Subject: Informative Material

FROM: Statistics Branch, RFD TO: Director 23 July 1947
Branch Office, Claims Service
Gen. Blanco St., Iloilo City
Panay Island

The attached copy of 1st Indorsement from Headquarters First Service Command, Army Base, Boston 10, Massachussets is forwarded for information and guidance in processing claims from Panay Island by any government agency which could be benefited by such information.

s/ Everett W. Buness
t/ EVERETT W. BUNESS
Director
Records and Fiscal Division

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(28 Oct 46)

Headquarters First Service Command, Army Base, Boston 10, Mass.
15 November 1946.

TO: Headquarters, Claims Service, AFWESPAC, Office of the Chief
of Claims, APO 707.

1. In reference to paragraph 4, basic communication, Major Thomas Powell Jr. was in charge of construction of air fields and as such, was authorized to purchase materials and hire labor. The construction of air fields was ordered by General MacArthur.

2. I know nothing specifically of the above account, but I do know that considerable material was purchased for air field construction, and I have no reason to doubt the authenticity of this account.

3. The 61st Division, P.A., purchased a considerable quantity of supplies, much of which was paid for. I feel sure that most records have been lost or destroyed, but your board should investigate carefully to determine whether or not any of these claims have already been paid.

4. You may have a possible claim for a sugar company for the destruction of sugar by bombing and fire in the warehouses at Iloilo. I do not recall the name of this sugar company, but they were ordered by the Island Commander not to ship and store sugar in Iloilo, due to the fear of its eventually falling into the hands of the Japanese. In spite of that order, this sugar company shipped and stored sugar there, and were informed by the military that no future claims for damages would be entertained, due to their violation of the order.

5. Please change my address to G-3 Office, Army Base, Boston 10, Massachusetts.

/s/ A. F. Christie
/t/ A. F. CHRISTIE
Colonel, Infantry

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Juan R. Baranda, Jr.
/t/ JUAN R. BARANDA, JR.
Certifying Claims Investigator

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ C. P. Derrick
/t/ C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

A TRUE COPY OF A TRUE COPY:

PEDRO A. GINETE
1st Lt. Infantry
Administrative Officer
Records and Fiscal Division

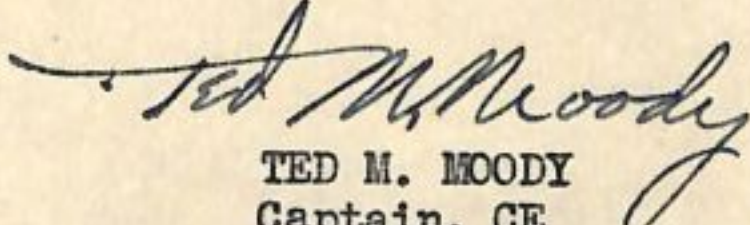
3 April 1946

SUBJECT: Panay Airstrips

TO : Claims Service, AFWESPAC, Panay Sub-Office, APO 715

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Incl: Copy of ltr of
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Captain, CE
Chief, Real Estate Branch "S"

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A F F I D A V I T

I, JOSE PUGA, Asst. Chief of Special Police in Tering Landing Field, Cabatuan, Iloilo, Philippines, do hereby certify that the following statements are true and complete according to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I first began to work as Ass't Chief of Special Police in Tering Landing Field on or about February, 1942 until April 16, 1942.

That I received a salary of P1.45 per day. That I was last paid in full to include March 31, 1942 by Mr. Agustin Divinagracia, Municipal Treasurer of Cabatuan, Iloilo.

That on the Japanese landing I went for evacuation and engaged in farming in the mountain until the return of the American Forces on March, 1945.

The following is a partial list of the Policemen in Tering Landing Field out of the 92 in number.

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| 1. Bonifacio Ledesma | 10. Miguel Bayog |
| 2. Santiago Gumayo | 11. Pacifico Beleño |
| 3. Epefania Beleño | 12. Florentino Demoral |
| 4. Severino Parreño | 13. Antonino Sallias |
| 5. Federico Reial | 14. Fortunato Sornito |
| 6. Vicente Pomaren | 15. Felino Salomes |
| 7. Severino Jordan | 16. Nicanor Buenaflor |
| 8. Nicolas Catalonia | 17. Federico Beleño |
| 9. Eusebio Artieda | 18. Pedro Bedenia |

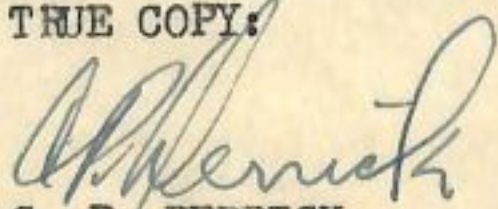
I further certify the above persons had served in Tering Landing Field from April 1st. to April 15th., 1945.

/s/ Jose Puga
/t/ JOSE PUGA
Asst. Chief of Special Police
Tering Land Field, Cabat-
uan, Iloilo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Nov. 1945 at City of Iloilo, Philippines.

/s/ Warren A. Vick
/t/ WARREN A. VICK
Capt. Inf.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

AFFIDAVIT

I, FRANCISCO SERANTES, Provincial Mechanic of Province of Iloilo, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

My duties prior to the outbreak of Hostilities was to supervize the repair of all provincial construction machinery, of the Province of Iloilo;

On/or about 15 January, 1942 Major Powell requested the services of a Certified Mechanic, from Mr. Mallare, Civil Engineer, In turn Mr. Mallare directed me to report to Major Powell's office, which I failed to do on the first day, for fear of being inducted in the Army. However on a second request from Major Powell, I appeared at his office, and he instructed me to go to Tering Landing Field and bring back to Iloilo an unserviceable Road Roller for repair. This was accomplished, but it could not be put into service again. At about this same time I was directed by Major Powell to take cahрге of all Mechanical work, in regards to the repair of all the Construction Machinery, on all landing fields. He, Mr. Powell authorized me to commandeer any parts or machinery necessary to accomplish my work;

To accomplish my work I needed mechanics, machinists which I hired. These men were paid from P1.50 to P2.00 per day; not to exceed P2.00, because that was the maximum wage scale paid to mecahnics and machinists who did not have civil service elligibility. The mechanics were hired by the day, and paid over time when the need for their services existed. The machinist was also hired by the day; but in this case when a machinist completed twelve hours of work he had to stop and another shift took over. The machinists and mechanics worked a seven day week;

A signal system was devised in case of an air raid. A red flag was raised and the employees would take the shelter in fox holes;

All work ceased, on these landing fields on 15 April 1942, because the Japanese landed in Iloilo on the morning of 16 April 1942;

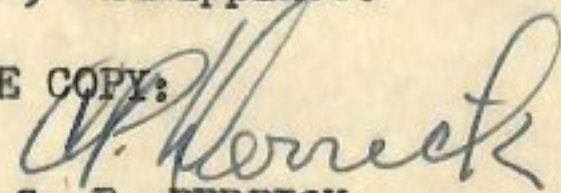
I, and all my mechanics and machinists were paid in full through March 1942.

IN TESTIMONY OF THE FOREGOING, I hereby sign this document in the City of Iloilo, Philippines, this 29th day of November, 1945.

/s/ Francisco Serantes
/t/ FRANCISCO SERANTES
Provincial Mechanic
Province of Iloilo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry

Asst Director, Investigation Div

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st Lt., Inf.

AFFIDAVIT

I, FLORENTINO PONTIVEROS, Civil Engineer, of the District Engineer's Office of the Province of Iloilo, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That at the outbreak of hostilities I acted in a supervisory capacity in the construction of sewers, seawalls, concrete bridges, river control, road surveys and construction;

On or about 20 December 1941, Major Thomas Powell, requested the service of a Civil Engineer. On that date, I was directed by Mr. Mallare, District Engineer, to take charge of construction of Terin Landing Field. I took with me four men, surveyors, who were regularly employed by District Engineer;

The required number of laborers was obtained by informing the Capatazes, of the number of men required, and place they were to work. These men were hired at the fixed wage scale of the Philippine Government. These crews were hired by the day but paid bi-monthly. When a crew completed a job, they were finished, and would wait till they were assigned to another job. For this waiting period they were not put on payroll, and received no compensation;

Rotation was practiced on this landing field laborers worked in shifts of fifteen days, then relived by another crew for fifteen days. It was an established rule that laborers would work seven days per week;

Whether a Contract or Agreement, verbal or written, existed between USAFFE and District Engineers, I do not know; my orders came from Mr. Mallare; and Major Powell;

One runway was completed sufficiently to allow planes to land, in addition the temporary hangars and ammunition dumps, tunnels, dugouts, roads and officer's quarters and motor pools were completed. Above installations were completed by March 15, 1942;

While laborers worked on landing field they were protected from strafing or bombing by hiding in fox holes and tunnels. All construction ceased on said landing field on 15 April 1942, because on the morning of 16 April 1942, the Japanese landed in Iloilo;

On the morning of 16 April 1942, I went to the landing field, but no laborers reported to work; I then proceeded to Santa Barbara, but on my way back there I was informed by USAFFE, E.M. that the Japanese had landed in Iloilo. I then returned to my home.

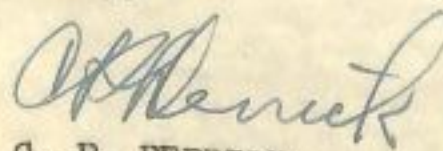
IN TESTIMONY OF THE FOREGOING, I sign this document, this 28th day of November, 1945, in the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

/s/ F. Pontiveros
/t/ FLORENTINO PONTIVEROS
Civil Engineer

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

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, JR.
1st Lt., Inf.

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C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
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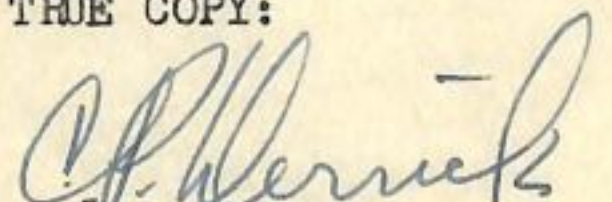
November 19, 1945

Attached is an extract Time Book submitted by Cabo Jose Alolod, including 19 men under his supervision for labor at Tering Landing Field, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, covering period from March 16th to 18th 1942, inclusive.


The names mentioned herein were unpaid for the services rendered.

/s/ Lucien W. Rolland
Lt. Inf.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned "extract Time Book" consisting of one sheet this 11 day of July 1947.


C. P. DERRICK
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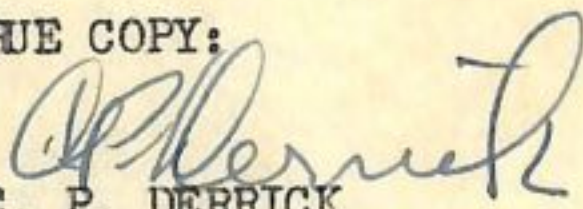
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Attached is Time Book submitted by Cabo Simeon Elevarin together with two men employed under his supervision as Sprinklers at the Tering Landing Field, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, covering period from April 1st to 15th 1942, inclusive.


The names herein mentioned have not been paid for services rendered.

/s/ Lucien W. Rolland
Lt. Inf

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C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
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Iloilo City, 14 November 1945

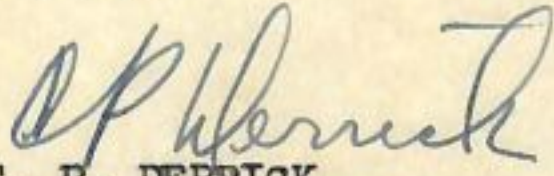
Attached two Time Books submitted by Cabo Salvador Diaz. Books are numbered 1 and 2, explanation and of information contained is as follows:

Book No. 1 - Page 1 and 2, List of Cabo and 19 laborers employed on Tiring airstrip covering month of January 1942. Page 3, List of Cabo and 19 laborers on Tiring airstrip covering period 1st February to 8. Explanation on 9 February, Cabo changed Time Books.

Time Book No. 2 - Page 1 and 2 containing information transferred from Time Book No. 1 also entries up to 15 February 1942, when Salvador Diaz transferred to underground section of Project. Page 3 and 4 - Diaz does not remember these entries. Page 5 and 6 - laborers employed in underground work under Diaz for month of March 1942. Page 7 - Same laborers covering period up to 15 April 1942.

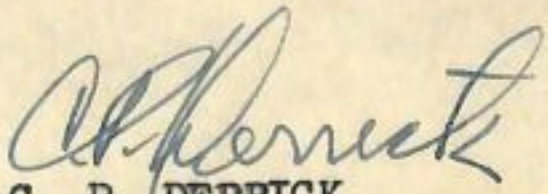
/s/ Lucien W. Rolland
/t/ LUCIEN W. ROLLAND
2nd Lt., Inf.

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C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

Receipt is acknowledged of the two above-mentioned "Time Books" this

11 day of July 1947.


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

AFFIDAVIT
TIRING LANDING FIELD, CABATHUAN

I, Catalino J. Fernandez, Foreman, for District Engineers, do hereby certify that the following statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge:

That construction on Tiring Landing Field began some time in January 1942;

That I took charge of construction of this air field in January, 1942, by order of Mr. Gil R. Mallare, district Engineers, Iloilo, to work with his Asst. Florentino Pontiveras;

That the skilled labor, including carpenters, machinists, masons, blacksmiths and drivers were regularly employed by the district Engineers;

That the common laborers were hired on the spot, on daily basis, eight hours labor; they were paid P1.00 per day;

Outside of the normal complement of men employed by the District Engineers, there were approximately 1,000 common day laborers, whose service was intermittent;

That moneys received for payment of employees was received from Lt. Macaranas, USAFFE, and turned over to the Municipal treasurer of Cababuan, Mr. Augustin Divenagracia, who made the payments to all employees concerned; That were last paid in full 31 March 1942;

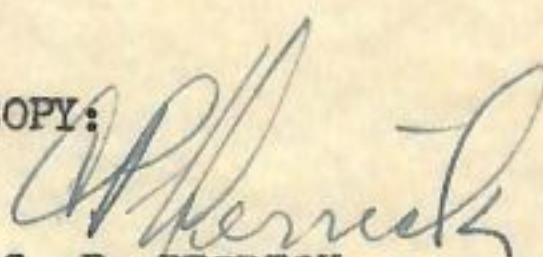
That on 16 April 1942, about 05:30, we experienced the first air raid on said field; that on the same date the Japanese landed on Tigbuan, Iloilo, and all construction ceased on the field; As much demolition as we had time for was accomplished and the field was abandoned.

/s/ Catalino J. Fernandez
/t/ CATALINO J. FERNANDEZ
Superintendent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of November, 1945 at AFPAC, Customs House, Iloilo City, Panay, P. I.

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH Jr.
1st Lt. Inf.

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C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

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CERTIFICATE

I, Agustin Divinagracia, paymaster at Tiring Air field from 29 January 1942 to 15 April 1942, do hereby certify that the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

That on the day employees were paid, payrolls and money was delivered by Capt. Macaranas, or Lt. Serigio Jamila; or I was called by phone and ordered to pick up money and corresponding payrolls at the Finance Office at the Masonic Temple, Iloilo.

That employees were paid on payrolls corresponding to their specific duties;

The Police section had their payroll, the Common laborers had their payroll etc.

That the Common laborers were constantly changing, and their services could be classed entermittant. That said laborers were hired "on the spot" by the foreman.

That said laborers worked under the supervision and direction of the District Engineers, and all hiring of said laborers was executed by the foreman under them.

That my regular position in the Gov't was Deputy Provincial and Municipal Treasurer for Cabatuan, Iloilo, and that serving as paymaster for Tiring Airfield was an additional duty delegated to me by the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Sixto B. Ortiz.

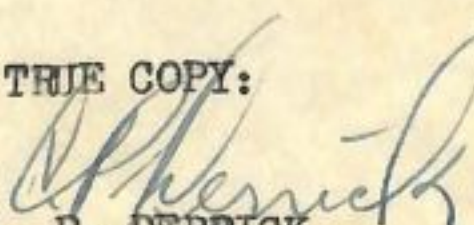
That the following is a complete list of men who served as paymasters under my charge: 1. Jose Alejan; 2. Ireneo Olivares; 3. Emiliano del Campo; 4. Valeriano Carancio; 5. Salvador Casalmir; 6. Antero Marquez; and 7. Celestino Roncal.

/s/ Agustin Divinagracia
/t/ AGUSTIN DIVINAGRACIA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

/s/ Warren A. Vick
/t/ WARREN A. VICK
Capt., Inf.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

November 5, 1945

I hereby certify that the following named persons had worked under me in U. S. Army Landing Field, Tiring, Cabatuan, Iloilo, Philippines for the months of January and February 1942, with the salary of P1.00 a day.


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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Sarmiento, Gregorio | 11. Lupera, Esteban |
| 2. Barrato, Pedro | 12. Espalto, Julio |
| 3. Pendon, Felipe Jr. | 13. Sallorin, Eugenio |
| 4. Sarmiento, Pedro | 14. Somerano, Enrique |
| 5. Sarmiento, Sefronio | 15. Saladar, Engracio |
| 6. Buglosa, Aurelio | 16. Batidor, Fausto |
| 7. Buglosa, Pio | 17. Sarmiento, Monico |
| 8. Catiquista, Crisostomo | 18. Forro, Prospero |
| 9. Cruz de la, Damiano | 19. Hertilana, Eladio |
| 10. Hermo, Julkan | 20. Magno, Daniel |

(sgd.) Enrique M. Sarmiento

TRUE COPY

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st Lt., Inf.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

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AFFIDAVIT

I, FELICISIMO OPLE, Assistant Civil Engineer, District Engineer's Office, Province of Iloilo, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

My duties are performed in a supervisory capacity, in building of roads, bridges, public buildings and maintenance of same;

That after the outbreak of the war, all work on projects not directly connected with the prosecution of the war were discontinued;

At this time Lt. Powell, U.S.A. who with the District Engineer, went about the country to choose sites for landing fields;

The site at Dingle was chosen as third or fourth strip to be constructed. That I was ordered to take charge of the construction of said air strip by order of Mr. Gil Mallare, District Engineer. If any agreements, or contracts, verbal or written, existed between USAFFE and District Engineer, I was not acquainted with those facts;

That construction on said air field began on 20 January, 1942. This field was being constructed as a dummy to draw enemy planes from adjacent airfields;

At the same time as field was being constructed, shelters were built to protect the workers from strafing and bombing. Said shelters were fox holes and trenches. At no time did we suffer any casualties from enemy action;

That when I took charge of said landing field, I took with me, two graduate Engineers, who acted as Construction foremen, one survey party composed of one instrument man, two chain men and one rod man. These six men were regularly employed in the office of District Engineer. The rest of the workers were obtained by instructing my two foremen to contact the local Capataces and Cabos to furnish us with laborers, which numbered between five hundred to one thousand, hired at the fixed wage scale of the Philippine Government : P1.00 per day;

These laborers were hired on a rotation basis, fifteen days on and fifteen days off; however, the carpenters, and other ~~un~~skilled laborers worked continuously;

At the closing of the work day of 15 April 1942, all construction ceased on this landing field. Because on the morning of the following day a telephone message was received by the Municipal Treasurer stating that the Japs had landed in Iloilo. The news spread very rapidly, and on the morning of 16 April 1942 there were very few workers present;

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On the morning of 16 April 1942 I reported to the office of District Engineer at Passi, and there I was instructed to gather all plans and blue prints, and turn same over to USAFFE Hq. there. I did so, and returned to my family at Duenas.

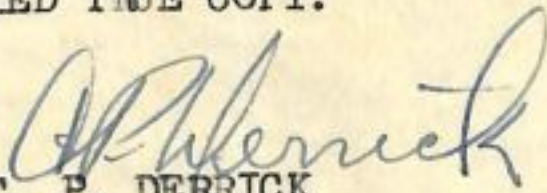
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature to this affidavit, this 29th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

/s/ Felicisimo Ople
Felicisimo
/t/-FRANCISCO-OPLE
Assistant Civil Engineer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

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

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C. P. DERRICK
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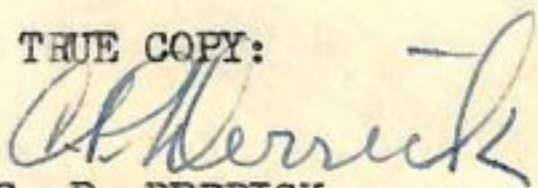
November 19, 1945

Attached is an extract of Time Book submitted by Cabo Tomas Castante, including 19 men under his supervision for labor at the Tering Landing Field, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, covering period from March 16th to 31st, 1942.


The names mentioned herein were unpaid for services rendered.

/s/ Lucien W. Rolland

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned "extract of Time Book" this 11 day of July 1947.


C. P. DERRICK
Major, Infantry
Assistant Director
Investigation Division

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Felicisimo Mendoza of age, married, Filipino and resident of the City of Iloilo, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to, depose and say:

That I first began to work for USAFFE on 1st January, 1942, as Foreman In Charge in the Landing Field of Tering, Cabatuan, province of Iloilo. I was appointed in this position by Mr. Florentino Pontiveros, Assistant District Engineer of the Province of Iloilo, under the approval of Maj. Thos. N. Powell, Jr. C.E. 61st Division; USAFFE;

That as such Foreman In Charge, I was given a salary of P3.50 per day. That I served in this capacity until 16 April 1942, the date of the Japanese invasion that landed on the Island of Panay;

That I was last paid in full to include 31 March, 1942, by Mr. Agustin Divinagracia, Municipal Treasurer of Cabatuan, province of Iloilo;

That besides as Foreman In Charge, I also took charge of the underground constructions; Airplane hide-out; pilot, officers and enlisted men quarters; Incharge of the Special Police Organization of the Landing Field;

That on the landing of Japanese Forces on 16 April 1942, I went out for evacuation and while in the mountains I engaged in farming until the return to Panay of the American Forces on March 1945;

That the following is a partial list of the Police Organization in Tering Landing Field, Cabatuan, Iloilo. Those who have only reported to me. There were 92 men in the first Organization:

Juan Lamparero	Special Chief of Police
Jose Poga	Asst. Chief
Bautis Simpas	Asst. Chief
Cipriano Batilo	Sargeant
Bonifacio Ledesma	"
Felisberto Sorilla	"
Josue Sazon	Policeman
Eugenio Belicano	"
Federico Real	"
Honorio Siton	"
Alfredo Quibingco	"
Ramon Catalan	"
Laureano Palomar	"
Jesus Dapatnapo	"
Salvador Bas	"
Andres Sabidong	"
Jose Sornito	"
Teotimo de la Pena	"
Prudencio Denoman	"
Pedro Ma-ang	"

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Pedro Tolayan	Policeman
Zacarias Baylen	"
Rufo Ebesa	"
Marcos Defante	"
Geronimo Rasote	"


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the City of Iloilo,
this 19th day of November, 1945.

/s/ F. Mendoza
/t/ FELICISIMO MENDOZA
Foreman In Charge
Tering Landing Field

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 1945.

/s/ Lucien W. Rolland
/t/ LUCIEN W. ROLLAND
2nd Lt., Inf.

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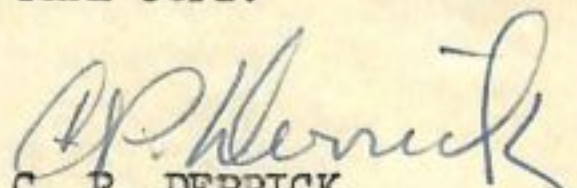

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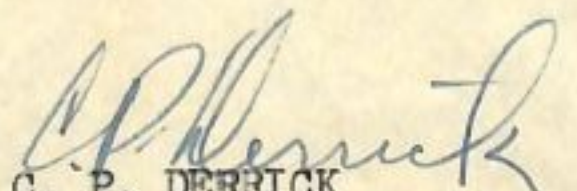
Attached is an extract of Time Book submitted by Cabo Dominador Villaruel for labor at the Tering Landing Field, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, including 30 men under his supervision.

/s/ Lucien W. Rolland

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Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned "extract of Time Book" this 11 day of July 1947.


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AFFIDAVIT

I, ABUNDIO POSADAS, one of the Paymasters at Pilar Landing Field, after having been duly sworn to, depose and say:

I first began working at Pilar Landing Field on 15 ~~February~~ ^{March} 1942, as paymaster, on orders of the Provincial Treasurer, Severino Gonzales, on recommendation of the Division Superintendent of Schools;

That my main duty was the paying of laborers on Pilar Landing Field. But in addition, I made liquidation statements, as to laborers unpaid, and moneys left, after all laborers present were paid. Notations were made on the payrolls and vouchers as to paid and unpaid labors. These were then submitted to the disbursing officer, Jose Clavieja, who was originally gave us the payroll, and money to pay the laborers;

That I made my last payment of salaries about 12 April 1942, but this payment was made for labor performed prior to 1 March 1942;

That the following name men served as paymasters for the same period as I did, 15 ~~February~~ ^{March} 1942 to about 12 April 1942; Juan Penetrante, Patrocinio del Rosario, Mr. Vicente Florida, and one more, a former trade school teacher in Capiz, whose name I do not remember.

Affiant further sayeth not.

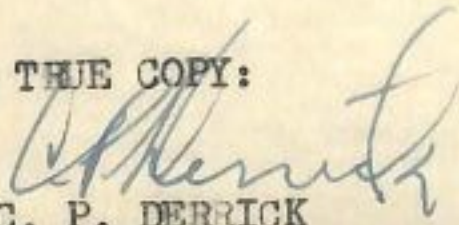
Capiz, Capiz, 13 December, 1945.

/s/ Abundio Posadas
/t/ ABUNDIO POSADAS
Paymaster
Pilar Landing Field

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December, 1945, at Capiz, Capiz, Philippines.

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st Lt., Inf.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, JOSE OLAVEJA, of age, married, Filipino, traveling deputy of the Provincial Treasurer's Office of Capiz, and a resident of Capiz, Capiz, Philippines, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That I have held this position for twenty-eight years, and as such, my duty are liquidating the Municipal Accounts of the Municipal Treasurers in the Province of Capiz;

That on/or about 15 January, 1942, I was detailed by the Provincial Treasurer, Severino D. Gonzales, as Chief Paymaster. My main duty was to go to Iloilo to procure the money to pay the laborers on Pilar and Dumarao Landing Fields. When in Iloilo, I went to see Lt. Jamila, who gave me the cash, for which I signed a receipt. Upon return to Capiz, the payrolls and money were divided among individual assistant paymasters. They in turn actually paid the laborers. After payment, the roll, and unpaid balance was returned to me for liquidation. When correct, I returned the receipt which the assistant paymaster signed when he received the money and payroll. Then the payroll was turned over to Lt. Jamila, to liquidate my account;

A portion of the unliquidated accounts have been sent through channels to Recovered Personnel, APO 707;

That I and my assistant paymaster were paid on voucher which were submitted to Lt. Jamila for approval. That I was last paid in the month of March, 1942, for service rendered in the month of February;

That to the best of my knowledge all payrolls were paid up to and including 15 March, 1942. Because the last time I went to Iloilo for money, I had payrolls and vouchers covering the period of 16 March, 1942 to 1 April, 1942. But I could not get the money for said payroll, because on the morning of 16 April, 1942, that I was to receive the cash, the Japanese landed in Iloilo.

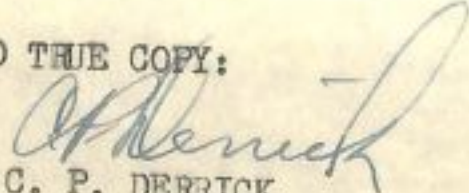
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand in Capiz, Capiz, Philippines, this 15th day of December, 1945.

/s/ Jose Olaveja
/t/ JOSE OLAVEJA
Traveling Deputy
Provincial Treasurer's Office
Capiz Province.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 1945, at Capiz, Capiz, Philippines.

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st Lt., Inf.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, GONZALO M. BULACLAC, of legal age, married, Filipino, and resident of Capiz, Capiz, Philippines, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That at the outbreak of the war, I was a teacher of the Capiz High School, Capiz, Capiz;

That on 16 March 1942, I was called by the Division Superintendent of Schools of Capiz, to report to the District Engineer of Capiz for assignment. I was assigned as one of the paymasters of the Dumarao Landing Field under the direction of the USAFFE Engineers. I was given a salary of P100.00 a month plus P1.50 a day for per diem;

That as paymaster I obtained instructions from Mr. Jose Olavieja in regards to the payment of laborers. The payrolls that pertained to me were already prepared by the Clerks and audited by the Auditors. My duty therefore was to pay the laborers with the money I secured from Mr. Jose Olavieja, disbursing officer of the Dumarao Landing Field. The amount given to me by the disbursing officer for every fifteen days for the payrolls for that period was about P21,000.00 in emergency notes of the Philippine National Bank, Iloilo Branch, Iloilo City, Philippines. After paying the corresponding payrolls, I made the liquidation of the same to the disbursing officer, Mr. Jose Olavieja in Capiz in the office of the Provincial Treasurer. As far as I know, Mr. Olavieja obtained the money for this purpose from the Headquarters of the USAFFE, somewhere in Iloilo. The last payrolls paid by me were 31 March, 1942. On my part I was never paid since I was employed; I ceased working when Japs landed on 16 Apr. 1942;

That some of the paymasters in the Dumarao Landing Field were as follows: Mr. Wenceslao Villareal, Mr. Miguel Gervasio, Mr. Raymundo Olandesca and Mr. Alberto Martinez, the others I could not remember their names;

That whether or not Mr. Jose Olavieja was making Liquidation of his account, I do not know.

Deponent sayeth not.

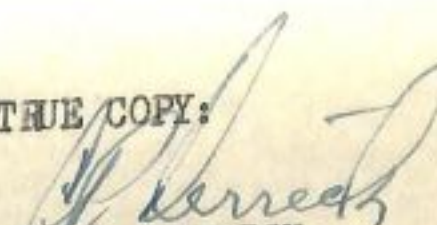
Capiz, Capiz, 15th December, 1945.

/s/ Gonzalo M. Bulaclac
/t/ GONZALO M. BULACLAC
Paymaster
Dumarao Landing Field

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th December, 1945, at Capiz, Capiz, Philippines,

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st Lt., Inf.

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AFFIDAVIT

WE, PATROCINIO DEL ROSARIO AND JUAN PENETRANTE, both of legal age, married, Filipinos, and residents of Capiz, Capiz, Philippines, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

At the outbreak of the war we were school teachers in the town of Capiz. Several days later were assigned jobs as Anti-profiteering agents, and propaganda agents urging people to build air raid shelters, and sanitation, evacuation and first aid. Due to the fact that schools were closed at this time, we were diverted to the before mentioned tasks;

On March 16, 1942, we were advised to report to the Provincial Treasurer, Severino Gonzales, by Mr. Jose V. Aguilar, Division Superintendent of Schools, Capiz. We did as directed, and were assigned duties as Paymasters. After posting a bond as required by the Philippine Commonwealth Government;

Our main duty was the actual paying of laborers. We received the payrolls and corresponding money from Mr. Jose Olavieja, disbursing officer and proceeded to the field to pay. After paying was accomplished, the payrolls were returned to the disbursing officer, together with any unpaid balance. Notations were made on payroll of any unclaimed salary; such cases occurred when the laborers did not appear on pay days to collect their wage;

That the last payroll paid under our supervision covered the period of February 16 to March 1, 1942;

That our wages were prepared on a pay voucher, which was turned in to the disbursing officer. In our cases we were not paid, even tho our voucher was submitted. Therefore we were not paid from 16 March 1942 to 13 April 1942;

Our services ceased because of the landing of the Japanese in Capiz.

IN TESTIMONY OF THE FOREGOING, we hereby sign this affidavit at Capiz, Capiz, Philippines, this 15th day of December, 1945.

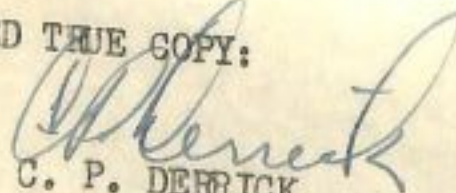
/s/ Patrocinio del Rosario
/t/ PATROCINIO DEL ROSARIO

/s/ Juan Penetrante
/t/ JUAN PENETRANTE

Subscribed and sworn to before this 15th day of December, 1945, at Capiz, Capiz, Philippines.

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st Lt., Inf.

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Assistant Director
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AFFIDAVIT

I, RAYMUNDO OLANDESCA, of age, married, Filipino, High School Teacher in Capiz, and resident of Capiz, Capiz, Philippines, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

When war broke out on 8 December, 1941, the school I was teaching in was closed. Through the recommendation of the Division Superintendent, I was detailed as an anti-profiteering agent. This consisted of watching local merchants, that they observed the anti-profiteering law. I remained on this job until about 16 March, 1942;

On or about this time I was recommended by the Division Superintendent, to report to the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Gonzales for duty. I reported to Provincial Treasurer's Office, and after an interview with Mr. Collante, Assistant Provincial Treasurer, I was diverted to report to Mr. Olaveja, Deputy Provincial Treasurer. He gave me payrolls and corresponding amounts, for which I signed a receipt, to proceed to the Dumarao Landing Field to pay the laborers. To the best of my memory, these payrolls covered the period of 1 March 16 March 1942;

After said payrolls were paid, the unpaid balance plus payroll were returned to the Deputy Treasurer for liquidation. I then received my signed receipt;

That my duties as paymaster were in addition to my regular duties as School Teacher. That I understood, I would be paid per diem, for all services rendered on Dumarao Landing Field. That I was still on the provincial payroll as a school teacher;

That the last rolls I paid, covered the period of March 16 to April 1, 1942;

That at no time received any salary or allowances for my services rendered from 16 March 1942 till 12 April 1942;

That 12 April 1942, was the last day I was present for duty, and did not return again, because of the probable landing of the Japs.

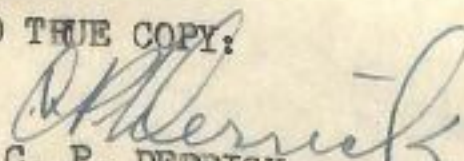
IN TESTIMONY OF THE FOREGOING, I hereby sign this affidavit at Capiz, Capiz, Philippines, this 18th day of December, 1945.

/s/ Raymundo Olandesca
/t/ RAYMUNDO OLANDESCA
Paymaster
Dumarao Landing Field

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1945, at Capiz, Capiz, Philippines.

/s/ Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
/t/ GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
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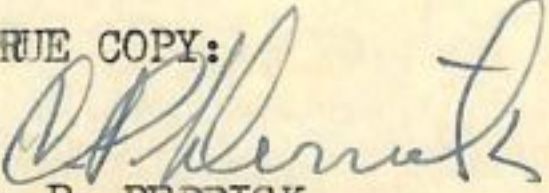
November 19, 1945

Attached is Timebook submitted by Cabo Bonifacio Libiano including 6 men employed under his supervision at the Tering Landing Field, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, covering period from March 16th to 31st and from April 1st to 15th, 1942, respectively.


The names mentioned herein have not been paid for services rendered.

/s/ Lucien W. Rolland
Lt. Inf

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Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned "Timebook" this 11 day of July 1947.


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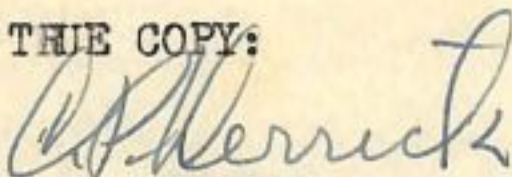
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Attached is Time Book submitted by Cabo Seráfin Reboles, including 19 men employed under his supervision for labor at the Tering Landing Field, Sta. Barbar, Iloilo, covering period from April 1st to 15th 1942.


The names mentioned herein have not been paid for services rendered.

/s/ Lucien W. Rolland
Lt. Inf

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