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Tacloban, Leyte December 27, 1944

Subject: US FFE Expenditures

To : Maj. Hutchison, PCAU Tacloban, Leyte

l. During the first five months of 1942, the monthly expenditures chargeable to the United States Army Forces in the Far East in Leyte and Samar was on the average of \$120,000.00. These monthly average expenditures were itemized roughly as follows:

(d) Subsistence of Enlisted Men - - - - 20,500.00 (e) Transportation - - - - - - - - 17,900.00

Item (e) Transportation, concerns the movement of troops within Leyte and Samar, and movement from Leyte and Samar to Luzon and Mindanao. The 91st and 92nd Inf. regiments were sent to Luzon, and the 93rd and 81st Inf. regiments were sent to Mindanao.

Item (f) Supplies, consisted of obligations for rice, shoes, clothing and medical supplies. Clothing were manufactured into uniforms, and together with rice and shoes were shipped to mindanae and Bataan. Unfortunately, of the five shipleads dispatched from Tacloban, Leyte, only one ship was able to reach its destination - Bataan. The rest were either scuttled or captured by the Japanese.

2. On May 26, 1942, at 4:00 P. M., the Command was assembled by Col. T. M. Cornell at Camp Bompus, where the Japanese High Command formally accepted the surrender of troops and material from Col. T. M. Cornell, Commanding Officer of the USAFFE, Leyte- Samar Sector. A true copy of the order to surrender is herewith attached.

Japanese Army confiscated from my possession the following:

(a) USAFFE Cash Book

(b) Paid vouchers amounting to \$25,000.00

(c) Cash in the amount of #8,800.00 (all in Leyte Emergency Notes)

4. The sum of \$8,800.00 was the balance on hand as of June 5, 1942, the date when the vouchers and the cash were confiscated during the inspection of belongings of Prisoners of War.

5. From my personal notes, from memory, and incomplete records from my personal field, 1 am herewith reconstructing a more or less rough picture of the Status of Funds of the USAFFE in Leyte from November 16, 1941 to June 6, 1942.

(Continuation of Paragraph 5)

# STATUS OF FUNDS, CAPT. R. G. CANTARA, JUNE 6, 1942

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Item	
(7)	Working Capital, per letter of the Auditor Philippine Army, Manila, November 16, 1941
	Less the Tollowing Paid Vouchers sent to the
(2)	Chief FS, Manila, and unreimbursed, Dec.31,1941: Rehabilitation of Army Barracks \$13,000.00
(2)	Construction Projects at Wright:
	(a) Auth. No. 10. Oct. 1941 5 000 00
	(c) " " 44, " " ====== 20,000,00
	(d) " " 72, " " 30,000.00 (e) " 105, Nev., " 20,000.00
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(4)	Balance
	Chief FS, Manila, reimbursed, Dec. 31, 1941 247,000 00
(5)	Balance Available, January 1, 1942 94,000.00
(6)	Provincial Treasurer, Leyte, Cash Advance,
(7)	Frovincial Treasurer, Leyte, Loan, Feb., 1942 136,170.35
(8)	Provincial Treasurer, Leyte, Loan. Mar. " 180.000.00
(9)	Special Fund, Airstrip, Maj. Whitehurst, March, 1942 100,000.00
(10)	Deposited by Leyte Land Transp. Co. (Vouchers) 15,000.00
(11)	Aboltiz & Co., Loan, April, 1942 20.000.00/ Joe E. Price, Loan, May, 1942 33.000.00
(13)	Provincial Treasurer, Leyte, Loan, May, 1942 20,000.00 Philippine Army Fund Transferred to USAFFE 69,800.00
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	Total Accountability up to June 6, 1942 \$697,970.35
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6. (a) Supporting receipts for items 17 and 18 were buried in a pot in 1942, but most of the papers were eaten by white

ants when recovered on October 23, 1944.

(b) Items 6, 7 and 8 represent checks drawn against the Province of Leyte to be paid back in paid vouchers. As indicated in item (23) I had more than enough paid vouchers to settle items 6, 7 and 8, but unfortunately, the office of the Provincial Treasurer was closed on May 24, when we arrived in the Capitol Building to turn over our paid vouchers to the Provincial Treasurer. Therefore, the abstracts and paid vouchers were deposited in the school building in Burauen before we surrendered to the Japanese Army on May 26, 1942.

- 7. Approximately \$73,000.00 in Leyte Emergency Currency Notes was directly disbursed by the undersigned, and approximately \$100,000.00 in \$20-bills were changed by the Chairman of the mint during the early part of May, 1942. When I went to the mint to get \$20,000.00 on or before May 14, 1942, I have seen many people changing their \$20.00 Cebu Notes into \$1.00 and \$10.00 Notes of Leyte Currency.
- 8. Let it be understood here that my books were inspected by the representative of the Auditor of the Province of Leyte at least once every month, and before the amount of \$180,000.00 (item 8) was given to me, representatives of the Auditor and the Provincial Treasurer of the Province of Leyte made examination of the Cash and of my USAFFE Cash Book; and thereafter, per my request, three audit clerks were daily assigned to my office to check my accounts and to audit vouchers before I made payment.
- 9. Col. Cornell ordered me to pay all army obligations before 1 surrender, and this order was honestly complied with. Only a few accounts remain outstanding because the creditors evacuated long before the order of surrender was given.
- Army obligations chargeable to the USAFFE, and the facts given are as accurate as my recollections of them permits me.

/s/ R. G. Cantara /t/ RAYMUNDO G. CANTARA Captain, FS Sector Finance Officer Samar-Leyte Sector

CERTIFIED: A TRUE COPY

s/ Maurice J. Ross t/ MAURICE J. Ross Captain, Inf. Investigating Officer

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SIMON E. LAGOS Captain, DC 26th Sta Hospital (PA)

CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC BASE K, APO 72

24 May 1946

#### CERTIFICATE

Simon E. Lagos, Capt. D. C. (PA) 0-43086, of the 26th Station Hospital (PA) APO 72 hereby certifies to the following statements:

Regt. Tacloban, Leyte as First Lieutenant (PA). Lt. Robert Taberrah now Cptain (PA) instructed me to turn over all my dental equipment and instruments to Lt. Mariano Pimentel, a Dental Surgeon of the Philippine Army. Lt. Taberrah at that time was the Executive Officer of the Leyte Prob. Regt. Lt. Pimentel was to sign a receipt for the equipment and instruments in my favor, and to proceed immediately to Catbalogan, Samar to act as Dental Surgeon of the Samar Unit, USAFFE. The instruments and equipment were never returned to me.

Sometime in May 1945, few months after the landing of the American Liberation Forces, in Leyte, I met Lt. Pimentel whom I inquired about my instruments that he took. He told me that he left the instruments in the interior of Samar, where he and his unit took a defensive position. According to him, the instruments were no longer there when he went back to the place to recover them. Although I no longer possess the receipts that Lt. Pimentel gave me, I still have the list of those equipment and instruments that I prepared.

I surrendered to the Japanese Forces on 26 May 1942 and released on 15 April 1943. The receipt that I kept in my trunk in one of the Civilian houses at Tacloban, was lost. I also lost all the other contents of my trunk.

Lt. Pimentel is now assigned in the 26th Station Hospital (PA) APO 72.

I was never accused of collaboration with the enemy; instead, I joined a recognized guerrilla unit under the overall command of Major Luciano Abia.

Dated 24 May 1946.

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### GERTIFICATE

Resident of Guiven Sever for Jeans, do hereby certify the the lollowing milermation he was and correct to the best of my knowledge and bollief:

That I am a Captain, DC, in the Reserve Force, Army of the Philippines. On 15 December 1941, I was called to active duty with the rank of 1st Lt., DC and assigned to the S-4, under 1st Lt (now Captain) Luis J. Lareza, Leyte-Samar Sector, USAFFE. I was inducted into the USAFFE on 26 December 1941.

That in compliance with the orders of the Sector Commander,
Leyte-Samar Sector, USAFFE, Col. T. M. Cornell, U. S. Army, given thru
1st Lt. Lereza, I requisitioned, received and signed for the medical
supplies listed in the receipt dated 29 March 1942, and bearing my
signature, and the electrical supplies listed in the receipt dated
30 March 1942 and bearing my signature.

That the above properties were received in good condition.

That said properties were issued and used by the USAFFE, Leyte-Samar Sector solely for official purposes. They were the properties of the Samar Mining Co., Inc.

Signature

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me on this 17th day of February 1947.

## CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have examined the signatures of Melvin H. Herr lst Lt., &AC and Luis J. Lareza Capt, Q.M.S. and believe, to the best of my knowledge, that they are the true signatures.

Both men were on the Staff of Col. Cornell, then Sector Commanders of Samar and Leyte. At that time I was District Commander of the Ninth Military District (Samar and Leyte) and had the opportunity of witnessing their signatures many times.

J. CAUSING

Gol. Inf. 0-1198

## CERTIFICATE

15 February 1945.

I, G. W. Green, Lt., USIR, certify as to the following statements:

Prior to the surrender of the island of Leyte to the Japanese, in May, 1942, I was assigned to the United States Army Forces in the Far East as Executive Officer, Samar-Leyte Sector, Visayan Forces. Prior to the 18th of May, 1942, Colonel Cornell, Commanding Officer, USAFFE, to the 18th of May, 1942, Colonel Cornell, Commanding Officer, USAFFE, to the 18th of May, 1942, Colonel Cornell, Commanding Officer, USAFFE, to the 18th of May, 1942, and I contacted Mr. J. G. Price requesting the loan of monies to meet the current expenses of the United States forces in our area. Mr. Price made available P33,000.00 and a receipt dated 18 May 1942 was furnished him indicating that it would be redeemable by the Government of the United States on demand. I have examined by the Government of the United States on demand. I have examined the receipt submitted by Mr. Price to cover his claim for the above amount and I identify it as being a duplicate of the original which was furnished him on 18 May 1942. My signature appears thereon. These funds were necessary in the military service and were used by USAFFE for operational purposes.

A similar loan of approximately P20,000.00 was received from Mr. Bill Bowler of Baybay. I do not recall whether the receipt was issued in his name or in the name of Vda e Hijos de F. Escano. These funds were solicited due to circumstances that existed at the time and were needed by USAFFE for meeting operational expenses.

CITY OF MANILA

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### AFFIDAVIT

I, Manuel O. Nolasco, Filipino Citizen, of legal age, now residing at 847 0' Donnell, Manila, having been duly sworn, depose and say:

- 1. I am at present a captain in the Philippine Army assigned with the Loyalty Status Board, HPA.
- 2. Prior to the surrender of the Armed Forces in the Philipines, I was an officer in the USAFFE stationed at Ormoc, Loyte. Prior to and up to 8 December 1941. I was the Camp Commander of Camp Downes, Ormoc. On this same month, I was inducted into the service of the USAFFE by Lt. M. Martin and assigned by Soctor Headquarters Samar-Leyte as C. O., 2nd Bn., Leyte-Provisional Regiment. In addition to my duties, I was assigned Procurement Officer, Agent Officer, Censor Officer, and Officer in charge in the construction of the Ormoc Landing Field at Barrio Liloan, Ormoc. On 1 May 1942, I was assigned Executive Officer of the Leyte Provisional Regiment.
- 3. That in my capacity as Procurement Officer, I was instructed verbally by Major Charles B. Whitehurst Sector Quartermaster Samar-Leyte to procure food supplies, vehicles, fuel, laborers, drivers and other war materials for the USAFFE, at current costs.
- 4. That food supplies like rice, corn, and sugar were used by our troops in Samar-Leyte and big quantities were shipped outside the sector. Vehicles, fuel, laborers and drivers were used in the construction of the landing Field at Ormoc which started in the middle part of December 1941. Some of the commandeered trucks were used in troop movements and transportation of supplies. Automobiles were used by transient officers.
- 5. That my office has always made it a point to issue receipts with the corresponding prices, agreeable to the owner of the article or item of equipment taken.
- 6. That for the purpose of furnishing Claims Service AFWESPAC, with my true and correct signature in order that said Claims Service may use such in veryfying receipts, documents, and various instruments executed by mo, I herewith subscribe my signature to wit:

s/ Manuel O. Nolasco

Further the affiant sayeth not.

s/ Manuel O.Nolasco T/ MANUEL O. NOLLOCO Capt., Inf. (0-34495)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of February 1946, at HPA, APO 75.

> s/ Luis 3. Bernabe T/ LUIS S. BERNLBE 1st Lt., JAGS Administering Officer

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

SUMMER R. SHARP

1st Lt., Cavalry Claims Sorvice

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1st Indormement 24 Feb. 1947

From: Ramon Guillem, FELCO, Singing Wood, Allen, Samar

TO : Claim Service, PhilRycom, Base K, APO 1000

l. Return with the following information requested in the basic letter. The articles taken from the Samar Mining Company, were shipped to Cebu per instruction of Major Collin B. Whitehurst who was the QMS Sub Depot Commander of the Samar Leyte Brigade before the surrender of USAFFE. The undersign signed the receipt as receiving officer for transhipment.

2. 1st Lt. Jose Cacafin whereabouts is not known by the undersign.

RAMON GUILLEM

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SUMNER R. SHARP

Claims Investigating Officer

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## AFFIDAVIT

Porfirio Jain, a Major in the Philippine Army and native of the Philippines being first duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says:

Erom October 1941 I was mobilization center officer at Catarman, Samar. We organized the 91st and 92nd Regt. in October and November then in December started mobilizing the 93rd Regt. I was in charge of transportation of soldiers coming in and going out of Samar. Transportation used was from civilians. The soldiers sent to Tacloban mainly composed the Leyte Provisional Regt. During the months of February, March, and April I was delegated to supply transportation for soldiers coming from Luzon to Tacloban, Leyte in compliance with instructions of Col. Cornell.

The vehicles used during the months of October 1941 thru 4 Jan 1942 was very much heavier than from the months of Jan thru April 30, 1942. After Jan we only used one station wagon and one truck of Mr. Hatton. From October 1941 thru 4 Jan 1942 the USAFFE used all of Mr. Hatton cars which were eight. These were used night and day especially for themonths of December 7, 1941 thru Jan 5, 1942 when Col. Cornell was in command of Samar. I signed many more vouchers than these I have examined today for Hatton Transportation. By May 25th the Japs were expected to arrive at Catarman, Samar and that was the same day when I left Catarman for Leyte.

Porfirio E Jain, Porfirio Et P.A.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of December 1945, Ormoo, Leyte.

lst Lt., CAC

Claims Investigating Officer

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## CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have examined the signatures of Melvin H. Herr 1st Lt., SAC and Luis J. Lareza Capt, Q.M.S. and believe, to the best of my knowledge, that they are the true signatures.

Both men were on the Staff of Col. Cornell, then Sector Commanders of Samar and Leyte. At that time I was District Commander of the Ninth Military District (Samar and Leyte) and had the opportunity of witnessing Col Juan Causing

### CERTIFICATE

I, AMADO A. SAMMLIANO, 0-21093, Capt. Inf., Philippine Army, hereby certify to the following according to my best knowledge and belief:

That I was commissioned as 2nd. Lieutenant on July 1, 1938 in the Philippine Army and inducted into the USAFFE on December 29, 1941 by Lt. Miwer (USA) at Cathalogan, Samar, with the 1st. Samar Co., PC.

That I was assigned as Inspector General of the 93rd Division, GF, Samar Area Command, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, Staff Sergeant Federico Meregildo was a member of said unit and that he had been assigned and authorized to procure, buy and commandeer with receipts foodstuffs or anything that the unit wight need for the subsistence and operation of its officers and men.

Catbalogan, Samer, August 24, 1946.

AMADO A. SAVELLANO Captain, Inf. (PA)

INVOLVED IN NOSÉ & ELADIO BALITE'S CASES FRAUDULENT EVIDENCE

ASST DIRECTOR, TELY#9

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95rd Inf. Ini., AUSA & USFIF

# File - Ramon Guillem

Province of Leyte ) S. S. Municipality of Tacloban) S. S.

## 6. That he that EFIPAVIZEDES

RAMON GUILLEM, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says:

- tive duty on 29 Dec 1941. I was assigned Sub-Depot QM, Leyte-Samar Brigade under Collin B. Whitehurst. I did not surrender to the Japanese during the General Order of Surrender, but joined the Guerrilla under Major Pedro M. Merritt, 93rd Inf Division, AUSA & USFIP as Division QMS. I returned to military Control on 25 Jan 1946. I was demobilized on \$ March 1946. I am now Chief Administrative Section, Base Exchage, Base K, APO 72.
- 2. On or about November 1943, while I was the Division QM of the Guerrilla Unit under Major Merritt, I took charge of the Water Power Project at Lavezares, Camp Lucban, Samar. I employed men which I had to feed. Food at that time was very scarse. It was here and in this state, that I met or . Ferguson. I know him before this. In the course of our conversation, I tried to let him feel our need in matters of food procurement. He sympathized with our situation, so he offered me some of his cows that were pastured in San Juan, Lavezares. At first I took two men with me and I shot two cows. I took along one and left with Mr. Ferguson, the other. The second time I shot four, but took only 3, and the other one, I left with him. The third time, I only took two cows. I issued receipts each time I took cows to his overseer and same transaction were reported to the Div. G-4 and entered as outstanding accounts of our unit. All the transactions were agreed to and consented by Hr. Ferguson.
- Base QM and Procurement Officer, to procure cows from Mr. Ferguson. I know that he procured cows from Mr. Ferguson, but I have no idea as to the number taken by him. I am certain, that he issued receipts corresponding to the cows taken. Reliable information had it that the guerrillas under Col. Smith, took also some cows for their subsistence. I don't know how many were taken by them. Civilians as well, participated in looting cows, before the cows were ever taken by the Guerrillas, specially when the barrie of San Juan was evacuated.
- 4. That Mr. Ferguson requested me to count the cows in order for him to determine his personal property and possible claims he may file in the future, should his cows be taken by the Army. Because we were friends and I also desired to render help to him, as he is to us, I went out to the ranch and I found out that it was not feasible to count them one by one as the cattle were wild. I made a fair estimate of the number and reported to him 285 big cows and 175 small ones.
- 5. Mr. Thomas Forguson never surrendered to the Japanese. He was with me in the hills, and I knew that he was loyal to his country. He was behind any move for the support of the Guerrilla.

6. That at the time of the incident there was no combat activity in or around the barrio of San Juan, Lavezares, Samar. All this time, the Guerrillass avoided encounters with the enemy.

IN WITHESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of March 1946, at Tacloban, Leyte.

MARCH, 1946, AT TAGLOBAN, LEYTE.

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ESTANISLAO B. PARAGAS 1st Lieut. Inf PA

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