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Signatures to be verified for
 Samar cases.

Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location of Incident</u>
Lt. Tiburcio Rius	93rd Sig. Co., 93rd Div..	Allen
Maj. Luciano Abia	97th Inf., 93rd Div..	Basey
Lt. Felipe S. Yturriaga	Base QMS, 93rd Engrs. Bn., 93rd Div..	Bobon
Lt. Gonzalo Cinco	Co. "E", 98th Inf., 93rd Div..	Bobon
Lt. Deogracias Gonzales	93rd Engrs. Bn., 93rd Div..	Bobon
Capt. Galicano M. Lachica	" "	"
Lt. Ruben G. Valmonte	93rd Div.	"
Lt. Triunfo Ybanez	S-4 ; "	Calbayog
Lt. Eduardo Soliman		
Lt. Teodoro Babiano		
Capt. Lino Nacario	97th Inf., 93rd Div..	
Lt. Juan Aguilar	98th Inf., 93rd Div.	
Lt. Yangzon		
Lt. Primitivo Gonzaga	98th Inf., 93rd Div..	
Lt. Aguirre	Co. "E", 93rd Div. QMS	
Lt. Antonio Famoso	P & C, 42nd Inf. Div..	Calbayog
Lt. H. Hall	42nd Inf. Div.	"
Lt. G. T. Mendoza	"	"
Maj. Aurelio D. Ramas	"	"
Lt. Cipriano R. Diaz	"	"
Lt. Jose Munoz	CO Motor Pool, 42nd Inf. Div.	"
Lt. Fulgencio d. Alvarez	"	"
Lt. M. Pimentel, DC	26th Station Hospital	Guiuan
Capt. Ramon A. Olbes		
Lt. Jose Puno		San Julian
Capt. Gubatan		Santa Margarita
Lt. Hipolito P. Castillo	93rd Div. Int. Section	Sulat

Enlisted Men

Sgt. Escora	Engrs. Bn., 93rd Inf. Div..	Bobon
Pvt. Jose Esquillo	" "	"
Pvt. Juan Cornillez	Med. Bn., "	"
Sgt. Isidro P. Tan	93rd Div..	"
Sgt. Antonio Tingzon	"	"
T/Sgt. S.M. Ilaw	42nd Inf. Div..	Calbayog
Sgt. C. Morris	USAFFE Training Team	"
1st/Sgt. Andres Carnacite		Guiuan

Miscellaneous

Pablo Abellar (Special Agent for Mil. Gov't. of Samar)	93rd Div..	Bobon
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, QUIRINO ALIDO, JR., do hereby certify:

1. That I joined the Samar Area Command under the command of Lt. Col. Charles Smith sometime on 3 October 1944. Previous to this date I was already a member Eastern Guerrilla Force under the command of Major Pedro Merritt;

2. That after the unification of the Samar Area Command on 4 October 1944, I was assigned as Intelligence Officer with jurisdiction over the towns of Llorente and Hernani, Samar;

3. That on November to December 1944 I was assigned by Lt. Col. Juan Causing to the US Signal Corps stationed at Llorenete, Samar;

4. That From January to March 1945 I was assigned to the Combat Co., under the command of Major A. D. Ramas stationed at Balangiga, Samar;

5. That during patrol assignments no food supplies were given to soldiers. Hence, the necessity of procuring supplies from the civilians;

6. That I have examined the signatures affixed on the receipts attached to the claim of Mr. QUIRINO ALIDO, Sr., issued after 4 October 1944 and have them to be the true and valid signatures of the following Officers:

10 Oct ' 44	Lt. Felix Deguito, P.O. of the 98th Inf Regt., under Major Valley
19 Oct ' 44	Quirino Alido, Jr
20 Oct ' 44	Lt. Francisco Duran, under Major Valley
27 Oct ' 44	Capt. Simeon Lagos, under Major Valley
27 Oct ' 44	Capt. Simeon Lagos, under Major Valley
15 Nov ' 44	Lt. Ambrosio Navidad, under Major Valley
23 Jan ' 45	Lt. Quirino Alido, Jr.

7. That these Officers were authorized to procure foodstuffs for the consumption of their men during patrol duties, and when sent out on a mission;


8. That the receipts attached herein were to the best of my knowledge and belief issued on the date of procurement, on account of the fact that it was procedure followed by authorized members of the Samar Area Command;

8 October 1947.

Quirino Alido Jr.
QUIRINO ALIDO, JR.
2nd Lieut., Inf PA
Relieved

C E R T I F I C A T E

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I was the District Finance Officer of the 9th Military District before the Japanese occupation of Leyte Island; and in my official capacity I have on several occasions seen the signature of Lt. George W. Greene, USNR. I have also seen him subscribe his name. I have examined the certificate bearing his signature dated 15 February 1945 and in my opinion it appears to be Lt. George W. Greene's genuine signature.


R. G. CANTARA
Captain, FS
CO & DO 22d FD &
former FO Leyte-Samar Sector

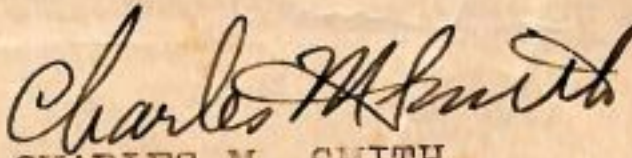
Sheet # 3

Civil Affairs Section
GHQ AFPAC APO 500 c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.
21 June 1945

This is to certify that I received from Mr. Alfredo de la Cruz, Laoang, Samar the following described equipment:

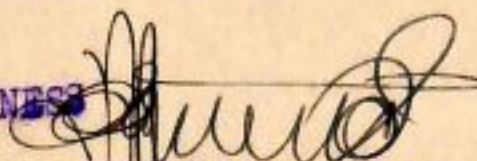
- 1 5 HP "Deutz" type MAH 711 Diesel Engine valued at ₱690.00
 - 1 2.5 KVA "Century" Generator 220 volt 60 cycle AC with complete switchboard valued at ₱600.00
 - 12 Brushes for above generator valued at ₱36.00
- Total value of all items received----₱1326.00


This equipment was used at the Net Control Station MACA and was necessary in the accomplishment of my mission.


CHARLES M. SMITH
Lt. Col., CE

I Certify that I have compared the signature of Lieut- Colonel CHARLES M. SMITH, CE, on the above document dated 21 June 1945 with his signature "C. M. SMITH", as Major AUS, on a letter dated 9 March, 1944, addressed to me and still in my possession, and I found the two signatures to be similar and authentic.

WITNESS


PROTASIO P. ALBAO
Capt. Inf


A. D. RAMOS
Major Inf

Signed before me this 24 day of May, 1945

C E R T I F I C A T E
(Re: Combat Status in the Municipality of
Catbalogan, Province of Samar)

I hereby certify that in my efforts to ascertain the actual combat status in the Municipality of Catbalogan, Capital of Samar, the following, among others, were interviewed:

Antonio C. Cinco, Municipal Mayor of Catbalogan during Japanese occupation part of the time.
Sotero Tuszon, Municipal Mayor of Catbalogan at present.
Cesaric C. Singzon, Justice of the Peace of Catbalogan at present.
Fernando S. Fuentes, Division Superintendent of Schools of Samar at present.
Tito Tizon, Congressman elect

Based upon the investigation, I find the following: On 24 May 1942, the Japanese troops landed at Sitio Madalunot of Barrio Pangdan and Sitio Lomoklok of Barrio Banoanan, all of the Municipality of Catbalogan. These Japanese arrived at Catbalogan on the same day via the coasts, mountains and the Provincial road. Said places are 5 kilometers south of Catbalogan. On that same day, boats arrived at the dock of Catbalogan and landed Japanese troops. The Japanese garrisoned themselves in the houses of the deceased Vicente Jazminez, Eduardo Cinco, Picson Brothers and Vicente Munoz.

Between one and two o'clock in the morning of Sunday, 7 June 1942, the town was burned. Although no definite origin of the fire could be determined, it was presumed that the burning was due to the refusal of the people to return to their homes. The fire started at corner of Del Rosario St., and Taft Avenue and spread south as far as Bo. Boac, and north to Allen Avenue. (See attached sketch). Some machinery, mills and other materials of iron were within the burned area. The unburned iron materials were either saved by the Japs, taken by the Filipinos by order of the Japs, or were looted by the Filipinos and sold to the Japs. After the burning of many of the houses, the Japanese transferred their garrison at the High & Trade School Buildings. During the landing and station of the Japanese in Catbalogan, there was no combat at all, except for the firing towards the Japanese garrison at the High and Trade School for 5 or 10 minutes by a few guerrilleros from the hills in October, 1942. There were no civilian casualties.

Some Japanese were cremated near their garrison in the High School grounds. These were their men who were killed in combat outside of Catbalogan. The wounded Japanese were treated at the Samar Provincial Hospital under control and supervision of the Japanese. At the same place two Americans named Hugo Miller, representative of Ginn & Co. and Wang, another American business man, were killed on 5 March 1944. On 15 March 1944, Congressman Pedro Arteche leader of one faction of guerrilleros, his brother Melacic and their companions were killed in the same place. Some guerrilleros were also killed in this area. They were all prisoners in the Japanese garrison.

On 5 December 1944, the Japanese left Catbalogan leaving about nine men at their Finance Office in the Central School of Catbalogan. On 7 December 1944, six American planes strafed Catbalogan and machinegunned the Provincial Capitol, High & Trade School, Public Market, Elementary School and other private Buildings. The nine Japanese at the Finance Office at the Central School Building were killed. No civilian was either killed or wounded as the civilian populace had already evacuated the town.

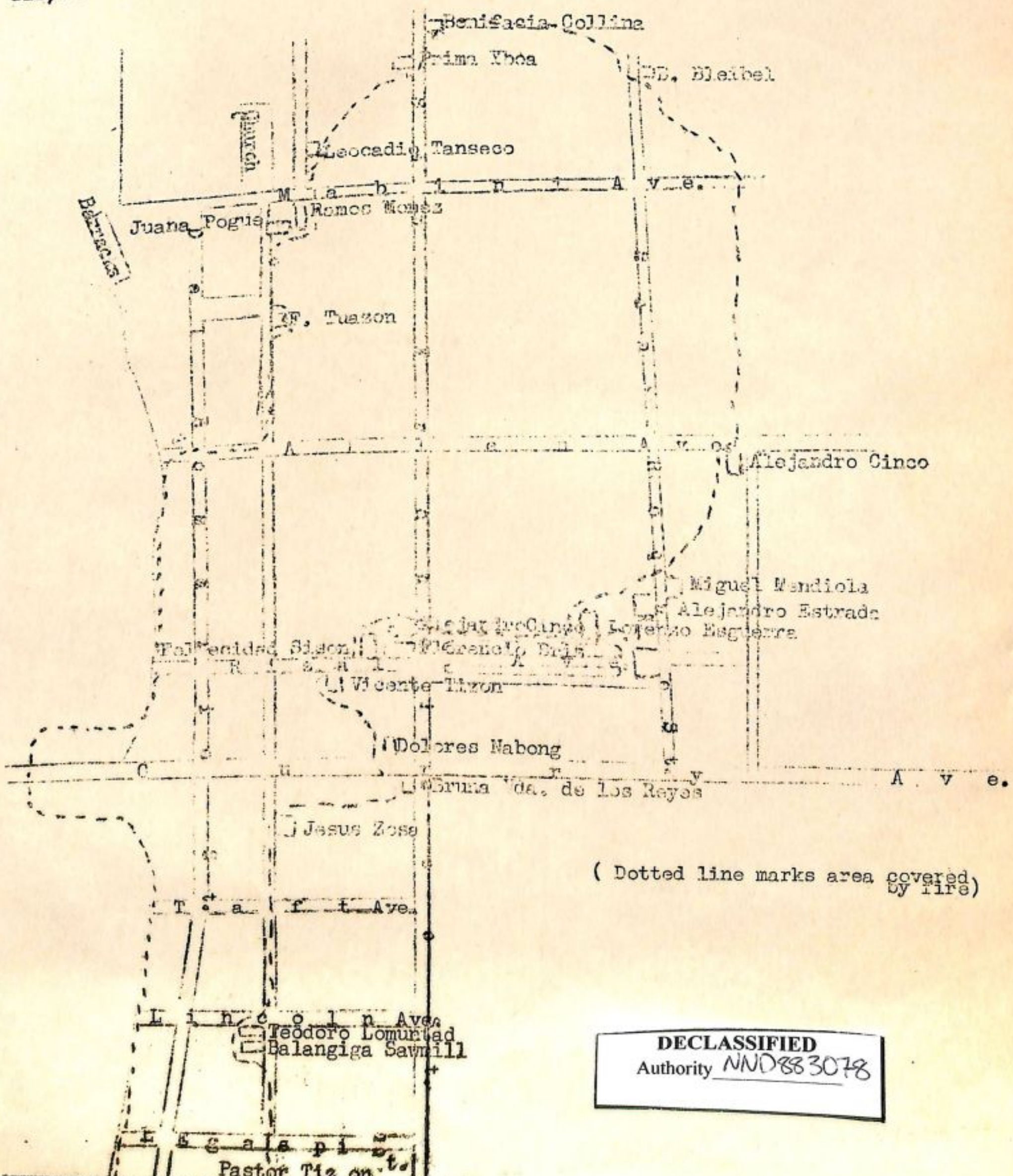
(Cont. Page 2) On 19 December, 1944, the 8th Cavalry of the U.S. Army landed directly at the Catbalogan dock. They occupied public and private buildings. On the following day U.S. Army artillery fired from Catbalogan towards the northern hills as there were reports of Japanese snipers. This firing caused no civilian casualties. The 8th Cavalry was relieved by the Americal Division. During the first week of February the American troops left Catbalogan.

In resumen, there was no combat in the Municipality of Catbalogan during the landing and station of the Japanese or American troops. Done this 22nd day of May, 1946.

Harry G. Twitchell
1st Lt., Major, Inf.

HARRY G. TWITCHELL
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1st Lt., Major, Inf.
Claims Investigating Officer

TBB/scd



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SUB-OFFICE, CATBALOGAN, SAMAR

COMBAT SITUATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF WRIGHT, SAMAR

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, HARRY G. TWITCHELL, 1st Lt., AUS, hereby certify the following to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

After interviewing Hilario Abalos, Mayor of Wright, Angel Rosales, Justice of the Peace, and Desgracias Davantes, School Principal, all of whom held their respective offices during the Japanese occupation, I was able to secure the following information:

On 20 May, 1942, members of the Japanese Armed Forces were first seen to move through the Poblacion of Wright. The Poblacion was not occupied until June, 1943, when a small force of about eight men was billeted in the Municipal Building. This force was increased to about twenty men who remained until they were driven out by units of the 8th Cavalry Regiment, U.S. Army, on or about 13 December, 1944.

The following Buildings were occupied by the Japanese:

Municipal Building, School Building, the house of SIMPLICIA RAVAL, and the house of PASTOR SALAZAR, attorney.

On 5 December, 1944, the Poblacion of Wright was bombed and shell-ed.

U. S. Armed Forces advanced northward from the Municipality of Calbiga, driving the Japanese from Barrio Babanog in the Municipality of Wright on 10 December, 1944. On 10-11 December, 1944, the Japanese were driven out of Sitio Buray, just east of Wright. On 13 December, 1944, U.S. Armed Forces entered the Poblacion of Wright without any resistance. The Japanese had already evacuated the town and retreated to Sitio Buray.

Mayor Abalos followed the U.S. Armed Forces and saw all the fighting.

The Japanese only burned one Barrio, namely, Barrio Candayocan.

An airstrip was built between 16 and 22 December, 1944. About forty nipa houses were demolished in the process. This airstrip was used continuously by light artillery liaison aircraft from this date to March, 1945, in operations directly connected with essential military activity.


All road construction in this Municipality was directly connected with combat activity.

The following Barrios were burned by the Polahanes or Katipuneros, a pro-Japanese organization:

Iokiloon
Tubuhigan
Concepcion

Mangcal
Inalad
So. Buray

Done this 15th day of May, 1946.


HARRY G. TWITCHELL
1st Lt., Infantry
Claims Investigating Officer

14 Aug 46

PHILIPPINE RED CROSS

To Whom It May Concern:

14 August 1946

This is to certify that the article mentioned in the attached certificate signed by 1st Lt. Pedro M. Bantista dtd Apr. 15, 1944, to wit ~~the~~ piano wires was authorized by me;

That the receipt signed by Pvt. Luis Jolejole consisting of Eighty eight (88) piano wires, dtd Apr. 18, 1944 was authorized by Lt. Pedro M. Bantista as my AC of S, G-4;

That the said piano wires mentioned above were used as spring for Land mines, rifles and other equipments manufactured by my ordnance section of the 93rd Div AUSA;

That the 93rd Div AUSA was organized and under my command from 16 Feb 1943 to 4 Oct 1944. It was recognized by SWPA effective 3 Oct 1943. The overall commander designated by SWPA was Lt. Col. Charles M. Smith on 4 Oct 1944; and

That the piano wires belong to Mrs. Maria D. James of Laveny, Samar. The price of said wires will be determined by the paying officer and must be just and reasonable.

Pedro V. Merritt
Maj, Inf, O-1456

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14 August 1946

TO WHOM ITMAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the article mentioned in the attached certificate signed by 1st Lt. Pedro M. Bautista dtd April 15, 1944, to wit piano wires was authorized by me;

That the receipts signed by Pvt. Luis Jolejole consisting of Eighty eight(88) piano wires dtd Apr 18, 1944 was authorized by Lt. Pedro M. Bautista as my AC of S, G-4;

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That the piano wires belong to Mrs. Maria Janeo of Laoang, Samar. The price of said wires will be determined by the paying officer and must be just and reasonable.

(SGD) Pedro V. Merritt
Major, Inf. 0-1456

TRUE COPY:

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
9th MILITARY DISTRICT
93rd DIVISION IN THE FIELD

Date: April 15, 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Pvt. Luis Jolejole, Band Conductor, Regimental Band, 93rd FA Regt., 93rd Division, is authorized to procure piano wires of any kind for the use of the Ordnance, Army of the United States of America, 9th Military District, 93rd Division in the Field.

By order of Major PEDRO V. MERRITT:

Pedro M. Bautista

PEDRO M. BAUTISTA
1st Lieutenant, CE
AC of S, G-4

RECEIPT

Date: April 18, 1944

Received from Mrs. Maria B. Janco of Laoang, Samar, eighty eight (88) pieces of piano chords removed from her Piano Number 14670.

BY ORDER OF PEDRO V. MERRITT:

Luis Jolejole

LUIS JOLEJOLE
Pvt. Band Conductor
93rd FA Regt.
93rd Division

PEDRO M. BAUTISTA
1st Lieutenant, CE
AC of S, G-4

Owner Mrs. Maria B. Janco

Address: Laoang, Samar

Make: U. S.

Model: Union

Type: Upright

NO. 14670

Original Cost: P1,200.00

Date when purchased: June 30, 1936

Present estimate value

List of spare parts and accessories: Piano chords

*Price to be fixed
later.*

Ex. "A-1"

Maria B. Janco

(Signature of Owner)

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I was the Intelligence Officer of the 93rd Division, GF, Samar; that on many occasions I had seen 1st Lt. Pedro M. Bautista, and Major Pedro V. Merritt, AG of S, G-4 and CO, respectively of said Guerrilla Forces, write their signatures; that I have carefully examined the signatures of 1st Lt. Pedro M. Bautista and Major Pedro V. Merritt appearing on requisition receipt and affidavit respectively, submitted in the above case and marked Exhibits "A-1" and "D", and that it is my opinion that the signatures appearing on said Exhibits "A-1" and "D" are the genuine signatures of said officers.

Dated this 10th day of February 1947.

E. G. Carey, Jr.
ELI G. CAREY, JR.
Claims Adjudicator
Claims Service PHILRYCOM

Samar - Gila

Municipality of Tacloban)
Province of Leyte) ss

AFFIDAVIT

I, LINO R. NACARIO, of legal age, married, and resident of Calbiga, Samar, after having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

1. That I am a Captain, Infantry, appearing in the Roster of Officers, HPA, Commonwealth Municipal Mayor of Calbiga, Samar, at the outbreak of the war, Commander and organizer of the Calbiga Guerilla Force (Levee en masse) with the rank of Captain, Infantry (own proclamation) which organization began its active operation against the enemy on 1 June 1942, and was incorporated into the 93rd Division, SAC, which was recognized by the SWPA Command on 4 October 1944.

2. That I personally know Sgt. Victor Abarquez to have voluntarily joined the Calbiga Guerilla Force on 1 June 1942 where he was designated Procurement Agent of the organization in charge of the Municipal District of Hinabangan, Samar.

3. That Sgt. Abarquez rendered continuous services up to 31 October 1944, and aside from his duties as such he was also designated Secret Operative within his district, reporting to the Commander of the Guerilla the strength and number of the enemy passing his territory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 20th day of March 1946, at the 1st Repl. Bn., PA.

WITNESSING OFFICER:

[Signature]

[Signature]

LINO R. NACARIO, O-22618
Captain, Inf., PA

[Signature]
Primitivo Gonzalez
2nd Lt. Inf. 0-27618

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of March 1946, at the 1st Repl. Bn., PA.

[Signature]
EZEQUEL DE MIRA
2nd Lieut., Inf.
Asst. Adm. Officer.

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JUAN CAUSING
Lt, Col. Inf.
Appointment of,
Philippine Guerilla Forces

S E C R E T

13 Jan 45

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ALL SAMAR GUERRILLA FORCES
(MACA)
FROM: COM GEN EIGHTH ARMY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JUAN CAUSING IS DESIGNATED AS COMMANDER
PHILIPPINE DASH GUERRILLA FORCES ON THE ISLAND OF SAMAR BY COMMANDING
GENERAL EIGHTH UNCLE SUGAR ARMY VICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL SMITH RELIEVED PD
ALL UNITS ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE PS

EICHELBERGER
CG EIGHTH ARMY

OFFICIAL:

HARCOURT HERVEY, JR.,
Major, Inf.
Asst AC of S, G-2

S E C R E T

JUN 4 - 1947

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Signature
FILE

Manila, May 16th, 1947

Claims Service, PHILRYCOM
APO 1000
Manila

Attention: Mr. Robt. B. Miller

Dear Sirs:

Reference to your letter of April 21st, 1947 relative to claim of Cornelio Menon of Barrio Lapinig, Palapag, Samar:

1. Although I was in command of a radio intelligence net for GHQ, SWPA, in Samar and Luzon, from December 1943 to the invasion of Leyte, I was not in command of Samar guerrillas until October 4th, 1944, at which time I was ordered to take command by GHQ.

2. Gordon R. Smith was an enlisted man in the Air Corps at the outbreak of the war. He was assigned in Mindanao at the time of the surrender. He did not surrender but went to the hills and later moved up to Samar, where I first met him after landing there in December, 1943. I assigned him to my unit.

3. During April 1944, he was assigned to the Maintenance Unit for two power boats which we used to run supplies to radio units in Luzon. It may be that the supplies signed for by him on the two enclosed receipts were used for this purpose, although the unit was supplied with money to pay all bills, and I was under the impression that there were no pending accounts from the boat repair unit. The boat repair unit was located near Lapinig.

4. However, it is possible that this is a legitimate claim, as I had considerable trouble with Smith requisitioning supplies and failing to report same; as he had lived over one and a half years on his wits, he had acquired the habit of requisitioning anything he needed and issuing a scrap of paper as a receipt.

5. The signature of Smith on the enclosed receipt is genuine, I believe. If the claim is for a reasonable amount, I recommend that it be paid.

Lt Col Charles M. Smith

c/o A. Soriano y Cia.
5th Flr.; Soriano Bldg.
Manila

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Manila, May 16th, 1947

Claims Service, PHILRYCOM
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 Manila

Attention: Mr. Robt. B. Miller

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 CHARLES M. SMITH
 Lt. Col. CE (Inactive)
 ASN 0888471

c/o A. Soriano y Cia.
 5th Flr., Soriano Bldg.
 Manila

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BRANCH OFFICE
CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM
APO 1000

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RBM/FEN/gnc
21 April 1947

SUBJECT: Request for Information.

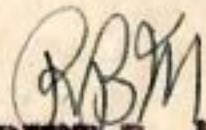
TO : Lt. Col. Charles M. Smith, c/o Soriano y Cia,
Manila, Philippines

1. This office is concerned with the investigation of the claim filed by Cornelio Menzon of Barrio Lapinig, Palapag, Samar, for various articles allegedly procured by the Samar Guerrillas in 1943 and 1944 then under your command.

2. Two of the receipts covering various items submitted by claimant bear the signature of one Gordon R. Smith, Lt., Inf. U. S. A.

3. Request this office be furnished with your statements whether or not Lt. Gordon Smith had been with your guerrilla outfit and whether or not he was a regular Army officer. Enclosed herewith is one of the original receipts above-referred to for verification of his signature as well as a certified true copy of the other receipt bearing identical signature.

4. It is further requested that the enclosed original receipt be returned to this office with your statements.


ROBERT B. MILLER
Director

Incls: 1. Original copy of receipt;
2. Certified true copy of receipt.

Received from Arnold Mezzon
the following:

- 1. Spray nozzleless, Deutz-7412
- 1 Injector pump " " " "
- 7 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ Copper tubing.

Gordon R Smith
~~J. H. Smith~~

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1. One G. I. fuel temp 20 gal Cap.
2. 4 Brass elbow Pipe 5/8 size
3. 6 joints 12 x 5/8 brass pipe .
4. 8 in. water pipe
5. 14 in. vise
6. 1 can paint 1/2 pint
7. 3 enamel tin caps
8. 22 feet, 1/4 in. Hoop
9. 19 feet, 1 in. Hoop

I certify to have received the foregoing items from Cornelio Menzon.

(The above written in pencil)

(Sgd) GORDON R. SMITH
Lt. Inf. U. S. A.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Robert B. Miller
ROBERT B. MILLER
Director, Team #9
Claims Service

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CHARLES M. SMITH ✓
% A. Soriano y Cia.
5th Flr., Soriano Bldg.,
Manila.

Claims Service, PHILRYCOM
APO 1000
Manila.

Attn: Mr. Robert B. Miller

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Under Smith or Smith

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SAMAR GUERRILLA

AFFIDAVITS AND CERTIFICATES RE: PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY

NO.	PROCUREMENT AGENT	RANK AND DESIGNATION
1.	Estanislao B. Paragas	1st Lt., INF., Investigating Officer
	Charles M. Smith	Lt. Col., C.O., 93rd Division
	Pedro V. Merritt	Maj., Chief of Staff, 93rd Division
	Luciano Abia	Maj., C.O., 97th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div.
	Juan Causing	Col., C.O., 98th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div.
	Johnson	Capt, C.O., 98th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div.
	Eduardo Soliman	Capt, C.O., 98th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div.
	Amado Arieta	Capt, C.O., Combat Engineer Regt.
2.	Wilfredo F. Barbasa	1st Lt., INF., Adj., 97th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div.
	Diego Grampa	Sgt., 97th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div., Authority acknowledged by Lt. Barbasa
3.	Triunfo Y. Ortiz	J.O. "C" Co., 1st Bn., 98th Inf. Regt., Procurement Agent.
4.	Juan Aguilar	1st Lt., INF-Res., PA, C.O., 2nd Bn., 98th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div. Lt., Proc. Off., Auth. delegated by Aguilar
5.	Gonzalo Cinco	Lt., Proc. Off., Auth. delegated by Aguilar
	Dionisio M. Abella	1st Lt., INF., 93rd Division
	Juan Aguilar	1st Lt., INF., C.O., 2nd Bn., 98th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div., Acknowledged by Lt. Abella
6.	Gonzalo Cinco	1st Lt., INF., 93rd Division
	Juan Aguilar	1st Lt., INF., C.O., 2nd Bn., 98th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div. Acknowledged by Lt. Cinco
7.	Jose M. Puno	2nd Lt., INF., S-4, 1st Bn., 99th Inf. Regt., 93rd Division
8.	Macario Columbrites	1st Lt., C.O., "H" Co., 2nd Bn., 42nd Inf. Regt., PA.
	Jose Puno	2nd Lt., Procurement Officer, S-4, 1st Bn., 99th Inf. Regt. Acknowledged by Lt. Columbrites.
9.	Severo L. Sobreviga	2nd Lt., 99th Inf. Regt., Bn S-4
	Jose Puno	2nd Lt., Bn. S-4, 1st Bn., 99th Inf. Regt., Acknowledged by Lt. Sobreviga
10.	Atanacio Monderin	2nd Lt., INF., 99th Inf. Regt., 93rd Division
11.	Genaro D. Rebamonte	3rd Lt., INF., Mess Officer, Hqs. Co., 99th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div.
12.	Antonio C. Sabarre	Maj., INF., C.O., 99th Inf. Regt., 93rd Division
	Jose Puno	2nd Lt., INF., S-4, 99th Inf. Regt., 93rd Div. Authority delegated by Maj. Sabarre
13.	Federico Meregildo	S/Sgt., 93rd Division
14.	Amado A. Savellano	Capt., INF., PA, Inspector General, 93rd Div.

SAMAR GUERRILLA

AFFIDAVITS AND CERTIFICATES RE: PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY

NO.	PROCUREMENT AGENT	RANK AND DESIGNATION
15.	Carlos Casiguran	1st Lt., INF., Ex. O., Eastern Samar Sector
	Alejandro Quelonia	Cpl., Authority delegated by Lt. Casiguran
16.	Felipe G. Adena	1st Lt., INF., QM & Procurement Officer, Eastern Samar Sector, 93rd Division
17.	Pedro M. Bautista	1st Lt., INF., CE, AC of S, G-4, 93rd Div.
18.	Ramon P. Dorillo	2nd Lt., INF., C.O. Eastern Samar Sector
	Felipe G. Adena	1st Lt., INF., QM & Procurement Officer, Eastern Samar Sector, 93rd Div. Requested to procure rice by Dorillo
19.	Protasio P. Albao	Capt., INF., The Adjutant General, 93rd Div.
	Felipe G. Adena	1st Lt., INF., QM & Procurement Officer, Eastern Samar Sector, 93rd Div. Requested to procure rice by Albao.
20.	E. M. Assistores	Capt., S.C., MACA Hq., Oras, Samar
	Felipe G. Adena	1st Lt., INF., QM & Procurement Officer, Eastern Samar Sector, 93rd Div. Requested to procure rice by Assistores.
21.	Fulgencio D. Alvarez	3rd Lt., INF., Procurement and QM Officer of Western Samar Sector (SCBN)
22.	Isabelo G. Sanchez	Capt., INF., Actg C.O., Div. QMS., 93rd Div.
23.	Ireneo Rodriguez	Asst Procurement Off., Engr Bn, 93rd Division
24.	Felipe S. Yturriaga	Proc. Off., BQMS, Bobon Area, 93rd Div. QMS
25.	Eduardo P. Soliman	Capt., INF., C.O., Combat Units, Catarman to Calbayog
	Hermenegildo Mondigo	Pvt, Combat Unit, Auth. delegated by Soliman
	Leoncio E. Ybanez	Lt., Combat Unit, Auth. delegated by Soliman
	Sergio S. Castillo	Lt., Combat Unit, Auth. delegated by Soliman
26.	Lino R. Nacario	Capt., INF., C.O., Calbiga Guerrilla Force (Levee en Masse), 93rd Div.
27.	Amado B. Arrieta	Capt., INF., C.O., MACA Security Troops of Allied Intelligence Bureau.
	Amado M. Norombaba	Lt., INF., Mess Officer, MACA Security Troops Authority delegated by Capt. Arrieta
28.	Amado M. Norombaba	Lt., INF., Mess Officer, Hq. Security Troops MACA Station, Allied Intelligence Bureau
29.	Emilio L. Sagacinit	3rd Lt., 42nd Inf. Regt., PA.
	E. Royer	Lt., USAC. Acknowledged by Lt. Sagacinit
30.	Estanislao S. Nabong	Lt., 93rd Div. (GF) or 42nd Inf. Regt., (PA)

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Statements herein are arranged
alphabetically according to names
of applicants.

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Note: Above system is not followed
in cases wherein allied papers
have to be together.

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MAP of SAMAR

CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM
BRANCH OFFICE, TACLOBAN, LEYTE

Republic of the Philippines)
Municipality of Dolores :SS
Province of Samar, P. I.)

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Felipe G. Adena, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen by birth, and resident of Dolores, Samar, Philippines, after being duly sworn to according to law, depose and say:

1. That pursuant to authority in me vested by papers hereto attached A, B, C, & D. dated 12 March 1943, 1 September 1943, 5 February 1945 and 8 September 1945, respectively, ordered Lt. Francisco Acosta, who died April, 1945, to purchase on credit Fifteen (15) cavans of unhushed rice from Mr. Juan Espeso;
2. That we had never been furnished Victory Currency Notes to purchase supplies; and
3. That this account is still unpaid.

In witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of October, 1946, at Dolores, Samar.

Felipe G. Adena
FELIPE G. ADENA
Ex-1st Lt., Inf.

Ind.: As stated

^{21st} Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of October, 1946. Affiant showed me his Residence Certificate No. A-1366430 dated September 23, 1946, and issued at Dolores, Samar, Philippines.

M. Quitonio
M. QUITONIO
Mayor

Paper "A"

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IV PHILIPPINE CORPS
93RD DIVISION IN THE FIELD
OFFICE, AC OF S, G-4

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12 March 1943

Memorandum for

I
Ist Lieut. Felipe Adena, Inf. (PAR)
Eastern Samar Sector

1. Upon receipt of this memorandum you are authorized to represent the undersigned as Quartermaster and Procurement Officer within the Eastern Samar Sector. Familiarize yourself particularly with the following instructions from Hq. IV Philippine Corps in the Field:

- (a) Administrative Orders No. 1, dated 20 Nov. 1942
- (b) G-4 Bulletin No. 2 to accompany Administrative Order No. 1, dated 22 November 1942.

2. Commandeer supplies to clothe our soldiers assigned to the Eastern Samar Sector. Contact the Sector Commander, ESS, regarding his requisitions. Exercise economy in procurement of supplies. All supplies taken should be properly receipted by you. Secure memorandum receipt signed by the Sector Commander for all supplies issued for his unit.

3. Submit to this office, reports of all transactions undertaken by you such as articles commandeered, from whom and to whom issued, regularly (bi-monthly).

4. To accomplish your mission, withdraw sufficient men from the Sector Commander, ESS and immediately send the list to me stating names, rank former organization, so that special order will be issued, assigning them to your detachment.

5. Payment of all commandeered supplies will be made upon my arrival here.

s/Pedro M. Bautista
t/PEDRO M. BAUTISTA
1st Lieutenant, CE (PAR)
AC of S, G-4

Copy furnished:
C.O., 93rd Div. in the Field
Sector Commander, ESS

bc/1

Certified True Copy:

Felipe G. Adena
FELIPE G. ADENA
1st Lt., Inf.

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Sept. 1, 1943

Paper "B"

MEMO.

Lt. Felipe Adena
Dolores, Samar

1. Submit a weekly report of the rice commandeered from the civilians.
2. Rice problem here in ~~in~~ the the north is very acute. Try all means to secure plenty for our organization.

s/ Ramon P. Dorillo
t/ RAMON P. DORILLO
2nd Lieut. If.
C. O. ESS

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Certified True Copy:

Felipe G. Adena
FELIPE G. ADENA
1st. Lt. *Inf.*

Paper "C"

Commo. health of the Philippines
PHILIPPINE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 93RD DIVISION
SAMAR AREA, IN THE FIELD

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5 February '45

MEMORANDUM-
Lieut. Felipe G. Adena
In the Field

1. Through the consent of Maj. Pedro V. Merritt you are hereby instructed to have all available rice thereat brought to Catbalogan immediately.
2. Exert your best effort to have these foodstuffs transported to Catbalogan as soon as possible.

By order of Lt. Col CAUSIN:

s/Protasio P. Albao ✓
t/Protasio P. Albao
Captain, Inf.
The Adjutant General

Certified True Copy:

[Signature]
FELIPE G. ADENA
1st. Lt. *[Signature]*

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
APO 343

7 January 1945

In reply refer to:
AG 370.64 (D)

SUBJECT: Guerillas on Samar

To :

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Lt Col Juan Causing, Deputy Commander, Samar
Guerilla Force.

The following instructions govern U. S. Army Forces and Philippine Guerilla groups on the island of Samar.

1. The senior U. S. Army commander regularly detailed on Samar will command all U. S. and Guerilla troops on the island.

2. Lt Colonel Juan Causing is designated as Deputy Commander and will command the Samar Guerilla Forces.

3. Units of the 1st Cavalry Division are scheduled to depart from Samar prior to 14 January 1945. The 2d Battalion, 382d Infantry, presently arriving on Samar, will replace the 1st Cavalry Division units upon their departure.

4. Action will be taken to redistribute weapons to guerilla units best fitted to employ them.

5. Detailed directives follow:

a. Lino Nicario, non-recognized guerilla of Samar, will be ordered to assemble his followers, including one "Sgt" Apolonio Nicario, at the provisional capital of Samar, and there turn in all arms in their possession. Any individual secreting or not turning in arms under this order will be arrested immediately subject to permanent internment,

b. At the time of assembly, all former members of the Philippine Constabulary, Philippine Army, and United States Army eligible for re-induction will be given the opportunity to rejoin through induction at the 8th Replacement Depot. Those not acceptable under existing regulations will return to their homes under such restrictions as may be imposed, if any, by the Counter Intelligence Corps, or interned upon CIC direction.

(Ltr Headquarters Eighth Army, File AG 370.64(D), Subject: Guerillas on Samar, dated 7 January 1945, cont'd)

c. The Counter Intelligence Corps, at the time of assembly, will segregate individuals against whom it has evidence and hold them for interrogation, investigation and such subsequent action as may be deemed necessary in each individual case, evidence concerning post D-Day purely civil offenses will be referred to the Commonwealth Government for action.

6. PCAU #28, attached to X Corps, at Catbalogan, is responsible to the Commanding General thereof for civilian affairs on Samar. The Naval Civil Affairs Unit, attached Eighth Army, and now at Guiuan, will service that area for Navy base labor requirements and local civilian needs until passed to control of XXIV Corps.

7. Report action taken with reference to paragraph 5 to this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

s/ A. F. ANZLOVAR
t/ A. F. ANZLOVAR
Captain, A.G.D.
Asst Adj Gen

ATTESTED:
Cebu City, 30 Jan 47

FELIX M. RAYACAN
1st Lieutenant, Inf
Delegate ex-officio, JAGS
Proc Sec, 8"MD(PA)

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MACA SECURITY TROOPS
ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

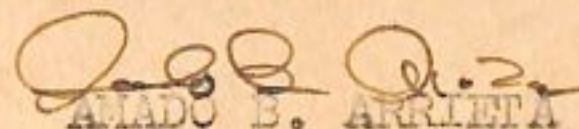
4 May 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, AMADO B. ARRIETA, Capt. Infantry Commanding Officer of the "MACA" SECURITY TROOPS of the ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, do hereby appointed Lieut. AMADO M. NOROMBABA Infantry as the Mess Officer of the said Unit.

That he is hereby authorized to sign receipts for food staff and other articles necessary for the use of the SECURITY TROOPS. Said accounts will be paid as soon as money would be drawn from Col. CHAS M. SMITH head of the "AIB".

In truth of his appointment, Lieut AMADO M. NOROMBABA I hereby affixed my signature below.


AMADO B. ARRIETA
Capt. Infantry
Commanding

cc VQVA

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
PROVINCE OF LEYTE) s/s

A F F I D A V I T

I, WILFREDO F. BARBASA, 1st Lieut, Inf (PA) O-22740, of legal age, married, on duty at Headquarters, 9th Mil Dist, PA, after having been duly sworn on oath according to law, depose and say:

That I was the Regimental Adjutant of the defunct 97th Infantry Regt, 93rd Division (GF), with Headquarters, ~~at Basey~~ at Basey, Samar, Philippines;

That the 97th Inf Regt, 93d Division (GF) was recognized by the Commander-in-Chief, SWPA on 4 August 1944, and was activated as 42nd Infantry, PA on 3 May 1945;


That I personally know Sgt. DIEGO GRAMPA, PA, a member of my guerilla outfit, and was assigned as Mess Sergeant;

That Sgt. Grampa, while in the execution of his duties as such, was authorized to make open market purchases in the form of 'vale' by my Commanding Officer, Major Luciano Abia, PA;

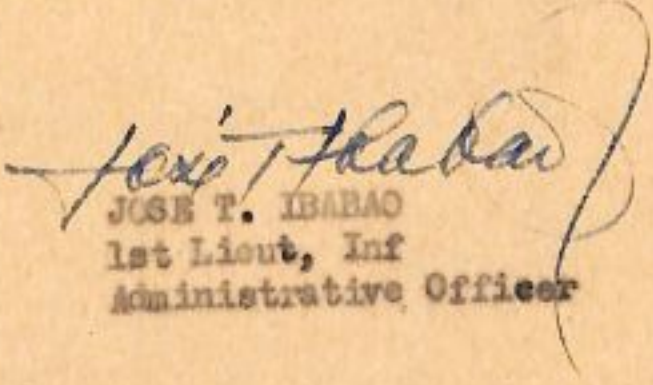
That I have personal knowledge and recognize the genuine signature of Sgt. Grampa and that is the same signature appearing in Exhibits D-5 to D-10, inclusive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this 17 day of June, 1946, at HQ 9th MD, PA.

Wilfredo F. Barbasa
1st Lt. Inf.
Sig. has been removed for
sig. card file
P. Hernandez
claims Inves. Jr.


1st Lieut, Inf
O-22740

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 17th day of June, 1946, at Headquarters, 9th Mil Dist, PA, Tacloban, Leyte.


JOSE T. IBARAO
1st Lieut, Inf
Administrative Officer

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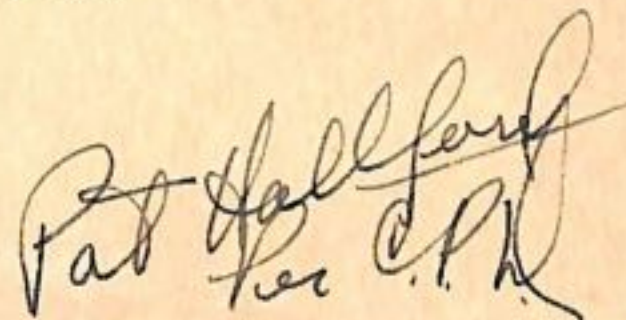
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TO: Director, Team 9 Branch Office,
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Hq. Base K, Tacloban, Leyte
APO 1000

10 Mar 47

1. For your information.



PAT HALLFORD

Acting Director

Investigating Service Division

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Causing
2. Certificate by Lt. Paragas, cy
3. SO No. 17, cy
4. Telegram signed by CG
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
PHILIPPINE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH MILITARY DISTRICT
Cebu City

29 January 1947

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. In connection with the attached certificate made by 1st Lieut. Estanislao B. Paragas, Claims Investigating Officer, Claims Service, AFWESPAC, Base K, Tacloban, Leyte dated 10 April 1946, I have the following comments to clarify some of his statements which may affect in part or as a whole the services of the officers and men of the former 93d Division, Guerrilla Forces, Samar Area Command, then deactivated and activated into 42d Infantry, PA, on 3rd May 1945:

a. In paragraph 2 of his certificate, he stated that I was one of those whom he alleged to have met and given him valuable information concerning the guerrilla activities in Samar. This is not true because, while I have known Lt Estanislao B Paragas personally, he has never interviewed me nor asked me and I have never given him any information regarding the guerrilla activities in Samar.

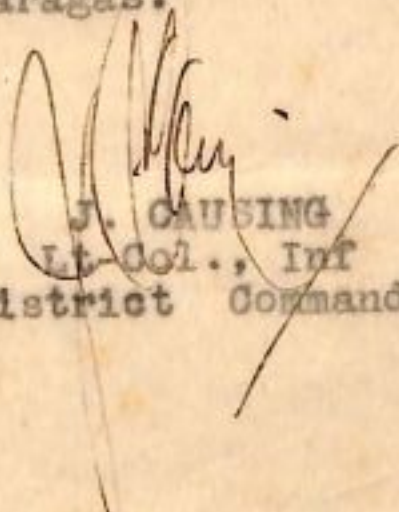
b. In paragraph 3 of his certificate, he stated that the unified guerrillas were redesignated as 93d Inf Division which was an attempt to revive this inactivated unit of the USAFFE that fought in Luzon, Mindanao and the Visayas. This is not true. The infantry division of the 9th Military District that fought in Luzon and Mindanao was the 91st Inf Div, USAFFE, under the command of General Stevens, and inasmuch as this 91st Division surrendered and disorganized, Col Kangleon and myself organized and designated the 92d Division in the province of Leyte, while myself, per his Special Order No. 17, dated 5 September 43, true copy attached, organized in Samar the 93d Division, Guerrilla Forces, Samar Area Command. The 93d Inf Div, Guerrilla Forces, therefore, was not designated as an attempt to revive any inactivated unit of the USAFFE as stated because there was no 93d Inf Div yet organized prior to the outbreak of the war.

c. In paragraph 5(b), line 4, of his certificate he stated also that Col Causing did not actually take charge of the 98th Inf Regt so he designated Capt Jonson to take his place. This is also not true. I have never designated Capt Jonson to take my place. The reason why I could not proceed to the area of the 98th Inf Regt was because I was ordered by Col Smith (who was then temporarily commanding the 93d Division, Guerrilla Forces, Samar Area Command, immediately after our recognition by General MacArthur) to harass and fight the enemy in Borongan area where I was actually located and as a result of which I have had three physical encounters with the enemy. Another reason is that I could not personally take charge anymore of the 98th Inf Regt because I was designated by orders of Gen Eichelberger, Commanding General, 8th Army, USA, per true copy of radiogram and letter attached, as Division Commander of the 93d Division, Guerrilla Forces, Samar Area Command vice Col Smith, and I placed the 98th Inf Regt temporarily under the command of Maj Pedro V Merritt and later under Capt Eduardo Soliman who was then at that time the executive officer of that regiment.

Certificate of Lt Col J Causing, Inf, dtd 29 Jan 47, contd.

d. Paragraph 6 of his certificate implies that I have never commanded the 93rd Division, Guerrilla Forces, Samar Area Command prior to its demobilization. This is not true. I commanded the 93rd Division, Guerrilla Forces, Southern Samar since its organization and prior to its recognition by General MacArthur and when I relieved Col Smith as Division Commander of the 93rd Division, GF, Samar Area Command after its recognition, early on 28 December 1944 on verbal instructions of General Echielberger, although per true copy of letter attached dated 7 Jan 45 and radio message, true copy also attached dated 13 Jan 45, our turn over were only published on these respective dates. This is clear enough that I was in command of the 93rd Division, GF, SAC, vice Col Smith until it was demobilized on 3 May 1945 as a guerrilla organization and later activated into the 42d Inf, PA, including as part of this regiment the 3rd Battalion located in the island of Masbate, all of which were placed under my command until it was deactivated in or about March 1946.

2. I am giving the above clarification and comments because I know that the attached certificate is detrimental not only to my own services as a guerrilla and as a USAFFE officer but also to those who have served under my command in this unit. I hope this comment will be given due notice inasmuch as it pertains and affects the services of all the officers and men who had served in the 93rd Division, GF, Samar Area Command. This, I do, only to give justice and credit to all the men concerned who may be affected by this certificate of Lt. Estanislao B. Paragas.


J. CAUSING
Lt-Col., Inf
District Commander

BRANCH OFFICE
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
BASE K - APO 72

C E R T I F I C A T E

1. The undersigned investigating officer certifies to the following:
2. That I made an intelligent and honest inquiry on the Guerrilla activities in Samar. Among those whom I met and who gave valuable information are Col Juan Causing, Capt. Protasio Albao, Capt Teodoro Lomuntad, Lt. Dominador Colinares, and Lt. Leocadio Quiogue. These officers were formerly connected with the Guerilla activities in Samar.
3. That when Lt. Col Charles M. Smith arrived in Samar he unified all guerrilla units under the different leaders, except the unit under Assemblyman Pedro R. Arteche which was disbanded when its leader was captured and killed by the Japanese. The unified guerillas were redesignated as 93rd Inf Division which was an attempt to revive this inactivated unit of the USAFFE that fought in Luzon, Mindanao and the Visayas. This Guerrillas unit was brought under the overall command of Lt Col Smith.
4. Major Pedro V. Merritt was appointed his Chief of Staff.
5. The following units comprise the new 93rd Division:
 - a. Major Luciano Abia was the CO of the 97th Inf Regt., comprising the municipality of Calbiga, Villareal, Zumarraga, Sta. Rita, Basey, Balangiga, Guiuan, Salcedo, Pambujan, Hernani, and Llorento.
 - b. Col Juan Causing was given command of the 98th Inf Regt., comprising the municipalities of Palapag, Catubig, Laoang, Pambujan, Mondragon, Catarman, Bobon, Lavezares, Allen, San Antonio, Capul, Almagro and Sto. Nino. Col. Causing did not actually take charge of the 98th Inf. Regt., so he designated Capt. Johnson to take his place, the regiment was later taken over by Capt. Eduardo Soliman.
 - c. Captain Amado Arieta was CO Combat Engineers Regiment comprising the municipalities of Wright, Catbalogan, Calbayog, Tinambacan, Sta. Margarita, Gandara, Oquendo, Oras, Dolores, Taft, Sulat, San Julian, and Borongan.
6. With the return of the American liberation forces, the Guerrillas of Samar and Masbate were incorporated into the Philippine Army. The 93rd Division was reduced to a Regiment, called the 42d Inf. Regiment (PA) which was commanded by Col. Juan Causing until it was demobilized on or about March 1946.

Dated 10 April 1946 at Tacloban, Leyte.

s/ Estanislao B. Paragas
t/ ESTANISLAO B. PARAGAS
1st Lieut Inf PA
Claims Investigating Officer

ATTESTED:
Cebu City, 30 Jan 47.

FELIX M. LAYACAN
1st Lieut, Inf
Delegate ex-officio JAGS
Proc Sec, 8th MD (PA)

*See statement of
Causing re this
unit.*

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH MILITARY DISTRICT
IN THE FIELD

5 Sept 1943

SPECIAL ORDER
No. -----17

1. Lt Col J Causing, Inf, will proceed to Samar and carry out the following missions:

a. Contact all guerrilla commanders and unify all guerrilla forces of Samar by placing them under one command.

b. Organize in Samar the 93d Division under the 9th Military District.

c. Once organized, assume command of the Division and submit to this Headquarters the following reports:

(1) Roster of officers and enlisted men.

(2) Organization set up or organization charts.

(3) Complete list of arms with their corresponding serial numbers.

(4) Home made shotguns are to be serially numbered and included in the report.

(5) Quantity of ammunition.

d. Subject to the approval of the District Commander, the Commanding Officer of the 93rd Division is authorized to commission qualified civilian pioneers and technical men necessary for expanding army and to promote deserving officers in the organization.

e. You are, by these orders, authorized to appoint in behalf Provincial Officials and required to submit to this Headquarters the following reports:

(1) Names of the Provincial Officials.

(2) Names of the Emergency Currency Board,

specifying names of Chairman and Members thereof. The Chairman of the Emergency Currency Board must be the Provincial Auditor and the Members of the Provincial Treasurer and the Provincial Fiscal. Their names are to be submitted to President Quezon for his approval.

f. Reestablish the Civil Government under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines in accordance with the directions set forth in the Proclamation of the District Commander, 9th Military District, dated July 19, 1943.

g. Support the authority of the Civil Government.

h. Enlighten the people of Samar through effective propaganda.

2. Maintain contact with this Headquarters by employing special couriers.

The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

By order of Colonel KANGLEON:

DISTRIBUTION:

G-4; CO, 96th Inf

Maj Alfonso Jayme; Maja C Sabarre

Capt P Merritt; Capt M Valley

Concerned & File.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY FROM ORIGINAL:

Cebu City, 30 Jan 47 (rev)

s/t/ I. D. RICHARDSON

Major, Inf

Chief of Staff

FELIX M LAYACAN

1st Lieut, Inf

Delegate, ex-officio JAGS

Proc Sec 8th MD(PA)

C E R T I F I C A T E

A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS ON SAMAR

I hereby certify that the following is true according to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I served as Intelligence Officer of the 93rd Division, Guerrilla Force, Samar Area Command. On 5 June 1946, I was relieved from the Philippine Army with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. The following is a brief historical sketch of Guerrilla organizations on Samar.

On 24 May 1942, the day preceding the landing of the Japanese Imperial Forces on Samar, practically all the forces that remained on this island were elements of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Companies, Philippine Constabulary Battalion (original designation before induction into USAFFE), and a few scattered Philippine Army units at Catarman, Borongan and Wright.

The Provincial Inspector (equivalent to the present Provincial Provost Marshal, MPC), was Major Andres V. Bartolome. The Battalion Commander, Philippine Constabulary, was Captain (now Major) Pedro V. Merritt. The other officers were: Captain (now Major) Porfirio Jain, Station Commander, Catarman; 2nd Lt (now Captain) Nemesio Gubatan, attached unassigned, Catarman Station, Philippine Army; 2nd Lt. (now Captain) Amado Savellano, JO, 2nd Samar Company, Philippine Constabulary; Captain Marciano Lim, Station Commander, Borongan; 2nd Lt. (now Captain) Ramon Dorillo, JO, 3rd Samar Company; 1st Lt. (now Captain) Galicano Iachica, Cadre Commander, Catbalogan; 1st Lt. (now Captain) Pedro Bautista, Disbursing Officer, Philippine Army; and 2nd Lt. (now Captain) Eduardo P. Soliman, JO, 1st Samar Company, Philippine Constabulary. While this is not a complete roster of Philippine Army officers on Samar at the time of the surrender, yet, for purposes of this sketch, the names given will suffice.

With the exception of Major Andres V. Bartolome, Provincial Inspector, none of the officers previously mentioned, surrendered to the Japanese Imperial Forces. Except Major Andres V. Bartolome who surrendered, and Captain Porfirio Jain, who left Catarman near the end of May, 1942, for destinations outside of Samar, all of the officers above mentioned remained on Samar.

As though signalled by some unseen force the people of Samar spontaneously and simultaneously rose to defy the might and authority of the invaders. The latter were given no rest and became confused and discouraged, until it was impossible to determine the victors from the vanquished. In this by-play of human aggressiveness and cunning, the officers who did not surrender had a most important role.

On the assumption that upon the incapacity or disability of the Commanding Officer, the second in command takes over, upon the surrender of Major Andres V. Bartolome to the Japanese Imperial Forces, Captain Pedro V. Merritt, Battalion Commander, Philippine Constabulary, Samar, rightly took over the command of all the remaining Filipino forces in Samar, organized them and molded them into hard hitting combat teams.

For purposes of tactical operations, the island of Samar was divided into Sectors. There were four main sectors. The Northern Samar Sector, Eastern Samar Sector, Western Samar Sector, and Southern Samar Sector. The Northern Samar Sector was placed under the command of 2nd Lt. Amado Savellano with Lt. Nemesio Gubatan as second in command; the Eastern Samar Sector was under the command of 2nd Lt. Ramon Dorillo; the Western Samar Sector was under the command of 2nd Lt. Eduardo Soliman;

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and Southern Samar Sector was under the command of 1st Lt. (now Ex-Captain) Lino Macario (pre-war elected Mayor of Calbiga who became a guerrilla leader).

The rest of the officers were placed on duty with the staff of the Commander, Captain Merritt.

On 8 June 1942, on the provincial highway, approximately a kilometer East of Bo. Makiwalo, Mondragon, a squad of Philippine Constabulary men, under the command of Lt. Savellano, fired the shot that galvanized the people of Samar into action. On this occasion all the Japanese officers and men who were in the ill-fated automobile met their vainglorious deaths. This shot reverberated to the farthest nook of Samar and awoke the population to the reality of the beginnings of Guerrilla Warfare. Over night, there was frenzied activity all over the island. Japanese garrisons were stormed, patrols were ambushed, bridges destroyed, transportation and communication lines disrupted.

This state of affairs continued until Japanese garrisons on Northern and Eastern Samar were abandoned by the Japanese Forces. For a period of over a year, or from the middle of October, 1942, to about the middle of February, 1944, no son of Nippon dared tread on the forbidden terrain of Northern, Eastern and Southern Samar. This was the era of peace within an epoch of war. And this proved to be the undoing of the Japanese Imperial Forces. For, within this period the various guerrilla units were able to consolidate and take in more officers and men. These new elements were given the necessary training that qualified them well for their combat assignments.

In the month of January, 1943, Merritt's Guerrilla Force made the first contact with the outside world when a contact man of Colonel Macario Peralta, Jr., landed at Bo. San Joaquin, Tinambacan, Samar. This was the break that Captain Merritt had been looking forward to for so long so anxiously. For this meant the ultimate legalization of all his activities. From this first contact subsequent and more frequent contacts were made. The famed Panay Guerrilla leader gave Captain Merritt express orders to organize and assume command of the 93rd Division, under the IV Philippine Corps, Army of the United States of America. He was made Island Commander of Samar. Thus, in February, 1943, the 93rd Division, IV Philippine Corps, AUSA, was born under the command of Captain Pedro V. Merritt.

This 93rd Division had four Regiments. The 97th Regiment, under the command of Major Alfonso Jaime ((a Philippine Army, (USAFPE) officer who saw action in Mindanao)), the 98th Regiment under Captain Elpidio Arsenio; the 99th Regiment under Captain Tiburcio Jonson; and the 100th Regiment under Captain Marciano Lim. The island of Samar was divided into zones and each Regiment operated within one zone. The 97th Regiment had jurisdiction over all the territory beginning from the municipality of Catbalogan to the municipality of Sta. Rita. The 98th Regiment covered all the territory from B. Naga, Hernani to the municipality of Oras. The 99th Regiment exercised effective control over the territory from the municipality of Palapag to the municipality of Lavezares. And the 100th Regiment had control of the area from the municipality of Allen to the municipality of Gandara.

The primary function of this Division was Intelligence. Tactical operation was secondary. This was in accordance with directives received from General Headquarters, South West Pacific Area, through Headquarters IV Philippine Corps, AUSA.

With the organization of the 93rd Division more personnel were taken in. Naturally more supplies were needed. And consequently, more commandeering of foodstuffs and supplies and needed equipment was made. The people reacted favorably and willingly supported the

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guerrilla forces.

Aside from the above 93rd Division, there were other Guerrilla organizations on Samar. One was the Philippine Guerrilla Forces under the leadership and command of the late Congressman Pedro R. Arteche. He carried the rank of Brigadier-General. However, his capture and subsequent liquidation by the enemy caused the Philippine Guerrilla Forces to disintegrate. Up to this writing, said unit has not been recognized.

Another was the 97th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Division, under the command of Major Luciano Abia. This unit controlled the area from the municipality of Sta. Rita to the municipality of Balangiga.

The last was the Volunteer Service Corps under the command of 1st Lt. (now Captain) Manuel Valley. This unit assumed jurisdiction over the territory of the municipalities of Guiuan and Salcedo. Ultimately, this unit was merged into the 98th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Division, under Lt-Col. Juan Causing.

Save for the extent of the territories over which these various guerrilla units exercised control, their operations were practically of the same nature.

On 4 October 1944 (later revised to 4 October 1943), the guerrilla units under Major Pedro V. Merritt, Major Luciano Abia, and Lt-Colonel Juan Causing were recognized by General Headquarters, South West Pacific Area, designated as the 93rd Division, Guerrilla Forces, Samar Area Command, and placed under the over-all command of Lt-Colonel Charles Smith. Major Merritt was designated Chief-of-Staff. Lt-Col. Causing, Major Abia and Captain Soliman were designated Regimental Commanders.

Subsequently, Lt-Col. Smith was relieved by Lt-Col. Causing. Major Merritt continued to be Chief-of-Staff. There were three Regiments then: the 97th Infantry, under Major Abia; the 98th Infantry, under Captain Soliman; and the 99th Infantry, under Captain Arrieta.

On 4 May 1945, the 93rd Division GF, Samar Area Command, was activated into the 42nd Infantry, Philippine Army, under the command of Colonel Juan Causing. In March 1946, the 42nd Infantry, PA, was deactivated. This deactivation brought to a close the saga of Guerrilla Warfare on Samar.

Done at Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines, on 28 February 1947.

Eli G. Carey, Jr.
ELI G. CAREY, JR.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROVINCE OF S A M A R
MUNICIPALITY OF C A T A R M A N) s. s.

AFFIDAVIT

That I, Federico Meregildo, of legal age, married and a resident of the municipality of Catarman, Province of Samar, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to according to Law deposes and says:

That, I am an enlisted man of the Philippine Army;

That, since the month of October, 1943, I was a member of the 93rd Division, (Guerilla) under the over-all command of Lt. Col. Smith, with the rank of ~~First~~ Sergeant;

That, during the period covering October 5, 1943 to the month of April 1945, I was assigned in the municipality of Bobon, Samar, as one of the procurement officers of the said organization;

That, as a procurement officer, I was authorized to buy or commander under receipt any foodstuff of any kind, particularly palay and carabaos or anything that the soldiers might need for subsistence, work or operation;

That, that I know personally Atty. Eladio T. Balite of Bobon, Samar, to be the owner of rice-fields situated in the sitios of Dulag, Canibongan, Minata, Balocawe, Bongcag, Boyo, Nosanosa and Inawasan all in the municipality of Bobon, Samar, and also he (Atty. Balite) is the owner of many heads of carabaos;

That, during the period covering October 5, 1943 to April 30, 1945, and on various occasions, I have taken under receipt from Atty. Eladio T. Balite, four hundred ninety six (496) sacks of palay and forty seven (47) heads of carabaos;

That, the said four hundred ninety six (496) sacks of palay were taken to several camps and used purely and exclusively for the subsistence of the officers and soldiers of the 93rd Division, under the over-all command of Lt. Col. Smith;

That, I personally know that until this date the said palay taken was not paid for even partially although we have agreed that the price will not be less than ~~ten~~ pesos (P10.00) a sack;

That, the said forty seven (47) heads of carabaos were taken to several camps and were either used as working animals for the transportation of food or other supplies of the 93rd Division under the over-all command of Lt. Col. Smith or slaughtered for the subsistence of officer and soldiers of the same organization;

That, the said carabaos were not yet paid for even partially although the price agreed is not less than two hundred pesos (P200.00) per head.

30th In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this of July, 1946, in the municipality of Catarman, Province of Samar, Philippines.

Federico Meregildo
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of July, 1946. Affiant exhibited his Residence Certificate No.

A1363086 issued at Bobon, Samar on July 14, 1946

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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I, LINO R. NACARIO, of legal age, resident of Calbiga, Samar, for 43 years, do hereby certify that the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That my Guerrilla Unit (Levee en Masse) was absorbed into the unit of Col. Charles M. Smith on 15 January 1944, but was still included in the 93rd Division, Samar Area Command under Major Pedro V. Merritt.

That for the maintenance of my guerrilla unit, at the beginning of my organization, I used the money from the Municipal Fund of Calbiga, Samar. For the subsistence of my guerrilla unit the civilians supported us by either giving us cash or in kinds. I did not commandeer any hardware article, fuel and engine at the beginning because I did not have yet an ordnance shop. At about the end of September, 1943, I received order from Major Pedro V. Merritt to organize an Ordnance Unit. By the early part of October, 1943, the ordnance unit was organized. After its organization I began commandeering hardware articles, fuel, engines and matches for use in this unit.

That I got plenty of tools and hardware articles from carpenters, blacksmiths and former store owners for the use of our ordnance in the manufacture of arms and ammunitions and other kinds of weapons.

That I took one engine, for milling rice, from Piccio Uy, and another engine with hauler, for charging batteries, from Ambrosio Figueroa. The engine for milling rice was run by petroleum and the other engine was run by gasoline.

That my ordnance was captured by the Japanese at about the end of February or early part of March, 1944. The buildings were burned. All equipment were taken by the Japanese.

That my unit did not use launch. We used praos only.

That when I received palay from Major Merritt, I sent him about 65 cans of gasoline and petroleum in three dispatches. The rest of the petroleum and gasoline were all used in the ordnance.

That on 28 March 1944 Col. Smith transferred me to Borongan, Samar, with my unit except one detachment that I left at Calbiga under the command of Sgt. Apolonio Nacario. This unit was financed by Major Merritt and Col. Smith.

That from 1 April 1944 to 15 October 1944 I was in Eastern Samar and therefore issued no receipts in Western Samar for that period.

Signature


LINO R. NACARIO

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me on this 11th day of October, 1946.


L. G. QUIOGUE

Certifying Claims Investigator

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A F F I D A V I T

I, Lino R. Nacario, of legal age, married and residing at Calbiga, Samar, after having been sworn according to law, depose and say:

1. That I am a demobilized captain, Infantry, appearing in the roster of troops, HPA, incumbent Commonwealth Municipal Mayor of Calbiga, Samar at the outbreak of the war, Commander and organizer of the CALBIGA GUERRILLA FORCE (Levee en Masse) with the rank of Captain, Infantry, (Own Proclamation), which organization began its active operation against the enemy on 1 June 1942, and was incorporated into the 93rd Division, SAC, on 8 March 1943 and which was recognized by the SWPA Command on 4 October 1944.

2. That I was authorized to command articles or properties not used or excess of owners, for use of the guerilla.

3. That I agree the prices suitable with the situation or may be fixed by authority, as stated in the memorandum receipts.

this 20 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name below day of June 1946.

Lino R. Nacario
LINO R. NACARIO
Captain, Inf PA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of June 1946, at Calbiga, Samar.

Felipe B. Figueroa
Mun. Mayor

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
PROVINCE OF S A M A R : ss.
MUNICIPALITY OF B O B O N)

I, Ireneo Rodriguez, of legal age, married, residing at barrio Dancalan, Municipality of Bobon, Province of Samar, Philippines after being duly sworn to in accordance with law, depose and say:

That on October, 1943, I was on duty as Assistant Procurement officer of the 93rd Division, Guerrilla, Engineering Batalion, under the over-all command of Major Smith;

That on October 15, 1943, I was sent by the Battalion Commander to look for palay for the subsistence of the army, 93rd Division, and I was authorized to bring with me under receipt palay owned by any civilian.

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of July, 1946, in Bobon, Samar, Philippines.

/s/ Ireneo Rodriguez
/t/ IRENEO RODRIGUEZ
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 1946.
The affiant exhibited to me his Residence Certificate No. A- 1362901 issued at Bobon, Samar, on July 3, 1946.

/s/ Eladio T. Balite
/t/ ELADIO T. BALITE
Notary Public
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A CERTIFIED EXTRACT COPY:

Ralph M. Longbotham, Jr.
RALPH M. LONGBOTHAM, JR.
Assistant Director, Team #9

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A F F I D A V I T

The undersigned, Major, Infantry ASN 0-1406, now stationed at Hq VZ, MPC (PA), Cebu City, after being sworn according to law, deposes and say:

That he is a regular officer inducted into the USAFFE on 28 December 1941 at Dumaguete, Negros Oriental;

That after the order for surrender was given, he joined the underground resistant movement in Samar;

That from 7 March to 10 December 1944, he was in command of the 99th Infantry, 93rd Division, Samar Guerilla with station in the East Coast;

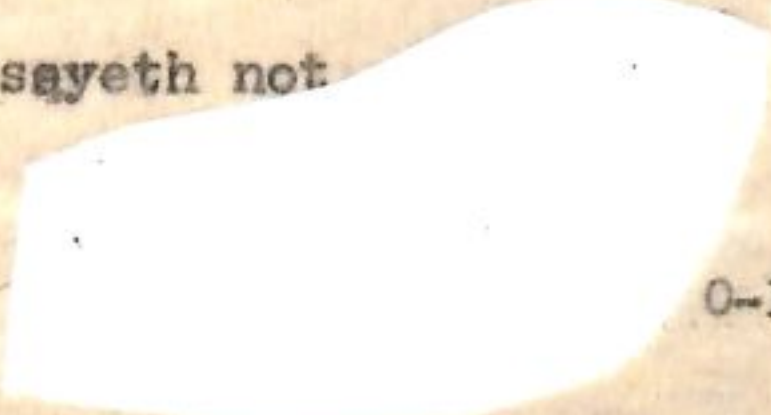
That the overall commander of the Guerilla Forces in Samar was Lt-Col Charles M Smith;

That during our campaign to expel the Japanese forces in Taft, Samar in November, 1944, Lt-Col Charles M Smith authorized him to procure rice for the subsistence of the men;

That in view thereof, he delegated Lt Jose Puno, S-4, to make a contract from Mr Sulpicio Baldelobar to supply us sufficient quantity of rice at the rate of P12.00 per sack of pelay for the subsistence of the Guerilla outfit fighting against the Japanese.

Further the deponent sayeth not

Antonio C. Sabare
Major Inf - 0-1406
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R. M. Anderson



0-1406

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of October 1946, the affiant exhibiting to me his Residence Certificate No A-1010708 dated 2 March 1946 taken at Tacloban, Leyte. *Claims Muelo Jr.*

Pedro M. Sabare
PEDRO M. SABARE
1st Lieut., Adjutant
Asst Adjutant & Adm O

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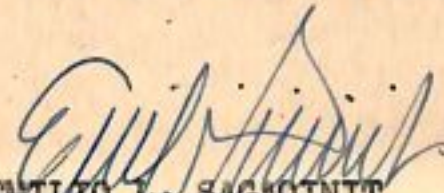
I, EMILIO L. SAGAOINIT, of age, married and a resident of this municipality, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, depose and say;

that I was commissioned third Lieutenant, Inf., by Lt. Col. Juan Causing, CO, 142nd Infantry Regiment, SAC, PA, on 16 April '44 and upon my discharge on 5 March '46, raised to 2nd Lieutenant;

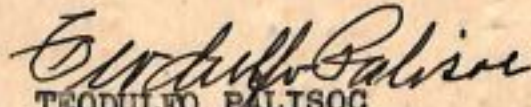
that acting under authority granted to him by Major Charles M. Smith, Chief MACA (AIB) radio station, on May 11, 1944, to procure materials and supplies for said station, Mr. Placer D. Hipe, in my presence, did deliver to Lt. E. Royer, USAC, his own generator (110 volts DC) 3 Kas, on March 11, 1944,

and further, I say not.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my signature this 12th day of June, 1946, at Borongan, samar.


EMILIO L. SAGAOINIT
2nd Lieut. Inf. O- 22615
6th Repl. Co., 1st Repl. Bn.
PA, APO 72
(Relieved from Active duty)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12th day of June, 1946, at Borongan, samar.


TEODULFO PALISOC
Vice-Mayor
for & in the absence of the Municipal Mayor

A F F I D A V I T

O-1708

I, Capt. Eduardo P. Soliman, Inf., of legal age, resident of Calbayog, Samar, for two years, after being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I was the CO, of the Combat Units operating along Catarman-Oquendo-Calbayog highway during January and February, 1945 and presently member of the POW Irregularities and Anomalies Board, HPA, APO 75.

That during said operations our guerrilla notes were declared frozen by competent authorities and as a result it was exceedingly difficult to receive feedstuffs and in order to maintain the men and continue the operations against the enemy I instructed personnel incharge of supplies and subsistence to carry on their job- to contact loyal inhabitants for supplies to be paid later when money is available and that supplies not paid be receipted accordingly.

That after examining the attached ten (10) receipts to PRO-3025 they bear the genuine signatures of authorized personnel to wit: Pvt. Hermenegildo Mondigo; Lt Lencio E Ybanez, & Lt Sergio S. Castillo.

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Eduardo P. Soliman
EDUARDO P. SOLIMAN
Capt. Inf. O-1700
Member, Anomalies Bd. HPA.

Signature _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of May

1946.

Estanislao B. Paragas
ESTANISIAO B. PARAGAS
1st Lieut. Inf PA

Claims Service Investigating Officer

HGT/scd

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