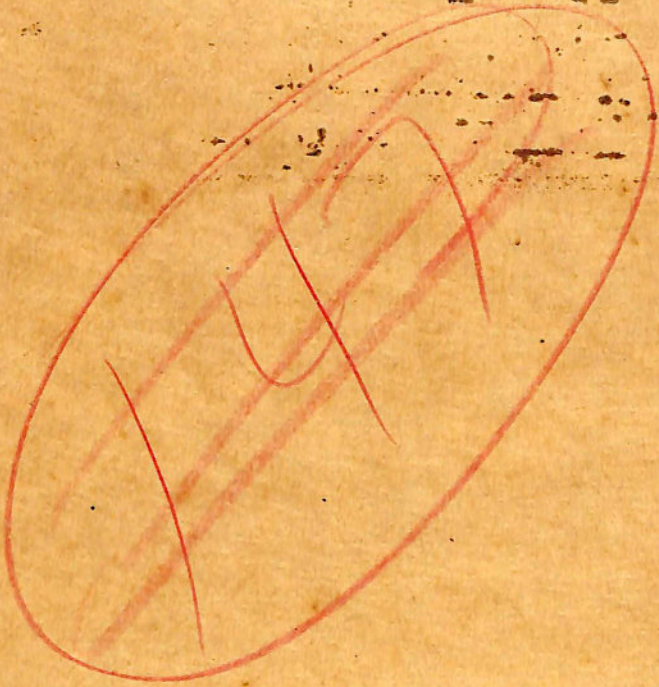


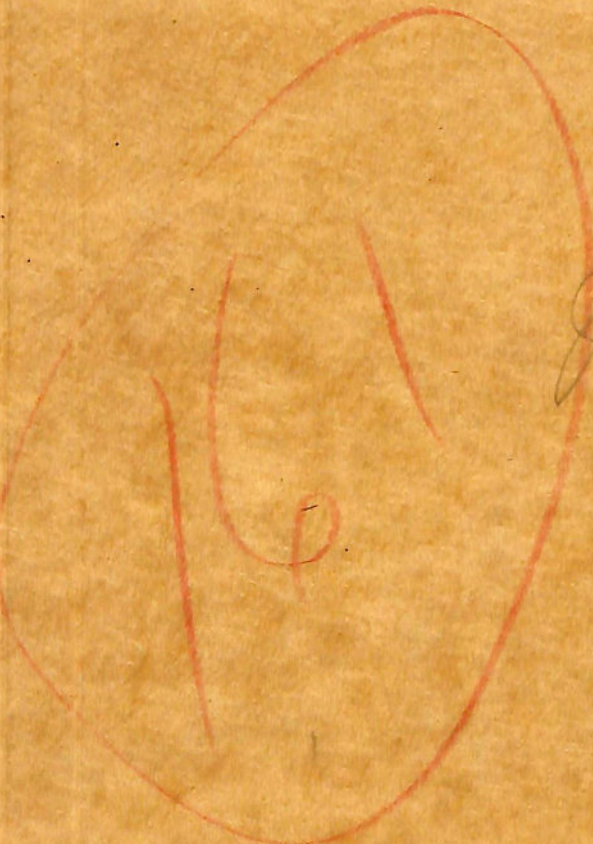
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45 Rolph Street
San Francisco, Calif.

February 11, 1946

Headquarters Claims Service, AFWESPAC
United States Army
Manila, Philippines

ATTENTION: Chief Claims Investigating
Service

First Series Claim Letter No. 3

SUBJECT: Our reference EC No. 66
Road Construction Lubang-
Tilic Highway for Engineer
Department, U. S. Army, P. I.

Dear Sirs:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11 October 1945, Manila, Philippines Islands, written by Paul W. Becker, Major, F. A., Claims Investigating Service, concerning a contract which the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company of the Philippines had with the United States Army Engineer Department, Manila, Philippines, prior to the outbreak of the war with Japan in December of 1941. Your letter apparently was sent to several addresses before it finally reached me on February 9, 1946. At the time of receiving your letter I was on a trip to Washington, D. C., and before dispatching a telegraphic acknowledgment of your letter I called at the Judge Advocate General Department Headquarters, Army Service Forces, Room 2D483a, Pentagon Building, and talked with Capt. C. M. Nisen, U. S. A. After talking with Capt. Nisen I dispatched a telegram which, for a matter of reference, I quote as follows:

"Chief of Claims Headquarters Claims Service, AFWESPAC
11 Feb. 1946, Manila, Philippines. Reference your
letter eleven October regarding Lubang Island Contract
just received writing fully today have no authorized
representative in Philippines yet.

Rey Parker President Engineering
Equipment Company"

Under date of September 13, 1945, the Vice President of the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company, Mr. Wilbur C. Parker, prepared a claim covering this contract and addressed it to the Judge Advocate General Headquarters Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. For a matter of identification and reference, this claim letter was marked "First Series Claim Letter No. 3, Reference Our EC, No. 66, Road Construction Lubang-Tilic Highway for Engineer Department, United States Army, Philippine Islands." I trust that you have before now received a copy of this claim, and from which you will note that with the claim was included an affidavit from Mr. Jose M. Boquer, in which

February 11, 1946

Mr. Boquer stated that this road was completed and that the same was duly approved and accepted by an inspector for the United States Army.

While I was still in the Philippine Islands and was a prisoner of the Japanese, I received a note from Major Harry Barr while he was a prisoner of the Japanese at Cabanatuan, Philippines, and in that underground message Major Barr told me that the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company had been able to complete the road as per our contract, on Lubang Island, Province of Mindoro, Luzon, Philippines. I believe that this statement answers the question raised in your letter of October 11, 1945 in regard to whether this contract was completed by the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company, and that our answer is to the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, that this contract was completed by us as stated in the affidavit of Mr. Jose M. Boquer.

In reply to your question concerning the matter of payment due to laborers or other employees of the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company. I wish at this time, for your convenient reference, to quote Paragraph 3, of our claim letter addressed to the Judge Advocate General, Headquarters Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C., and marked for the attention of Chief Claims Division.

"Prior to December 24th, 1941, we received a payment of \$3,000.00 as a partial payment on this contract as provided for under the heading of Payment on the Engineering Contract Form. It is possible that further payments may have been made against this contract by the United States Army, in order to provide the contractors representative with funds for the payroll, and concerning which we have no information, and, it is requested that this matter be investigated by the United States Army, insofar as this may be possible. This contract was completed after the fall of Manila and consequently the undersigned official of the Engineering Equipment & Supply Company has no information in regard to any payments which may have been made for the account of this contract after December 24th, 1941."

I assume, of course, that you have already received from the War Department in Washington a copy of our claim letter of September 13, 1945. The file in the War Department covering this claim indicates that this claim was forwarded to you from Washington under date of November 15, 1945, and of course this was after the time of your letter of 11 October 1945.

It is noted that in your letter of 11 October 1945 it is stated that "this office has received the payroll for work done for the United States Government in constructing a road to the Air Warning Station on Lubang Island, Province of Mindoro, Luzon, Philippines". Also "We also wish to know if your Company will sign a release for all labor cost incurred by it in the construction of this road". In reply to this it is suggested that this matter of payroll be held pending for my arrival in Manila, which I believe will be in the early part of May of this year. I believe that I should not give an unqualified approval for the payment of a payroll until I have had an opportunity to inspect the payroll and make an audit of it insofar as that may be possible under existing circumstances. The Engineering Equipment and Supply Company supplied a considerable amount of funds for the payroll for this project prior to and after the outbreak of the war, and this fact should be taken into account in determining the unpaid wages owing to laborers and other employees engaged on this contract.

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February 11, 1946

Your letter under reply makes reference to a Mr. L. R. Moran, stated to be formerly of the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company, Inc. We wish to advise that Mr. L. R. Moran has no authority to represent the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company in any capacity. Until I return to the Philippine Islands and reopen the offices of the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company, there will be no person in the Philippines authorized to act on behalf of the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company.

We have been delayed considerably beyond our original estimate of the time needed to re-establish ourselves in the Philippines, due principally to the fact that I was retained on active duty in the Navy for a period considerably in excess of my original estimate. The matter of re-establishing ourselves has also been extremely difficult due to the fact that the assets of the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company were completely destroyed as a result of the war. We were a Philippine corporation and all of our assets were in that country and were either confiscated by the Japanese or destroyed to prevent the same from falling into the hands of the Japanese.

I was discharge from the Navy on the 26 January 1946. I am presently in Washington in connection with claims of the Engineering Equipment and Supply Company with the War Department and the Navy Department. I have tentatively plans made to sail from San Francisco during the first half of April of this year and will communicate with your office promptly on my arrival in Manila.

Very truly yours,

/s/ REY L. PARKER
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President - General Manager
ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY COMPANY

Enclosure:

Copy of a letter to the Judge Advocate General,
Headquarters Army Service Forces, Pentagon
Building, Washington, D. C. Att: Capt. C.M. Nisen
U. S. Army, Room 2D483a

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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[Handwritten Signature]
FELIX V. BAGTAS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of October, 1945, at Manila, Philippines.

JOHN F. O'NEIL
1st Lt., F. A.
Investigating Officer

November 12, 1941

Mr. Felix Nagtas
Tilic, Lubang
Mindoro

Dear Sir:

As you know you were supposed to lay off the lot approximately 300 x 300 on top of the mountain for the buildings of the station. However, recent instructions have changed our plans and we must have two (2) lots., One, approximately 300 x 300 and the other 150 x 150. They must be at least 500 ft. apart and they can be as much as 2000 ft. apart.

If you can not find a fairly level spot on top of the hill to place these lots 500 or 600 ft. apart, locate the smaller one (150 x 150) on top of the hill and the larger one at the foot of the hill provided the distance between them will not be over approximately 2000 ft.

After you have located them, drive in stakes at the corners and find out on whose property they are and give Col. Campbell the bearings of their respective sides.

Very truly yours,

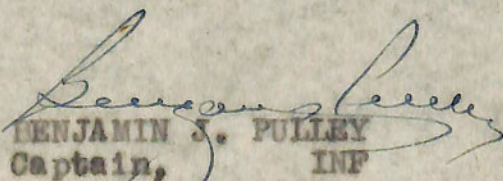
/s/ L.T. Clark
/s/ E. T. CLARK

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P.S. Tell Miel I think I owe him /10.00 as my memory coincides with his as to loan being /20.00 instead of the /30.00 he signed for.

/s/ L.T.C.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


BENJAMIN S. PULLEY
Captain, INF
Investigating Officer

Rush so Col. Livingstone
can get data before he returns.
LTC

HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

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PRO-7563

APO 707
4 October 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Information.

TO : Colonel Wendell W. Fertig, 1020 N. 16th Street,
Golden, Colorado.

1. This office is processing a claim in favor of Mr. Pedro de Mesa, wherein he has alleged that from 1 November 1941 to 30 April 1942, he rendered his services to the U.S. Army on Lubang Island, Mindoro.

2. Claimant alleges that on 1 November 1941, he was instructed to hire the necessary number of men to clear a certain piece of ground which was to be used as an airstrip, and it was agreed that the daily wage of the laborers would be ₱1.20 and ₱1.50; but, at the time the project was initiated, he was hired in the capacity of General Timekeeper and Foreman, but the rate of pay for his services was not agreed upon.

3. The claimant has further stated that the land being prepared for the airstrip was donated by him to the Army free of charge.

4. For verification of subject claim, we wrote to Colonel Henry H. Steckney, Colonel G.E. Withers and Colonel Narciso L. Manzano, and all of these officers have referred us to you as the officer directly in charge of the airfield construction under the Department Engineer who might be able to give us information on this matter.

5. Any information that you might have relative to the claimant, or the project as a whole will be most appreciated to enable this office in the processing of the claims involved.

FOR THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS:

BENJAMINE J. PULLEY
Captain, INF.
Claims Investigating Service

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CLAIMS SERVICE, AFWESPAC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS

Manila, Philippines
11 October 1945

Lt. Commander Ray Laster Parker
(Inactive) USN C/o Chief of Navy
Personnel, Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This office has received the payroll for work done for the United States Government in constructing a road to the Air Warning Station on Lubang Island, Province of Mindoro, Luzon, Philippines. We have contacted Mr. L. R. Moran, formerly of the Engineering and Supply Company, Inc., and he has referred us to you as President and Manager of the Company.

We wish to know if the contract was ever taken from your Company and put directly into the hands of the Army Engineers. We also wish to know if your Company will sign a release for all labor cost incurred by it in the construction of this road.

We will appreciate information from you concerning the location of any agency of your Company in the Philippines.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL W. BECKER,
Major, F. A.,
Claims Investigating Service

Prepared by:

Lt. JOHN F. O'NEIL
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Engineering & Supply Co., Inc.--Contractor Company for the building the road at Lubang Island Air Warning Station.

Mr. L. R. Moran, Former Manager of the Company, who represented the minority stockholders (12 in all)--Bern Barkencutter, Bellick, Eastern Syndicate, J. H. Hood.

Mr. Ray L. Parker, President and Manager of the Company who represented 15 to 16 stockholders. He is now connected with the Navy at Mare Island Navy Yard, 12th Naval District.

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Write Claims Service Representative
San Jose, Mindoro,

Inform Mr. Potenciano Abeleda of Lubang, Mindoro.
A Telegram will reach him at the Telegram
Station of Coast Guard in Lubang.

*Harry T. Barr - contractor for the Engineering
Company - backed him with capital.*

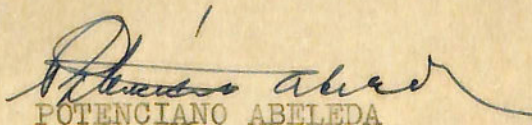
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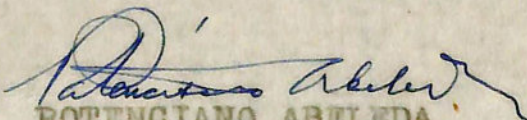
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From: Branch Office, Claims Service, AFWESPAC, Sub- Base "R" Date 21 January 1946

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TO : Director, Claims Investigating Service, Hq Claims Service, AFWESPAC, APO 707

ATTN: Major Pepper

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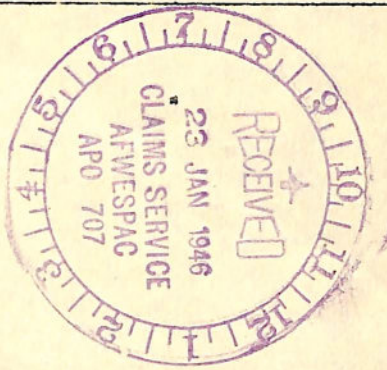
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Lubang, Mindoro,

Jan. 9, 1946

Headquarters Claims Service AFWESPAC
Office of the Chief of Claims
Apo 707

SIR:

In my own behalf and in behalf of the employees and laborers who worked under me in the U.S. Army project intended to Air Warning Station at Lubang, Mindoro, province of Mindoro, Philippines, which was started on November 1941 up to May 31, 1942, I have the honor to request information about our claims for payment corresponding to our salaries and wages as well as our back pay if any be paid and given due consideration by your Office.

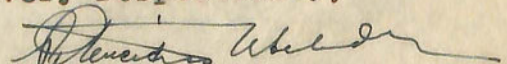
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The Claims Service has sent a letter to Colonel Parker at Washington being manager of the Engineerin Equipment and Supply Company whether the said project is under contract of the company or it was under the administration of the Army.

And until at present the undersigned did not receive informations from the Claims Service about the reply of Colonel Parker.

And here is therefore hoping that this request will merit your usual kind attention and with assurances of my whole hearted cooperation to the U.S. government, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully,


POTENCIANO ABELEDA



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