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Borja, Antonio

Timbang, Tomas

Marasigan, Francisco

Delgado, Benigno

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A F F I D A V I T

I, HILARION T. CHUA KIA, Chinese citizen, married and residing at 45 Gra. Lachambre, Binondo, Manila, after having first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

In 1941 I was running and operating Lighterage Service and Water Transportation and Stevedoring.

On 15 December 1941 I received the order from Col. Arthur W. Parter that the U.S. Army was commandeering our scows, bancas and launches for the use of the U.S. Army, including the services of stevedores, pilots and officers. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I still remember that all pilots and stevedores were paid by me here in Manila for the period from 16 to 31 December 1941, before they left for Bataan.

That to the best of my recollection, during that time I have around 200 men under my supervision, and the men listed below were paid up to 31 December 1941, at the rate of ₱140.00 per month, with the exception of Tomas Timbang who was paid at ₱200.00 per month.

1. Borja, Antonio
2. Villanueva, Mariano
3. Timbang, Tomas
4. Villanueva, Jesus
5. Delgado, Benigno
6. Marasigan, Tranquilino
7. Gonzales, Dominador

That prior to the outbreak of the war in 8 December 1941, Rosendo G. Levy was employed by me as Cashier, collector and representative, receiving a salary of ₱250.00 per month, and that he was last paid by me for the period up to 15 December 1941, and that he also went to Bataan with the Vessel Dispatcher and Inspector and other pilots.

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

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 7th day of Sept. 1946
at Manila, Philippines.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

[Signature]
TITO B. LABS
Sr. Claims Investigator

/s/ Hilarion T. Chua Kia
/t/ HILARION T. CHUA KIA
this 7th day of Sept. 1946

/s/ Benjamin J. Pulley
/t/ BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain - INF.
Investigating Officer

Employees of Hilarion T. Chua Kia

Los Angeles Calif.
Oct 23rd 1946

Headquarters Claims Service
AFWESPAC
Office of the Chief of Claims

Gentlemen.

Replying to your letter addressed to me Oct 12th 1946.

Subject. Rosendo G. Levy..Claims for unpaid wages for services rendered the U.S. Army 1941 1942.

The undersigned had no contact with Mr. Levy, while employed by the Quartermaster Construction Corp U.S.A. in 1941 Manila. To my knowledge all employees of Hilarion T. Chua Kia were dismissed Dec. 29th 1941..

If as Mr. Levy claims he was employed until the fall of Bataan, he must have been attached the some unit of the U.S. Army, in a uniform, and records, or information from surviving members of those forces would be aware of Mr. Levy..

Frankly I think that the claims of Mr. Levy, being unemployed after the date of Dec. 29th. are in error.

Many strange things happened, at that time, but I sent men to Bataan on Jan 1st. 1942, and they arrived there on the 4th of Jan. and were sent back to Manila at their own risk as our forces did not want so many civilians in that area. These men were Filipinos.

I may be wrong in my statements, but so many errors were made in wages claims, that I know, many were paid when the people concerned, were only temporary workers for as little as ten days before being dismissed, yet they claimed three years salary..

Hilarion T. Chua Kia was not paid for work done by the United States Army, we rented this tugs and barges, and sent them all to Bataan and Corregidor. I signed an affidavit to that effect for him from Manila, also checked all his claims and found them correct, as far as could be remembered.

Hoping to be of further service.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Frank E. Wilson
/t/ FRANK E. WILSON

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

TIMOTEO B. LAUS
Sr. Claims Investigator

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A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, this 5th day of August 1945, personally appeared CIRIACO SOSA, Filipino, 35 years of age, married and a resident of 400 New Antipolo, Int. 14, Sta. Cruz, Manila, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

In October 1941 I was employed by Hilarion T. Chua Kia, who has a service contract to the U.S. Constructing Service Department. Our work was to take ship-side cargoes to Sta. Mesa Lumber Yard. I was then vessel Dispatcher and Chief Inspector of work at P150.00 per month. All of the persons listed and who signed in our letter dated 10 November 1945, to Claims Service, AFWESPAC, worked under my direct supervision. The following is the rate of pay of the personnel under me:

Dispatcher -----	P150.00	per month
Cashier -----	125.00	" "
Asst. Dispatcher ----	100.00	" "
Pilots -----	70.00	" "

On 15 December 1941, we were told by Mr. Montgomery Rice that all cascos, bancas, scows and employees of Hilarion T. Chua Kia will be commandeered for the use of the U.S. Army. On 18 December 1941, I was ordered by Mr. Montgomery Rice to have all cascos, bancas, scows, with a man for each, drawn by Launches, "Loretta", "Totoy", "Defiance" and "Alert" to go to Cabcabin, Bataan, with six soldiers to arrange and supervise the work there. We arrived to Cabcabin on 28 December 1941

On 29 December 1941, we were ordered by a soldier to disembark for there was an air-raid. During this raid, many bancas and scows were bombed and some of the workers died, but we were unable identify them as we were scattered because of the dropping bombs. A soldier told us to go far away from the Army supplies which were being bombed, so we joined the civilians who fed us up to the fall of Bataan. None of us were able to return to work. I was unable to go home because the roads were blocked by the rapidly advancing Japanese. After the surrender of Bataan, I walked my way home arriving there 15 days after the fall of Bataan.

When we were commandeered by the Army, we were reluctant to go to Bataan due to the danger and risks involved, we were promised by the Army authority that our salary will be doubled.

I swear that all the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Ciriaco Sosa
/t/ CIRIACO SOSA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5th day of August 1946, at Manila, Philippines.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Benjamin J. Pulley
/t/ BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain - INF.
Investigating Officer

TIMOTEO B. LAUS
Sr. Claims Investigator

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MANILA)

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths in cases of this kind, this 19 day of December, 1945, personally appeared CIRIACO SOSA, Filipino, 35 years of age, married and a resident of 400 New Antipolo, Int. 14, Sta. Cruz, Manila, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

In October 1941 I was employed by Hilarion T. Chua Kia, who has a service contract to the U. S. Constructing Service Department. Our work was to take ship-side cargoes to Sta. Mesa Lumber Yard. I was then vessel Dispatcher and Chief Inspector of work at ₱300.00 per month. All of the persons listed and who signed in our letter, dated 10 November 1945, to Claims Service, AFWESPAC, worked under my direct supervision.

On 15 December 1941, we were told by Mr. Montgomery Rice that all cascos, bancas, scows and employees of Hilarion T. Chua Kia will be commandeered for the use of the U. S. Army. On 18 December 1941, I was ordered by Mr. Montgomery Rice to have all cascos, bancas, scows, with a man for each, drawn by Launches "Loretta", "Totoy", "Defiance" and "Alert" to Cabcabin, Lamao, Bataan, which I did until 27 December 1941. When the last vessel was drawn, I was ordered by Mr. Montgomery Rice to go to Cabcabin, Bataan with six soldiers to arrange and supervise the work there. We arrived to Cabcabin 28 December 1941.

On 29 December 1941, we were ordered by a soldier to disembark for there was an air-raid. During this raid, many bancas and scows were bombed and some of the workers died, but we were unable to identify them as we were scattered because of the dropping bombs. A soldier told us to go far away from the Army supplies which were being bombed, so I joined the civilians who fed me up to the fall of Bataan. I was unable to go home because the roads were blocked by the rapidly advancing Japanese. After the surrender of Bataan, I walked my way home arriving there 15 days after the fall of Bataan.

I swear that all the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ciriaco Sosa
CIRIACO SOSA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of December 1945, at Manila, Philippines.

Marshall V. Walker
MARSHALL V. WALKER
1st Lt., Inf.
Investigating Officer

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