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STATEMENT IN QUESTION AND ANSWER FORM

Taken at the office of the Claims Service, Corner Zurbaran St. and Quezon Boulevard, Manila, Sept. 2, 1947.

A. In your statement dated 17 June 1947, you stated that you recognized the signature appearing on the receipts for 17 claims as your own, is that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. If other receipts will show up bearing signature identical to yours, what will be your comment?

A. Although commandeering took place in Catanduanes, I do not issue receipts for voluntarily contributions, in cases of actual commandeerings which is not more than 40 cases I always issue receipts signed by me personally. In the years 1942 to the early part of 1944 I have never issued any receipt.

Q. Do you know these people? Attached is ^{sheet of paper containing} a name of these people

A. Those marked checked I know them personally. Those marked X are not known to me personally. Except when they become victims of said commandeering.

Q. Were the foodstuffs taken from these people given to your unit in the form of voluntarily contributions?

A. It was commandeered by me for the use of my troops during the time of mopping up operations in Catanduanes.

Q. Can you swear to us Capt. Rodolfo as to the facts that these claims of these people are just?

A. I believe the claims of these people are just, because they have given it unselfishly by the time they need ~~it~~ them most; for the support of my troop. In other words whatever successes we accomplished, might have been hampered had ^{not} these ~~xxxxxxx~~ commandeering took place, because we could not fight without subsistence.

Q. How many more or less are the people in the whole Catanduanes have been subjected to the commandeering done by your unit?

A. Excluding voluntarily contributions, not more than 20 more if I remember right, have been victims of the commandeering by my unit, as far as I know.

Q. For voluntary ^{do} contributions ~~do~~ you issue receipts?

A. I do not issue receipts.

Q. Did you have any records Captain kept by your unit?

A. I have some records but are not available now.

Q. Why?

A. It was kept by my guerrilla headquarters. I left my men before it was demobilized, and I wasn't there during the period of demobilization.

Q. Is there any chance for us to have these records of your commandeering?

A. I think not. When my guerrillas were disbanded, I was out of the place, and I don't know what they did with these records.

Rodolfo C. Tolentino

Q. According to some claimants ~~these~~ when members of your unit commandeered the carabaos the certificate of ownership of large cattle were also taken.

A. In some cases it happened especially when the person is not so much known to prove that he was the legal owner of the cattle.

Regarding the claims of these people it is but just and proper that they be attended to, because it did so much in the furtherance of the case which can be based in the records accomplished by the organization of which I was the organizer and commanding officer. It was the time when these people needed these articles most but still they unselfishly gave them for the support of the fighting troops. For one thing we liberated the whole province without the need of American landing and for another thing we had to commandeer when voluntarily contributions were so inadequate in order to carry on our operations against the enemy without hitch. I further state that these are genuine claims bearing my genuine signature and whatever commandeering took place in Catanduanes, so far I remember there are not more than forty(40) because most of them were voluntarily contributions. I further state that these commandeered articles and foodstuffs were used by my troops. There are not fixing in these claims. I do not allow such thing. I only certify to the best of my knowledge because it is still my genuine duty to clarify and attest to whatever claim a certain loyal citizen is due.



Capt. SALVADOR A. RODOLFO
ASN 0-47441

I certify that the foregoing statement was made by the party signing the same voluntarily before me this 2nd day of September, 1947.



Amiceto M. Recio
Certifying claims Investigator

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I do not know much personally, the people checked X, only know them when they came to me at Headquarters accompanied by my men who were commanding their supplies. Those marked ✓ are men who I know personally.

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José, Duerino X
Melito R. Taoso ✓
Anadeto Mendoza X
Alfonso Posada ✓
Agustín Torera ✓
Esteban Mainale ✓
Pascual Manis ✓
Gonzalo Tejeda X
Domingo Durazo X
Raymundo Tapel ✓
Elias Antonio ✓
Juan Torera X
Gonzalo Tabares ✓
Catalino Subalman X
Roberto Reyes ✓
Elias Zapel ✓

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MASON CITY, IOWA

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

July 3, 1947

Sir:

This is in reply to a letter signed by George F. Smith, Director Team #1, dated 10 June 1947, in regard to the activities of one Captain Salvador A. Rodolfo, ASN O-47441, Inf. In this letter, it is stated that this unit was recognized on 1 April, 1945, and attached to the 158th Regimental Combat Team which I commanded.

Captain Rodolfo at no time was authorized to commandeer food from civilians, but the fact that our orders were to supply these guerrilla units with only half rations apparently made it necessary for them to procure other food from the community. At least that is what they did.

Rodolfo was in command of the Island of Catanduanes and he and his unit, under direction of the 158th R.C.T. did ultimately clear the island of the enemy. Some members of our staff were present during these operations but the actual fighting was done by Rodolfo's unit.

It would undoubtedly be unfair to cause denial of civilian claims although Captain Rodolfo himself was a very bad actor. He escaped from our guerrilla stockade where he had been held while charges were being drawn up against him for theft, misappropriation, shooting or causing the shooting of a subordinate officer and many other misdemeanors prejudicial to discipline.

The Rodolfo family, if I remember correctly, comprised the majority of the population on the Island, with the result it was very difficult to get either testimony against him or information as to his whereabouts after his escape. To the best of my knowledge, he never was apprehended before the departure of the 158th R.C.T. for Japan.

Yours very truly,


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