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M/S TROVADOR

A F F I D A V I T

I, EMILIANO MAYLAS, Patron of M/S "TROVADOR" afterhaving been duly sworn, hereby certify and declare:

That I believe I was working for USAFFE, because said vessel was first being needed by USAFFE on 18 Dec. 1941, after the first bombing of Iloilo;

That I transported bullets, uniforms and personnel between the Ports of Iloilo, Negros, Antique and Romblon;

That all the crew of my ship which served on 8 Dec. 1941, served continuously, to 16 April 1942 when said ship was abandoned;

That said vessel was loaded with gasoline, petroleum, and other Army supplies at the time the vessel was ordered scuttled by a USAFFE officer. This was accomplished, by burning, but whether the ship sunk, I do not know. I immediately left to go to Santa Barbara;

That I and my crew were last paid in full for the month of March 1942. I do not know where the money came from for this last payroll, because it was brought to the boat, but for the previous month, I was paid by Visayan Stevedore & Co.;

Including myself, thirteen (13) men served aboard my vessel, of which I remember but two by name:

Benjamin Gayotin	1st Officer	P120.00
Rosario	2nd Engineer	120.00

Emiliano Maylas
EMILIANO MAYLAS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 1945, at Iloilo City, Iloilo, Panay.

Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
GUSTAVE C. BOESCH JR.
1st Lt., Infantry.

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CERTIFICATE

^{scb}
I, Benjamin G. Gayotin, do hereby certify that that the below named men were members of the crew of the M/S Trovador, that they held the position indicated, and were paid according to the monthly salary shown.

LIST OF CREWS OF M/S TROVADOR

Deck Dept.		
1. Captain	Emiliano Maylas	₱ 165.00
2. 1st Officer	Benjamin G. Gayotin	120.00
3. Radio Operator	Bonifacio Francisco	105.00
4. Quartermaster	Unknown	45.00
5. Quartermaster	Unknown	45.00
6. Sailor	Nicholas Padicio	30.00
7. Sailor	Espiridion Francisco	30.00
8. Sailor(as cook)		30.00
Engine Dept.		
1. Chief Engineer	Crisogono Calixto	165.00
2. 2nd Engineer	Eufemiodol Rosario	120.00
3. ^{scb} 3rd Engineer	Nicholas Dalida	105.00
4. Oiler	Benjamin Parlas	45.00
5. Oiler	Saturnino Gabelio	45.00

I further certify^{scb} that the below named men were serving in their respective positions on 16 April, 1942 when the M/S Trovador was scuttled in the port of Iloilo.

I further certify that the lists of salaries is based upon the company's rate of pay, and that we received a circular that all personnel of the ATS would be paid according to the standard pay of the ATS effective 1 March 1942, but we have not received the ATS standard pay until 16 April 1942.

Benjamin G. Gayotin

Benjamin G. Gayotin
1st Officer
M/S "Trovador"

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of November 1945 at the City of Iloilo, Panay, P. I.

Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
1st Lt. Inf.

Iloilo City
July 27, 1945

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. Benjamin G. Gayatin had served on board the M/S "Trovador" as Chief ~~VA/VP~~ Mate during the period, from Feb. 20, 1942 to April 16, 1942, when the said vessel was taken over by the USAFFE and used by them as transport vessel. Cessation of service was brought about by the landing of the Japanese Forces on ~~PA/VA~~ Iloilo, on April 16, 1942.

VISAYAN STEVEDORE CO.

By: _____
Signed: A.H. Tayler
Manager or Agent

Witness:

Signed: - ERNESTO GOLEZ 0-23946

ERNESTO GOLEZ
Maj. Infantry, CO. 2nd. Bn.
63rd Regiment, Combat Team,
6th Military District

Signed: - E. Maylas
EMILIANO MAYLAS
Capt. of M/S Trovador

Signed: C. Calixto
CRISOGONO CALIXTO
Chief Engineer, M/S Trovador

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
PHILIPPINES

SERVICE RECORDS IN THE "U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE"

Name: Benjamin G. Gavetin .Age: 30 yrs .Legal Status: Married
Legal Residence: Ortiz Beach, Iloilo City, Philippines
Place originally employed: Part of Iloilo, Panay, Philippines.
Employed by: Captain Rafael Xualdara.
Date of employment: February 20, 1942.
Official Duty Station: U.S. Transport Service, "USAFFE", Part of Iloilo.
Under the Direction of: PORT QUARTER MASTER, of the USAFFE.
Position: 1st. Officer .Name of Vessel: Metership "Trevader"
Department: U.S. Army Transport Service, of the Port Quarter Master.
Activities: Transporting, Soldeirs, Arms and Ammunitions, from one place to another, under the direction of the 61st division in Panay
Transporting arms and ammunitions from Maricalum to Iloilo, for the 63rd Regt. of the 61st. Division, USAFFE, in Panay.

Statement:

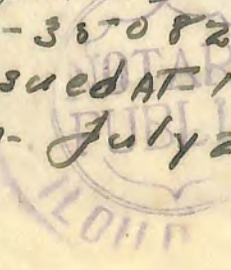
After the date of my employment, we have been transporting soldeirs, arms and ammunitions, for the 63rd Regt. of the 61st. Div. in Panay, under the orders of the Port Quarter Master.
I have rendered continuous service, in the U.S. Army Transport Service, in the capacity of 1st. Officer, of Metership "Trevader" until the landing of the Japanese Forces, on Panay, in April, 16, 1942. **After we scuttled the vessel, we ran for safety, and later I managed to return to my home town, when the headquarters of the Army can not be located, due to Japanese occupation of the city.**

Benjamin G. Gavetin

Subscribe and swear to be before me this 11th day of Oct. 1942

at Iloilo City
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Issued AT Iloilo City
on July 28, 1945

[Signature]
Notary Public until
Dec. 31, 1946



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMISSIONERS OF THE
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No. 78

SERVICE RECORDS IN THE U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE

Name: Benjamin A. Gavelin. Age: 30 yrs. Legal Status: Married
 Legal Residence: Offiz Beach, Iloilo City, Philippines
 Place originally employed: Part of Iloilo, Panay, Philippines
 Employed by: Captain Rafael Kusidara
 Date of employment: February 20, 1942
 Official Duty Station: U.S. Transport Service, "USARTR", Part of Iloilo
 Under the direction of: PORT QUARTER MASTER, of the USARTR
 Position: Lat. Officer. Name of Vessel: "Meteorita", "Trevador"
 Department: U.S. Army Transport Service, of the Port Quarter Master
 Activities: Transporting, Seaboard, Arms and Ammunitions, from one
place to another, under the direction of the Dist. Division in Panay
Transporting arms and ammunition from Iloilo to Iloilo, for the
Dist. Dist. of the Dist. Division, USARTR, in Panay.

Statement:

After the date of my employment, we have been transporting
 seaboard, arms and ammunition for the Dist. Dist. of the Dist. Div.
 in Panay, under the orders of the Port Quarter Master.
 I have rendered continuous service, in the U.S. Army Transport
 Service, in the capacity of Lat. Officer, of Meteorita "Trevador",
 until the landing of the Japanese forces, in Panay, in April, 1942.
 After we scuttled the vessel, we ran for safety, and later I managed
 to return to my home town, when the headquarters of the Army can not
 be located, due to Japanese occupation of the city.

[Handwritten signature and notes]
 Ben A. Gavelin
 11/14/42
 The Supply Officer's Office
 Iloilo, Panay, Philippines

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 Issued at Iloilo City
 on July 22, 1942
 A-30782
 Port - Iloilo
 Dist. Div.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
PHILIPPINES

A F F I D A V I T

1. I Benjamin G. Gayotin, of legal age, married, Filipino, and resident of the City of Iloilo, Philippines, after being duly sworn in accordance to law, depose and say:

2. That I am a duly licensed, MINOR PATRON, issued by the Bureau of Customs, in Manila, under the Secretary of Finance, after I have passed the Board of Marine Examination, held in the Port of Cebu, in July 22, 1936, under the supervision of the Bureau of Civil Service.

3. I have served as such in many different companies in the Port of Iloilo, and during the War time, I was employed as Chief Mate, of M/S "Trevador" of the Visayan Stevedore Transportation Company of this Port, during the time when the vessel was taken over by the USAFFE, and used by them as transport vessel, in the purpose of transporting Soldeirs, Arms, and Ammunitions for the USAFFE, in Panay, under the directions of the Port Quarter Master, in the port of Iloilo.

4. I left my License, on board when we scuttled the vessel, during the landing of the Japanese Forces on Panay, in April 16, 1942. My License was framed and screwed to the wall of my cabin, according to the regulations of the Bureau of Customs, and due to the fast advance of the enemy, toward the city, I have no time to get my License.

5. At present it is impossible to secure a duplicate license, in lieu of the original in view of the present circumstance.

6. That I have subscribed to this affidavit in order that said affidavit may serve as a substitute for my license until such time as the government may be ready to provide for the proper steps to take.

7. In witness whereof, I hereby affixe my signature in the City of Iloilo, Philippines, this 11th day of Oct. 1945.

Benjamin G. Gayotin
Benjamin G. Gayotin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of

October 1945. the affiant exhibited to me his residence certificate No. A-35082 issued at Iloilo City, in July 28, 1945.



[Signature]
Notary Public until
Dec. 31, 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
PHILIPPINES

8 October 1945
Iloilo City, P.I.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This to certify that Mr. Eufinio del Rosario, Has served on board Motorship "Iona", which was taken over by the USAFFE, and used by them as Transport Vessel. In the capacity as 3rd Engineer, since January 7, 1942, up to April 1942, in which he was transferred to the Army Transport vessel, M/S "Trovador"

Within the period of his service on board M/S "Iona", he has rendered satisfactory services, that I have nothing to say against him.

J. G. Pantelagan

PEDRO FANTELAGAN
CAPTAIN OF M/S "IONA"

Albino Suante

ALBINO SUANTE
Chief Engineer
M/S "IONA"

SERAPIO ESTIVES
1st Officer of M/S "IONA"

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ERNESTO GOLEZ,
Maj., Infantry, CO. 2nd Bn.
63rd Regiment, Combat Team
6th Military District

Emilio Maylas

EMILIO MAYLAS
Captain M/S "Trovador"

Benjamin G. Gayotin

BENJAMIN G. GAYOTIN
Chief Mate M/S "TROVADOR"

Calixto

CRISOGONO CALIXTO
Chief Engineer, M/S "Trovador"

Iloilo City
July 27, 1945

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. Eufenio del Rosario had served on board the M/S "Trovador" as Second Engineer during the period, from ^{April 11th} ~~January~~, 1942 to April 16, 1942, when the said vessel was taken over by the USAFFE and used by them as transport vessel. Cessation of service was brought about by the landing of the Japanese forces on Iloilo on April 16, 1942.

VISAYAN STEVEDORING CO.

By: *A. Dayot*
Manager or Agent

Witness:

Ernesto Golez 0-23946
ERNESTO GOLEZ,
Maj., Infantry, CO. 2nd Bn.
63rd Regiment, Combat Team
6th Military District

Emilio Maylas
EMILIO MAYLAS
Captain M/S "Trovador"

Benjamin C. Gayotin
BENJAMIN C. GAYOTIN
Chief Mate M/S "Trovador"

Crisogono Calixto
CRISOGONO CALIXTO
Chief Engineer, M/S "Trovador"

SERVICE RECORDS IN THE "A T S"

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Name: Saturnino Gabileo,

Age and Legal Status: 30 years and Single.

Branch of Service: U.S. Army Transport Service. (M/S Trovador)

Period of Service: Place and Date of Induction:

Inducted into the service of Army Transport Service, by the headquarter of the Port Quarter Master USAFFE in the city of Iloilo, Panay, P.I. before Lieut. Col. Mac Lennan on or about Jan. 7, 1942, as officer of the Army Transport M/S Trovador. Rendered continuous service until the landing of the Japanese Forces on Panay in April 16, 1942.

Address: Buenavesta, Iloilo, P.I.

Health: Good

Official Papers: All lost and burned.

Statement:

Our vessel was used by the U.S. Army for Transport SERVICE, for the purpose of transporting Soldiers, Arms and Ammunitions and supplies, from one port to another in the Philippines, during the days when the situation in the Philippines Waters is dangerous and flooded with Enemy Vessels.

We stopped rendering services in April 16, 1942 when the Enemy landed on Panay. And we are in the Port of Iloilo, when the Japanese Forces, landed.

We scuttled the vessel, as per instruction from the Army Authorities.

I went home in our home town in Buenavista, Iloilo, P.I. And later on joined the Guerilla forces, in July 4th, 1943, and released from duty in June 1st, 1945.

I hereby affixed my signature, that the above statements are true and correct. So HELP ME GOD.

/s/ Saturnino Gabileo
/t/ SATURNINO GABILEO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October, 1945, in the City of Iloilo, Affiant exhibited his Cedula No. A-1468137, issued on the City of Iloilo on July 17, 1945.
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/s/ Pascual Espinosa
Notary Public Until
Dec. 31, 1946

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st. Lt., Inf.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mr. Saturnino Gabaleo, has served on board M/S "Trovador", as oiler, from January 7, 1942 up to April 16, 1942, when the Japanese Forces landed on Panay.

The above mentioned vessel was commandeered by the USAFFE, of the port of Iloilo, Panay, P.I., and used by them as Transport, for the purpose of transport soldiers, arms, and ammunitions for the USAFFE, in Panay.

Visayan Stevedore Transportation Co.

/s/ A. H. Taylor
/t/ A. H. TAYLOR
Manager

Witnesses.

/s/ Ernesto A. Golez /s/ E. Maylas
/t/ Major Ernesto Golez /t/ Emiliano Maylas
Co. 1st. Repl. Co. 6th Repl. Bn. Captain of M/S "Trovador"

/s/ C. Calixto
/t/ Crisogono Calixto
Chief Enginner of M/S "Trovador"

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
GUSTAVE C. BOESCH, Jr.
1st. Lt., Inf.

September 27, 1945
Iloilo, City, P.I.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

This is to certify that Mr. Benjamin R. Perlas, has served on board M/S Trevador, from Feb. 1st. 1942, up to April 16, 1942, as "Oiler", during the time when the said vessel was under the direction of the USAFFE, and was used as transport vessel,

They were assigned to transport, Soldeirs, Arms and Ammunitions from Mariculen Neg. Occ. to Port of Iloilo, Panay for the USAFFE, and also they have make trips to other places in the Philippines, under Military Orders.

W. Dayk
Manager of Agent
Visayan Stevedoring, Transportation
Company, of Iloilo, P.I.

C. Calixto
Crisogene Calixto
Chief Engineer, M/S Trevador.

E. Maylas
Emiliano Maylas
Captain of M/S Trevador

B. Gayatin
Benjamin R. Gayatin
1st. Officer of M/S Trevador

Iloilo City
July 27, 1945

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. Crisogono Calixto had served on board the M/S "TROVADOR" as Chief Engineer during the period, from January, 1942 to April 16, 1942, when the said vessel was taken over by the USAFFE and used by them as transport vessel. Cessation of service was brought about by the landing of the Japanese forces on Iloilo on April 16, 1942.

VISAYAN STEVEDORING CO.

By: *W. Doyle*
Manager or Agent

Witness:

Ernesto Golez 0-23946
ERNESTO GOLEZ,
Maj., Infantry, CO. 2nd. Bn.
63rd Regiment, Combat Team,
6th Military District

Emiliano Maylas
EMILIO MAYLAS
Captain, M/S "Trovador"
Emiliano Maylas

Benjamin G. Gayotin
BENJAMIN G. GAYOTIN
Chief Mate, "M/S Trovador"

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that M/T Trevader
with her compliment which was attached to
the Army Transport Service, Usaffe, on Jan.
7, 1942, was formerly owned by the Visayan
Stevedore Transportation Co. of this City.

Art. Taylor
Manager or Agent

M/S *Trovador* chartered in Haiti. Note

Owner - Luzon Stevedoring Co.

Entered govt service - date: Place - Haiti

Scuttled - 16 Apr. 45 Place - Haiti.

NAME	Crew Position	Rate of Pay	Date of Service
Emiliano Maylor	Captain	\$ 165.00 /m	
Benjamin S. Gayton	1st officer	120.-	
Benjamin Francis	Radio Operator	105.-	
Nicolas Padico	Sailor	30.-	
Espiridion Francisco	"	20.-	
Calixto, Disagons	Ch. Engr.	165.-	
Eufemio del Rosario	2nd Engr.	120.-	
Nicolas Bolivar	3rd Engr.	105.-	
Benjamin Pular	oilier	45.-	
Sotomayor Gabelis	oilier	45.-	

Remarks: Info from AFS Misc Info. Folder # 1

Affidavits of B. Gayton dtd. 3 Nov. 45. at Haiti.

Magyar, Emiliano

Captain

M/S Ecuador

Date entered govt service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Gayatin, Benjamin G.

1st Officer

M/S Forward

Date entered quit service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Francisco, Benigno

Radio Operator

M/S Trovador

Date entered gov't service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Padicia, Nicolas

Sailor

M/S Provent

Date entered govt service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Francisco Espinosa

Sailor

M/S Travador

Date entered gov't service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Crisagans, Calisto

Chief Engr.

M/S Swords

Date entered govt service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Rosario, Eufemio del
M/S Travador

2nd Engr

Date entered govt service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Salido, Nicolas

3rd Engr.

M/S Trovador

Date entered govt service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Perles, Benjamin

Adler

M/S Travador

Date entered gov't service:

Place:

Date last paid:

By whom:

Gabelis, Saturnin

Oden

M/S. Grenada

Note entered genl service:

Place:

Note last paid:

By whom:

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