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See: Eman, Antonio file requesting claim files of KCRC 92d Team returning file  
Extracts From: CU 26575 - 26638 Jose B. Sangalang to 7 others  
CU 12949 S/S Corregador  
CU 27607 Apolinario, Calvo 7 1 other  
KCRC files of Wage Claim Files

See also: Clippings on the "Corregidor" disaster in Unit History File Drawers  
Pages 1 - 24 (copies of documents contained in CU - 26575 to CU 26638 loaned fr KCRC

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HEADQUARTERS  
8133RD ARMY UNIT  
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY  
APO 928

AGRD-VJ

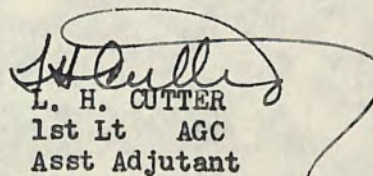
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records

TO: Commanding Officer  
Records Administration Center  
4300 Goodfellow Boulevard  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

In compliance with paragraph 3 of letter your Center dated 4 April 1951, Subject: "Status Reviews and Determinations on Resolved Casualty Cases", attached records pertaining to the United States Army Transport Corregidor are being forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

  
L. H. CUTTER  
1st Lt AGC  
Asst Adjutant

1 Incl  
File records re  
USAT Corregidor

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

ADM-VJ

Subject: Transmittal of Records

To: Commanding Officer  
Records Administration Center  
4300 Goodfellow Boulevard  
Fort Belvoir, Illinois

In compliance with paragraph 2 of letter from Center dated  
4 April 1952, Subject: "Status Review and Investigation on Revoked  
(Army's Cases)", attached records pertaining to the United States Army  
Transport Corporation are being forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. H. CLIFF  
1st Lt. AGY  
Asst. Adjutant

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1st Record Co  
1st Lt. Adjutant



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HEADQUARTERS  
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY  
PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE  
APO 900

AGRD-B

16 January 1950

Mr. Joseph Gelfo  
Assistant Deputy Commissioner  
Federal Security Agency  
Bureau of Employees' Compensation  
462 M. H. del Pilar, Manila  
Philippines

Dear Mr. Gelfo:

In reply to your letter of 10 November 1949, the following information is furnished:

1. Form CA-2 is returned for completion by your office.
2. Copy of the determination of Contract Claims Commission awarding Francisco Guerrero (deceased) an amount of \$0.70 for one day's pay is enclosed herewith.
3. No formal casualty report was found by the Commission awarding the amount based upon findings in the claim of Compania Maritima, which claim indicates such claimant died 16 December 1941 as a result of the sinking of SS Corregidor.
4. No specific information other than that mentioned in 3 above.
5. Claim was filed by the firm of Gibbs, Gibbs, Guidan & Quasha on behalf of all the heirs of the deceased crew members of the SS Corregidor, and no papers from any heirs were included in the file. Enclosed copy of a letter of Colonel H. D. Lloyd forwarding the check to the General Accounting Office is self-explanatory.

Information copies are being forwarded to the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Records Administration Center, St Louis, Missouri.

Sincerely,

JAMES C BILLINGS  
1st Lt, Infantry  
Adjutant

- 2 Incls:
1. Award
  2. Ltr of Lt Col H. D. Lloyd, dtd 19 Oct 49
  3. Form CA-2

OUT  
17 JAN 1950  
AGRD

\* Claim No.  
WU 8-175-990 CC 83

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
BUREAU OF EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION

C O P Y

G.F. HANSON  
Deputy Commissioner APO 900, San Francisco, California

U. S. Post of Manila

Dial: 5-39-17

When replying please refer to  
File No. PI-11,932

10 November 1949

Commanding Officer  
Records Administration Center, AGO  
4300 Goodfellow Boulevard  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has reference to a claim for benefits under the U. S. Employees' Compensation Act filed with this office in the case of Francisco GUERRERO, Filipino national, allegedly a former employee of the War Department in the Philippines, who is reported to have died on 16 December 1941.

Before the Bureau may adjudicate this claim it is necessary that we be furnished with reports on the employment and casualty status of the deceased based on the action on the claim with the U. S. Army under the Missing Persons Act. The AG Records Depository, Philippines Command advises that they forwarded their file on this case to your installation and they are therefore unable to furnish the required reports. For our assistance in the proper adjudication of this case, it is requested that the file transmitted to you be reviewed and the Bureau furnished with the following:

- (1) Report on forms CA-2 completed in so far as possible based on the information contained in the file. This report should be signed by the appropriate officer of your command on the space indicated for the signature of the reporting officer.
- (2) Certified copy of the determination of the claim under the Missing Persons Act. (Civilian SR No. -).
- (3) Casualty report.
- (4) Copies of all affidavits, statements, etc., relating to the circumstances of the injury, illness and death. We are particularly interested in statements setting forth the circumstances of the employee's falling into the hands of the enemy.
- (5) Copies of any letter, statement, etc., so worded as to be liberally interpreted to be a claim for whatever benefits due, including compensation benefits.

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Commanding Officer  
10 November 1949

We require these papers in duplicate. AGRD advises their file transmitted to you is contained in Box #WU-8-175,990.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Joseph Gelfo  
Typed: JOSEPH GELFO  
Asst. Deputy Commissioner

Encls: CA-2 (triplicate)

AGRS-GP 201 Guerrero, Francisco  
(10 Nov 49)

1st Ind

AGO, Department of the Army, Records Administration Center, St. Louis 20, Missouri, 13 December 1949.

TO: Commanding Officer, AG Records Depository, APO 900, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

1. Reference is made to paragraph two of basic communication which states that the file in the case of Francisco Guerrero, Filipino National, allegedly a former employee of the War Department in the Philippines, who is reported to have died on 16 December 1941, was forwarded to this Center. Basic Communication further states that such file was contained in Box #WU-8-175,990.

2. It is requested that the Civilian Personnel Records Branch, this Center, be furnished additional information in order to locate the shipment of records that this box was included in. Such information should include the date shipment was made, together with Bill of Lading number.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Signed: Albert A. Lundquist  
Adjutant General

1 Incl  
a/c

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*NO - 8175 993*

**BASIC** Ltr fr Federal Security Agency, Bureau of Employees' Compensation to CG, Rec Adm Cen, AGO, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd, St Louis 20, Missouri, dtd 10 Nov 49 re claim of Francisco Guerrero.

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**AGRD-B**

**2nd Ind**

Headquarters, Adjutant General Records Depository, Philippines Command (Air Force) and Thirteenth Air Force, APO 900 16 JAN 1950

**TO:** The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Records Administration Center, St Louis 20, Missouri.

1. Information contained in basic communication and 1st indorsement is in error. The file in question is a wage claim against the United States Government under AGRD Filing No. WU-8-175,990, which file is in storage at this Headquarters. The claim was awarded by a Contract Claims Commission on 20 June 1948 in the amount of \$0.70 (\$0.35) for one day's pay. Claim was paid by Check No. 505173, D. C. Voucher No. 33162, accounts of H. D. Lloyd, Lieutenant-Colonel, FD, Headquarters, Philippines Command, and forwarded to the General Accounting Office for holding in the trust fund for deceased persons in the event claims are made by heirs.

2. A report has been made and forwarded directly to Mr. Joseph Gelfo, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Employees' Compensation in Manila, as requested in the basic communication.

3. Enclosed copy is forwarded for your information.

**FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:**

2 Incls

- 1. Award
- 2. Ltr of Lt-Col H. D. Lloyd, dtd 19 Oct49

1 Incl deleted - Fm GA 2

JAMES C. BILLINGS  
1st Lt, Infantry  
Adjutant

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FILE W/CASE





HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES COMMAND  
FINANCE SECTION  
APO 74

General Accounting Office  
Reconciliation & Clearance Division  
Check Accounting Section  
Washington 25, D. C.

19 October 1949

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto U. S. Depository Checks issued by the undersigned in favor of the Judge Advocate General, Army of the Philippines for and in behalf of the heirs of deceased persons as follows:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Deceased Person</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>D.O. Vou No.</u>
503,070	30 Jun 48	Hilario Calara	₱8.33	32952
503,147	30 Jun 48	Eloy Len Arias	₱1,837.00	33147
503,166	30 Jun 48	Jose B. Sengalang	₱8.47	33162
503,167	30 Jun 48	Vicente Solis	₱4.74	33162
503,168	30 Jun 48	Huspicio Nuis	₱2.74	33162
503,169	30 Jun 48	Jose Crespo	₱13.55	33162
503,170	30 Jun 48	Roberto Yanson	₱7.74	33162
503,171	30 Jun 48	Apolonio Dolor	₱1.12	33162
503,172	30 Jun 48	Emilio Luya	₱1.46	33162
503,173	30 Jun 48	Francisco Gurrero	₱0.70	33162

Request amounts be withdrawn from the Secretary of Treasury Special Deposit Account No. 51 and placed in a Trust Fund for the deceased persons in the event claims are made by theirs of the deceased.

Acquittance forms were not received from the Judge Advocate General, Army of the Philippines, therefore checks were not released. The amounts are properly payable upon receipt of such forms.

Proceeds of subject uncurrent checks were transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury Special Deposit Account No. 51 by the undersigned 31 July 1949, C/D No. 13, Symbol 215-142.

Very truly yours,

A. D. LLOYD  
Lt Col. 7D  
Finance Officer

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HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCES  
THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S OFFICE  
CAMP MURPHY, QUEZON CITY

JAGD- ~~ACC(US) 1382~~ ~~30 June~~ 1948


SUBJECT: Transmittal of Acquittance

TO : Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, APO 707

1. In accordance with the established procedure, transmitted herewith are three (3) copies of the Acquittance, duly signed by the authorized representative of the Judge Advocate General, FNDF, for Proceeding No. ~~WC-4-176,~~ 209-CC-81 of the heirs of the late Apolinario Calvo & Ramon Sazara.

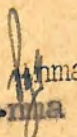
2. Request that action thereon be taken per par. 2 (b) of your eletter of transmittal of the said proceeding, Form CS-CCC-218 dated 18 June 1948.

FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

  
RAMON V. DIAZ  
Captain, JAGS  
Chief, Claims Branch

Incls:

1. Acquittance (3 copies)
2. Ltr of Transmittal dated 18 June 1948

  
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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS SERVICE

30 June 1948

APO 707

SUBJECT: Payment to Heirs of **JOSE B. SANGALANG** and 7 Others <sup>deceased</sup> through TJAG, Armed Forces of the Philippines (File WB-4-178,993-00-81).

TO: The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines  
Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

1. The following papers are enclosed pertaining to above subject claim:
- a. File for The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, consisting of Claim, Determination of Commission, Acquittance in quadruplicate and documents pertaining to heirship extracted from Claims Service file.
  - 2. It is suggested above papers be handled as follows:
    - a. The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, should execute three copies of the Acquittance referred to in 1-a, above, and forward to Claims Service. The remainder of the file is to be retained by The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines.
    - b. Upon receipt of triplicate copies of Acquittance duly executed, Claims Service will forward voucher and Acquittance to the United States Army Finance Office for payment to The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

*s/* Raymond B. Licudine  
*t/* RAYMOND B. LICUDINE  
1st Lt., Inf. AUS

Commissioner  
For Chief, Commission Branch  
Processing Division

1 Incl  
1. File for TJAG, AFP

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CS.CCC 217  
27 Feb. 47

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PROCEEDING NO. **WU-4-175,993-00-81** : Date Claim Arose: **16 Dec. 1941**  
: :  
Claimant: The Judge Advocate General, : Place: **Manila Bay**  
: Army of the Philippines (for :  
: and in behalf of the heirs :  
: of **Jose B. Sangalang and** :  
: **7 others** (deceased) :

ACQUITTA NCE

WHEREAS, certain heirs of **Jose B. Sangalang and 7 Others** deceased, under date of **31 March 1948**, filed claim against the United States of America, in the sum of **₱ 40.52**, for the requisitioning by the United States Army of **services rendered** and

WHEREAS, Contract Claims Commission No. **81** has made an award in favor of The Judge Advocate General, Army of the Philippines, for and in behalf of all the heirs of **JOSE B. SANGALANG and 7 Others** deceased, in the amount of **₱ 40.52** (**\$ 20.26**), and

WHEREAS, no administrator or executor of the estate of **Jose B. Sangalang and 7 Others**, deceased, has been appointed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1, Commonwealth of the Philippines Act No. 675, approved 24 July 1945, as amended by Commonwealth of the Philippines Act No. 684, approved 26 September 1945, The Judge Advocate General, Army of the Philippines, is authorized and empowered to execute an acquittance and receive payment for and in behalf of the heirs of deceased persons, where no administrator or executor has been appointed;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of **₱ 40.52** (**\$ 20.26**), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged in full settlement, the undersigned, The Judge Advocate General, Army of the Philippines, pursuant to the above authority, does hereby release and acquit the United States of America, its officers or agents, from all further liability arising out of the said claim.

This                    day of                    194 .

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J.A.G.S.,  
The Judge Advocate General,  
Army of the Philippines

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27 Feb. 47

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PROCEEDING NO. **WU-4-176,209-00-81** : Date Claim arose: **16 Dec. 1941**  
:  
Claimant: **The Judge Advocate General,** : Place: **Manila**  
**Army of the Philippines (for** :  
**and in behalf of the heirs** :  
**of Apolinario Calvo and** :  
**Ramon Suzara** (deceased) :

ACQUITTA NCE

WHEREAS, certain heirs of **Apolinario Calvo & Ramon Suzara** deceased, under date of **31 March 1948**, filed claim against the United States of America, in the sum of **₱ 18.79**, for the requisitioning by the United States Army of **services rendered** and

WHEREAS, Contract Claims Commission No. **81** has made an award in favor of **The Judge Advocate General, Army of the Philippines**, for and in behalf of all the heirs of **Apolinario Calvo & Ramon Suzara** deceased, in the amount of **₱ 18.79** (**\$ 9.39**), and

WHEREAS, no administrator or executor of the estate of **Apolinario Calvo & Ramon Suzara**, deceased, has been appointed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1, Commonwealth of the Philippines Act No. 675, approved 24 July 1945, as amended by Commonwealth of the Philippines Act No. 684, approved 26 September 1945, The Judge Advocate General, Army of the Philippines, is authorized and empowered to execute an acquittance and receive payment for and in behalf of the heirs of deceased persons, where no administrator or executor has been appointed;

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This **30th** day of **June** 194 **8**

*Ramon V. Diaz*  
**RAMON V. DIAZ**  
Captain, JAGS  
Chief, Claims Branch  
(Authorized Representative) **JAGS**  
For The Judge Advocate General,  
Army of the Philippines

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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS SERVICE

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28 July 1948  
APO 707

SUBJECT: Payment to Heirs of Apolinario Salvo A. Lopez deceased  
through TJAG, Armed Forces of the Philippines (File 307-30-81 ~~307-30-81~~,  
~~307-30-81~~).

TO: The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines  
Camp Murphy, Quezon City.

1. The following papers are enclosed pertaining to above subject  
claim:

a. File for The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the  
Philippines, consisting of Claim, Determination of Commission,  
Acquittance in quadruplicate and documents pertaining to heir-  
ship extracted from Claims Service file.

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in 1-a, above, and forward to Claims Service. The remainder of  
the file is to be retained by The Judge Advocate General, Armed  
Forces of the Philippines.

b. Upon receipt of triplicate copies of Acquittance duly execu-  
ted, Claims Service will forward voucher and Acquittance to the  
United States Army Finance Office for payment to The Judge Advocate  
General, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

1 Incl  
1. File for TJAG, AFP

/s/ Raymond E. Lindine  
/s/ RAYMOND E. LINDINE  
1st Lt., Inf. AUS

Commissioner  
For Chief, Commission Branch  
Processing Division

**PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONNEL**

U. S. Voucher No. **33162**  
Bu. Voucher No. **979**

**GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE PREAUDIT**  
Certified for payment in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Comptroller General of the United States  
By \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT & FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
(Department, bureau, or establishment)  
Voucher prepared at **CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILRYCOM, APO 707**  
(Give place and date)  
**30 June 1948**  
**THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,**  
**The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines**  
To **for and in behalf of the heirs of JESS B. SANG LANG and 7 others**  
**appearing on the attached payroll by Gibbs Gibbs, Chudman & Quasha**  
Address **Camp Murphy, Quezon City**  
Payee's Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PAID BY**  
**H. D. LLOYD**  
Lt. Colonel  
**Philippines**  
(For use of Paying Office)

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	Articles or Services (Enter description, item number of contract or general supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary) Terms % Discount Cash days	Quantity	UNIT PRICE		AMOUNT	
				Cost	Per	Dollars	Cts.
<b>10 Jun 48</b>		Brought forward from continuation sheet(s) <b>CC-81-WO-4-175,993</b>  The balance of funds in the allotment stated below, (665 (WF)-4) is sufficient to cover payment of this claim.  <b>BYRON R. SHERWOOD</b> <del>BYRON R. SHERWOOD</del> 1st Lt. INF. Assistant Fiscal Officer				<b>140.52</b> <b>(320.26)</b>	

Shipped from _____ to _____	Weight _____	Government B/L No. _____	Total _____
Differences _____			<b>140.52</b> <b>(320.26)</b>
Converted at _____			
to the P. I. peso _____			
Account verified; correct for _____			
(Signature or initials) _____			

See signed claim attached.

Contract No.	Date	Req. No.	Date	Invoice Rec'd
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**20.26 (140.52)**

**MEMORANDUM**

See attached approval

**TRIPPLICATE**

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (for completion by Administrative Office)

Appropriation, limitation, or project symbol	Appropriation title	Limit'n or Proj's Amount	Appropriation Amount	
<b>212-1607-11</b>	<b>665 (WF)-4</b> <b>CC-81-WO-4-175,993</b>		<b>140.52</b>	
ALLOTMENT SYMBOL	AMOUNT	OBIGATIONS LIQUIDATED	COST ACCOUNT	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION
			<b>PAID BY CHECK</b> <b>BRANCH NATIONAL CITY BANK</b> <b>OF NEW YORK</b>	<b>MANILA</b>

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We, THE SUBSCRIBERS, severally acknowledge to have received IN CASH the sums set out in this roll:

our respective

Checks dated

NAME, GRADE, DESIGNATION, AND TOTAL SALARY RATE	GROSS AMOUNT EARNED	DEDUCTIONS			NET AMOUNT PAID	Check No. Change Slip No. or Remarks
		RET.	TAX	BONDS		
<p>The claims of the following named claimants have been approved as per determination filed in Manila, dated 30 June 1948, in the following amounts:</p> <p>NY-4-175,993-00-81</p>						
1. Jose A. Sempinang c/o Gibbs, Gibbs, Gaudin & Gaudin Suite 204, Gibbs Bldg. 671 Macarinas, Manila	2.47	50	3166	30		<p>Dr. O. Vanika 33162 Br. Van. No. 9739 June 18</p> <p>(17)</p>
2. Vicente Solis c/o Gibbs, Gibbs, Gaudin & Gaudin Suite 204, Gibbs Bldg. 671 Macarinas, Manila	4.74		7			30 JUN 1948
3. Espicio Ruiz c/o Gibbs, Gibbs, Gaudin & Gaudin Suite 204, Gibbs Bldg. 671 Macarinas, Manila	2.74		8			
4. Jose Guapo c/o Gibbs, Gibbs, Gaudin & Gaudin Suite 204, Gibbs Bldg. 671 Macarinas, Manila	13.55		9			
5. Roberto Zamora c/o Gibbs, Gibbs, Gaudin & Gaudin Suite 204, Gibbs Bldg. 671 Macarinas, Manila	7.74		70			30 JUN 1948
6. Apolinario Delor c/o Gibbs, Gibbs, Gaudin & Gaudin Suite 204, Gibbs Bldg. 671 Macarinas, Manila	1.13		1			
7. Emilio Laya c/o Gibbs, Gibbs, Gaudin & Gaudin Suite 204, Gibbs Bldg. 671 Macarinas, Manila	1.43		2			
8. Francisco Guerrero c/o Gibbs, Gibbs, Gaudin & Gaudin Suite 204, Gibbs Bldg. 671 Macarinas, Manila	.70		3			30 JUN 1948
	20.26					

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FRANCIS & TAYLOR  
OF NEW YORK

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PHILIPPINE CONSOLIDATED GUARD  
 DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CLAIMS SERVICE

PROCEEDING NO. OF W-17,901-01 : Type: Wage Claim  
 Original CC No. OF W-15,990-03-02 : Place: Manila  
 Date Filed: 21 March 1948  
 Date Determined by Original CC: 3 June 1948  
 Date of this Determination: 25 June 1948  
 Claimant: The Judge Advocate General, Armed Forces of the Philippines for and in behalf of the heirs of Jose B. Mangalang deceased and others appearing on the attached payroll, by SIBOs, Sibos, Guadiana & Quasha, atty-in-fact  
 Amount Claimed: P 40.20 (\$ 20.26)  
 Amount Approved: P 40.20 (\$ 20.26)

RE-DETERMINATION OF CONTRACT CLAIMS COMMISSION NO. 31

1. Pursuant to the authority contained in Circular 92, War Relief Council, 29 August 1947, First War Reliefs Act of 1941 (Public Law No. 354, 77th Congress) Executive Order No. 9001, 27 December 1941; Circular 217, WS, 13 August 1947 and Par 4, SS No. 29, dated 4 Feb, 1948, Hqs. PHILTRICOM, Contract Claims Commission No. 31 makes the following determination:

a. That the attached claims of the above named claimants against the United States of America is within the jurisdiction of this Commission under the above authority.

b. Claims were determined by Contract Claims Commission No. 33 of this Claims Service by certificate of disapproval dated 3 June 1948 denying this claims for lack of sufficient evidence. Claimant has requested reconsideration of these claims which has been assigned to this Contract Claims Commission No. 31. New and material evidence has been duly submitted which in the opinion of this Commission now establishes a valid claim and by reason thereof, the action taken by the above numbered Contract Claims Commission is hereby vacated and annulled.

2. The undersigned Contract Claims Commission No. 31 finds and determines as follows:

a. That the officers and crew of the S/S "Corregidor" rendered services to the United States Army on 16 December 1941 at which time they died as a result of the sinking of this vessel. New and additional evidence submitted show that these men are entitled to payment of unpaid wages as follows:

1. Jose B. Mangalang	-	P 8.47	5. Roberto Yacona	-	P 7.74
2. Vicente Solis	-	4.74	6. Apolonio Doler	-	1.18
3. Napolio Ruiz	-	2.74	7. Emilio Luyon	-	1.46
4. Jose Crespo	-	13.55	8. Francisco Guerrero	-	.70

b. That the services was necessary to facilitate the prosecution of the war.

c. That the amount due to the heirs of the above deceased is P 40.20 (\$20.26) which sum is payable by the United States Army; that no part of said amount has been paid. Because of procedural irregularities, payment cannot readily be effected through normal finance procedure.

d. WHEREFORE, said claims are approved in the total amount of P 40.20 (\$20.26) which sum is payable by the United States Army. This Determination of this Contract Claims Commission will constitute authority for payment of these claims to the heirs of the above deceased in the amount shown on attached payroll to the extent that funds are available for the payment of such claims in the amount above determined.

CONTRACT CLAIMS COMMISSION NO. 31

1/26/49

H/C

The claims of the following named claimants have been approved as per determination filed in Manila, dated 18 June 1948, in the following amounts:

WU-4-176,209-CC-81

1. Apolinario Galvo  
By: Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha,  
Atty-in-fact  
Gibbs Bldg., Manila            ₱13.55
  
2. Ramon Suzara  
By: Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha,  
Atty-in-fact  
Gibbs Bldg., Manila            5.24

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TOTAL            -            ₱18.79  
    \$ 9.39

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A Certified True Copy:

*Byrne N. Sherwood*

BYRNE N. SHERWOOD  
1st Lt.            Inf.  
Asst Fiscal Officer

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The claims of the following named claimants  
have been approved as per determination filed in  
Manila, dated 20 June 1948, in the following amounts:

NU-4-175,993-00-81

- 1. Jose B. Sangalang / 8.47  
c/o Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha  
Suite 206, Gibbs Bldg.  
671 Dasmariñas, Manila
- 2. Vicente Solis 4.74  
c/o Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha  
Suite 206, Gibbs Bldg.  
671 Dasmariñas, Manila
- 3. Narciso Ruiz 2.74  
c/o Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha  
Suite 206, Gibbs Bldg.  
671 Dasmariñas, Manila
- 4. Jose Orampo 13.55  
c/o Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha  
Suite 206, Gibbs Bldg.  
671 Dasmariñas, Manila
- 5. Roberto Yanson 7.74  
c/o Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha  
Suite 206, Gibbs Bldg.  
671 Dasmariñas, Manila
- 6. Apolonio Doler 1.12  
c/o Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha  
Suite 206, Gibbs Bldg.  
671 Dasmariñas, Manila
- 7. Emilio Laya 1.48  
c/o Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha  
Suite 206, Gibbs Bldg.  
671 Dasmariñas, Manila
- 8. Francisco Guerrero .70  
c/o Gibbs, Gibbs,  
Chuidian & Quasha  
Suite 206, Gibbs Bldg.  
671 Dasmariñas, Manila

TOTAL - / 40.58  
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REPORT OF CLAIMS OFFICER, CLAIMS SERVICE, PHILADELPHIA, PAO 702

WU-4-175,913

Forwarded to Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1 June 1948  
 Claimant Gibbs, Gibbs, Chuidian & Type Wage Claim  
 Address Quashe - In behalf of 64 Amt. claimed Undetermined  
persons - members of the crew Date filed 31 March 1948  
of the S/S "Corregidor"  
 Date and Place of Incident 16 December 1941  
S/S "Corregidor", Manila Bay  
 Nature of Damage Unpaid Wages  
 Statement of facts and opinion (attach additional sheets if necessary):  
 (LIST OF EXHIBITS ON SEPARATE SHEET)

FACTS:

This claim was filed by Atty. Allison J. Gibbs in behalf of 64 persons allegedly members of the crew of the S/S "Corregidor". All of the persons listed in Exhibit "B" are dead and all of them died aboard the ship when the said S/S "Corregidor" struck a mine in the entrance of Manila Bay with the exception of the 3rd Mate who died at Fort Santiago.

Atty. Allison J. Gibbs was requested to submit a power of attorney executed by the heirs of the deceased crew and up to this time, the said attorney did not comply with the request. The power of attorney requested is very necessary in this claim for all legal purposes.

Although the Commission for Reconsideration No. 62 made an award in favor of the owners of the S/S "Corregidor", in its determination, however, it does not indicate that the officers and crew of the S/S "Corregidor" would be paid by the United States Army.

In view of the considerations above, it is believed that this claim lacks sufficient evidence to warrant payment of the same.

Recommendation: It is recommended that this claim be disallowed.

I (do) ~~not~~ concur.  
*Fitzgerald N. Salter*  
FITZGERALD N. SALTER  
Asst. Director, Teac No. 7

*Albino Z. Dingus*  
ALBINO Z. DINGUS  
Investigation Officer  
Claims Investigator

Action of Commission: APPROVED  DISAPPROVED   
Amount \$ 27.24 Date \_\_\_\_\_

See determination WU-4-175,913-25-93 *all prepared*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commission No. 81

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Manila, Philippines, March 31, 1948.

1. Claimant: OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE S/S "CORREGIDOR"  
as per attached list, marked Annex "A".  
Name of Person Performing Work if Deceased: GIBBS, GIBBS,  
CHUIDIAN & QUASHA, attorney-in-fact.  
Claimant's Address: Suite 206, Gibbs Building, 671 Dasmarinas,  
Manila, Philippines.  
Citizenship: FILIPINO. Amount Claimed: SEE ANNEX "A".
2. The work was performed for: United States Army as officers  
and crew of the S/S "Corregidor" commandeered  
by the United States Army. (See Claim of Compania  
Maritima, CC-62-X-5091d)
3. Payment was promised for the work performed.
4. Payment was not made for the work performed during the period  
from December 16, 1941 to December 16, 1941.
5. Payment was not made for the following number of days  
worked: ONE.
6. The rate of pay promised was: SEE ANNEX "A" per month for  
this work.
7. The reason for not being paid for this period was: 1)-S/S  
"Corregidor" was sunk at midnight December 16,  
1941; 2)- Japanese occupation of the Philippines.
8. The work was performed under the following circumstances:
  - a)- Date work started: December 16, 1941.
  - b)- Work was continuous and the work was performed  
during the following periods: from December  
16, 1941 to December 16, 1941.
  - c)- Description of work: See Annex "A".
  - d)- Place work was performed: Aboard S/S "Corregidor",  
Manila Bay.
  - e)- Names of Officers or other Military Personnel worked  
for and their present address: Col. Richard G.  
Rogers, Q.M.C., U.S.A., Traffic Control Officer  
in Manila.
  - f)- Names and addresses of the following:  
Foreman: ---  
Timekeeper: --  
Capataz: ---
  - g)- Date work ceased: December 16, 1941.
  - h)- Reason for stopping work: S/S "Corregidor" sunk;  
See Annex "A".
  - i)- Date last payment for wages was made: ---

j)- Period of work covered by last payment: ---

k)- Name of paymaster and his present address: ---

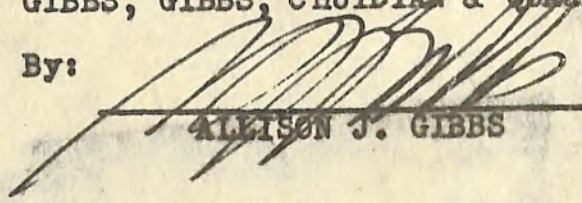
9. A claim for unpaid wages for period set forth in Paragraph 4 above has previously been filed with the following agency: Not known.

(Claim Service, PHILRYCOM, Recovered Personnel Division, PHILRYCOM, etc.)

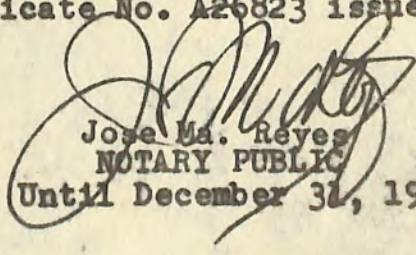
10. The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; I am the rightful claimant to the above-mentioned unpaid wages, and am legally entitled to receive payment therefor; the claim is just and valid, and IN CONSIDERATION of the payment of SEE ANNEX "A", the United States of America and the Philippine Army, its officers and agents, are HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED from all further liability arising out of this claim.

OFFICERS AND CREW OF S/S CORREGIDOR  
By: GIBBS, GIBBS, CHUIDIAN & ONASHA

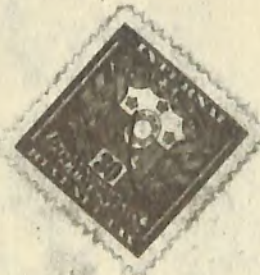
By:

  
ALLISON J. GIBBS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of March, 1948, at the City of Manila, Philippines, by ALLISON J. GIBBS, who exhibited his Residence Certificate No. A26823 issued at Manila on January 6, 1948.

  
Jose Ma. Reyes  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Until December 31, 1948

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Series of 1948.



From cu 26525-  
 claim file 20638  
 Jose B. Sangalang + 7 others

ANNEX "A"

S/S CORREGIDOR

<u>Name of Claimants</u>	<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Died in Action</u>	<u>Pre-War Compensation (Monthly)</u>
✓ 1 Apolinario Calvo <i>+ See WU-4-176, 209 with card</i>	Captain	Aboard Ship	P420.00 13.55 ✓
✓ 2 Rafael Bonanza <i>comp. claim v. sep. claim</i>	First Mate	"	262.50 8.47 ✓
✓ 3 Lorenzo Morales <i>Completed 10-17-44</i>	Second Mate	"	168.00 5.42 ✓
✓ 4 Agrimiro Vidal	Second Mate	---	168.00 5.42 ✓
✓ 5 Agripino Sarmiento	Third Mate	At Ft. Santiago	147.00 4.74 ✓
✓ 6 Jose Crespo	Chief Engineer	Aboard Ship	420.00 13.55 ✓
✓ 7 Jose Sangalang	Second "	"	262.50 8.47 ✓
✓ 8 Ramon Suzara <i>- see WU-4 176 209 Vicente? with card</i>	Third "	"	168.00 5.42 ✓
✓ 9 Ramon Solis	Fourth "	"	147.00 4.74 ✓
✓ 10 Ramon Vedula	Fourth "	---	147.00 4.74 ✓
✓ 11 Marcos Contreras	Radio Operator	---	131.25 4.23 ✓
	Asst. Radio Operator	Aboard Ship	85.00 2.74 ✓
✓ 12 Rita Manay	Nurse	----	70.00 2.29 ✓
✓ 13 Leopoldo Collamco	Carpenter	----	59.85 1.93 ✓
✓ 14 Pancrasio Bermuda	Quartermaster	----	34.65 1.12 ✓
✓ 15 Pedro Prado	"	----	34.65 1.12 ✓
✓ 16 Mariano Aranas	Storekeeper	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 17 Magdaleno Zulueta	Winchman	----	32.55 1.05 ✓
✓ 18 Antonio Iman ✓	Sailor	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 19 Gregorio Carbo	"	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 20 Tranquilino Carbo	"	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 21 Anastacio Alcoran	"	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 22 Tomas Cabanero ✓	"	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 23 Balaorio Remitio	"	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 24 Lazaro Riguete	"	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 25 Demetrio Cabanero	"	----	29.95 .97 ✓
✓ 26 Eriberto Japon	Oiler	----	49.90 1.58 ✓
✓ 27 Gregorio Alciso	"	----	49.90 1.58 ✓
✓ 28 Felix Lanorias	"	----	49.90 1.58 ✓
✓ 29 Servillano Isiderio	"	----	49.90 1.58 ✓
✓ 30 Alfredo Velasco	"	----	49.90 1.58 ✓
✓ 31 Maximo Inumbay	Fireman	----	45.15 1.46 ✓

S/S Corregidor.

<u>Name of Claimants</u>	<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Died in Action</u>	<u>Pre-War Compensation (Monthly)</u>
✓ 30 Roberto Yamson 2.0	Purser	Aboard Ship	₱240.00 7.74
✓ 30 Roman Villaruel	Chief Steward	---	149.65 4.83
20 Jose T. Ramos	Second Steward	---	42.90 1.38
Lazaro Lauz	Third Steward	---	40.00 1.29
Ignacio Cordova	Chief Cook	---	78.75 2.54
Fermin Latorre	Asst. Cook	---	34.65 1.12
30 Feliciano	" "	---	34.65 1.12
30 Zacarias Mondejar	Third "	---	28.50 .92
40 Flaviano Bagas	Cabin Boy	---	21.55 .70
Ernesto Tulang	" "	---	21.55 "
Jose Ebo ✓	" "	---	21.55 "
Cornelio Ebo ✓	" "	---	21.55 "
Ricardo Tiozon	" "	---	21.55 "
Ananias Ambrosio	" "	---	21.55 "
Jose Junsay	" "	---	21.55 "
Conrado Cipriano	" "	---	21.55 "
40 Resterio Esmeraldo	" "	---	21.55 "
40 Cresencio Salvador	" "	---	21.55 "
30 Felipe Umapas	" "	---	21.55 "
50 Mariano Aranas *	" "	---	21.55 "
Liberato Lachica	" "	---	21.55 "
Lucio Villarín	" "	---	21.55 "
Felizardo Mutos	" "	---	21.55 "
Domingo Villafranca	" "	---	21.55 "
Carlos Delgado	" "	---	21.55 "
Nicolas Militar	" "	---	21.55 "
Jose Garcia	" "	---	21.55 "

\* This appears to be an error; the name should be Francisco Guerrero

Note name of Mariano Aranas on pl. as Store Keeper.



S/S Corregidor

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Annex "A"

<u>Name of Claimants</u>	<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Died in Action</u>	<u>Pre-War Compensation (Monthly)</u>
Margarito Salado	Cabin Boy	----	₱21.55 . 70
Ernesto Venturanza	" "	----	21.55 "
Federico Cleope	" "	----	21.55 "
Ludovico Villanueva	" "	----	21.55 "
Cornelio Merto	" "	----	21.55 "
Dimas Barrios	" "	----	21.55 "

N O T E : The above salaries were doubled by reason of the war.

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BASIC: Ltr fr Dolores Morales Vda de Gutierrez and Candida Morales Vda de Rodriguez, 89 Havana, Sta. Ana, Manila, to the President, Republic of the Philippines, dtd 4 Sep 46.

GSXRP 247  
3rd Ind  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, WESTERN PACIFIC, APO 707  
3 October 1946

TO: Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, Camp Murphy, Quezon City

1. Heirs of crew members of the SS "CORREGIDOR" may file claims for arrears in pay with Claims Service, AFWESPAC.
2. Writers of basic communication have not been advised by this headquarters of the information contained in paragraph 1 above.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTIANSEN:

MORRIS H. MARCUS  
Colonel AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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(AG-M)

*Ind*  
HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE ARMY, Camp Murphy, Murphy, Quezon City,  
27 September 1946

TO: Commanding General, AFWFSPAC, APO 707

1. Request appropriate action.
2. The writers have not been advised of this reference.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

A. A. MARTINEZ  
Lt Colonel, AGS  
Asst Adjutant General

/plr

RECEIVED  
AFWFSPAC  
5 OCT 1946  
E. J. [unclear]

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RE: For information of the Bureau and the Department of State, the following information is being furnished to you for your information and guidance:

(AG-10)  
HEADQUARTERS HILLTOP ARMY, Camp Murphy, Camp Murphy, Green City,  
27 September 1946

TO: Commanding General, AAWSPAC, APO 707

1. Request appropriate action.
2. The writers have not been advised of this reference.

FOR THE CHIEF OF BUREAU:

A. A. MARTINEZ  
1st Colonel, AGS  
Last Adjutant General

Mr



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES

1st Indorsement  
Manila, September 13, 1946

Respectfully referred to the Chief of Staff, Philippine Army,  
Manila, for appropriate action, advice of which is requested.

/s/ Pio Pedrosa  
/t/ PIO PEDROSA  
Technical Assistant  
to the President

89 Havana, Sta. Ana, Manila  
4 September 1946

The President  
Republic of the Philippines  
Manila

Dear Mr. President:

More than a year now has passed since the liberation but nothing so far has yet been said about the status of the crew of the "S.S. CORREGIDOR" who perished when said boat hit a mine off Manila Bay sometime in December 1941. Altho it has been admitted by the Recovered Personnel Division that the "S. S. CORREGIDOR" was one of those interisland ships commandeered by the U. S. Army at the outbreak of the War in 1941, the same does not accept claims from heirs of the crew who perished in the disaster.

In view of the fact that claims from Filipinos who rendered services or furnished materials and facilities to the United Naval Forces in the Philippines between 8 December 1941 and 14 August 1945 will now be entertained by the United States Navy as announced by Malacanan in the August 30 issue of the Evening News, do not claims from the heirs of the crew who perished in the "S. S. CORREGIDOR" fall under such claims to be entertained by the U. S. Navy? If they do not, who then will give compensation to the services rendered by the deceased crew? Where will representations be made?

We are writing you this, Mr. President, because we believe your Office could give us the correct information which we have tried in vain to get from other sources. As widows, with eight children to feed, we trust your Office will not deny us this humble request. We are sisters to our only brother who perished in the "S. S. CORREGIDOR."

Praying for divine guidance and success in your administration, we remain

Very respectfully yours

/s/ Dolores Morales Vda de Gutierrez  
/t/ DOLORES MORALES Vda de GUTIERREZ

/s/ Candida Morales Vda de Rodriguez  
/t/ CANDIDA MORALES Vda de RODRIGUEZ

1230 CORRECIDOR s/s Received from Civ. Sect. 4 March 1946

Information already known:

Owner: Compania Maritima - *PRO 7673 Lt. McKee*

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND883078

Information desired:

Any and all information relating to this vessel. Particularly, any information or orders of commandeering, chartering, etc. Also a list of all crew members, and rate of pay.

Assigned to Team# \_\_\_\_\_

Reported to Civ. Sect. \_\_\_\_\_ 6

*In Compania Maritima File*

*Bus C. Borsch, Jr.*

*Received: d.d. Sobral*

*Ret'd. to Civ. Sect. 21 Mar. 46,*



*Civ*  
ADJUDICATION SECTION

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF INSTALLATION

*Shalit*  
Adjudicator

NAME OF INSTALLATION 5/s Corregidor

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION ALREADY KNOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

*OWNER: Compania Maritima*

FURTHER INFORMATION DESIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Any and all information relating to this vessel. Particularly any information on orders of commanding, charting etc. Also, a list of all crew members and their rate of pay.*

LIST OF CASES FOR INVESTIGATION AND/OR REFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROCUREMENT CLAIMS FORM  
(For action by Contract Claims Commission)

Manila, Philippines  
November 12, 1945.

1. Name of owner: COMPANIA MARITIMA  
Address: 259 Gral. Solano, San Miguel, Manila, Philippines.

2. Description of property or service:

Requisition of the S. S. CORREGIDOR.

3. The property was taken by, or the service was rendered to, United States forces under the following circumstances:

(a) On or about December 13, 1941, the S.S. CORREGIDOR was ordered to Pier No. 1, Manila, by the U.S. Army where it took on its water requirements and then returned to its anchorage in the North Harbor, Manila Bay, off of Malabon.

(b) On December 14, 1941, the U.S. Army ordered the S.S. CORREGIDOR TO pier No. 1, Manila, where it was loaded by the U.S. Army authorities with military cargo. Loading operations continued until December 16 by which date the two holds were completely filled. Even the deck space was occupied with military cargo. During this period the ship went back and forth several times between Pier No. 1 and its anchorage off of Malabon on the orders of the U. S. Army.

(c) On December 16, 1941, certain military personnel went aboard ship and civilian passengers were permitted by the U. S. Army authorities to board at their own risk after signing complete releases.

(d) On December 16, 1941, at about 10:00 P.M. under sealed orders from the U. S. Army the S. S. CORREGIDOR left Pier No. 1, Manila.

(e) At about 12:40 P.M., when the S.S. CORREGIDOR was opposite Moja Island, in the entrance to Manila Bay, she was sunk by what is believed to have been a mine set by the U.S. Army authorities in the entrance to the Manila Bay.

(f) The S.S. CORREGIDOR, although under orders of the U. S. Army was manned and operated throughout this period by the officers and crew of the Compania Maritima.

4. The value of the ship when taken was US\$800,000.00 and the per diem charter was US\$1,000.00. The value of the ship was set out in the following memorandum agreement:

Manila, December 17, 1941

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Manila, December 17, 1941

The Executive Officer  
Quartermaster Department  
U. S. Army

Sir:

In accordance with our agreement, we are placing

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*J. G. Lema*

COMPANIA MARITIMA

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND883078

Manila, December 17, 1941

The Executive Officer,  
Quartermaster Department,  
U. S. Army.

Sir:

In accordance with our agreement, we are placing today our ss. "Corregidor" at your disposal. This ship has the following particulars:

Length b.p.	315'	10"
Length o.a.	325'	
Beam	41'	5"
Depth	16'	6"
Gross tonnage	1877	tons
Net tonnage	873	tons
Cargo	780	tons
Speed	21	knots.

The value of the vessel is eight hundred thousand dollars. Compensation and other conditions of the charter will be arranged later, but they will include your responsibility for compensation to officers and crew according to Philippine laws and indemnity to us for partial or total loss of the vessel.

Numerous persons from the southern provinces who are very keen in evacuating from Manila have asked as to be allowed to board this ship as passengers. Please advise us whether you wish us to accommodate them and what disposition shall we make of the revenue of these passages

Respectfully Yours,

(Sgd) J. P. FERNANDEZ

CONFIRMED:  
(Sgd) RICHARD G. ROGERS  
Lt Col QMC  
Traffic Control

A TRUE COPY:

*Norman E. Winslow*  
NORMAN E. WINSLOW  
1st Lt CAC

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND883078

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Respectfully yours,

COMPANIA MARITIMA  
FERNANDEZ HERMANOS, INC.  
GERENTES GENERALES

Por (Sgd.) J. P. FERNANDEZ.

12/16  
Civ. passengers at their  
own risk

CONFIRMED:  
(Sgd.) RICHARD G. ROGERS  
Lt. Col., QMC  
TRAFFIC CONTROL."

(a) The date of December 17, 1941, appearing in the letter is erroneous, it should be December 16, 1941-see the date of the confirmation signed by Lt. Col. Richard G. Rogers.

(b) The per diem of \$1,000.00 which is claimed does not appear in the foregoing agreement, but is based upon similar charters covering the S. S. BOHOL and S. S. MACTAN - see claims filed for these d ships.

(c) Attention is called to the word "today" in the first sentence of the foregoing agreement. Mention of the fact that the U.S. Army had assumed direct control and had placed the S.S. CORREGIDOR under its orders as early as December 13, 1941 was unwittingly overlooked by the author of the memorandum agreement. The memorandum agreement was prepared only when it was realized that the ship was about to depart for the purpose of protecting all parties.

(d) The Compania Maritima holds approximately ₱7,830.00 representing passage fare of approximately 261 civilian passengers at an average rate of ₱30.00 per passenger. Our records are destroyed regarding these figures; they are approximations.

(e) An additional number of civilian passengers boarded without paying fare by applying directly to the Army authorities. Army personnel also went aboard.

(f) The signed copy of this letter is in the possession of Compania Maritima and will be surrendered upon request.

5. No money or compensation of any type has been received to date by the Compania Maritima, or by any of its representatives, either as rental or as a partial or total settlement for the charter and loss of the S.S. CORREGIDOR, other than the aforestated ₱7,830.00 (see paragraph 40d).

6. The S.S. CORREGIDOR was one of several ships mortgaged to the Philippine National Bank to cover general overdraft and banking facilities at the time it was taken over by the U. S. Army. These overdraft and banking facilities subsequently were paid off and the mortgages cancelled, so that there is now no outstanding lien or mortgage against the S.S. CORREGIDOR.

7. After the property was taken by the U.S. Army, it was sunk at midnight, December 16, 1941. (see par. 3-e)

8. Affiant swears that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the Compnia Maritima is the owner of the above described property, subject to no liens, and is legally entitled to receipt payment thereof, that the claim is just and valid; and that IN CONSIDERATION of the payment of US\$800,085.00 calculated as follows: US\$800,000.00 for the total loss of the S.S. CORREGIDOR, and US\$4,000.00 for the four days use less the ₱7,830.00 fare collected from the civilian passengers, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, its officers and agents, are HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED from all further liability arising out of the above claim.


COMPANIA MARITIMA

(Sgd) J. P. FERNANDEZ  
Managing Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of November, 1945, at Manila, Philippines, by J. P. FERNANDEZ as Managing Director of Compania Maritima, who exhibited his Residence Certificate No. A3702347 issued at Manila on April 24, 1945.

(Sgd) Signature, not legible  
NOTARY PUBLIC

A TRUE COPY:

  
NORMAN E. WINSLOW  
1st Lt. CAC

Claims Service Form No. 200.

PROCUREMENT CLAIMS FORM  
(For action by Contract Claims Commission)

TRIPLE SCREEN 5/5  
CORREGIDOR

Manila, Philippines  
November 12, 1945.

1.- Name of owner: COMPANIA MARITIMA

Address: 259 Gral. Solano, San Miguel, Manila, Philippines.

2.- Description of property or service:

Requisition of the S.S. CORREGIDOR.

3.- The property was taken by, or the service was rendered to, United States forces under the following circumstances:

(a)- On or about December 13, 1941, the S.S. CORREGIDOR was ordered to Pier No. 1, Manila, by the U.S. Army where it took on its water requirements and then returned to its anchorage in the North Harbor, Manila Bay, off of Malabon.

(b)- On December 14, 1941, the U.S. Army ordered the S.S. CORREGIDOR to Pier No. 1, Manila, where it was loaded by the U. S. Army authorities with military cargo. Loading operations continued until December 16 by which date the two holds were completely filled. Even the deck space was occupied with military cargo. During this period the ship went back and forth several times between Pier No. 1 and its anchorage off of Malabon on the orders of the U. S. Army.

(c)- On December 16, 1941, certain military personnel went aboard ship and civilian passengers were permitted by the U.S. Army authorities to board at their own risk after signing complete releases.

(d)- On December 16, 1941, at about 10:00 P.M., under sealed orders from the U. S. Army, the S.S. CORREGIDOR left Pier No. 1, Manila.

(e)- At about 12:40 P.M., when the S.S. CORREGIDOR was opposite Nonja Island, in the entrance to Manila Bay, she was sunk by what is believed to have been a mine set by the U.S. Army authorities in the entrance to the Manila Bay.

(f)- The S.S. CORREGIDOR, although under orders of the U.S. Army, was manned and operated throughout this period by the officers and crew of the Compania Maritima.

4.- The value of the ship when taken was US\$800,000.00, and the per diem charter was US\$1,000.00. The value of the ship was set out in the following memorandum agreement:

Manila, December 17, 1941

The Executive Officer  
Quartermaster Department  
U. S. Army

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In accordance with our agreement, we are placing

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*J. G. Hardy*

today our SS "Corregidor" at your disposal. This ship has the following particulars:

Length b.p.	315' 10"
Length o.a.	325'
Beam	41' 5"
Depth	16' 6"
Gross tonnage	1877 tons
Net tonnage	873 tons
Cargo	780 tons
Speed	21 knots.

The value of the vessel is eight hundred thousand dollars. Compensation and other conditions of the charter will be arranged later, but they will include your responsibility for compensation to officers and crew according to Philippine laws and indemnity to us for partial or total loss of the vessel.

Numerous persons from the southern provinces who are very keen in evacuating from Manila have asked us to be allowed to board this ship as passengers. Please advise us whether you wish us to accommodate them and what disposition shall we make of the revenue of these passages.

Respectfully yours,

COMPANIA MARITIMA  
 FERNANDEZ HERNADES, INC.  
 GERENTES GENERALES

Por (Sgd.) J. P. FERNANDES.

12/16  
 Civ. passengers at their  
 own risk

CONFIRMED:  
 (Sgd.) RICHARD G. ROGERS  
 Lt. Col., JMC  
 TRAFFIC CONTROL."

(a)- The date of December 17, 1941, appearing in the letter is erroneous, it should be December 16, 1941 - see the date of the confirmation signed by Lt. Col. Richard G. Rogers.

(b)- The per diem of \$1,000.00 which is claimed does not appear in the foregoing agreement, but is based upon similar charters covering the S.S. BOKOL and S.S. WACTAN - see claims filed for these ships.

(c)- Attention is called to the word "today" in the first sentence of the foregoing agreement. Mention of the fact that the U.S. Army had assumed direct control and had placed the S.S. CORREGIDOR under its orders as early as December 13, 1941 was unwittingly overlooked by the author of the memorandum agreement. The memorandum agreement was prepared only when it was realized that the ship was about to depart for the purpose of protecting all parties.

(d)- The Compania Maritima holds approximately \$7,830.00 representing passage fare of approximately 261 civilian passengers at an average rate of \$30.00 per passenger. Our records are destroyed regarding these figures; they are approximations.

*J.P. Fernandez*



- (e)- An additional number of civilian passengers boarded without paying fare by applying directly to the Army authorities. Army personnel also went aboard.
- (f)- The signed copy of this letter is in the possession of Compañia Maritima and will be surrendered upon request.
- 5.- No money or compensation of any type has been received to date by the Compañia Maritima, or by any of its representatives, either as rental, or as a partial or total settlement for the charter and loss of the S.S. CORREGIDOR, other than the aforesaid \$7,830.00 (see paragraph 4-d).
- 6.- The S.S. CORREGIDOR was one of several ships mortgaged to the Philippine National Bank to cover general overdraft and banking facilities at the time it was taken over by the U. S. Army. These overdraft and banking facilities subsequently were paid off and the mortgages cancelled, so that there is now no outstanding lien or mortgage against the S. S. CORREGIDOR.
- 7.- After the property was taken by the U. S. Army, it was sunk at midnight, December 16, 1941. (see par. 3-e)
- 8.- Affiant swears that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the Compañia Maritima is the owner of the above described property, subject to no liens, and is legally entitled to receipt payment thereof, that the claim is just and valid; and that IN CONSIDERATION of the payment of US\$800,085.00 calculated as follows: US\$800,000.00 for the total loss of the S.S. CORREGIDOR, and US\$4,000.00 for the four days use less the \$7,830.00 fare collected from the civilian passengers, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, its officers and agents, are HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED from all further liability arising out of the above claim.

COMPAÑIA MARITIMA  
By *J. P. Fernandez*  
J. P. FERNANDEZ  
Managing Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of November, 1946, at Manila, Philippines, by J. P. FERNANDEZ as Managing Director of Compañia Maritima, who exhibited his Residence Certificate No. A3702347 issued at Manila on April 24, 1946.

*[Signature]*  
Until Dec. 31, 1946.

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November 3, 1945.

Lt. La Manna

Sir:

The papers of the "Corregidor" have been delivered by our President to our lawyer Mr. Allison Gibbs, whose office is in the 2nd floor, People's Bank Building, Dasmariñas St. If you see Mr. Gibbs, you can take up the matter with him.

Apologizing for the trouble,

Yours respectfully,

*J. P. Hardy*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
In the City of Iloilo

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that we personally know the bearer, Mr. Javier Igasan. That shortly before the landing of the Jap Forces in the island of Panay on April 16, 1942, we knew him to be employed as a civilian employee in the S.S. Corrigidor which was sine the declaration of war on Dec. 8, 1941 converted to an Army transport of the USAFFE in the Philippines. That we further vouch that since the sinking of the said Army transport, he had not rendered any service to the enemy forces in whatever capacity.

In witness whereof, we hereunto signed this certification in the foregoing tenor this 2nd<sup>day</sup> of November, 1945 in the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

/s/ V. Zaldariaga  
1st Lieut., QMS  
%21st F. O S

/s/ Vicente Pena  
2nd Lieut. Inf.  
%1st Co 6st Pepl Bn

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

In WD affidavit it is stated that husband of affiant was employed by the SS Corregidor which was commandeered by the U.S. Army in 1941.

Secure true copy of order commandeering SS Corregidor from the Compania Maritima of General Solano St., Manila, former owners of said vessel. Also obtain affidavit to the effect that deceased husband was serving as chief officer or in any other capacity on SS Corregidor at time said ship was sunk and also statement of salary received.

Assigned to Team No. 2

Reported to Civilian Section \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

- Claims Sec. AFWESPAC  
Lt. McKeever, D.C.  
- pending decision 46580

Case Withdrawn  
by Civilian Section 28 Nov.

In reply  
refer to:

HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT,  
Office of the Quartermaster.

Manila, P. I.

December 19, 1941

MEMORANDUM:

December 15, 1941 Col Rogers announced that a boat was to be used for a voyage to Southern ports and during the afternoon of that date, all interested offices and organizations were so notified. December 16, 1941, A M, the SS "CORREIDOR" was selected as the most suitable available boat because of speed and cargo space. Arrangements were made with Mr Ellis, representative, and vessel was ordered into Pier #1 for loading. All offices and organizations were notified to immediately send cargo to Pier #1 and that ship would sail at 4:00 P M. At about 3:00 P M it was obvious that with slow arrival of cargo, loading could not be completed until a later hour. After contacting Col Rogers and in company with Mr Ellis, vessel's agent, called at the Navy Port Office and arranged approval with Ensign Tirk to sail vessel at 10:00 P M from Pier #1 and to arrive at the mine fields at about 11:30 P M where Ensign Tirk stated all arrangements necessary to pass vessel through would be perfected. At about 3:30 P M two lighter loads of passengers and baggage came alongside. This was the writers first knowledge commercial passengers were to be carried and upon questioning Mr Ellis, I was informed he had arranged this with Col Rogers and Commander Fortz. At about 7:30 P M Col Rogers and Capt Starke boarded the "CORREIDOR" making the rounds to satisfy themselves that all was in order. Col Rogers went over arrangements for dispatch of the vessel with Mr Ellis and vessels Master Captain Calvo. He left the ship at about 8:15 P M. I left shortly after.

All cargo was on board shortly before 8:00 P M and vessel left Pier #1 promptly at 10:00 P M as per arrangements.

Arrangements as to movement, etc., of vessel as made with Mr. Ellis, I understood, were that vessel would berth at Pier #1 and sail at 4:00 P M, December 16, 1941 to Cebu, Tagbilaran, Bugo and Iloilo, thence back to Manila. All cargo space for the voyage South to be reserved for the U S Army. Passenger space to accommodate 63 Officers and enlisted men.

My understanding as to agreement with owners was Army to pay tariff freight rates, compensate the crew with a reasonable bonus should they so demand and that owners may claim against the Government in the event vessel was lost considering that Underwriters had cancelled all insurance on the vessel.

/s/ H. M. Cavender  
/t/ H. M. CAVENDER  
Major, Q.M.C.

SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, ARMANDO CRESPO Y ALVAREZ, Filipino citizen, of legal age, married, and a resident of the City of Manila, Philippines, have made, constituted and appointed, and do hereby make, constitute and appoint the law firm of GIBBS, GIBBS, CHUIDIAN AND QUASHA, with offices at Suite 206 Gibbs Building, 671 Dasmariñas St., Manila, Philippines, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, for me and in my name, place and stead, to demand, sue for, collect, compromise and settle any and all claims which I have or may have against the United States Government on account of the employment and death of my brother JOSE CRESPO, Filipino, of legal age, married to Ana de Crespo, now deceased, and formerly Chief Engineer of the SS "Corregidor", who died without any surviving forced heirs, claims for which have already been filed with the Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, and to execute and deliver on my behalf, proper receipt or receipts and acquittances, for all moneys received by virtue of these presents, and I hereby give and grant unto my said attorney full power and authority to do any and all things necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes of this mandate, and undertake to ratify and confirm, and do hereby ratify and confirm all that my said attorney, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these presents at Manila, Philippines, this 9th day of June, 1948.

*Armando Crespo y Alvarez*  
ARMANDO CRESPO Y ALVAREZ

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

*Ernesto Zaragoza*  
*Spillarde*

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CITY OF MANILA

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the City of Manila, Philippines, personally appeared Mr. Armando Crespo y Alvarez with Residence Certificate No. A-283128, issued at Manila on May 22, 1948, to me known and known to me to be the same person who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Manila, Philippines, this 9th day of June, 1948.

*Ernesto Zaragoza*  
ERNESTO ZARAGOZA  
Notary Public  
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, ESPERANZA RUIZ CORDERO, Filipino citizen, of legal age, married, and a resident of # 610 Sales Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines, have made, constituted and appointed, and do hereby make, constitute and appoint the law firm of GIBBS, GIBBS, CHEIDIAN & QUASHA, with offices at Suite 206 Gibbs Building, 671 Dasmarias, Manila, Philippines, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, for me and in my name, place and stead, to demand, sue for, collect, compromise and settle any and all claims which I have or may have against the United States Government on account of the employment and death of my brother, HOSPICIO RUIZ, Assistant Radio Operator of the S.S. "Corregidor" of COMPANIA MARITIMA who died when said S.S. "Corregidor" was sunk on December 17, 1941; said HOSPICIO RUIZ was single at the time of his death and I am the only survivor as heir, claims for which have already been filed with the Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, and to execute and deliver on my behalf, proper receipt or receipts and acquittances, for all moneys received by virtue of these presents, and I hereby give and grant unto my said attorney full power and authority to do any and all things necessary to the accomplishment of the purpose of this mandate, and undertake to ratify and confirm, and do hereby ratify and confirm all that my said attorney, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these presents at Manila, Philippines, this 15th., day of June, 1948.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

*[Handwritten signatures of witnesses]*

*Esperanza Ruiz Cordero*  
ESPERANZA RUIZ CORDERO

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES }  
CITY OF MANILA } s.s.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the City of Manila, Philippines personally appeared Esperanza Ruiz Cordero with residence certificate No. 2799313, issued at Ilocos Norte, on March 10, 1948, to me known and known to me to be the same person who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Manila, Philippines, this 15th., day of June, 1948.

*[Handwritten signature of Notary Public]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Until December 31, 1948.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES  
IN THE CITY OF MANILA  
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I, Jose P. Fernandez, after having been duly sworn depose and say:

1. That I am a filipino, of age, single and residing in the City of Manila.

2. That I was Assistant Manager of the Compañia Maritima in December 1941.

3. That Rafael Bonanza, was Chief Officer of the "S.S. CORREGIDOR" before and at the time it was sunk on December 17, 1941.

4. That the salary as Chief Officer of said Mr. Rafael Bonanza was ₱262.50 a month.

5. That the Officers and crew of the "S.S. CORREGIDOR" were paid up to December 15, 1941.

6. That I sign this affidavit in order to justify the truth of the statements above mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I sign this affidavit in the City of Manila, this 3rd, day of November, 1945.

*J. P. Fernandez*  
Jose P. Fernandez

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 3rd, day of November, 1945 by Mr. Jose P. Fernandez, who exhibited to me his Residence Tax Certificate No. A-3702347 - 9/31/45, Manila.

*Frank S. La Manna*  
*12th Div 01057495*  
*Summary Court Officer*



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES

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A F F I D A V I T

I, GUILLERMO MONTECLARO, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen, and resident of Jalandoni Estate, Iloilo City, Iloilo, Philippines, after having been duly sworn to in the form prescribed by law, hereby depose and say:

1. That before the outbreak of the present war I was employed as Musquit, (Kitchen Assistant) in the S/S Corregidor of the Compania Maritima, Iloilo;
2. That the said S/S Corregidor was sunk on December 17, 1941, somewhere between Corregidor Island and Carmen Island outside Manila Bay, Philippines.
3. That in that disaster I was able to save myself by clinging to a floating bench;
4. That on February 27, 1942, I returned to Iloilo from Mindoro after arriving in that place from Batangas;
5. That our "Batil" (small vessel with said) reached Buruanga, Capiz, from which I proceeded to Iloilo.
6. That on March 7, 1942, I was employed in the Dumarao Landing Field as worker with a wage of One Peso and Thirty-Seven Centavos (P1.37) daily;
7. That I worked in that capacity until the landing of the Japanese in Panay on 16 April 1942;
8. That during the time that I worked in the said landing Field I was able only to draw P9.35 and no more;
9. That there is still due to me the sum of P45.45 as my unpaid salary.
10. That I am a married man with four children, and I have no work at present, except to do some manual labor for somebody who may need my services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of June, 1945, in the City of Iloilo, Philippines.

(SGD) GUILLERMO MONTECLARO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of June, 1945, in the City of Iloilo, Philippines. Affiant exhibited to me his Res. Cert. No. A-1572168, issued at Iloilo City, on May 9, 1945.

(SGD) PACIFICO A. DALISAY  
Notary Public  
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I, RICHARD G. ROGERS, a Colonel in the United States Army, Serial No. O-11698, being first duly sworn, do depose and say as follows:

1. In December 1941, I was the USAFFE Traffic Control Officer, with offices in Manila, P. I. The Traffic Control Office operated under the direct supervision of USAFFE G-4. (Lt. Colonel, now Colonel, N. F. Galbraith, GSC, was the Assistant USAFFE G-4 under whom I operated.) Acting in this official capacity, I was directed to and did obtain the use of several vessels belonging to the Compania Maritima, of Manila, P. I. All negotiations for the use of such vessels were made between myself and Mr. William Ellis, an agent for the Compania Maritima. Mr. Ellis was subsequently commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, GSC, of the United States, and has since died while prisoner of war of the Japanese.

2. About 12 December 1941 I was directed by Lt. Colonel N. F. Galbraith, GSC, Assistant USAFFE G-4, to obtain the service of a fast ship to make a trip to the Southern Islands for the purpose of transporting military supplies, equipment, and personnel to Cebu, Cebu, and Bugo, Mindanao. It was finally decided by the Assistant USAFFE G-4 on 15 or 16 December 1941 to use the S.S. Corregidor because of her speed and cargo space, and I was directed to make the necessary arrangements for her use. It was agreed between myself and Mr. William Ellis that the S.S. Corregidor would make a regular trip to the Southern Islands, but would first be put alongside Pier 1, Manila, for the Army to load, and would then sail when her Captain (Calvo) was given the word by the representative of the Army, after first getting the usual clearance through the Port Captain's Office. To compensate the Compania Maritima for this service, the Army was to pay them tariff freight rate for the vessel's total net tonnage, plus the regular passenger fare for each military passenger authorized to board her. Any passenger space left could be used by the owners as they saw fit, but at each passenger's own risk. It was understood that Captain Calvo would retain full authority over the ship and would be responsible for proper loading and observance of all regulations applying to the vessel. The Army agent was simply to notify him when the vessel was loaded as far as the Army was concerned, and the ship's manifest indicated the ports of call where Army freight was to be unloaded. The United States Government was to compensate the crew with a reasonable bonus for operating in dangerous waters should they so demand and the owners could claim against the Government in the event the vessel was lost or damaged. This arrangement was made for the one trip to the Southern Islands, and, as I remember, if the vessel did not obtain a full load on her return trip to Manila, the Government was

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to compensate the owners with an amount equal to the difference of her actual tonnage and passengers aboard and her total net tonnage and number of authorized passengers.

3. I seem to recollect that there was something said about a charter or some sort of contract was going to be entered into after the vessel returned from this trip. So far as I am aware, there was never a written agreement made for the use of the Corregidor. The matter was reported to the Purchasing and Contracting Officer, Philippine Quartermaster Depot, Manila, P.I. (Captain A. B. Carlton), but time did not permit the drawing of the agreement. I understand Captain Carlton has since died.

4. In accordance with agreement entered into between myself and Mr. William Ellis, the S.S. Panay was placed at the disposal of the Army on 23 December 1941 at Pier No. 1, Manila. A trip charter was to be drawn covering this vessel. The Panay was used for hauling supplies and personnel for the Army. She was used continuously by the Army until she was sunk by the enemy. I am not aware how many trips she made. The terms and conditions were as stated in the Compania Maritima's letter to the Traffic Control Officer 23 December 1941. So far as I know, no formal agreement or charter was executed by the Purchasing and Contracting Officer due to timelimit.

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5. In accordance with agreement made between myself and Mr. William Ellis, the S.S. Samal was placed at Pier 1, Manila, 23 December 1941, for use of the Army. This vessel was taken on a time charter basis, beginning 23 December 1941. She was used by the Army for transporting military supplies and personnel until sunk by the enemy. The terms were to be as indicated in the Compania Maritima's letter 23 December 1941 to the Traffic Control Officer. I am of the opinion the contract was never drawn.

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6. The S.S. Bohol and Romblon were placed at the disposal of the Army on 26 December 1941 on a per diem basis, as outlined in my letter to the Purchasing and Contracting Officer, Philippine Quartermaster Depot, Manila, 26 December 1941. As stated in this letter to Captain Carlton, all other conditions, excepting rate of pay, value of the boat, and type of charter, would be as specified for the Panay in letter of 23 December 1941. The Army used these vessels for movement of military supplies. The Bohol was sunk by the enemy on 28 December 1941. I do not remember circumstances surrounding the Romblon; i.e., how long she was used before she was lost. I do not believe contracts were actually drawn on these vessels due to lack of time.

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7. All of these vessels were used by the Army as indicated. I am of the opinion that no formal agreement or contracts were drawn due to the time element between the time the vessels were placed at the disposal of the Army and the evacuation of Manila by all military personnel. (The Philippine Quartermaster Depot was evacuated to Bataan about 25 or 26 December 1941.) It was not intended that any of these

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vessels would be commandeered with title passing to the Army, but were simply used by the Army under certain agreements entered into between myself and Mr. William Ellis, an agent of the Compania Maritima. All of these vessels have been lost due to enemy action, except the Corregidor and I am of the opinion the Government is liable under the terms of the agreements. I am unable to give any information regarding the Luzon. My signature and initials appearing on the letters of the Compania Maritima, dated:

December 17, 1941, pertaining to Corregidor  
December 23, 1941, pertaining to Samar  
December 23, 1941, pertaining to Panay  
December 25, 1941, pertaining to Samar  
December 28, 1941, pertaining to Bohol  
December 28, 1941, pertaining to Samar

and my letter to Captain A. B. Carlton, December 26, 1941, pertaining to the Bohol, Nactan, and Romblon, are acknowledged.

/s/ Richard G. Roger

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a notary public in and for the  
Dist. of Col. \_\_\_\_\_, Washington \_\_\_\_\_,  
this 23rd day of April, 1946.

/s/ Wm. T. Hartless

My commission expires MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
NOVEMBER 30, 1948.

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SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

We, VICENTA SANGALANG, MAURA SANGALANG, AMBROSIA SANGALANG, PEDRO SANGALANG, CONSTANCIA SANGALANG, and JULIAN SANGALANG, all of legal age, Filipino citizens, married, and residing at Manila, Philippines, have made, constituted and appointed, and do hereby make, constitute and appoint the law firm of GIBBS, GIBBS, CHUIDIAN & QUASHA, with offices at Suite 206 Gibbs Building, 671 Dasmarias, Manila, Philippines, our true and lawful attorney-in-fact for us and in our name, place and stead, to demand, sue for, collect, compromise and settle any and all claims which we have or may have against the United States Government on account of the employment and death of our brother, JOSE B. SANGALANG, claims for which have already been filed by us with the Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, and to execute and deliver on our behalf, proper receipt or receipts and acquittances, for all monies received by virtue of these presents, and we hereby give and grant unto our said attorney full power and authority to do any and all things necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes of this mandate, and undertake to ratify and confirm and do hereby ratify and confirm all that our said attorney, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed these presents at Manila, Philippines, this 10th day of June, 1948.

Vicenta Sangalang  
Vicenta Sangalang

Maura Sangalang  
Maura Sangalang

Ambrosia Sangalang  
Ambrosia Sangalang

Pedro Sangalang  
Pedro Sangalang

Constancia Sangalang  
Constancia Sangalang

Julian Sangalang  
Julian Sangalang

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

[Signature]

[Signature]

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
Manila ) s.s.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for 74 City, personally appeared: [Signature]



Name	Res. Cert. No.	Place and date of issue
<u>Vicenta Sangalang</u>	<u>A-292196</u>	<u>Manila - June 9, 1948</u>
<u>Maura Sangalang</u>	<u>A-3135588</u>	<u>Lemery, Bat - June 8, 1948</u>
<u>Ambrosia Sangalang</u>	<u>A-292195</u>	<u>Manila - June 9, 1948</u>
<u>Pedro Sangalang</u>	<u>A-214785</u>	<u>Manila - Mar. 3, 1948</u>
<u>Constancia Sangalang</u>	<u>A-3135272</u>	<u>Lemery, Bat - Jan. 30, 1948</u>
<u>Julian Sangalang</u>	<u>A-127325</u>	<u>Manila, Feb. 2, 1948</u>

to me known and known to me to be the same persons who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Manila, this 10th day of June, 1948.

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Until Dec. 31, 1948.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That I, CANDIDA SOLIS, Filipino citizen, of legal age, single, and a resident of the City of Manila, Philippines, for me and on behalf of my two brothers and two sisters, namely Catalino, Marciano, Ysabel and Julia, have made, constituted and appointed, and do hereby make, constitute and appoint the law firm of GIBBS, GIBBS, CHUIDIAN AND QUASHA, with offices at Suite 206 Gibbs Building, 671 Dasmariñas, Manila, Philippines, our true and lawful attorney-in-fact, for us and in our name, place and stead, to demand, sue for, collect, compromise and settle any and all claims which we have or may have against the United States Government on account of the employment and death of our brother Vicente Solis, Filipino, of legal age, widower, and who was formerly the fourth engineer of the ss "CORREGIDOR", claims for which have already been filed with the Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, and to execute and deliver on our behalf, proper receipt or receipts and acquittances, for all moneys received by virtue of these presents, and I hereby give and grant unto our said attorney full power and authority to do any and all things necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes of this mandate, and undertake to ratify and confirm, and do hereby ratify and confirm all that our said attorney, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, on behalf of my two brothers and two sisters and myself, have signed these presents at Manila, Philippines, this 15th day of June, 1948.

*Candida Solis*  
CANDIDA SOLIS

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

*[Handwritten signatures of witnesses]*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
CITY OF MANILA ) s.s.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the City of Manila, Philippines, personally appeared Miss Candida Solis, with Residence Certificate No. 32523 issued at Zambanga Manila, on 4/11/48, to me known and known to me to be the same person who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same as her free act and deed and the free act and deed of her two brothers and two sisters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my official seal at Manila, Philippines, this 15 day of June, 1948.

*[Handwritten signature of Notary Public]*  
ERNESTO ZARAGOZA  
Notary Public

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AFFIDAVIT AND SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, MARCELA TIOLECO, Filipina citizen, of legal age, married to Jose Tioleco, and residing at #35 Sta. Mesa Boulevard, Santa Mesa, Manila, Philippines, for and on behalf of Estefania Sambile de Yamson, of legal age, widow, Filipina citizen, residing at Botongan, Dapitan, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippines, do hereby aver:

1. That Estefania Sambile de Yamson is the mother of Roberto Yamson, the purser working on the S/S Corregidor at the time it was commandeered by the United States Government on December 16, 1941, and who died as a result of its sinking at midnight on December 16, 1941.

2. That Estefania Sambile de Yamson is the <sup>nearest *m.t.*</sup> next of kin and heir of the deceased Roberto Yamson.

3. That Roberto Yamson at the time of his death was single and had no brothers or sisters, and left as his <sup>nearest *m.t.*</sup> next of kin his mother Estefania Sambile de Yamson.

4. That affiant has always handled the affairs of Estefania Sambile de Yamson and has assisted in carrying for and helping Roberto Yamson whenever he was in Manila, being a first cousin of the deceased Roberto Yamson.

5. That affiant is the only relative of the deceased Roberto Yamson other than his mother Estefania Sambile de Yamson.

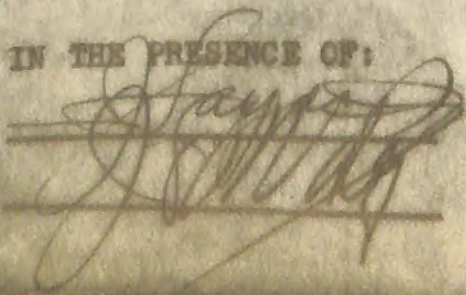
6. That affiant ascertained only today from the Compania Maritima of the necessity of securing a power of attorney from Estefania Sambile de Yamson authorizing the filing of the claims against the United States Government by the law firm of Gibbs, Gibbs, Chuidian & Quasha thru Allison J. Gibbs for unpaid wages and death benefits; that it is impossible to secure such a power

of attorney in time to file same on or before the end of June, 1948; that affiant is making every effort to contact said Estefania Sambile de Yamson for the purpose of explaining the situation and securing her power of attorney ratifying the aforesaid acts of the law firm of Gibbs, Gibbs, Chuidian & Quasha in filing the claims against the United States Government for unpaid wages and death benefits.

7. That pending securing such power of attorney and ratification, affiant, for and on behalf of Estefania Sambile de Yamson, and for and on behalf of herself, has made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint the law firm of GIBBS, GIBBS, CHUIDIAN & QUASHA, with offices at Suite 206 Gibbs Building, 671 Dasmarinas, Manila, Philippines, the true and lawful attorney-in-fact for her and/or Estefania Sambile de Yamson, and in her and/or Estefania Sambile de Yamson's name, place and stead, to demand, sue for, collect, compromise and settle any and all claims which she and/or Estefania Sambile de Yamson has or may have against the United States Government on account of <sup>unpaid wages and *m. T.*</sup> the death of Roberto Yamson, claims for which have already been filed with the Claims Service, PHILRYCOM, and to execute and deliver on her and/or Estefania Sambile de Yamson's behalf, proper receipt or receipts and acquittances, for all moneys received by virtue of these presents, and she and/or Estefania Sambile de Yamson hereby gives and grants unto her said attorney full power and authority to do any and all things necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes of this mandate and undertakes to ratify and confirm, and does hereby ratify and confirm all that her and/or Estefania Sambile de Yamson's said attorney, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these presents in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1948.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:



*Marcela Tioleco*

MARCELA TIOLECO



LEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
CITY OF MANILA ) s.s.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the City of Manila, Philippines, personally appeared MARCELA TIOLECO with Residence Certificate No. A-46125 issued at Manila, on Jan. 8, 1948 to me known, and known to me to be the same person who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same as her free and voluntary act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 4 day of June, 1948.

*James S. Payne*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
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S. S. "CORREGIDOR"

*Copy made from  
 Folder 127, Maritime  
 Matters on file in  
 Hq. RPR Br  
 6 pages, 17 pages?*

Captain - - - - - Apolinario Calvo (died on board)  
 First Mate - - - - - Rafael Bonanza " " "  
 Second Mate - - - - - Lorenzo Morales " " "  
 Third Mate - - - - - Agrimiro Vidal  
 Chief Engineer - - - - - Agripino Sarmiento (died, Fr. Santiago)  
 Second Engineer - - - - - Jose Crespo (died on board)  
 Third Engineer - - - - - Jose Sangalang (died on board)  
 Fourth Engineer - - - - - Ramon Suzara " " "  
 Fourth Engineer - - - - - Ramon Solis  
 Radio Operator - - - - - Ramon Vedula  
 Asst. Radio Operator - (died on board)  
 Nurse - - - - - Rita Manay

Deck Department

Boatswain - - -  
 Carpenter - - - Leopoldo Collamco  
 Quartermaster - Pancrasio Bermuda  
 " - Pedro Prado  
 " -  
 " -  
 Storekeeper - Mariano Aranas  
 Winchman - Magdaleno Zulueta  
 " -  
 " -  
 " -  
 Sailors - Antonio Iman  
 Gregorio Carbo  
 Tranquilino Carbo  
 Tomas Cabanero  
 Anastacio Alcoran  
 Balaorio Remitio  
 Lazaro Riguete  
 Demetrio Cabanero

Steward Department

Purser - Roberto Yanson (died on board)  
 Chief Steward - Ramon Villaruel  
 Second Steward - Jose T. Ramos  
 Third Steward - Lazaro Lauz  
 Chief Cook - Ignacio Cordova  
 Asst. Cook - Fermin Latorre  
 Asst. Cook - Feliciano  
 Third Cook - Zacarias Mondejar  
 Cabin Boys - Flaviano Bagas  
 Ernesto Tulang  
 Jose Ebo  
 Cornelio Ebo  
 Ricardo Tiozon  
 Ananias Ambrosio  
 Jose Junsay  
 Conrado Cipriano  
 Resterio Esmeraldo  
 Cresencio Slavador  
 Felipe Umapas  
 Mariano Aranas  
 Libarato Lachica  
 Lucio Villarin  
 Felizardo Mutos  
 Domingo Villafranca  
 Carlos Delgado ✓  
 Nicolas Militar  
 Jose Garcia  
 Margarito Salado  
 Ernesto Venturanza  
 Federico Cleope  
 Gudovico Villanueva  
 Cornelio Merto  
 Dimas Barrios

Engine Department

Machinist - Eriberto Japon  
 Oilers: - Gregorio Alciso  
 Felix Lanorias  
 Servillano Isiderio  
 Alfredo Velazco  
 Firemen - Maximo Inumbay  
 Wiper -  
 Storekeeper -

TOTAL COMPLEMENT - 82  
 ABOVE LIST - 64  
 UNACCOUNTED FOR - 18

Total monthly payroll  
 including unaccounted for ₱5,978.98

55 Corregidor

Commandeered - 13 Dec 41

owned by the Compania Maritima

Entered govt service

Place:

Sunk, <sup>hit a mine</sup> ~~by hitting~~ on the 16 Dec 41 about 12:40 PM in Manila Bay

### Crews

Names	Position	Pay Rate	Service
1. Rafael Bonanza	chief officer	monthly P 262.50	

Remarks - Info. from Folder USAT Corregidor

Name - Rafael Bonanza

Position - Chief Officer

Name of ship - SS Corregidor

Date enter employment -

Place

Date last paid

By whom

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