

M/S "ESCALANTE" - R"

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CERTIFICATE

I, Josue Trio, certify that the below listed men served aboard the M/S Escalante-R at duties as indicated and received wages as stated.

I further certify that these men served aboard the M/S "Escalante" at the time she was commandeered by USAFFE, on/or about December 8, 1941.

I further state that the M/S Escalante was engaged in moving troops and ammunition between the ports of Zamboango and Parang, Island of Mindanao.

That said vessel was scuttled on 3 January 1942, on orders from Authority from Zamboango; and all listed men served continuously to that date:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Proceso Mendoza	Captain	P120.00
Lucio Mendoza	1st Officer	80.00
Domingo Alarde	2d Officer	60.00
Enrique Consolacion	Steward	
Josue Trio	Boatswain	30.00
Baldomero Parman	Quartermaster	25.00
Cruz Gallenero	"	25.00
Gualberto De la Cruz	"	25.00
Dominodor Figaroa	Tool Keeper	19.00
Vicente Martinez	Sailor	19.00
Salvador Sanot	Sailor	19.00
Francisco Centena	Watchman	19.00
Apolinario Amagan	Cabin boy	15.00
Jose Garcia	Chief Eng.	120.00
Salvador Suplido	2d Eng	80.00
Estanislao Ferulin	3d Eng	60.00
Jesus Minerva	Oiler	25.00
Loreto Gumboa	Apprentice Eng	

Note: Salaries based on Company's payrolls.

Josue Trio
JOSUE TRIO
Boatswain M/S "Escalante"

Subscribed and sworn ^{to} before me this 5th day of November, at
Customs House AFPAC, Iloilo City, Panay, P. I.

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

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the below named crew members of the M/S Escalante-R, served on the vessel at duty indicated, and for salary shown, and that the men listed were serving on the M/S Escalante-R at the time she was scuttled on 3 January 1942. I further certify that these men served from 8 Dec 1941 to 3 January 1942 continuously.

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Josue Trio	Boatwain	P30.00
Cruz Gallenero	Quartermaster	25.00
Baldomero Parman	"	25.00
Apolinario Amagan	Cabin boy	15.00

NOTE:

This salary base only to our own Company's payroll; for no time to report after said vessel out of Commission. Ordered to abandon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st
day of November 1945 at AFPAC Customs House, Hilo City,
Panay, P. I.

Proceso P. Mendoza
PROCESO P. MENDOZA
CAPTAIN OF SHIP

Gustave C. Boesch, Jr.
GUSTAVE C. BOESCH JR
1st LT. INF.

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SERVICE RECORDS IN THE "U.S.ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE"
M/S "ESCALANTE -R-

Name: Jesus D. Minerva Age: 25 yrs. Legal Status: Married
Branch of Service: U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE
Department: QMS. USAFFE Station: Zamboanga City, Mindanao, P.I.
Period of Service: (from date): Dec. 8, 1941 to April 16, 1942
Place of employment: Port of Zamboanga, Mindanao, P.I.
Employed by: Col. Dalton of the USAFFE in the port of Zamboanga
Legal Address: Blumintrit Street, Iloilo City, Philippines
Position held: Machinist. Official Papers: Destroyed

STATEMENT:

I was the Machinist of Transport ("M/S Escalante -R) from December 8, 1941, and rendered continuous service, until the landing of the Japanese Forces on Zamboanga, Mindanao, P.I.

The above mentioned vessel was commandeered by the USAFFE, of the port of Zamboanga, and was used by them as Army, Transport, vessel for the purpose of transporting arms and ammunitions from one place to another, under the direction of Col. Dalton, of the USAFFE, in the port of Zamboanga.

Upon the landing of the Japanese Forces, in Zamboanga we abandoned the vessel according to previous instructions, from the Army Authorities. We ran for safety, and later I have manage to return to Panay, and joined in the Guerilla, and have been assigned to many different units.

/s/ Jesus D. Minerva

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Oct. 1945, at the City of Iloilo, Philippines, affiant with Res. Cert. No. A-1477147 issued at Iloilo City, Oct. 11, 1945.

/s/ Vicente Castronuevo Jr.
/t/ VICENTE CASTRONUEVO Jr.

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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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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
RECORDED PERSONNEL DIVISION
CEBU BRANCH

APO 718
7 March 1946

A F F I D A V I T

I, DOMINGO M. ALARDE, whose address is Philippine Labor Federation, Cebu City, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I was employed as 2nd Mate for the M/S "ESCALANTE" A.F. Service. and I had approximately None men under my control. My immediate superior was Master-Proceso Mendoza. The nature of this work was As designated.

Crew list:

Master	Proceso Mendoza	Oiler	Guadalupe Quimbo
1st Mate	Lucio Mendoza	Quartermaster-G.	dela Cruz
2nd Mate	Domingo Alarde	Sailor	Lino Moyong
Chief Engineer	Jose Garcia		
2nd Engineer	Salvador Sulpido		
3rd Estanislao Perolin	Engineer		

2. This installation was ~~intended~~, ~~conducted~~, ~~conducted~~ for by USAF. Relation with Usaffe unknown to me.

The facts concerning the ~~installation~~ ~~at~~ ~~our~~ job are:-

We transport Usaffe troops from Zamboanga to Pabang, Cotabato.

3. I was employed as M/S "SANTO DOMINGO"- 2nd mate before commencing work in the above mentioned capacity. I was employed in this capacity after applying to "MESSRS. DE LA RAMA STEAMSHIP CO."

4. This job ceased on Maxx Unknown because I left the boat at Masinloc, Zamboanga, after the Japs landed.

5. The officers responsible for paying the employees were De La Rama Steamship Co.

6. We were last paid in full on 31 Dec. 41 to include the 31 Dec. 41.

7. This installation ~~was~~, was not molested by the enemy during the period of my employment.

8. The names of USAF Officers connected with this project were Unknown.

Signed Domingo Alarde
DOMINGO ALARDE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March 1946 at Cebu City, Philippines.

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Robert G. Smith
ROBERT G. SMITH
1st LT. INF.
REG. PERS. DET.
WAR DEPT. PERS. CLERK

AFFIDAVIT

I, Jose T. Garcia of legal age married, a chief Engineer of the M/S Escalante R, after having been duly sworn to according to law declares the following under oath.

That on January 1st, 1942 at about 2:00 o'clock P.M. The Japanese flyers machinegun the boat and threw handgrenades there. I responded firing machine gun fire with my pistol. When the pistol was empty I jumped into the water. The current being swift, I drifted further from the wharf. I felt myself sinking and so I banded my shoes, trousers coat and also my pistol which was dragging me down. I managed to swim back to the wharf and get back to land.

I rested for some hours and cleaned my wounds. Later I went out to search for my companions and I met them with my Captain three kilometers away.



Jose T. Garcia
Jose T. Garcia
Chief Engineer M/S "Escalante R"

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of January 4th, 1942, Manicann District, Zamboanga City.



Justice of the Peace.

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May 9 1945

To whom it may concern?:

I, Jose T. Garcia of legal age married and residence of the Iloilo City under oath declare as follows:

That before the declaration of the I was employed as Chief Engineer of the M/S Escalante -R own by the De La Rama steamship Co I ncp.

That the said boat was under the control of the U. S. Army Dec. 8 1941 when the present war broke out and we were inducted in the service of the U. S Army , holding same position as Chief Engineer of the said boat.

That our duties then were to transport war materials, supplies and soldiers of the U.S. Army from one part to another.

That our Immediate C.O of the U.S Army was Col. Dalton. That on Jan.1, 1942 while in the performance of our duties enemy planes threw hand grenades and machine gun the boat at Zamboanga wharf, which as a result the ship was totally damaged.

The incident was immediately reported to our C.O. Col. Dalton, after that we were ordered to standby until finally the enemy landed in Zamboanga.

Thereafter we tried to report to our unit, but we could not find any, so we went to the mountains and did not surrender to the Enemy.

(Sgd) Jose T, Garcia

Chief Eng. M/S Escalante-R

Witnessed.

(Sgd) F. Jainga
Coll. of Customs Zamboanga

(Sgd) Proceso P. Mendoza
Capt. M/S Escalante.-R

A True copy 17, Oct. '45

H/O
Sgt. Tito Fornela
On duty w/ the PB

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M/S "ESACALANTE*R"

NAME	POSITION	DATE ON SHIP
1. Alarde, Domingo Metante	2nd Officer	8 Dec 41- 2 Mar 42

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