

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 208, March 17, 1970]

EXONERATING CAPTAIN ARTURO R. ILAGAN, FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MARINE OFFICERS

This is an administrative case against Captain Arturo R. Ilagan, former member of the Board of Examiners for Marine Officers whose term of office expired on August 21, 1969, for dishonorable conduct consisting of two counts: (1) falsifying his service records, particularly Item 12 thereof, and (2) making false entries in Item 17 of his information sheet, as contained in the investigation report of the Commissioner of Civil Service in his capacity as Executive Officer of the Boards of Examiners based on the letter of Board Chairman Enrique J. Mora dated May 13, 1968, concerning alleged acts of falsification committed by respondent. The charges were formally investigated by the Presidential Investigating Committee (composed of Chairman Gaudencio Garcia and Members Edilberto Barot and Ramon C. Fernandez), which found the charges without merit and recommended respondent's exoneration, with the admonition to be more careful in the future in the preparation of documents similar to his information sheet.

As regards the first count, the following data appear under Item 12 of respondent's information sheet:

<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Position held</u>	<u>Name & Address of Employer</u>
1945-1946	3rd Mate	Port Area, Manila, USATS
1946-1957	2nd Mate	2nd Mate Port Area, Manila, AFL
1947-1948	Chief Mate	Port Area, Manila, LUSTEVECO
1948-1951	2nd Mate	Hongkong, EVERETT ORIENT LINES
1951-1966	Asst. Captain	Port 205 Juan Luna, CIA MARITIMA

The point at issue is whether or not respondent actually served as second mate and chief mate with the Everett Orient Lines in Hongkong for the period 1948-1951.

During the hearing complainant (Board Chairman Mora) presented as witness Port Capt. Federico Pajaro of the Philippine Steam Navigation Company who had issued a certification to the effect that there was no record of service of respondent as deck officer in the Everett Orient Lines. The captain testified that the Everett Orient Lines is a foreign corporation and the Philippine Steam Navigation Company acts as its