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HEADQUARTERS 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION  
APO 201, 281300/I

FO 5 (Tentative)

MAPS: SPECIAL MAP CENTRAL PHILIPPINES 1/250,000, Sheet No 3.

1. a. See current intelligence reports.  
b. 24th Division continues operation in the LEYTE VALLEY.
2. a. 1st Cavalry Division, less detachments, will clear the LEYTE VALLEY of all enemy forces in its zone of action. Seize and occupy the area on SAMAR ISLAND to SAN ANTONIO, AMANDAYETAN, BIKATAC POINT. Continue patrols of the southern coast of SAMAR ISLAND. Maintain control of the SAN JUANICO STRAITS and the JANABATAS CHANNEL. Left boundary: PALO, HIGHWAY NO 2 to CAVITE, inclusive, thence northwest to BALUARTE exclusive.
3. a. 1st BCT (less the 12th Cavalry).

Attachments:

1st Coll Co 1st Med Sq  
27th Port Surg Hosp  
Tr A 8th Engr Sq (- Det.)

Assemble in vicinity of PALO prior to dark 28 Oct. Starting at daylight 29 Oct, move on CAVITE, following the leading elements of the 24th Div. Upon arrival thereat, clear the LEYTE VALLEY of all enemy forces in zone of action. Maintain contact with the 24th Div on the southern left boundary, Division boundary. Right boundary, CAVITE, SAPAYON RIVER, SAN MIGUEL, BARUGO. Gain and maintain contact with the 24th BCT at CAVITE and SAN MIGUEL.

- b. The 12th Cavalry:

Attachments:

271st FA Bn  
Co B 85th Cml Bn  
Co B 44th Tank Bn

remain in Corps reserve under Corps control.

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**c. 2d ECT;**

**Attachments;**

Tr C 8th Engr Sq  
Plat Co D 44th Tk Bn  
2d Coll Co 1st Med Sq  
Det Co A 826th Amph Trac Bn  
19th Port Surg Hosp  
Co A 85th Cml Bn

- (1) With a force not to exceed 1 Sq (- 2 troops) seize and occupy BARUGO. Patrol southeast towards SAN MIGUEL, gain and maintain contact with forces operating northwest from SAN MIGUEL.
- (2) With a force not to exceed 1 Troop, seize and occupy CARIGARA.
- (3) Maintain a force, not to exceed 1 Troop, at BABATNGON.
- (4) With a force, not to exceed 1 Squadron, seize and occupy SAN MIGUEL. Patrol northwest towards BARUGO, gain and maintain contact with forces patrolling southeast from BARUGO.
- (5) Gain contact and destroy all enemy forces in the area DIIT RIVER, SAN MIGUEL, BARUGO, SAN JUANICO STRAITS.
- (6) With a force not to exceed 1 Troop, seize and occupy south-central portion of SAMAR ISLAND bounded by the line SAN ANTONIO, AMNDAYETAN, BINLATAC POINT.
- (7) Continue patrols along the southwest coast of SAMAR from SAN ANTONIO to DULUGDUG POINT. Reconnoiter the BASEY area for a Division staging area.

d. 1st Cavalry Division Artillery; (less 271st FA Bn), support operations of the 1st Cavalry Division in assigned zone, be prepared to concentrate fires in the 1st ECT zone of action.

e. 271st FA Bn; Attached to the 12th Cavalry.

f. 44th Tank Bn;

**Attachments;**

Co B 632d TD Bn

**Detachments;**

Co B to the 12th Cav  
Plat Co D to the 2d ECT

Remain in Division reserve in present location. Maintain outposts on the high ground, TIGLAC RIVER to HILL 1300, inclusive.

g. Co B, 632d TD Bn attached to the 44th Tank Bn.

h. 85th Cml Bn; (less detachments) remain in Division reserve in present area.



- i. Co A, 826th Amph Trac Bn: (less detachments) remain in Division reserve in present area.
  - j. 302d Ren Tr: Establish an outpost in the vicinity of RASEY and operating therefrom, reconnoiter the southwest coast of SIMAR to CATINIC POINT, inclusive.
4. a. SUPPLY POINT - TACLOBAN.  
MSR - HIGHWAY 1, HIGHWAY 2.  
WATER ROUTE - SAN JUANICO STRAITS.  
Division will supply to PALO for the 1st BCT.
- b. Evacuation: No change.
5. CPs:

1st Cavalry Division - KILBILWUN  
1st BCT - PALO  
2d BCT - RASA MAY  
Others to be reported by officer courier when established.

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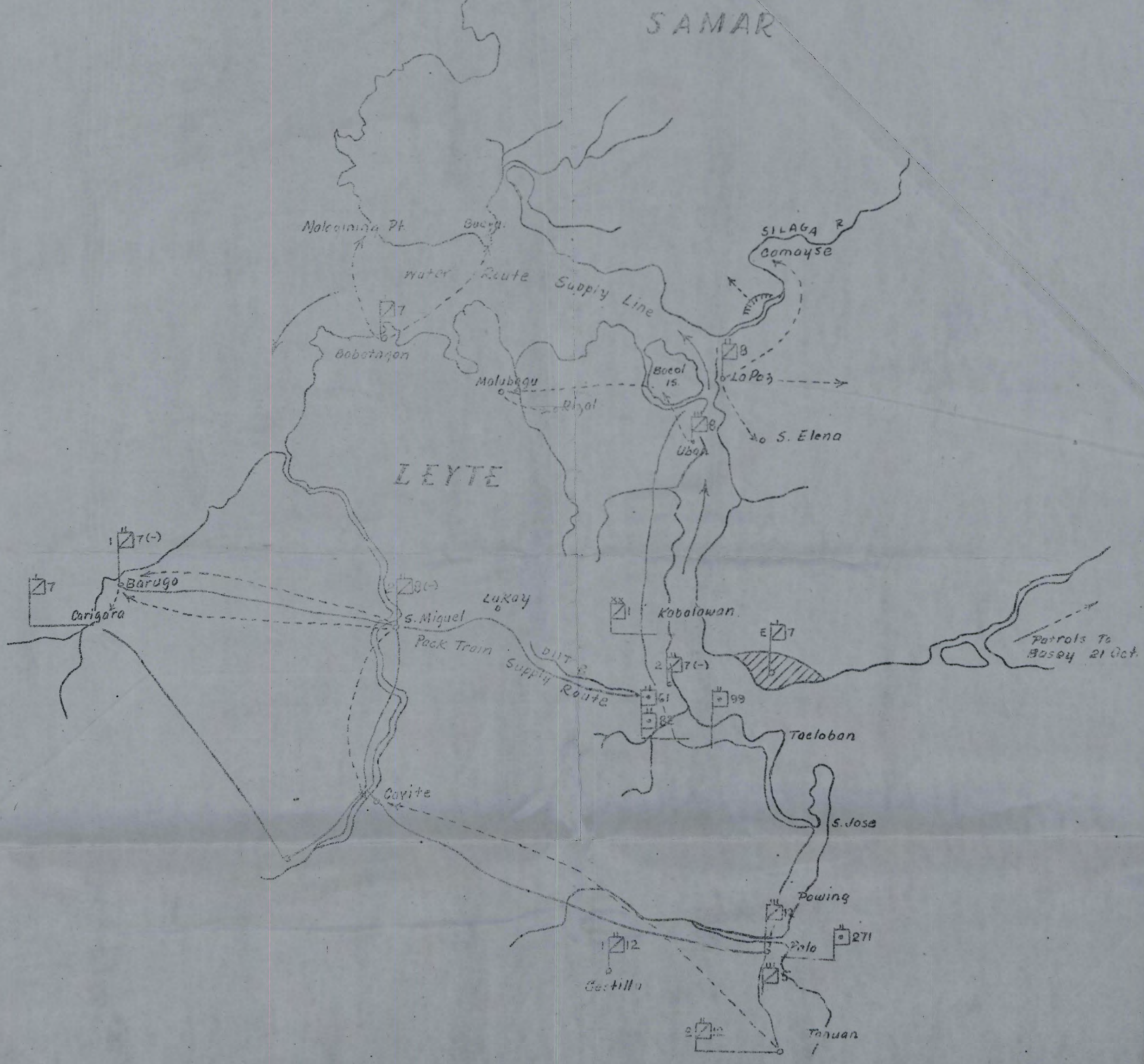
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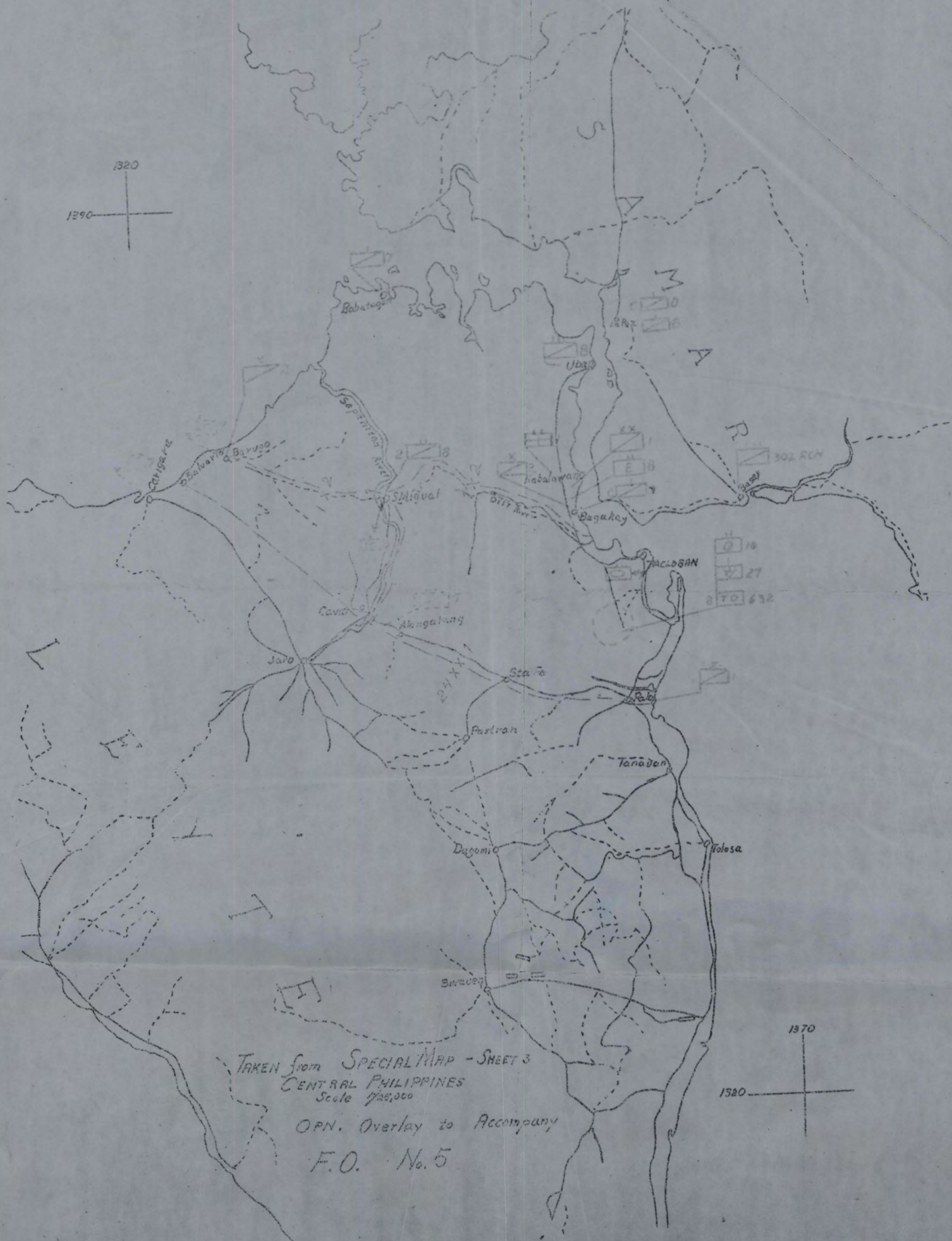
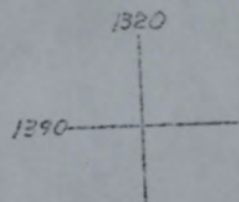






DISPOSITIONS  
 1<sup>ST</sup> CAV. DIV.  
 28 OCT. 44.





TAKEN FROM SPECIAL MAP - SHEET 3  
CENTRAL PHILIPPINES  
Scale 1/25,000

OPN. Overlay to Accompany

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