

COMPANY "B" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

APO #70

MANAOG -0800 7 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Periodic Report. (Period- 1800 5 Feb 45 - 1800 6 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, I Corps APO 301 (Attention: COL TUCKERMAN  
Assistant G-4)

1. Enemy action and counter-measures-
  - a. Bridge defense point 4 (Overlay#1) fired on by distant and intermittent enemy fire, period 2300 5 Feb 45- 0200 6 Feb 45.
  - b. As of 1300 6 Feb 45, Pvt Frank J. Thompson and Two (2) guerillas proceeded on patrol to try and determine origin of previous night fire. (See overlay#1) MG fire encountered(See overlay #1) wounding Pvt Thompson in the leg above the knee.
2. Report of Events (Friendly)-
  - a. Made inspections of all posts by Company Commander or Platoon leaders.
  - b. Instructions for improvements of posts, ammunition dump #1, and all other posts south BENALONAN to CARMEN.
  - c. Held conference with MAJOR OBANA, Guerilla Major and coordinated records of guerilla squads and CO; dictated form for issue of Class II, IV, V to guerillas and form for control of organization and and rosters of men on posts.
  - d. Strengthened AGNO RIVER Bridge at CARMEN with fifty (50) guerillaas. Left Company CP- MANAOG\* at 1700 6 Feb 45.
3. Recommendations-

None
4. Summary-
  - a. Filipinos need additional training to prevent permiscuous firing at night. Same to be taken care of on daily inspections.

WALTER C. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING

COMPANY "B" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

SUBJECT: Periodic Report (Period - 1800 6 Feb -  
1800 7 Feb )

APO 70  
MANAOAG  
0800 - 8 Feb 45

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, I Corps, APO 301, (Attention: Col TUCKERMAN)  
Ass't G-4

1. Enemy action and counter-measures -
  - a. At 1800 6 Feb, one (1) Jap fired upon guerilla one (1) kilometer east of Post #18. Patrol of eight (8) guerillas were sent out to capture the Jap by Sgt Clifford D. Wills, but they did not make contact. Military police in vicinity were immediately notified. (See Overlay #1)
  - b. At 1800 7 Feb, civilians reported to Post #8, that there were several Japs dressed as Filipinos presumably looking for food at SAN FELIPE. Patrol of five (5) guerillas were sent by Sgt Quentin Wentlandt 2,000 yards E of Post #8 but observed nothing. 32nd Division was notified. (See overlay #2)
2. Report of events (friendly) -
  - a. Received three (3) day Class I guerilla supplies and five (5) cooking pots which were distributed.
  - b. There is an excessive amount of promiscuous firing at night, at leaves and birds by guerillas. This is being corrected.
3. Recommendations -
  - a. Recommend Post #23 be abandoned because the road between URDANETTA and MANAOAG is not passable.
4. Summary -
  - a. Filipinos in the process of being organized by Maj OBANA. Class I supplies for guerillas being distributed by Lt HABITSAN. Other guerilla supplies being distributed by 826 Amph Trac Bn S-4. Post #23 was not named as 727th Amph Trac indicated. Guerillas were posted by this Hq.

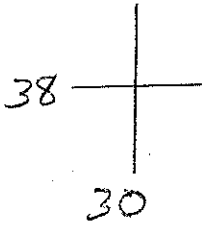
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Commanding

OVERLAY 1. Rpt. 061800-071800

MAP:  $\frac{1}{50,000}$  LUZON POLYCONIC PROJ.

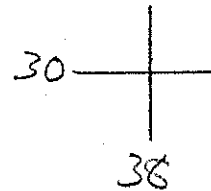
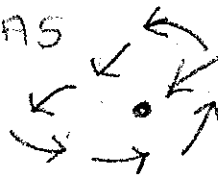
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POINT GUERRILLA WAS  
FIRED UPON 1800

PATROL ROUTE OF  
8 GUERRILLAS

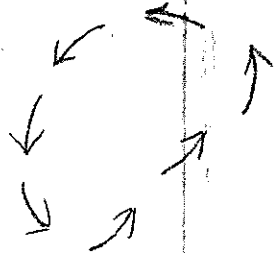


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PATROL OF 5 GUERRILLAS  
SENT AT 1330, BUT MADE  
NO CONTACT

PHILIPPINE CIVILIANS  
REPORT MANY JAPS  
DRESSED IN  
CIVILIAN CLOTHING

1300 7 FEB  

OVERLAY Z: RPT 061800-071800  
MAP  $\frac{1}{50,000}$  LUZON POLYCONIC PROJ.

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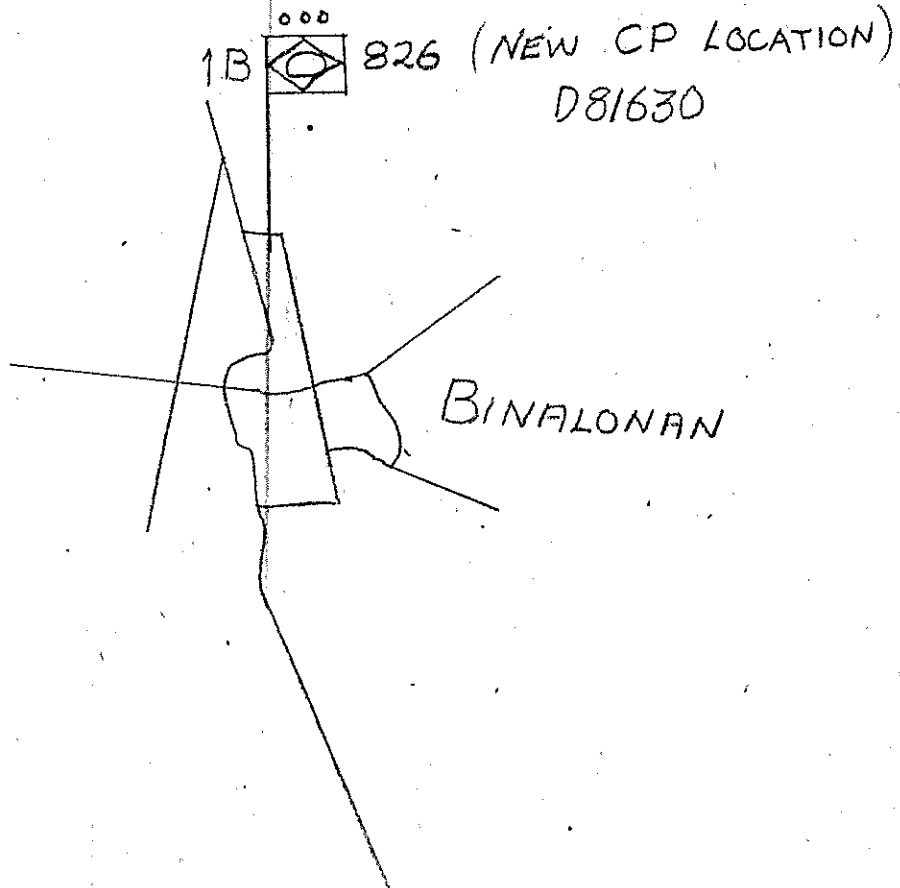
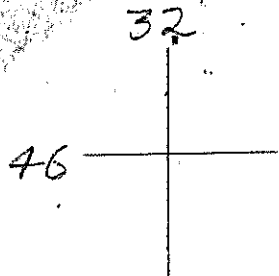
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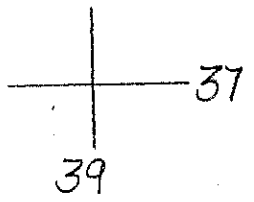
SUBJECT: Periodic Report. ( Period- 1800 7 Feb 45 - 1800 8 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, I Corps APO 301 (Attention: COL. TUCKERMAN  
Assistant G-4

1. Enemy Action and Counter Measures -
  - a. 072200 Post #4 challenged four (4) unidentified personnel. Personnel fled and were fired upon by guerillas but missed. All activity stopped.
  - b. 080130 Post #5 - one unidentified person challenged. He ran and was fired upon by guerillas but missed.
  - c. 081300 Civilians reported one Jap, 1,000 yds. west of DUMYAT. 32nd Inf. Div. patrols in area notified. Our patrol of five (5) guerillas investigated. No Japs were found, but Jap foot prints were located where Jap was reported. 32nd Inf. patrols were also active in that area.
2. Report of Events. (friendly)
  - a. Rifles and clothing issued to 1st and 2nd Platoon guerillas. Received transportation to receive 30 cal. ammunition from GUIMBA to be picked up 9 Feb 45. Moved 1st Platoon CP  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north. (see Overlay #1)
3. Recommendations-  
None
4. Summary-
  - a. Rice ration to Filipinos was too old, but eatable. Jap dehydrated Vegetable was spoiled. Canned meat was spoiled. Have not been able to contact CAPT. FLOWER concerning condition of rations. No quinine has been obtained for guerillas.



OVERLAY: NEW LOCATION  
15<sup>th</sup> PLAT. CP



MAP: LUZON POLYCONIC PROJ.  
MAP # 3259 II

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8800- 10 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Periodic Report. (Period - 1800 8 Feb 45 - 1800 9 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, I Corps APO 301 (Attention: Col TUCKERMAN  
Assistant G-4

1. Enemy action and counter-measures-
  - a. 081830 Post #20 alerted - Civilian reported eighteen (18) Japs at UNZAD (5 kilometers west of Post #20) Lt. WERTHEIMER investigated and confirmed. Friendly guerillas from some other unit contacted Japs. Two guerillas were killed and two were wounded by one Jap MG and several rifles. Enemy losses unknown. This was reported to CDR. NEELING, I Corps and G-2, I Corps.
  - b. 091100- A civilian artist and his assistant were arrested while working sketch of Post #21. They said that a Major of the 7th Evacuation Hospital in VILLASIS had requested them to draw same. They had in their possession numerous sketches of military value. They were taken to the 7th Evacuation Hospital under guard to check on their story and were taken into custody by S-2 of above unit for investigation. He will turn them over to the CIG of higher Headquarters. Receipt was given for the prisoners. Report of same was submitted to G-2 by this Headquarters.
  - c. 081000 Post #12 - Two Japs seen at 082000, 200 yards north of bridge 12 and were fired on by guards with 30 cal. and 50 cal. MGs. A patrol of five (5) men was sent out but found nothing. At 090830 foot steps were heard by guerilla officer in sugar cane field 100 yards northwest of bridge and were fired upon by guerilla guards with Thompson Sub-machine guns. One shot was received from enemy on east side of river at 090830. Runner reported activity to platoon leader at 082400 and he sent runner to Military Police at URDANETA. They in turn sent runner to Military Police at Santa Barbara, both of which were unable to send aid because of lack of men. Investigation at 090715 by Platoon commander confirmed report.
  - d. In connection with report of firing 081900 near Post #9. Patrol was sent out 096300 to investigate, civilians gave attached statements. ANDRES CABRADILLO'S commanding officer is CAPT. JOSE QEBIDO at POZOROBIA.
2. Report of Events (friendly)
  - a. Reconnaissance was made of road net for possible future bridge defense. See overlay 1. Clothing issued completed. 727th Amph. Tractor drew 300 pair of Jap shoes instead of 400 pairs. 826th Amph. Tractor Bn. S-4 in process of obtaining shortage. Supply of guerilla food from CAPT FLOWER not satisfactory. Two day supply of rice was drawn.

BASIC: Periodic Report. (Period - 1800 8 Feb 45 - 1800 9 Feb 45)

3. Recommendations-

- a. Recommend Filipino rations be drawn from 25th Division for guerillas.

4. Summary-

None

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CAPT FA  
COMMANDING



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MANAOGAG  
0800- 13 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Periodic Report. (Period- 1800 11 Feb 45- 1800 12 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, I Corps, APO #301 ( Attention: - G-4)

1. Enemy Action and Countermeasures-

- a. At 112145, two shots were directed at Post #7. Fire was returned. At 120730, a patrol was sent out. It went 1500 yards, NW, 1000 yards east, and returned. Japanese shoe prints were found, but could not be followed.

2. Records of Events (Friendly)

- a. At 112200, soldiers from the 128 Infantry were drunk and disorderly, and very discourteous to guerilla sentry on Post #8. The sgt. in charge attempted to stop the discourteous remarks directed toward his guerilla, but an argument ensued. Apparently one of the men from the 128 Infantry is an officer.

3. Recommendations-

None

4. Summary-

None

WALTER C. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING

COMPANY "B" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

A.P.O. #70

MANAOAG - 14 Feb 45

0800.

SUBJECT: Periodic Report (Period -1800 12 Feb 45- 1800 13 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER I Corps, APO 301 (Attention:- COL BRADLEY - G-4)

1. Enemy action and Countermeasures-
  - a. During the night of 12 Feb and 13 Feb 45, an unidentified light was seen near one ammunition dump. When investigated, nothing could be found. It reappeared twice and was fired upon both times. It is believed an unidentified person was attempting to get to the ammunition.
2. Record of Events (friendly)
  - a. Military Police were removed from bridge at Post #11 and we are now directing traffic. Five (5) days rations for guerillas except rice were drawn from PCAU #7, because 43rd Div could not supply us. The 43rd Div did issue a small amount of rice, milk, biscuits and soy beans.
3. Recommendations-  
None
4. Summary-
  - a. Supply of Filipino food is not systemized. I Corps orders us to draw from 43rd Div, but 43rd Div claims that food for us is not available. We gather up what we can from various scattered PCAU units.

WALTER C. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING

COMPANY "B" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

A.P.O. 70  
0800 - 15 Feb 45  
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SUBJECT: Periodic Report. (Period- 1800 13 Feb 45 - 1800 14 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER I Corps APO 301, (Attention: COL. BRADLEY- G-4

1. Enemy action and Countermeasures-  
None- no enemy activity.
2. Record of events- (Friendly)
  - a. 97 military vehicles passed bridge at Post//16 on the secondary road between BINALOMAN and URDANETA. The estimated weight of Jap ammunition in the ammunition dump is 257,005 tons.
3. Recommendations-  
None
4. Summary-  
None

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COMPANY "B", 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

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MANAOAG

0800 - 16 February 1945

SUBJECT: Periodic Report (Period - 1800 14 Feb 45 - 1800 15 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, I Corps APO 301 (Attention: Col BRADLEY, G-4)

1. Enemy Action and Countermeasures -  
No enemy activity.
2. Record of Events - (Friendly)
  - a. Reconnaissance of MSR's and bridges made of I Corps road net south of ROSALES to GERONA. (See atchd Overlay)
3. Recommendations -  
None
4. Summary -  
None

/s/ Walter C. Thomsen  
/t/ WALTER C. THOMSEN  
Capt, F A  
Commanding

COMPANY "B" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

A.P.O. 70

0800- 18 Feb 45

MANAOAG

SUBJECT: Periodic Reports (Period- 1800 16 Feb 45 - 1800 17 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, I Corps, APO 301. (Attention: COL. BRADLEY G-4)

1. Enemy action and Countermeasures-

- a. 1200 Feb 45 Post #19 - Two Japs reported 1½ kilometers west of Post #19. Defense Co. I Corps. Patrolled area, no Japs.
- b. 0355 17 Feb 45 Post #19- Civilian walking south on road. Halted three times when 50 yards away in English and once in native tongue. Failed to halt and continued his approach acting suspiciously. Guerilla fired upon him and inflicted a flesh wound of right thigh. First aid was given and a truck was commandeered in which the man was taken to Military Police and held for questioning.

2. Record of Events - (Friendly)

- a. 1340 16 Feb 45 Post #11- Pvt Francisco Estabelle and Pvt Alfredo Larece were accidentally wounded on Post #11 at 1340 16 Feb 45. The wounded men were evacuated to 360th Station Hospital Hospital where both men later died of wounds. Two men (names unknown) at present) were cleaning a rifle. One man holding the rifle while the other man was cleaning the bore with cleaning rod, while clip of cartridges were still in gun. Cleaning rod pushed bolt back and when released it inserted bullet in chamber. Man loading gun accidentally pulled trigger. Investigation now in process. More definite information to be submitted at earliest possible opportunity.

3. Recommendations-

None

4. Summary-

None

WALTER G. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING

COMPANY "B" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

A.F.O. #70  
0800 - 21 Feb 45  
MANAOAG

SUBJECT: Periodic Report. (Period 1800- 19 Feb 45 - 1800-20 Feb 45)

TO Commanding Officer, I Corps, APO 301 (Attn: Col BRADLEY G-4)

1. Enemy Action and Countermeasures-

a. 1900- 19 Feb 45 Post #7- Guerilla on Post #7 reported he saw six (6) Japs about 75 yards west of bridge. Guerilla fired, but carbine did not work. The Japs took cover in a thickly wooded irrigation ditch. Our men opened up with machine guns.

b. At 0630 - 20 Feb 45, a patrol tracked Jap foot prints 100 yards west of where they had been seen the night before. The inclosed Jap document was also found near Jap footprints.

2. Record of Events- friendly  
None

3. Recommendations -  
None

4. Summary -  
None

WALTER G. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING

COMPANY "B", 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

A.P.O. 70  
0800 -22 Feb 45  
MANAOAG

SUBJECT: Periodic Report. (Period -1800 20 Feb 45 -1800 21 Feb 45)

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, I Corps, APO 301 (Attn: Col BRADLEY G-4)

1. Enemy action and Countermeasures-  
None
2. Record of Events- friendly-
  - a. Some Military Police stop civilians traffic on MSR at night, others do not. I have been notified that civilians are to remain home after dark, therefore our men have been stopping civilian wheeled traffic at night. This conflicts with Military Police near bridge #21.
3. Recommendations-
  - a. Recommend civilian wheeled traffic be held to a minimum at night. If there is a danger of Jap infiltration, these carts may be a means for Japs to approach a bridge because recognition after dark is difficult.
4. Summary -
  - a. Guerilla first sergeants completed a course on morning report at this Headquarters. Guerilla Headquarters has not been able to keep track of their men. A system is being initiated by which their men will be checked daily and Guerilla Hqs will submit a strength report to us daily. This will be in effect 23 Feb 45

WALTER C. THOMSEN  
CAPT PA  
COMMANDING

COMPANY HEE, 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

A.P.O. 70  
0800-23 Feb 45  
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SUBJECT: Periodic Report-(1800 21 Feb 45 - 1800 22 Feb 45)

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301. (Attn: COL BRADLEY G-4)

1. Enemy Action and Countermeasures -
  - a. At 0800, 22 Feb, civilian reported Japs  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south east of Post #16. Patrol of six (6) guerrillas were sent out to investigate. Patrol found four (4) Japs. They were dug in and armed with hand grenades. Four (4) Japs were killed, 75rds of .30 cal ammunition was expended in M-1 rifles. Inclosed Jap documents were found on one Jap.
2. Record of Events- friendly-  
None
3. Recommendations-  
None
4. Summary-
  - a. Japs were buried in their own holes. Four (4) guerrillas have equipped themselves with additional pair of Jap shoes, canteens, etc.

WALTER C. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING



COMPANY "B", 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

A.P.O. #70  
0800- 25 Feb 45  
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SUBJECT: Periodic Report. (Period- 1800 23 Feb 45 - 1800 24 Feb 45.)

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, I CORPS, APO 301 (Attn: COL BRADLEY \* (4))

1. Enemy Action and Countermeasures-  
No enemy activity.
2. Record of Events- friendly-
  - a. Reconnaissance made of railroad bridges outside of CALASIO. One MP directing traffic on bridge- no security guard. Load limit on detours is 3/4 ton. Also recommended railroad bridge approx. 700 yards south of junction of Rt. 259 and 260. No guard posted at any time.
3. Recommendations-  
None
4. Summary-  
Complete information on railroad bridges mentioned above was given to COL BRADLEY personally by CAPT THOMSEN on 25 Feb 1945.

WALTER C. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING

**COMPANY "B" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION**

A.P.O. #80  
0800- 26 Feb 45  
MANAOAG

**SUBJECT: Periodic Report (Period 1800 24 Feb 45 - 1800 25 Feb 45)**

**TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, I CORPS, APO 301 (Attn: COL BRADLEY G-4)**

- 1. Enemy Action and Countermeasures-**
  - a. Post #25- At 2400 24 Feb, one Jap approached bridge, was fired upon but was missed.
  
- 2. Record of Events-friendly-**
  - a. Guards posted at railroad bridge near CALASIO and railroad bridge 700 yards south junction of Pts. 259 and 260, time 2300- 24 Feb 45.
  
- 3. Recommendations-**

None.
  
- 4. Summary-**

None.

**WALTER C. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING**

COMPANY "B" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

APO #80  
0800- 28 Feb 45  
MANAOAG

SUBJECT: Periodic Report (Period 1800 26 Feb 45 - 1800 27 Feb 45)

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, I CORPS, A.P.O. #301 (Attn: COL BRADLEY G-4)

1. Enemy Action and Countermeasures-  
No enemy activity.
2. Record of Events- friendly-
  - a. Posts Nos. 16,17, and 10 were relieved. Posts Nos. 23,24, 25,26, and 27 were established. Third platoon C.P. moved. (See Overlay)
3. Recommendations-  
None.
4. Summary-  
None.

WALTER G. THOMSEN  
CAPT FA  
COMMANDING