

CO "A" 826th AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

APO # 70
8 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A", D900 6 March to 1800
7 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attention: S-3)

Map-Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

#1
1. D700 Patrol under command Lt. ARCHAMBEAU consist-
ing 10 men Co A and 32 Guerillas (Patrol No.1) left Alcala
to patrol both sides of road east to Santo Tomas (33.9 -
21.0); cross Agno River then patrol southwest on north side
of River to vicinity Olea (20.5-19.0); then north to Tobor
(25.7-22.9) contact Patrol No. 2 by 1600 7 March (See over-
lay) vicinity Tobor.

RESULTS OF PATROL

1. Tall grass on both sides of road made contact between
individuals difficult to maintain.

2. Guerillas handicapped by lack of shoes and canteens.

3. A few rounds of ammunition accidentally discharged
by Guerillas.

4. No enemy observed. Evidence area vicinity (31.5-21.4)
had been occupied at one time - defensive and protective ex-
cavations in form of trenches observed.

5. Civilians and Alcala Guerillas reported 4 Japs killed
in area South Agno River 4 March 1945.

PATROL #2

1. 0700 Patrol under command Capt. ADAMS consisting of
20 men Co A and 64 Guerillas left bivouac area to patrol south
to area west of Tobor (25.7-22.9), then east to Tobor; occupy
Tobor 1200; patrol area surrounding Tobor until 1600. (See
Overlay).

REMARKS:

Area patrolled as prescribed. Guerillas handicapped by
lack of Canteens and shoes. A few rounds accidentally discharged.

ENEMY:

None definitely observed; civilians reported having seen Japs in area past two weeks in groups ranging from 3 to 60 per group.

3 rounds rapid fire heard on left flank 0900; a Guerilla reported he had been fired on - but no enemy observed by him or party sent to investigate. (3 rounds heard could have been accidental discharge of TSMG carried by Guerillas.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS:

1600 Capt. ADAMS contacted Col. HOUGHTON in rice pat- ties vicinity (26.0-24.0). Patrol then proceeded to area in which company bivouaced for the night, vicinity (27.0-20.0). Plans made for following day. Col. HOUGHTON left area 1800.

About 2400 Machine Gun fire was heard on two corners of the perimeter. This was followed by 10 or 15 rounds inter- mittant rifle fire. The following morning the rounds were said to have been fired at unusual noises. No injured or dead Japs, civilians, or live stock were observed or reported.



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CO "A" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

APC # 70
7 March 1945

#2

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A", 0900-1730 6 March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attention: S-3)

Map-Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Resales

1. Two officers, 30 enlisted men this organization arrived Malasiqui (14.0-26.4) 0900.

2. 1000 107 Guerillas loaded in 2 GMCs and transported 4 miles east to bivouac area (19.8025.9). Arms issued and patrols organized.

3. 1400 Patrol under command Lt. ARCHAMBEAU and consisting of 10 men Co. A and 32 Guerillas left bivouac area-destination Alcala (27.0-17.4).

4. 1600 Patrol under command Capt. ADAMS consisting of 10 men Co A and 30 Guerillas patrolled area east and south of Canan School House (22.4-25.4) to vicinity of bridge northwest hill or mountain mass known as Parmaranam (23.3-24.1). 4 Japs had been reported by civilian preparing food in vicinity of this bridge 5 March 1945.

RESULTS OF PATROL

1. Japs seen or killed - none; however ashes (cold) and small camp fire observed in vicinity of bridge.

2. Guerillas exhibited definite lack of training, discipline, and familiarity with arms. (Some 5 or 6 rounds accidentally discharged).

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CO "A" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

APO # 70
9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A" 1800 7 March to 1800 8 March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attention: S-3)

Map-Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

Patrol #1

Composition: 1 Officer (Lt. ARCHAMBEAU) 10 men Co A, and 32 Guerillas.

Mission:

Move by Half-track from company bivouac area 0700 to vicinity Unzad (28.4-26.1); patrol both sides of road west from Unzad to vicinity Canan School House (22.4-25.4); determine if road from Unzad to Canan traversable with army vehicles. Make maximum use of civilians (by questions) to obtain information about Japs in the area.

REMARKS:

Mission accomplished without incident. Determined army vehicles could traverse Unzad-Canan road, but slow and rough in spots.

ENEMY INFORMATION:

No enemy observed; however civilians indicated groups of Japs had been observed in the area the past two weeks in numbers from 3 to 50 per group. Also that some clothing and food had been taken from several homes 4 to 7 days previous.

3 shots rapid fire was heard by this patrol about 1100. Exact direction or origin of the rounds could not be determined.

PATROL #2

Composition: 1 Officer (Capt. ADAMS) 20 men Co A and 64 Guerillas.

Mission:

Leave bivouac area 0700 to patrol area north Tobor (25.7-22.9) to Canan (23.9-25.0) Unzad road; make maximum use of civilians (by questions) to obtain information about Japs. Be particularly watchful for caves.

Remarks:

Numerous areas observed where individuals or groups in small numbers could hide and be by-passed by small patrols. Gullies formed by intermittent streams, valleys and hillsides covered with kunai grass head high, and areas covered with heavy woods and other green vegetation could afford cover and concealment for the enemy. 3 rounds rapid fire were heard by members of the patrol about 0900 and again about 1200. Exact origin or direction of the rounds not definitely determined. Several areas marked for further investigation on later days (lack of time did not permit area to be thoroughly covered.)

Enemy Information:

Civilians reported their homes had been invaded at various times during past two weeks. One civilian declared 1 Jap officer and 20 men had stolen food and clothing from his home about 2400 6 March; this story partially varified by his neighbors; but a wide variation in stories as to clothing and equipment of the enemy; however all agreed that the Japs were well armed. An area where about 20 Japs could have recently bivouaced was located in the vicinity.

Additional Remarks:

Patrol reached bivouac area west Canan (21.6-25.4) about 1630. Col. HOUGHTON, Maj. TUCKETT, and Capt. ADAMS made plans for following day while Capt. GEROW issued clothing and supliesto Guerillas.

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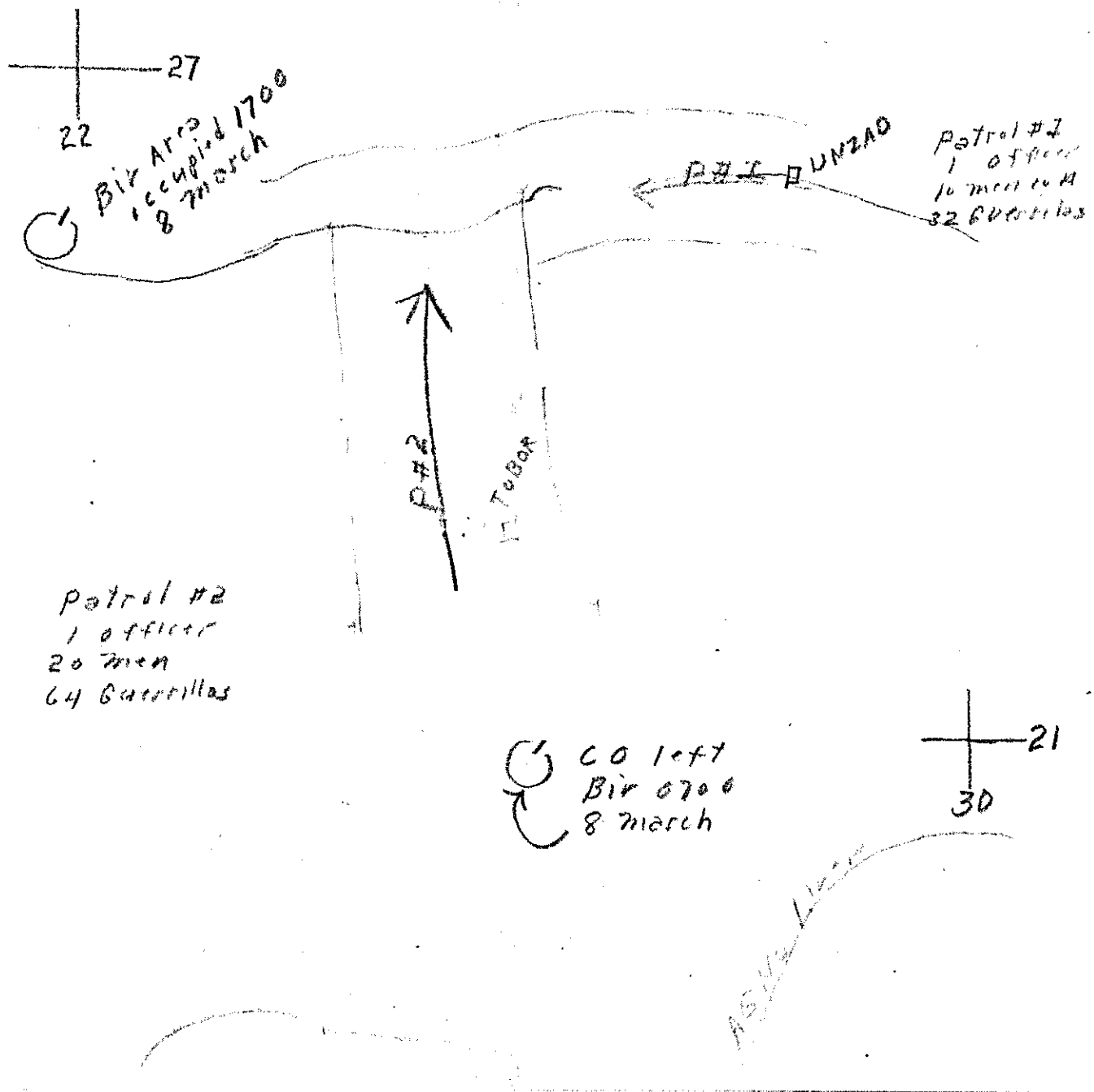
CO A 826 AMPH TRAC BN

Overlay to accompany report patrols

1 # 2 1800 7 March to 1800 8 March

Map LUZON 1:50,000

Sheets SAN CARLOS
ROSALES



CO A-826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

APO #70
10 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A", 1800 March 8 to 1800
9 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attention: S-3)

Map - Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

Patrol #1

Composition: 1 Officer, 10 men Co A and 32 Guerillas.
Time left company bivouac area: 0700

Mission:

(See Overlay) Patrol area indicated on overlay;
determine if road indicated on map traversable by Army
vehicles; question civilians as to activities of Japs;
destroy all camp sites of Japs.

Remarks:

Mission completed as prescribed. Road could be
traversed by jeep - but slow and difficult in many spots.
No Japs in area past few days; only a few civilians and
few crops in area.

Enemy Information:

No definite information of location or numbers
of enemy. However civilians did report they heard rumors
that Japs had moved to area vicinity Tobor (25.7-22.9) and
that a group of 60 Japs were harassing civilians in the
Tobor area.

Patrol returned to company bivouac area where plans
for following day were discussed with Col. HOUGHTON.

Patrol #2

Composition: 1 Officer, 10 men Co A, and 64 Guerillas.
Time left company bivouac area; 0700

Mission:

(See Overlay) Patrol area indicated on overlay;
same mission as prescribed for Patrol #1.

Remarks:

Patrol reached Cabaruan (26.5-29.6) 1300. Road
traversed with Half-track and jeep that accompanied patrol.
Area covered practically deserted and only scattered
civilians in area; practically no crops planted or being
cultivated.

Enemy Information:

Old battle grounds vicinity Cabaruan (26.5-29.6) (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west Cabaruan) observed; piles of 4.2 and 60 mm., bazooka, and rifle ammunition located; Civilians indicated that local patrols had killed 12 Japs in the area two weeks previous and that entire area of Unzad (28.4-26.1) Canan (22.4-25.4) was free from Japs at present and that they heard rumors of large numbers of Japs in Tobor (25.7-22.9) area. A Guerilla Lieutenant contacted indicated that the Cabaruan area was patrolled regularly by local Guerillas with arms taken from Japs in last battle.

Patrol returned to company bivouac area where plans for following day were discussed with Col. HOUGHTON.



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COMPANY "A", 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

APO 70, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.
11 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Patrol #1 1800 9 March - 1800 10 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Battalion
(Attn: S-3)

Map: Luzon 1:50000
Chief of Engineer Army Map Service USA WDC
Sheet numbers 3258 IV
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Composition of Patrol #2
1 Officer (Capt Adams)
12 MM, Co A, 826th Amph Tractor Bn
40 Guerrillas

1. At 0700 10 March 1945 Capt Adams, Commanding Officer, Co A, was informed by a native that the area, vicinity Canan School House, had been raided by Jap soldiers the previous night. Above patrol under command of Capt Adams proceeded to area and by 1000 had traced Japs to hill mass known to natives as Pamaranom (23.3-24.1) Fresh foot prints and sounds indicated Japs could be in this area.

2. Capt Adams with three men from Co A and eight Guerrillas moved east along north base of the hill in the direction of a cave said by a native guide to be about 50 meters from west end of hill mass. The group moved 450 yards (approximately) to mouth of the cave. During this movement fire from an automatic weapon (believed at that time to be from a Jap Machine Gun, located on the ridge, was heard (about 5 rds rapid fire) (time: about 1030).

3. Four men from Co A and 22 Guerillas moved south and east along top of ridge to investigate. A scout from this group had already proceeded the movement and it was later discovered that the scout, Opl Honorio Cavardo, had surprised five Japs in or near their camp site and fired a short burst from a TSMG at them (this may have been the firing first believed to have been Jap MG). This group surrounded the camp site located on the north slope of the hill and concealed by vegetation.

4. Due to dense vegetation contact between individuals and groups may have been lost. 1st Sgt Domingo Guiling was fatally shot from the rear. Before falling he turned and sprayed the general area with his TSMG. He immediately drew fire from the Guerrillas located above him on the ridge. Four men and a number of Guerillas were in the same area and exposed

to this fire. After about five minutes of permiscuous firing the patrol was withdrawn at great personal rist to the men from Co A due to uncalled for firing of Guerrillas and the wounded were evacuated.

WOUNDED

1st Sgt Domingo Guiling - KIA. Accidentally incurred while on patrol in vicinity of Canan, Luzon, at about 1100 10 March 1945.

Pvt Rufino Gonzales WIA GSW left palm, accidentally incurred while on patrol in vicinity of Canan, Luzon about 1100 10 March 1945.

Pvt Escolastico Ferrer, WIA GSW, Abdomen and right wrist, accidentally incurred while on patrol in vicinity of Canan, Luzon, about 1100 10 March 1945.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Japs observed by the scout (Cpl Honorio Cavardo) were said to be dressed in CKC - Jap cloth; wearing netting on medal helmets, armed with Jap rifles; this information not verified or confirmed by other members of the patrol.

Camp site of the enemy located near top of hill mass above cave, (cave not definately determined as existing) and along north slope, concealed by dense vegetation; contained three lean toos; a goat tied in the area, quantities of rice. Some evidence of possible excavation.

First definate contact with enemy made when scout from Sgt Woodworth's group surprised five Japs in vicinity of camp site.

Terrain of the hill mass: Densely covered with trees and coarse vegetation. Very difficult to move in. Hill side estimated 600 yards long, steep, shows evidence of numerous paths and possible approach to caves or holes in the hills. Area could be burned with flame throwers.

Information of enemy obtained from native in area south and west of Canan School House:

1. Jap group consisted of one officer and about 20 men.
2. Group had at least 1 and possibly 2 Machine Guns and side arms consisting of Jap rifles and US Carbines; officer had saber.
3. Japs stole rice, chicken, eggs, girls dress.
4. Japs forced civilian at one home to pound rice during the early morning hours.

PERFORMANCE OF GUERRILLAS IN THIS PARTICULAR ACTION:

1. Guerrillas used poor judgment in opening fire in area occupied by their own troops and inflicted unnecessary casualties.
2. Guerrillas were slow in responding to commands of their own NCO's and officer as well as from the commands from my men.
3. My men exposed themselves to the enemy after the undisciplined firing but the Guerrillas were extremely slow about caring for their men.

PATROL #2

Composition of Patrol #1

1 Officer (Lt Archambeau)
12 EM, Co A, 826th Amph Tractor Bn
40 Guerrillas

Above patrol moved south from (25.2-25.6) on the E-W road between Canan (23.8-24.9) and Unzad (28.5-26.1) morning of 10 March 1945. Movement was made in tactical formation with scouts in front and flank guards. About 0930 scouts discovered signs of Jap occupation of a gully (25.424.5) about one mile north of Tobor (25.7-22.9). Gully ran generally north and south. Area occupied by the Japs was in a gully surrounded by Kuni grass on the west and bambo thicket on the east. Observation of the gully made extremely difficult by the thick grass (more than head high), the bambo growth, the high trees with umbrella shaped tops and natural formation of the gully which is estimated to be 15 yards wide and possible 75 yards long.

Above described area is a definite land mark in terrain that is comparatively open. The gully may contain either natural or artificial holes in the sides. This area was immediately surrounded and approached from the north along a narrow trail (Lt Archambeau made this movement). Definite contact with the Japs was made when Lt Archambeau saw movement in front of him and fired at a Jap soldier in a prone position. Lt Archambeau then withdrew. During the remainder of the day extermination of the occupants of the gully was attempted by coordinated attacks from the flanks and both ends of the gully involving the use of hand grenades and individual side arms. Lt Archambeau and Cpl Butler were wounded about 1730 while attempting to penetrate the north entrance of the gully in order to withdraw and break contact with the enemy. Contact with the enemy was maintained from about 0930 until about 1730. During the action 4 Japs were definitely killed and it is believed others were wounded as a large number of hand grenades were thrown into their position at a time when they were definitely moving. It is believed sniper fire was delivered from the surrounding hills during the action.

Other losses consisted of:

- 1 Officer, wounded
- 1 MM, USA, wounded
- 1 Officer, Guerrilla, missing in action
- 2 MM, Guerrilla, wounded

Names of above follow:

Casualties: The following men were wounded as the result of enemy action:

1. Archambeau, Grant E., O1 822 763, 1st Lt.
Bullet wound, right elbow, perforating, with fracture of ulna, severe, result of rifle fire. Treatment: 4 gm sulfadiazine, sulfanilamide dressing, 1 unit blood plasma, 1 syrette, morphine. Evacuated to 360th Station Hospital.
2. Butler, Morris J., 17 071 364, Cpl.
Penetrating wound right wrist, moderate.
Perforating wound, 2nd digit, left foot, severe.
Penetrating wound right knee, moderate.
Treatment: 4 gm sulfadiazine. Sulfanilamide dressings.
Evacuated to 360th Station Hospital.
3. Docasin, Inocencin, Lt., P. A. - Missing in action.
4. Franza, Francisco, Pvt., P. A.
Gun shot wound, head, left, superficial, slight.
Sulfanilamide dressing.
Evacuated to Civilian Dispensary, Malasique.
5. Cerezo, Julio, Pfd., P. A.
Fragment wounds, right wrist, superficial, slight.
Removal of shell fragments, sulfadiazine ointment dressing - duty.

During the action the body of one of the dead enemy was searched. Jap money only removed from the body. This Jap soldier was dressed in dirty green uniform with wrap leggings, hob nailed shoes, steel helmet, armed with 31 cal rifle. Soldier appeared to be in good physical condition. Estimated 5 gallons of cooked rice, at least three 5 gallon water cans (tin), many crockery containers, and a garden sprinkler was destroyed in the southern portion of the gully where the Japs had been cooking. Straw mats in the gully indicated the area was used for sleeping purposes.

The sound of Jap automatic weapons was not recognized as such but heavy fire was returned from the gully and this fire may also have been supplemented by sniper fire from the surrounding terrain.

When the contact was broken an estimated 14 hand grenades and a carbine Cal 30 with undetermined number of rounds of ammunition was left in the area. Also a TSMG Cal 45 was shot out of a Guerrillas hands; however the wooden stock of the gun was retained and brought back to the Company Bivouac Area.

Impossible to estimate the number of Jap troops involved in this action.

PATROL #3

Composition: 2 BM Co "A" and 16 Guerrillas

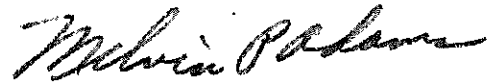
Mission:

Patrol area indicated on overlay; locate and destroy enemy camp site; question civilians about Jap activity; arrest four civilians to be identified by Guerrilla guards; escort arrested civilians to Malasiqui (14.0-26.4)

Remarks:

Mission accomplished. Three bottles of atabrine were found in the house where civilians were arrested. Also the area well cared for while surrounding terrain had been evacuated. Few civilians in area contacted said no Japs were seen in the area for past several days.

Patrol returned to Company area 1800.



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CO A 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

APO #70
#70
12 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A", 1800 10 March to 1800
11 March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attention S-3)

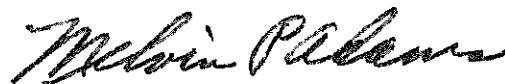
Map - Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

Sunday:
Day of rest by order of I Corps.

Guerillas test fired some weapons, also had some foot drill. In spite of order that Guerillas would remain in camp and rest, many of them left and it was impossible to get 36 Guerillas to man the post of the perimeter defense (only 30 were present).

At 1700 hill mass known as Parmaranom (23.3-24.1) southeast Canan (2319-25.0) was secured by 10 Co A men and 20 Guerillas for reconnaissance by Col. HOUGHTON and Capt. ADAMS. Col HOUGHTON suggested hill mass not be worked too intensively until he consulted I Corps as to use of mortar and M10 (3 inch Gun). Tentative plan was to wait until it could be determined Japs were in the area, then work it.

Lt. LEE arrived bivouac area with Col. HOUGHTON to replace Lt. ARCHAMBEAU who was wounded and sent to hospital previous day.



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CO A 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

APC #70
13 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co A 1800 11 March 1945 to 1800
12 March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attention S-3)

Map - Luzon Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

Patrol #1

Composition:

2 Officers, 30 men Co A, and 48 Guerillas

Mission:

Revisit scene of battle in which patrol under Lt. Arch*
ambeau was engaged 10 March; determine Japs killed; continue
patrol after investigation as prescribed by Capt. ADAMS.
Time left company bivouac area: 0700

Patrol assumed tactical formation and covered area in-
dicated by overlay as it moved south. The area where the battle
had taken place 10 March was approached cautiously and surrounded.
As the patrol left the road to move south fresh foot prints of an
estimated 15 Japs were observed moving north, (tracks of 1 pr.
jungle boots intermingled). After reconnaissance by Capt. ADAMS,
the area was neutralized with 30 cal. machine gun fire, phosphorus
and hand grenades with particular emphasis placed on the gully which
had been occupied. A half-track was driven to the edge of the gully
and the grenades thrown from the half-track. This neutralization
was completed by 1200. The gully was then entered and scouted by
members of Co A. The dead body of Guerilla Lt. Decassin, stripped
of jungle boots, fatigues, wrist watch and all personal papers and
belongings, was found. Also the bodies of 4 half buried and 1
unburied Japs were found (total dead Japs 5). Dead Japs dressed in
Jap green CKC uniforms complete with hobnail shoes and steel
helmet. Bodies appeared to be well fed and in good physical con-
dition. A three gallon container of cooked rice (cold), about 50
halves of coconut shells, four 5 gallon water cans (G.I. flour
cans), and 10 sleeping mats were destroyed.

Patrol returned company bivouac area 1630 and CO made
plans with Col. HOUGHTON for northwest section of area to be
worked the following day.

Casualties:

During the scouting of this area Cpls Garr E. Webb
and William P. Blevins were working together. Cpl. Webb uninten-
tionally kicked a phosphorus grenade that had failed to detonate
when thrown into the area. The grenade detonated and burned both
Cpls. Webb and Blevins. The men were given first aid and evacuated
to the hospital.

Cpl. William P. Elevins ASN 33531252 injured in action accidentally incurred while engaged in combat against the enemy on or about 1300 13 March 1945 in Cabaruan Hills, Luzon.

T/5 Garr E. Webb ASN 39604710 injured in action accidentally incurred while engaged in combat against the enemy on or about 1300 12 March 1945 in Cabaruan Hills, Luzon.

Remarks:

The Guerillas failed to move into the area after the neutralization and were hesitant and nervous about following the Co A men into the campsite even after the area had been occupied by Co A men for an hour and had been well scouted. It was impossible to get them to destroy the camp. An effort was made by Capt. ADAMS to get them to work the area for training and experience after it was a well known fact that no Japs were in this area. This effort was completely unsuccessful. It is believed that many of the Guerillas lost their enthusiasm for fighting Japs when they saw the distorted figure of the dead Lt. Decassin.

While regrouping and reorganizing the patrol for return trip to company bivouac area about 1530, considerable trouble was experienced with the Guerillas in getting a detail on the half track to evacuate Lt. Decassin's body.

Additional Activities:

48 Guerillas were posted in the area south and east of the Canan School House (this detail had been requested by the Guerillas) at 1900 11 March. About 2100 small arms fire was heard coming from same area. Following morning after Guerillas returned to camp they reported having fired on one of their own groups at 2100; and killed two carabeos about 2300.



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CO A, 826th AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

AFO #70
14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co A, 826th Amph. Tractor Bn.,
1800 12 March to 1800 13 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attn: S-3)

Map- Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

Patrol #1

Composition: 2 Officers, 24 men Co A and 48 Guerillas.

Mission:

(See Overlay) Patrol area indicated on Overlay;
question civilians; locate and destroy camp sites
of enemy; locate caves.

Time left company bivouac area: 0700

Enemy activity:

As the patrol formed along the Unzad (28.4-26.1)
Canan (22.4-25.4) road preparatory to moving north on assigned
mission, a civilian approached from direction north and gave
patrol following information:

1. Home located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of road.
2. Had been forced to prepare rice for 11 Japs.
3. 8 Japs ate while 3 remained on guard; then 3 on guard ate.
4. Individual believed to be Capt. was wearing wrist watch with shining wrist band.
5. While 8 Japs eating meal, rifle fire heard south of Canan School House. Japs asked about origin of fire. Civilian suggested it might be some of the intruders companions but Jap Captain shook his head in the negative.
6. When Japs left, they moved toward road; but due to darkness (no moon) and cloudy sky it was impossible for civilian to see exact path they took.
7. Japs had approached civilian's home from the south. This indicated by sound of movement as well as barking of dogs previous to Japs arrival.
8. Japs armed with Jap rifles and carbines.

Civilians and trails on each side of the Unzad Canan road were checked to determine if Japs had crossed the road and moved south. There was nothing to indicate that the Japs had moved south.

The check at the civilian's house indicated Japs could have moved south from the house, circled to the west and moved north on a trail where fresh Jap foot prints were observed (among the foot prints were tracks of one pair of Jungle boots which could have been taken from Lt. Decasin.)

4 men Co A and 16 Guerillas assigned mission of working the area south of the road for additional information while remaining men acouted north of the road.

As the patrol worked north additional fresh Jap tracks were observed leading into a densely wooded gully. The entire area was probably about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile square. This area was insensily scouted after being surrounded and look-outs placed on commanding terrain features. In the gully a camp site that showed evidence of recent occupation was discovered. Following equipment was destroyed: 4 small sleeping mats, 2 piles straw that looked as if each had accomodated 2 men for a period of time, about 30 halves of cocconut shells, 5 small bowls (23.0-27.8).

Patrol completed mission and returned to company area 1600 where Capt. ADAMS and Col. HOUGHTON planned next days activity.

Remarks:

After this camp site had been scouted, the Guerillas were given the mission of destroying it. They wer hesitant about all their activities and lacked thoroughness in breaking cocconut halves and burning the dry materials. Perhaps they need training in this procedure; they need something.

About 2330 13 March Lt. LEE checked the perimeter guard of the bivouac area. Of the eight posts manned by the Guerillas only two of the posts hadmen on the alert. Following morning the company commander said the men were very tired and needed rest; they hadwalked many miles the past few days; but CO Co A does not feel men were justified in lack of alertness.

Additional Activities:

Hill mas known as Parmaranom (23.3-24.1) Canan School House (22.4-25.4) was secured for reconnaissance by Capt. SAWYER of 632d Tank Destroyer Bn. at 1430.

4 men Co A and 16 Guerillas for this mission.

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APD #70
14 March 1945

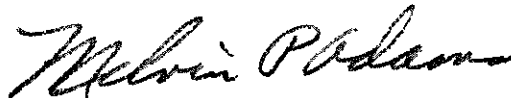
SUBJECT: Jap killed 1300 13 March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Location: 3-3)

At 1300 while moving west from bivouac area (19.8-25.8) on Caman (22.4-25.4) Malasiqui road in a GMC, Cpl. Grubb, Pfc Cotter and Figliola were stopped (18.0-26.3) and notified by civilians a Jap was in the area. These men dismounted and moved north of the road about 50 yards, sighted enemy and opened fire. After a chase of approximately 300 yards, the Jap, armed with a hand grenade (Japanese) was shot and killed.

Jap was dressed in civilian shirt, straw hat, and G.I. shorts. Also accompanied by native woman who was pregnant and in confusion escaped.

Casualties Co "AM" - None.



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Capt. FA
Commanding

COMPANY "A" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

APD #70
15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A", 1800 13 March to 1800
14 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attn: S-3)

Patrol #1

Composition: 2 Officer, 24 men Co A, and 40 Guerillas.

Mission:

Patrol area immediately south and west of hill mass known as Parmaranom (23.3-24.1); select positions for ffilemen south and west of hill mass if hill mass should be intensively scouted in future; locate and destroy camp sites; locate caves; and question civilians.

Time left company bivouac area: 0700

4 men Co A and 16 Guerillas detailed to observe from various points of the north and east portions of the Parmaranom hill mass; report any movement of enemy to Capt. ADAMS. An area about 400 yards northwest of Parmaranom was worked by this patrol as it moved south, then east (See overlay for direction of movement). About 0900 at the top of a cone-shaped hill that was densely covered with trees and other vegetation was found a camp site that appeared to have been recently occupied by Japanese. The camp site exhibited:

1. 4 areas where two men each could have slept.
2. About 20 cocconut halves.
3. 6 containers (small) for cooking
4. 1 pail or bucket of a Jap mess kit.
5. 1 bloody bandage (dry), 1 bloody patch (small and dry)
6. 1 Japanese rifle, cal. 31 in good condition.

As the area was occupied some members of the patrol thought they heard rustling in the surrounding vegetation. This could have been imagination. The rifle was picked up by the patrol and the equipment destroyed. Before leaving, the area was fired.

The patrol proceeded south to prescribed area south of Parmaranom where the barrio was scouted. An entrenchment that could accommodate a machine gun located under a house was filled in. It was also observed that these houses contained numerous cooking utensils and quantities of rice that could be available to Japanese. On this particular day no civilians were observed in the area; however civilians had been observed in the area previously by patrols. The mission prescribed for the day was accomplished by 1200 and an intense desire to become more familiar with the hill where Guerilla Sgt. Domingo Guiling had been killed and three other Guerillas wounded 10 March 1945. This area was occupied and the following was found:

1. 3 Lean-cos - each of which could accomodate 3 Japs.
2. A skinny female goat tied to a tree.
3. Numerous small cooking utensils and 4 5 gal. G.I. flour cans.
4. Two Jap field manuals and some Jap stationery.
5. Two photograph albums previously belonging to civilians in the area.
6. The identification card of Lt. Decasin who had been killed in battle (25.4-24.2) 10 March 1945.

The camp was destroyed and the patrol returned to bivouac area 1630 where plans were made with Col. HOUGHTON for following days work.

Remarks:

48 Guerillas were posted along trails in the vicinity of Canan School House. Posted dusk 13 March. Sporadic firing heard during the night - negative report following morning.



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CO "A" 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

APO # 70
16 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A", 1800 14 March to 1800
15 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attn: S-3)

Map - Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

Patrol #1

Composition: 2 Officers, 30 men Co A, and 48 Guerillas.

Time left company bivouac area: 0700

Mission:

Original plan was to patrol area indicated on overlay. As the patrol left the east west road (See overlay) on a line of skirmishers to work the wooded area, information was picked up from a civilian that 4 Japs were observed bathing at a well 500 yards south of the road at dusk the previous evening, and the Japs had disappeared into a wooded gully nearby. The wooded gully and the surrounding terrain was intensively worked. No evidence of recent Jap occupation was observed. Patrol continued south; mission was completed and the patrol returned to company bivouac area 1700.

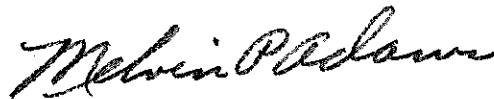
Enemy information:

Civilians questioned after moving south from the well indicated that the area had been free of Japs since about 8 March.

Remarks:

48 Guerillas again posted on trails south of Canan (22.4-25.4) about dusk 14 March. Sporadic fire heard about 2400. Guerillas reported having fired at noises during the night.

CO skeptical about value of Guerillas being so employed at night; but thought of sporadic fire in the area might keep Japs (if any) from moving freely in an area very attractive to the Japs.



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CO "A", 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

APO #70
17 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A" 1800 15 March to 1800
16 March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attn: S-3)

Map - Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

Composition : 1 Officer (Capt. ADAMS), 24 men Co A, and
48 Guerillas.

Time left company bivouac area: 0700

Mission:

Patrol extreme southwest portion of Cabaruan Hills
(See overlay); locate and destroy enemy camp sites; locate
caves; question civilians.

Results:

- Patrol completed and obtained following information:
1. No Japs were seen or heard by civilians past two weeks.
 2. Civilians had heard firing 10 March 1945.
 3. Area scouted had abundant crops and fruits, also full of unthrashed rice.
 4. No Japs seen in vicinity of Tobor (25.7-22.9).
 5. Terrain of area rough and wooded in spots with abundant tall dry grass on high spots; terrain in general favorable to hiding enemy.

While working a small barrio (27.2-24.3) about 1 mile southwest of Capalaan (28.9-24.8) what appeared to be a Jap was shot and killed as the suspected individual left the Barrio and ran across an open field. The civilian failed to respond to the command Halt given at least 2 times before fire was opened. The family of Daniel Renian of Lepanto Villasias was notified. Time of accident about 1400.

Additional Activities:

At 1430 2 Guerillas and 5 civilians located a Jap wounded in right knee 2 kilometers west of Cabaruan (26.5-29.5). Jap was walking across open field (24.6-28.8) without a weapon and seven Filipinos, also without weapons, surrounded him. The Jap was captured after a slight struggle and tied to a pole. Filipinos then carried prisoner to company bivouac area and turned him over to S.7Sgt. Mish at 1515. Col HOUGHTON sent prisoner to I Corps 1700.

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CO "A" 826th AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

APO #70
18 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co "A", 1800 16 March to 1800
17 March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attn: S-3)

Map-Luzon 1/50,000 Sheets: San Carlos and Rosales

Mission:

Patrol area vicinity Tobor (25.7-22.9) Palipar (23.5-22.8) Bongar (23.3-22.3*); question civilians for Jap activity; try to determine where rumor started if no Japs are located. Time left bivouac area: 0700

10 men Co A and 32 Guerillas were left in mobile reserve (24.2-25.6) along the Unzad (28.4-26.1) Canan (24.4-25.4) road (transportation - half track).

Capt. ADAMS with 10 men Co A and 32 Guerillas moved south from area where others were located - direction of movement toward Bangar. At 0830 3 shots were heard believed coming from general direction south west; patrol continued to advance cautiously. Additional shots were heard 0900. Advance scouts identified sound coming from a wooded area vicinity (24.2-23.0) on lower ground than that occupied by the patrol. S/Sgt. Siegel with 4 Guerillas was sent around right flank to observe on the high ground. 4 additional Guerillas were sent around left flank to occupy high ground and observe. As these groups moved into position they received intense fire from the woods. At 0915 a scout was sent back to bring up the reserves.

Rifle and machine gun fire was discharged for about 45 minutes. 0945 S/Sgt Siegel suspected troops in woods were friendly and attempted to return to CP with this information. During the movement, Siegel received a rifle wound in the left shoulder. Exchange of fire continued.

1015 Guerilla observer on left flank suspected the wooded area to be occupied by Guerillas; waved white flag in hand and drew fire from the woods. This group of observers withdrew; returned to CP and informed CO that troops in woods spoke native tongue. 1100 CO gave orders to withdraw. Troops in woods positively identified as friendly at 1130 and from 3d Bn., 2d Regiment working out of Alcala (27.0-17-4). Opposing force consisted of a group of 63 Officers and men.

casualties:

S/Sgt. George J. Siegel ASN 36006208 wounded in action by 30 Cal. bullet - entered left subcapilar area, left shoulder - severe. Incurred while engaged in combat with the enemy on or about 1000 17 March 1945 in Cabaruan Hills, Luzon.

Patrol returned to company bivouac area 1630.



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APO #70
19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities Co A, 1800 17 March to 1800
18 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
(Attn: S-3)

Sunday:

No patrol activity. Authorized day of rest and care
and maintenance of equipment by order of Commanding General
I Corps.

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COMPANY "A", 826TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

APO 70
20 March 1945

SUBJECT: Patrol Activities, Company A, 1800 18 March 1945
to 1800 19 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 826th Amphibian Tractor Bn
(Attn: S-3).

Map - Luzon 1/50,000

Sheets: San Carlos and
Rosales.

Mission of patrolling Cabaruan Hills terminated as of
this date by order of I Corps.

Further orders stated 53 Guerrillas (3 Officers and
30 enlisted men) to be attached to this unit for training
and the remaining 54 Guerrillas to be released from attach-
ment to this unit for reassignment to original Guerrilla
Headquarters.

At 1000 selection of Guerrillas to be attached to
Company "A" was made by Capt. ADAMS. These men were released
from duty at 1200 to visit families and friends in vicinity
and ordered to report for duty at Malisiqui 0900 20 March 1945.
Guerrillas would then be picked up by GMC trucks and transported
to San Fabian.

Orders were issued to detached Guerrillas by Capt. ADAMS
regarding the turning in of clothing and equipment.

Lt. LEE and twenty men from Company "A" returned to San
Fabian at 1400.

Capt. ADAMS and sixteen men of Company "A" bivouaced in
Malisiqui overnight.



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