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BATTALION OPERATIONS REPORT

1st Battalion, 66th Infantry, PA, USAFIP, NL

For the Period 7 January 1945 to 20 February 1945, inclusive.

7 January 45

Co. "A" demolished road bed KP 19, Naguilian Road in Monglo, Sablan. A repair party of 500 Japs were attacked in the afternoon of the same day while attempting repairs on the demolished road bed. Result: 150 Japs killed and many wounded. 3 wounded our side. Two (2) Jap trucks were damaged. Booty: 10 US rifles, 1 Jap pistol w/16 rds, 1 saber, 1 Jap bayonet, 140 rds Jap ammo, 33 rds. Cal .30 ammo.

8 January

0655 Co. "B" 1st Platoon under Lt. Paul Velasco demolished road saddle KP 14, Naguilian Road.

0905 The same platoon attacked enemy positions along KP 14-B Naguilian Road, killing 49 and wounding 25 aside from damaging 2 trucks. No casualty suffered on our side. Our troops withdrew due to the numerical superiority of the enemy.

1800 Co. "C" put out of commission Hydro Electric Power Plants Nos. 2, 3, & 4 by removing important parts and engines.

9 January

Co. "C" demolished bridges between KP 11 & 12 Asin Road and attacked 5 trucks loaded w/Japs to repair bridges. Result: 30 Japs killed, wounded unknown. No casualty our side. The enemy was repulsed.

Co. "A" demolished road culvert KP 26, Naguilian Road and attacked enemy at KP 26. Result: Enemy dead & wounded unknown. No casualty our side.

10 January

Co. "B" operating along the Trinidad River, west of Baluay, killed 108 Jap Marines who were part of 2,000 stragglers from San Fernando, La Union who hiked via Bagulin, La Union, following the Naguilian River upstream purportedly bound for Baguio. Civilians aided greatly in the apprehension and killing of the Japs accounting for 9 out of the total killed. The .50 Cal MG under Lt. Florentine inflicted an additional 41 killed. Most of the enemy captured and killed were armless. Total killed: 149 Japs, no wounded, 2 captured.

Co. "A" OP at Bayabas, Sablan raided by the enemy 1100. Co. "A" withdrew due to heavy mortar fire after inflicting 75 Japs killed and many wounded. The Japs who were gathering food supplies & commandeering civilians for forced labor burned the houses at Bayabas. One wounded on our side.

2nd Platoon, Co. "A" cut 1 km. telephone line on KP 18-19, Asin Road.

11 January

Co. "B" with the .50 Cal MG mopped up remnants of the enemy along Trinidad River accounting for 11 more Japs killed, 5 captured, which includes 2 Fernosans. Booty: 3 Jap rifles, 2 Enfield rifles, 75 blankets, and other equipment.

Co. "C" 0800 attacked enemy positions around Asin sector. Fight lasted 7 hours (Firing not continuous during 7-hour period). Result: 11 Japs killed, none our side. The enemy entrenched deeply around the buildings at Asin.

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28 January
Orders issued to Co. "B" to stand by for coordinated attack with the 3rd Battalion against the Japs at Kabanjan. Attack discontinued.

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26-28 January
Fighting at Saint-Libo-Sagobe sector at a stalemate. The platoons Co. "A" successful in crossing Neguilian Head from the western side. 3rd platoon was able to cross a few hours after the first two platoons crossed and after fighting their way across. Lt. Gueyuan shot one Jap officer while leading his platoon across the road. 26 Jan 45.

26 January
Co. "B" encountered enemy at Libe-Salat-Sagobe sector. The Japs were reported as Sagobe with 12 dead. None our side. The 3001st MP employed stop Sagobe after withdrawing from the Salat-Sungarla junction.

21 January
Co. "B" encountered the enemy at Salat-Libe sector inflicting 2 Japs killed, no casualty our side. Our men withdrawn due to the superior number of the enemy.

19-20 January
Eleven (11) more Japs were killed by Co. "C" in attacks against the outposts of Taya, Bayuent, Lincan 16 Jan attacked and killed four Japs without arms stealing foodstuffs. Co. "B" attacked and killed six (6) Japs who were gathered the foodstuffs in Bonong. One Jap escaped unarmed. No casualty our side. Sgt. Balangay & Kigay were in charge. Booty: 1 Jap auto-rifle, 4 Jap rifles w/bayonets, 6 auto-rifle magazines, 200 rds Jap arms, 6 Jap helmets, 1 Jap rifle (unserviceable).
Among gangley, Bonong, a civilian shot to death the Jap who escaped Co. "B" men. A mortar shot-gun was used in killing the Jap. Booty: 5 auto-rifle magazines, 50 rds Jap arms.

14 January
Co. "C" 0830. Three (3) men swept inside enemy camp at Asin and harassed the enemy. Results: 6 Japs killed, unknown number wounded. No of escape.
Further mopping up of remnants of the enemy along Trinidad dugged another nine (9) Japs killed by Co. "B". One wounded, our side.



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30 January

Jap Trench Mortar pounds Co. "B" at Sagebo positions. Shelling wild. No damage inflicted on our troops. Two platoons of Co. "C" dispatched to relieve "B" Co. in Sagebo sector.

31 January to 1 February

Fighting Sagebo sector stalemate. Reconnaissance patrols sent out.

2 February

Battalion CP at Padak. Reconnaissance patrols occupy Bobong-na peak. Field Order No. 2 issued 1900. Salat-Libe sector abandoned by the enemy was occupied by our troops.

3-4 February

Reconnaissance patrols throughout Kapangan vicinity. Reports indicate Japs abandoned Kapangan. Battalion CP at Salat.

5 February

PVT. Ruel Morales, scout-out of the reconnaissance squad of Co. "B" at Anyapat, Tublay was caught by the enemy but he managed to escape leaving his rifle in the hands of the enemy. The Japs fired at him six times but missed. The rest of the squad and platoon came up and drove the Japs towards Tublay. No casualties inflicted on both sides.

7 February

1st Platoon under Lt. Gacayan and 2nd Platoon under Lt. Akia, Co. "B" while on reconnaissance at Naguilian Road intercepted and killed three unarmed Japs.

9 February

1st Platoon, Co. "B" under Lt. Alumno attacked enemy positions at Datakan and killed eight (8) Japs. Our troops were shelled from the direction of Tublay. No damage or casualty inflicted on our side.

The 1st Platoon again attacked enemy outpost at Anyapat, Tublay and succeeded in driving the Japs from out of their post and foxholes after a fierce fight between KP 27-29, Kapangan, Tublay Road. Result: Enemy casualties unknown. No casualty our side. Lt. Gosalan, in charge.

10 February

2nd Platoon, Co. "B" engaged the enemy coming from Tublay central to Anyapat. Our troops withdrew to Anyapat due to superior numbers of the enemy. Casualty on the enemy unknown. None our side.

3rd Squad under Cpl. Charles Labetan on reconnaissance to Naguilian Road. Result: Thick enemy patrols prevented approach of our troops to the road.

11 February

0530 1st Platoon under Lt. Alumno, Co. "B" attacked and dislodged Japs from their positions in the vicinity of the old sawmill at Datakan wounding more than 17 Japs. Our side suffered 1 man wounded.

A reconnaissance squad under Lt. Carlos Akia, Co. "A" reported that due to the density of enemy patrols, they were not able to go near the road.



11 February (continued)

0900 A joint attack by Co. "C", 2nd Platoon, Co. "B" supported by the .50Cal MG under Lt. Florentino and the 81MM Platoon under Lt. Fadlen, was staged against the enemy entrenched on three hills on the east ridge of Anyapat, Tublay. The enemy was supported by 2 LMG Cal .50 and 2 baby mortars and mountain guns from Tublay central. Our troops succeeded in routing and driving the enemy from their positions, pursuing them until they were under cover of their mountain gun that was shelling our men from Tublay. Visibility was good. Result: Enemy killed--5, wounded unknown. Our side, 3 killed. Booty: 1 Jap SMG #/6 magazines, 218 Cal 27 ammo, 4 Jap rifles, 6 ammo pouches, 3 steel helmets, 3 trench shovels, 1 baby mortar, 2 bayonets, 2 hand grenades, and several personal effects and accoutrements.

12-13 February

200 Japs went to Calot thru Camp Kavadatan and then down to Yagyagan River, sleeping at a point above Anneng. 2nd Platoon under Lt. Carlos Akia and 1 squad of the 3rd Platoon, Co. "A" were dispatched to harrass the enemy by encirclement. Result: Japs moved out before combat patrol reached their encampment.

15 February

Enemy from Palali to Banangan reported to be from 8 to 10 thousand. Reconnaissance patrols sent to Bangae reported they could not get near the road due to dense enemy patrols.

17 February

The Bn CO and officers of "A" & "B" Cos. and BN Co. Platoons reconnoitered for positions near the road in preparation for an attack.

1530 40 to 50 Japs burned all civilian houses at Bangae, Sablan. Their motive might either be because they found no food in that area or because they found evidences that the people at Bangae are helping the NL forces.

18 February

Five (5) Japs were killed when a patrol led by Lts. Carlos Akia and Agapito Balagsa, Co. "A" fired at an undetermined number of Japs who were trailing them atop Pappa ridge while reconnoitering for positions against the enemy. The Japs fled after being fired at with their dead to Sablan. No casualty suffered on our side. Booty: 2 Japs rifles, 1 Jap helmet, 2 bayonets w/scabbard and 1 bolo.

All units participating in attack against the enemy at dawn took positions at 2100 in vicinity of Pappa ridge.

19 February

0500 A coordinated attack by Co. "A", Co. "B" and supported by the .50Cal MG under Lt. Florentino and the 81MM Gun under Lt. Fadlen against the enemy at Sablan and Pappa ridge accounted for 312 Japs killed and an unknown number wounded. Casualty suffered on our side---1 wounded. Three houses occupied by Japs were burned one of which is believed to be an ammunition dump for small caliber ammunition. No demolition was effected. Our troops retreated to rear positions due to heavy shelling by the enemy's mountain guns. The enemy continued to pound our rear lines with the mountain guns falling aimlessly and harmlessly around the vicinity of Trinidad River below Yabyaban and Bagong.



20 February

The enemy occupied Pappa ridge and continued to pound our rear lines around the vicinity of Trinidad river from Yabyabean to Bagong with their Mountain gun which was emplaced on top of Pappa. Cos. "A" & "B" retreated to positions at Yabyabean and Bagong respectively. No action.

Recapitulation (For the period 7 January to 20 February, 1946)

Enemy:

Japs killed ----- 977
wounded ----- 45
captured ----- 7
Total 1029

Friendly Troops:

killed ----- 5
wounded ----- 5 (6 reported for duty)
captured ----- None
Total 10

D-D & M-Day Missions accomplished:

1. Hydro Electric Plants Nos. 2, 3, & 4 put out of commission.
2. Demolished bridges KP 11-12, Asin Road
3. Demolished Road culvert KP 26, Naguilian Road.
4. Telephone lines KP 18-19, Asin Road - cut.
5. Road saddle KP 14, Naguilian Road

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Captain, Infantry, PA
Commanding

/s/



HEADQUARTERS
 1st Bn., 66th Infantry, PA

1200 11 March 46

PERIODIC REPORT
 From 2400 1 March to 2400 March 10, '46

1 March 46

CO "A" Co. reports 28 Feb. 5,000 Japs in Sablan, as revealed by a Jap prisoner. Enemy appears to be centering its attention on Naguilian more than other fronts.

"A" Co. further reports the capture of a lone Jap soldier by loyal civilians with the assistance of a squad under Sgt. P. Amboy, "A" Co., along Naguilian Rd.

2 March 46

All Co. COs sent out their patrols to determine Jap positions and movements.

3 March 46

Sent out patrols as usual.

4 March 46

"A" Co. patrols were sent toward Pappa Ridge to determine Japs position and movements. A Jap soldier was captured by bolo man of Solsol and reported that 5,000 Japs soldiers are camped in Sablan.

5 March 46

"A" Co. reported that patrols were sent to Pappa Ridge to determine the relative position of the enemy in preparation of new attack. One booby trap exploded. Result: 5 Japs killed. Enemy shelled the spot where the booby trap exploded. Allied planes bombed Sablan at several points. Extent of damage not ascertained.

"B" Co. sent the 1st and 2nd platoons to attack the Japs position at Badawid Ridge but were subjected to heavy mortar fire and Mt. Guns fire, forced to withdraw.

6 March 46

2nd Pltn "A" Co. went to beyayang to locate a good position to attack the enemy at Pappa. Another booby trap exploded. Japs shelled the vicinity of the trap. Allied planes active in Sablan and bombed several places. The Sablan dispensary was burned together with some houses. Damage is heavy.

7 March 46

"B" Co. sent out patrols to determine the exact location of Japs line in Badawid in preparation of new attack to the Japs in this place. Not able to reach as the booby trap placed by Lt. Green exploded and the Japs began machinegunning all around the place.

Sgt. M. Florence of "C" Co. engaged the enemy at Banongbong. Lt. Akia with 2nd Pltn went to reinforce but Japs withdrew. No casualty reported on both sides.

8 March 46

Lt. Padlon of the 81 MM shelled Banongbong in support of "C" Co.

"B" Co. withdrew from Among to Bulway-Bagong line as "C" Co. 3rd pltn was out flanked in Banongbong so as to give the maximum support to "C" Co. if it will be attacked.

9 March 46

CO, "A" Co. reported that US planes flew all over Sablan but did not bomb. 2nd Pltn "A" Co. are busy replacing themselves for position in preparation for attack in Pappa Ridge.

CO "C" Co. reported that the 3rd Pltn under Lt. Akia went to bulway.

"B" Co. reported that the men are entrenched in Bulway-Bagong line.

10 March 46

"A" Co. reports that patrols were sent out by them to Dantog to observe enemy positions and movements in preparation for an attack. Enemy troops were at Badawid, Dantog and Pappa ridges.

	Casualty		
	Killed	Wounded	Captured
"A" Co.	5	none	1

Amo expended, none. Two booby traps used.

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 2nd Lt. Inf PA
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For The Commanding Officer



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HEADQUARTERS
1st Bn 56th Infantry, PA.

1200 22 March 45

PERIODIC REPORT
From 2400 18 March to 24 22 March 45

19 March 45

Enemy still hold their line with no important developments. No changes in position. "A" Co advanced and occupied Jap position at saddle between Dantog and Pappa ridge. 2nd Pltn occupied Taliti. 2 sqds, 3rd pltn deployed at right of 2nd pltn towards Bangao and the other sqd on the left of 1st pltn. 81 MM mortar w/ Lt. Fadlin commanding moved behind 2nd pltn as a support.

^{B Co.}
1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns made another attempt to route the enemy early in the morning. All available arms were put into action. Our assault was met with ferocity by the enemy. They were numerically superior and have gained fire superiority over us, thus our assault was not put to a success. Our men withdrew to our line under heavy enemy fire. Our withdrawal was covered by increasing the volume of fire. Enemy casualty was 28 dead. None on our side.

^{E Co.}
@700 2 sqds, 3rd pltn, 1 sqd, 1st pltn and 4 BM HQ personnel engaged enemy at Amin-it. At 1000 2 sqds, 1st pltn under Lt. Smith reinforced the sqd now engaged. The fight did not last long. After the fight 3rd pltn was ordered to return to Banengbeng. No reports of engagement from 2nd pltn. Allied planes had been active for the day. They machine gunned enemy positions at Sablan River Valley. There were no detailed reports re place activities.

20 March 45

Enemy positions had no important developments with no change in position. "A" Co still holds out their line not giving an inch to the Japs. "B" Co was steady in the defense of their sector. No important changes made. Enemy quite aggressive. Their Mt. Guns and Mortars subjected our men to continuous barrage. The Japs were in no position to match our men. Under a heavy barrage our men kept cool. No damage by their Guns.

^{C Co.}
At 0910 one sqd 3rd pltn sent to mop up Amin-it. Bushes, creeks and wooded areas were combed. More booties were found. At 1100 2 sqds under Lt. Smith was sent to Banengbeng. At 2000 reports received indicated that a good number of Japs were sighted at Beneng, Amin-it and Ansalsal-Danipo. CP personnel were sent to reinforce OP at Tuel-Manayadan line along the river from enemy infiltration to Baluay and Tuel proper.

21 March 45

Enemy still intact with no recent developments. "A" Co engaged the Japs at Pappa ridge. Fight was still on. Casualty inflicted was 8 Japs killed. Booty, 1 MG .30 cal w/clip and ammo.

3rd Pltn "B" Co withdrew from its line to cover Banengbeng and the withdrawal of "C" Co who reinforced the rest of the pltns at Beneng. "C" Co deployed in good position at Beneng due to reports received that Jap movement was centered in that sector.

Enemy in same position with no important changes. "A" Co steady in same sector. Heavy patrols were sent out. "B" Co holds same line. Patrols were sent out. "C" Co sent out heavy patrols from Beneng to determine the most probable means of attack on the enemy in the sector, "C" Co.

16 March 45 (Note: Not included in previous report.)

3 pltn "B" attacked enemy entrenched at Badawid ridge. Our men were steady in the advance. At about a hundred yds the enemy subjected our men to heavy Machine Gun, Mortar and Mt. Gun fire. The attempt to dislodge the enemy failed but casualty inflicted was 30 killed. Many wounded. No casualty on our side. No Booties

Casualty			
2400 18 March to 2400 22 March 45			
	Killed	Wounded	Captured
"A" Co.-----	34		
"B" Co.-----	30	Several	
Total	64	Several	None

No Casualties on our side.

Ammos expended:

1. M2-1, 503 rds. 2. M1, 76 rds. 3. Rifle Grenades, 4 rds.
4. Cal. .30, 478 rds. Total rds expended: 2,109 rds.

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HEADQUARTERS
1st Bn, 68th Infantry, MA

1100 22 March 45

MEDICAL REPORT

From 2400 10 March 45 to 2400 15 March 45

10 March 45

Enemy positions are at Badawid, Dontog, Papparidges. CP "A" Co located at Yabyabuan. Patrols sent out to observe enemy movements in preparation for an attack. "B" Co in the same line. Scouts and reconnaissance patrols sent out day and night. "D" Co in the same line. Patrols sent out frequently. CP posted at Tublay Gate and Talaib.

11 March 45

Enemy positions at Badawid, Dontog, Pappa ridges, Balingow, Dalayap, Taya and Bangao unchanged. No allied plane bombings during the day. CP "A" Co. transferred from Yabyabuan to Bayayang at the extreme right of 2nd Pltn, highest point of the ridge. 1st and 3rd pltns are below Dontog. 2nd Pltn deployed between Balingow and Bayayang. "B" Co. was steady in the same sector. Patrols sent out. "C" Co. position unchanged. Patrols sent out. "D" Co. was steady. Patrols were sent out. One 81 MM was exploded at Balingow-Bayayang hill. No engagements for the day.

12 March 45

Enemy still at Badawid and Pappa ridges. Japs at Dontog, Balingow, Dalayap, Taya and Bangao moved towards Pappa proper and Sablan valley. "A" Co. still in the same line facing Dontog-Pappa ridge. 2nd Pltn moved to Bayayang. 1st and 3rd Pltn CP no change. 3rd Pltn "B" Co. sighted 2 Japs below Badawid looking for food. When Japs started digging canoes they were fired upon. The two Japs were killed. "C" Co. occupied the line from Banang to Anneng abreast with left flank of "B" Co. "D" Co. in the same sector. CP maintained at Tublay central and Talaib. One 81 MM mortar shelled enemy positions at Pappa ridge, Dalayap, Bangao and Dontog.

13 March 45

Enemy at Badawid and Pappa ridges still intact. Number not yet determined. Japs at these points shelled Taya at 0400 without casualty. Along "B" Co. sector enemy becomes more cautious by sending heavy patrols, while at "C" Co. the enemy have no important movements.

"A" Co. positions not changed. Usual patrols sent out to observe enemy developments. "B" Co sector no action. "C" Co. with CP at tuel. "D" Co had no further developments. Jap Mt. Guns continued shelling our positions with no casualties. Allied planes bombed enemy objectives at Monglo. Smoke was seen to rise.

14 March 45

Enemy positions are still at Badawid and Pappa ridges. Jap Mt. Guns way behind their defense line shelled our positions heavily early in the morning. Enemy's Mt. Gun could not be located but believed to be at a point on the road.

1st and 2nd Pltns of "B" Co assaulted enemy entrenchment in Badawid at 0850. The enemy was pushed back, their defense line was successfully penetrated but our boys were repulsed after heavy fighting due to the timely arrival of big Japs reinforcements from Calot. Our men withdrew to Banao where they reorganized ready to strike again. 67 Japs were killed and none on our side.

"C" Co. occupies the same position. CP still at Banangbang, patrols sent out frequently. Reports received indicated that enemy had been increasing in number and well distributed among the woods near the kaingins below Pappa ridge. "D" Co. still intact. "A" Co engaged the enemy at 0900. The fight did not last long. 81 MM moved below Dontog-Badawid ridge. CP still at Bayayang. Usual patrols sent out.

15 March 45

Enemy still controls Bag-Nag Rd. Enemy occupies line from Dontog-Pappa Ridge, Balingow, Talaib. No enemy activities within "D" Co. section, line still intact. Enemy had been shelling Taya, Pappa and Boshing with practically no damage at all. Booby trap set at the extreme right of "A" Co. exploded. Three Japs were seen and were killed. "B" Co was steady with no important actions of the day.



CO "A" Co., reported that at 0630 15 March 45 Japs at Taya and Pappa ridges shelled their positions with Mt. Gun. Scouts were sent out to verify the enemy movements and ascertain possible routes of counterattack. Enemy number was not determined due to the continuous movements especially at night.

On 16 March 45 at 0500, the zero hour of attack, at Taliti and Pappa ridges, "A" Co., went into action. Lt. Gansong ordered 2nd Platoon under Lt. Amin to attack first on the enemy's left flank, while the other two platoons were detailed to follow up. The 2nd pltn initiated the attack and executed the order to the letter. The 1st pltn commanded by Lt. Gansyan, without any moment's hesitation made a frontal attack while the 3rd pltn under Lt. Balages did their part by pounding hard on the enemy's right flank, thereby enveloping the enemy.

The enemy was found to be numerically superior and in an advantageous position and besides there were available cover near them. Our boys being at a disadvantage and without any available whatsoever ceased firing. There was a lull for a while.

At 1000, the enemy thinking that our men were already gone, came out of their trenches and fox holes and grouped themselves. Around sixty of them were under a big tree. The Bazooka detailed to operate with this company had a chance for a good show but it failed because of some Japents. Without a moment's delay the 3rd pltn sent the 1st volley of fire. 21 Japs was the best they could score. The remaining moved fast, grabbed their rifles, ran to their trenches and offered a fight.

As the fight was getting hot a booby trap was placed at the right flank of the 2nd pltn, which was the most possible route of Japs reinforcement. It was to serve as a security and a warning. The Booby trap was placed to check the Japs reinforcements coming from Dalayap. At the explosion of the booby trap all the platoons knew that the enemy reinforcements had come to the rescue of their desperate comrades.

The Bazooka crew tried their best to put their piece into action only to find their best attempt a failure. However they were able to explode one rocket. Rifle Grenades were used as the situation permitted. Direct hits were made on the fox holes. After an hour of fierce fighting the enemy fire was concentrated on our right flank. 2nd pltn was hard pressed and so changed position facing the enemy. At this very moment the booby trap exploded, a warning to withdraw.

The three platoons withdrew and formed a second line at Taliti. The attack and withdrawal was supported by one 81 MM Mortar. Two direct hits were made by the mortar. The fight lasted for one hour and twenty minutes. 50 Japs were killed in the encounter but there were no bottles captured.

17 March 45

Enemy now on defensive action in "A" Co. sector. Recent developments along "D" Co. sector indicate that the enemy had been continuously arriving and believed to move to Asin anytime. "B" Co. is also threatened at the right flank by this enemy movement. 2nd pltn "A" Co. attacked enemy's right positions supported by 81 MM shells.

18 March 45

CO, "C" Co reported that on 1400 18 March 45 57 Japs were at Bo. Asin-it gathering foodstuffs with 1 horse and 5 carabaos. At 1200 a squad of 1st pltn, 2 squads of 3rd platoon, 4 Sn of the Co. Hq under the command of the CO started under cover of darkness for Badiweng a barrio half a kilometer NW of Asin-it. Upon arriving there 2 squads of 3rd pltn under Sgt. Balogis was sent to Bo. Pano west of Asin-it while the rest under Sgt. Gansoo was sent to Bo. Tabing, a mountain ridge overlooking Asin-it from the North.

At 0700 19 March 45 the Japs were observed to be moving to Asin-it with the horse, carabaos loaded with palay. The CO ordered an attack from the rear on both flanks. The Japs were taken by surprise leaving their animals and cargo. They fled like rabbits scrambling for cover among the bushes, creeks and houses and returned fire. The men under Sgt. Gansoo increased their volume of fire and gained fire superiority. 2 squads of 3rd pltn took advantage of this phase and advanced towards the enemy. The Jap trench mortars supporting their infantry pounded hard on our men to check the advance. The advance was only delayed but not checked.

2 squads under Lt. Smith were sent to reinforce the men already engaged. These squads crept unnoticed to Boneng a hill overlooking Pano and attacked the Japs from the rear. After 20 minutes exchange of fire 8 Japs were killed. Spl. G. Alcantara, leading his men in the assault, was unluckily hit at the head by a sniper. Pvt. Arsenio Igorot was wounded (right buttock, penetrating) The other squad which assaulted from the right flank killed one Jap officer and 5 Sn. The CO was informed of the presence of Lt. Smith and men at Boneng. They took advantage and pressed on both sides of the enemy thus sandwiched. The volume of fire was increased every time they advanced till the Jap position was successfully occupied by the squads under the CO and squads under Sgt. Gansoo. The men



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on the other bank continued the assault and threw grenades till all their grenades were disposed. Big stones were thrown instead. During this phase of the assault 1 Jap Officer and 2 EM who were holding the Machine Rifle were killed. The rest of our men under Lt. Smith killed 23 Japs. Many were wounded. The fight ended at 1630 the same day. Total Japanese Officers killed were two; Jap enlisted men killed 36. Our losses:- 1 dead and 2 wounded. Some booties were also captured.

CASUALTY

From 2400 10 March to 2400-16 March '45

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Captured</u>
"A" Co. -----	53	several	none
"B" Co. -----	59	not known	none
"C" Co. -----	38	several	none
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Total	150		

On our side, 1 EM Killed, 2 EM Wounded.

Ammo expended for Co. "A"

Cal. .30 M2	519
" .30 (Carbine)	85
" .45 (T.MG)	144
Rifle Grenades	13
Mazooka Shell	1

Ammo expended by "B" & "C" Co. not yet reported.

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