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HEADQUARTERS, 3RD BR. 96TH INF., 92ND DIV.

2 April '45

SUBJECT: NARRATIVE REPORT

To : CO, 96th Infantry

1. 1 March '45 the 3rd Bn. holds the line at Calirungan side and three ridges dominating Tobod. Then at 11:00 A.M. the "I" Co. relieved the "I" Company from their posts. Japs fired at them with heavy machine guns. One enlisted man Pvt. Pablo Salana of "I" Co. was seriously wounded and later on died. An hour later, Pvt. Milo, of "I" Co. was slightly wounded penetrating the left thigh. At 8:00 PM, firing commenced, till morning.

2. 2 March '45, at 3:00 PM, all E/A of the 3rd Bn. without SO were ordered to stay on the rear. They left CP at 3:00 PM and arrived at Sto. Rosario at 6:00 PM. They passed the night in Sto. Rosario.

3. 3 March '45, at 7:30 AM, the men ordered to stay at the rear arrived Valencia at 12:00 AM.

4. 4 March '45, the operation of the 3rd Bn. continued.

5. 5 March '45, the 3rd Bn. 96th Inf. holds the line.

6. 6 March '45, the whole Bn. moved out from Daquit Hill to Cayangi-an vicinity. One soldier, Pvt. Marcelo Gotta from "E" Co., 2nd Bn. 96th Infantry, was killed in action while escorting the civilians from Villaba in looking for food supplies stolen by the Japs from their respective homes.

7. 7 March '45, the whole Bn. attacked, occupied, organized and defended Cayangi-an ridge. Cpl. Francisco Sanico, MS and Pvt. Agapito Lor, Inf. were killed in action. Sgt. Jesus Isidro, Inf. Sgt. Jose Isidro and Pvt. Blas Viovicente were wounded in action. Pvt. Domingo Yusoya was wounded in action and later on died in the hospital. Then the whole Bn. moved out and assembled where Brigadier General Ridings, Americal Division, US Army, congratulated the splendid services rendered by the whole 3rd Bn., 96th Infantry, 92nd Div., PA, in fighting side by side in that memorable campaign in Buga-Buga, Villaba, Leyte. He promised that a day or two the whole 3rd Bn. 96th Infantry, will be given a rest with the full assurance that free choice of the place for rest is left to the whole Bn. to decide. Then the whole Bn. moved out to Balete via Villaba proper and bivouacked two hundred yards away from the seashore.

8. 8 March '45, the whole Bn. established a security measure to "M" Company, Americal Division in taking a ridge. A platoon of "L" Co. patrolled at the right flank and killed seven Japs.

9. 9 March '45, the whole Bn. bivouacked on a hill just above the bivouacked area of the Hq. 3rd Bn., 182nd Infantry, Americal Div.

10. 10 March '45, the whole Bn. moved out from the hill of Balete to Villaba proper and occupied the Parroquial church waiting for any available transportation to Palompon. Lt. Capuyan left Villaba for Palompon to verify as to whether the whole 3rd Bn. will rest. Major Nazareno arrived from Abijao wounded in action together with two other E/A wounded in action and two E/A killed in action. Lt. Vero, 8-4 of 2nd Bn. passed by our CP in going to Palompon.

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11. 11 March '45, Sunday, Capt. Javier G-4, 92nd Div. PA, arrived at our Supply Station at Valencia. Lt. Fernandez and Lt. Pastor, spent the night there. Lt. Pedro Esquivel was not able to catch up the trip for Palompon.

12. 12 March '45, Lt. Capuyan, sent a radiogram to Lt. Rogner ordering him to move the 3rd Bn. to Palompon.

13. 13 March '45, the remaining force with the supplies left for Palompon and bivouached at Buaya, Palompon. Lt. Esquivel and Pvt. Domencillo left for Palompon from Valencia, Ormoc.

14. 14 March '45, no change.

15. 15 March '45, the Bn. moved to Lili-on. Food supplies from the Division Quartermaster Service arrived this morning at Valencia with Lt. Alcuatas and M/Sgt. Eugenio. Capt. Campus with companions spent the night at Valencia. Col. Mahoney met Capt. Campus at our Supply Station.

16. 16 March '45, a representative of the Provost Marshal visited our CP, 6:00 AM.

17. 17 March '45, Capt. Javier, Capt. Collado and Lt. Omega with some E/M of the Hq. & Hq. Co. arrived at our Supply Station at Valencia.

18. 18 March '45, men from "I" Co. who were stationed at Valencia, left their station at Valencia for Palompon.

19. 19 March '45, S/Sgt. Cofredo and Pvt. Olorvida and Pvt. Silab were sent out on Special Mission.

20. 20 March '45, Usual camp duties.

21. 21 March '45, Usual camp duties.

22. 22 March '45, Usual camp duties.

23. 23 March '45, Usual camp duties.

24. Lt. Capuyan left for Baybay. Capt. Campus, Actg. Regimental Commander visited our CP at Lili-on, Palompon.

25. 25 March '45, E/M of "K" and "I" Cos. went to RHQ to be reprocessed.

26. 26 March '45, E/M of the Hq. & Hq. Co. and some men of the "L" Co. went to RHQ to be reprocessed.

27. 27 March '45, the 3rd Bn. 96th Inf. moved from Lili-on, Palompon to Tinabilan, Palompon, new CP.

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28. 28 March '45, Lt. Gaberte with some of his men arrived at Tinabilan from Ormoc.
29. 29 March '45, usual camp duties.
30. 30 March '45, Lieut. Omega, Pvt. Sumacot left for Ormoc to get supplies for the 96th Infantry.
31. 31 March '45, Capt. Campus and Lieut. Fernandez visited CP at Tinabilan, Palompon.

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HQTRS., 96TH INF., 92ND DIVISION, PA 7 April '45
To: The Adjutant General, 92nd Div., PA

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