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UNITED STATES EIGHT ARMY
SIXTH MILITARY DISTRICT (PA)
HQ 62ND INF CT

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT
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From: Midnight 28 Feb '45
To: Midnight 31 Mar '45

REF: See Attached Overlay

I. Our Front Lines -

a. Around the first week of March another attempt was made to capture the City of Iloilo initially taking LaPaz, and Jaro by all the forces assigned to capture it. The 62nd therefore was made to attend to LaPaz during this operation for the purpose of aiding the main force by supporting its flank and acting as reserve. The main force was the 64th Inf CT which was assigned to capture Jaro. During this operation the 13th US Army Air Force help the attacking forces by bomb-strafting the objectives. The MLR of this Regiment was formed in LaPaz during this period very proximate to the Japanese garrison thereat.

b. After the unsuccessful attempt to capture Jaro this time this Regiment was ordered to form back and form a MLR at the Buhang-Cubay Line covering the general area of LaPaz.

c. During the latter part of this period as per Operation Memorandum of District Headquarters, this Regiment was given the mission of intensive coast-watch defense, hence, the line units of this Regiment were tactically dispersed at the coastal towns running from the mouth of Jaro River to the east line of Anilao, at the end of this period.

d. Our Most Advanced Elements -

During the period of the operation the attempt to capture Jaro for the second time on March 7, 1945, the 2nd Bn, 62nd were able to come close and engage the enemy in the vicinity of LaPaz.

After the unsuccessful attempt to capture Jaro again and when the units were returned to its MLR at the Buhang-Cubay Line, Combat patrols were continuously sent in the area of LaPaz after every bomb-strafting of the area by the US Army 13th Air Force.

II. Location of Troops -

- 1. Regt'l CP - - - - - Balad, Zarraga
- 2. HQ Bn CP - - - - - Monpan, Etac Nuevo
 - a. Hq & Hq Serv. Co - - - - - Balad, Zarraga
 - (1) Security Pltn - - - - - Balad, Zarraga
 - b. Combat Co - - - - - Balad, Zarraga
 - c. (1) Signal Co CP - - - - - Balad, Zarraga
 - (2) Radio Station - - - - - Balabag, Dumaras
 - (3) 1st Bn Comm. Pltn - - - - - Gus-an, Leganes
 - (4) 2nd Bn Comm. Pltn - - - - - Etac Nueva Poblacion
 - (5) 3rd Bn Comm. Pltn - - - - - Monpan, Etac Nuevo

- d. (1) Medical Co - - - - - Maquina, Dumangas
- (2) Field Base Hospital - - - Maquina, Dumangas
- (3) 1st Bn Aid Station - - - - - Gua-an, Leganes
- (4) 2nd Bn Aid Station - - - - - Btac Nueve Poblacion

- 3. 1st Bn, 62nd Inf - - - - - Gua-an, Leganes
 - a- "A" Co - - - - - Bantud, Dumangas
 - b- "B" Co - - - - - Guinebatan, Leganes
 - c- "C" Co - - - - - Paha, Zarraga
 - d- "D" Co - - - - - Bitson, Jara

- 4. 2nd Bn, 62nd Inf CT - - - - - Btac Nueve, Poblacion
 - a- "E" Co - - - - - Btac Nueve, Poblacion
 - b- "F" Co - - - - - Btac Nueve Poblacion
 - c- "G" Co - - - - - Talissy, Btac Nueve
 - d- "H" Co - - - - - Bacay, Dumangas

- 5. 3rd Bn, 62nd Inf CT (In the Process of Organization)
 - - - - - Merpen, Btac Nueve

- 6. See Attached Overlay for Boundaries of Units.

- 7. QM Co - - - - - Balad, Zarraga.

- 8. MT Co - - - - - Balad, Zarraga.

- 9. Ordnance Pltn - - - - - Zarraga Poblacion

- 10. MP Detachment FCP - - - - - Merpen, Btac Nueve
- RCP - - - - - Paha, Labunac

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III. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops -

- 1. The 63rd Inf CT at our west.
- 2. The 64th Inf CT at our Northeast.
- 3. The 66th Inf CT at our North.

IV. Weather and Visibility -

During the period covered by this report the weather as a whole is very favorable for operational purposes except for almost a one week drizzling during the middle days of the month.

V. Operation for the Period -

1. After the unsuccessful attempt of the fighting forces of the 62nd to capture Iloilo City last month, again the forces were thrown to try another attempt to capture Iloilo City. For this period, the 62nd Regiment was committed into action as a flank protection and reserve, the 64th units carrying the main attack, and the 66th protecting the right flank of the 64th and acting at the same time as reserve. During this operation the Heavy Weapons Bn participated and there was coordination with the US Army 13th Air Force, which bomb-strafed the objectives before our fighting forces are committed into action.

2. During the middle part of March, to be exact on March 18, the US Army forces (62nd Division Units) landed on our shores; their landing hastened the withdrawal of the Japanese from the

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City. The Japanese took the tactical move of coming out from the City sector and push through the mountains were some of them are presently still hiding. In their withdrawal from the City they did not pass the sector of the 62nd area line, hence, there was no such encounter. With the coming of the American Forces the Army Units were tactically facilitated in picking up the Japs. The American forces became the main attack while our surrounding forces made up the support and got the Japs that show up. During this time, after the landing of the American Forces our unit took over its old sector area where they were able to capture some astray Japs that escaped from the City.

a. 8:30A 7 March - "G" Co was deployed along Jereos Rd covering IHS, IIS, and the approach from Ileile Proper. 10A same date, one section under Lt. Duceyan maintained a closed watch on the suspected house of Japs as reported to them. 4 Japs were observed sauntering along the place unaware of friendly troops present. The Japs were fired upon and fortunately they were not hit due to obstruction of thick coconut grooves. 3:30P, same date, same number of Japs appeared in the house. 2 were observed near near the door while the other 2 were observed under the house presumably in their dugout. Again a concentrated fire was put upon them bagging the two in the house. One was killed while the other was seriously wounded still able to crawl into their dugout under the house.

b. 8:40A 7 March - "E" Co under Lt. Espeno was deployed along M. N. de Pilar to carry on the mission assigned to the 2nd Bn to prevent enemy reinforcement from Ileile proper. Incidentally, Lt. Decipule with 2 scouts spotted a Jap sniper running to the pill-box with the purpose of interfering his comrades of our troops. A few minutes after, enemy rifle, mortar and light MG burst fire. The engagement lasted for 3 hrs. Casualty of the enemy - undetermined. On our side - none.

c. 10A 7 March - 1st Pltn under Lt. Calumbres of "G" Co was sent to assault the pill-box in the M. N. del Pilar St. Upon approaching the pill-box, Pfc William Anonay while scouting was hit on the left arm and Pvt Santos de la Cruz, on the right leg by 3 snipers concealed in bushes 10 yds from the pill-box. The boys tried to shoot them but they were able to run to the pill-box for cover. The whole section then advanced from cover to cover giving hail of bullets at the said emplacement. With the help of the bazookas and MGs superiority of fire was obtained over the enemy. At 2:30P the pill-box was captured. Casualty on the enemy - unknown. 2 wounded on our side.

d. 3:30P 14 March - Lt. Perlas with 8 men armed with 30 Cal. MG and Lt. Magas, and his squad armed with 50 Cal. Jap. MG, all from "C" Co, established themselves at the far east extremity of Hinactacan Point. 6:30P - A MB came in sight towing a barge presumably loaded with either supplies or Jap soldiers. At estd 1000 yds our boys picked him up. Exchange of fire ensued. The MB scuttled to safety and as it runs it fires until it disappeared in a distance. Meanwhile, firing from our troops subsided. A moment later another enemy craft was observed loosing by tugging another barge coming towards the same direction. Here again, the MG crew were ordered to fire. For some time, after

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several shots were given, the craft refrained to move, perhaps cause by engine trouble. Unmindful of what happened to the craft, the boys continued firing until 8:30P. The enemy craft later was silently drifted towards direction of Buenavista, Guimaras, as the tide was rising high. Around 11P, a Jap MB from Negros direction came and passed by probably to look for the other boat that failed to pass by the line of our boys. Some fire their BARs. The MB did not mind answering fire, proceeded to Iloilo wharf. 5A, 15 March, our boys still intact withdrew to their respective assigned DR.

8P 15 March - Foot troops of 36 strong headed by Lt. Magno of "C" Co. raided La Paz garrison (Jalandoni Sch) at a distance of 250 yds. Fully armed with 3 BARs, 1 Jap light MG, 14 Carbines, 2 TGs and 16 rifles they engaged the enemy in a fire fight for 30 minutes. Enemy casualty - undetermined. Our side - none.

9P 15 March - A commando party under Lt. R. Cahuela armed with 3 BARs, 1 Jap light MG, 16 Carbines, 3 Enfields and grenades was sent on a mission to raid La Paz in order to capture civilians and verify enemy placements and enemy strength. Upon reaching No. Baldeza, La Paz, the patrol reconnoitered the vicinity at the back of the Central School while the rest deployed 100 yds fronting La Paz Cemetery. Subsequently, the patrol returned and elicited the information that doors are heaving, the street was desolated and nowhere could civilians be found. At this time Japs were heard shouting one another in La Paz Central School, perhaps, must have perceived the presence of danger. They began firing at our boys. Our troops answered fire heavily. For 40 minutes dual firing from our boys withdrew. No casualty on both sides.

8:45P 16 March - A contingent of 24 EM headed by Lt. Abardaje of "A" Co. raided La Granja garrison at a distance of 50 yds. Result: Enemy casualty - undetermined. Our side - none.

5:45A 22 March - Combat patrol of "G" Co, 3rd under Lt. Casido contacted Japs at Dinagkilar, Sta Barbara and killed 10 Japs. 9 rifles captured and Japs were stripped of their personal things. No casualty on our side.

3. The 3rd Bn, 6th which was for two months attached to this Regiment for tactical reasons was detached March 4 as per Memorandum Order of District HQ issued by the Field Commander of Iloilo City Operation. The detachment of this Bn from this Regiment did not, however, deplete or affect the combat efficiency of this Regiment so that the operation for this period was a continuous success if there is any.

VI. Combat Efficiency -

This Regiment had been proven as a real fighting unit. During this period although it has not so much shown its wares, however, past situations showed its real capabilities during every operation undertaken by the 6th MD. It has always been an important factor in the accomplishment of the missions of the fighting forces of the 6th MD.

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It had shown during the past and in the present its real worth, as a fighting Team.

a. Arms and Ammunition - (Pls see attached Arms and Ammo Report) Arms and Ammunition of this Regiment though quite insufficient is enough to carry the mission assigned to it within its own limitations.

b. Status of Food and other Supplies.- (Pls see S-4 Periodic Report) Supplies although not so much in abundance is quite enough to keep up the men sufficiently. This efficiency can be attributed much to the QM and Supply men who are doing their best to cope up with the situation and also to the line commanders who try their best to see to it that their men gets food and all the necessary supplies three times a day. For purposes of adequately solving the supply situation all other services of this Regiment are placed in to help solve the supply situation.

c. Intelligence - (Pls see S-2 Periodic Report); Signal Communication - (Pls see Signal Report); Medical Service - (Pls see Medical Report); These services have tried their best to maintain efficient jobs so as to help favorably the unit in general accomplish the mission assigned to this Regiment. It is worthy to be said even in passing that the officers and men of these services are all A+1 workers with initiative and resourcefulness.

d. During this period, the morale of the civilians and Army men are exceedingly high. During the early days of this period they were so anxious or expectant of the coming American aid, hence, that makes them hopeful of the future. The morale of the people of the 6th MD, that is to include civilians and Army personnel, doubly soared high when the Americans last March 18 landed on our shores. Everybody were happy and our soldiers became more anxious to fight to finish the Japs because of the assurance of the aid of the American Forces which are well-armed with their new and destructive weapons. Naturally, this adds to higher Combat Efficiency of our forces. On the other hand, the Japanese apparently hit its lowest degree of their morale. They started scampering to the mountains and our boys, the "guerilleros" and even the civilians had many times in picking up a few of them in some barriers in the town where they seek refuge. The cooperation of the civilians which during the past had been proven, continuous to be unending. What especially, with the thought of a sure and early liberation of this island.

VII. Results of the Operation -

- 1. Enemy Casualty -
 - (a) Killed - - - - - 15 killed verified
 - (b) Wounded - - - - - 1 wounded
 - (c) Materials Captured: 9 Jap rifles, 1 Jap grenade, 1 Jap TG & 1 Stake Mortar.
- 2. Our Side -
 - (a) Killed - - - - - None
 - (b) Wounded: Pvt. Santos de la Cruz, "G" Co
 - (c) Pfc William Ananay, "G" Co
 - (c) Material Captured, destroyed or lost - None

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3. Ammunition Expended -

(a) Cal. .30 M1	- - - - -	41677	rds
(b) Cal. .30 M2	- - - - -	15890	"
(c) Cal. .45	- - - - -	425	"
(d) Cal. .50 MG (Jap)	- - - - -	1180	"
(e) Cal. .25	- - - - -	869	"
(f) Grenade: Hand	- - - - -	37	pcs
	Rifle	21	"
	Smoke	21	"

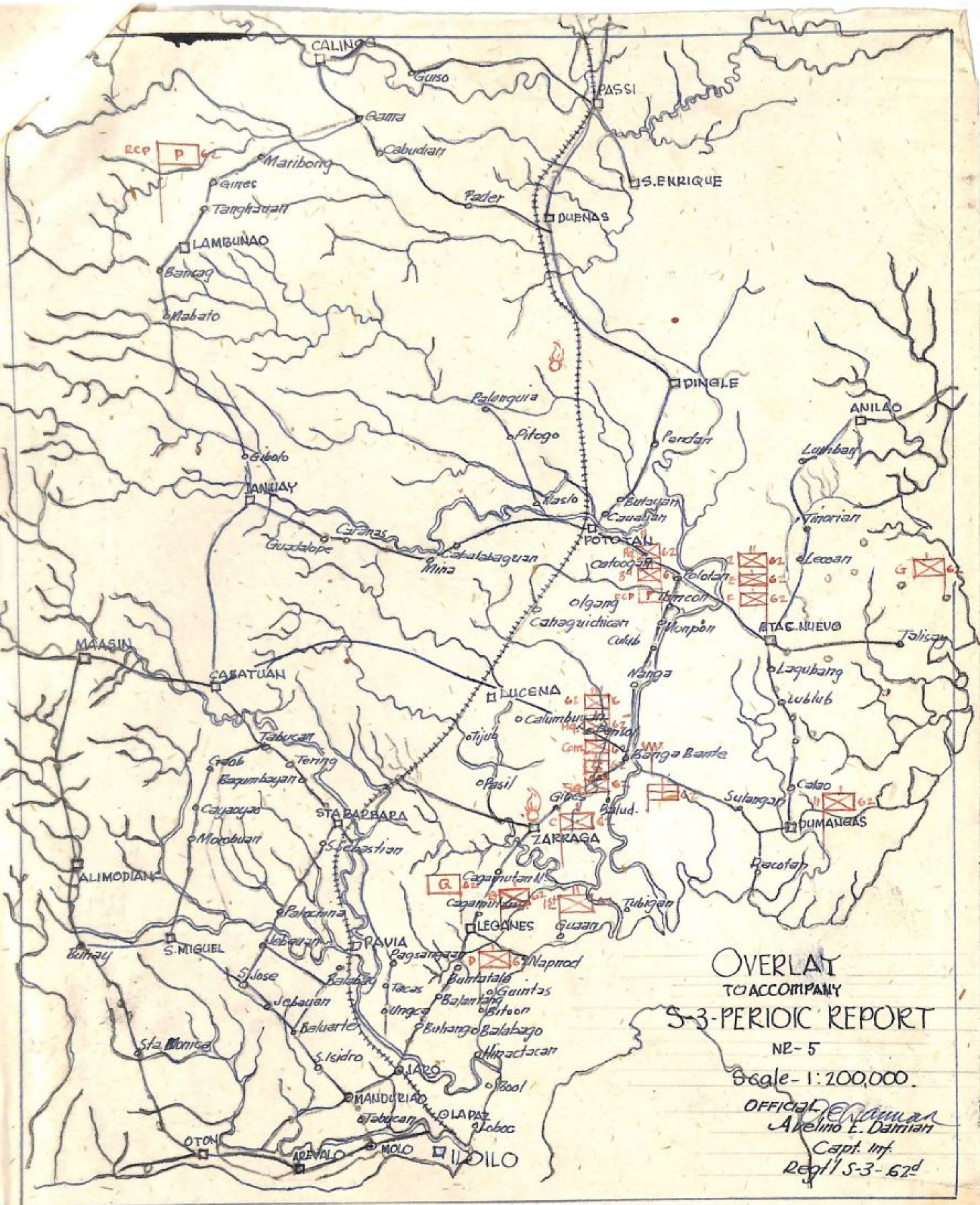
4. The operation for this period especially the early part of March reiterated the former assertions of this report that our troops can not defeat the enemy in their own ground unless helped with big guns or artillery. This was proven in the extreme cases. The early part of the operation while our units were operating - true, that we can not take it because we have no such arms and ammunitions to drive the enemy where they are; but then the Americans came they have enough of this heavy and modern weapons. Every arm and every weapon was utilized to the most advantage and that finished the whole story. The Japanese started scampering like nobody's business not even trying to afford a resistance because they can not think of any resistance for it would only mean complete destruction.

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STATUS OF ARMS & AMMO

As of 31 March '45

Annex "B" to S-3 periodic report

KIND OF ARMS	HQRS BN	1ST BN	2ND BN	TOTAL
Cal. .45 TSMG & SMG	5	23	20	48
Cal. .30 BARS & MRS		7	5	12
Cal. .256 MRS		2	1	3
Cal. .30 M1 Carbine	29	190	219	438
Cal. .30 M2 Enfield	20	166	82	268
Cal. .30 Garand		5	1	6
Cal. .256 Japs Rifle	1	17	5	23
Ga- 12 Shotgun	2			2
Japs Mortar (Takidanto)			1	1
TOTAL	57	410	334	801
Cal. .45 pistol	3	2	2	7
Cal. .38 pistol		3	1	4
Cal. .380 pistol			1	1
Cal. .45 Revolver	1	12	3	16
Cal. .38 Revolver		4	3	7
Cal. .32 Revolver		1		1
TOTAL	4	22	10	36

- AMMUNITION -

Cal. .30 M1 Carbine	5121	13460	25010	43591
Cal. .30 M2 Enfield	6300	21345	10508	27645
Cal. .45 TSMG & SMG	469	400	590	1459
Cal. .256 Japs	70	720	380	1170
Cal. .38 pistol	15	9	4	27
Cal. .380 pistol		6	1	7
Cal. .38 Revolver			1	1
Cal. .32 Revolver				
Ga- 12 Shotgun	90			90
Mortar shells (Takidanto)				
Grenades: Hand	20	78	93	191
Rifle		4	1	5
Smoke		8	14	22

Remarks:

(1) Change in the present report with previous reports was due to the transfer of "D" Co, 62nd Inf of Capt. Cachuela to the 63rd Inf, bringing with it all the Arms and Ammo of said Unit last 15 March '45.

